



Wesley of the House of Seay, King of the ninth annual Cotton Ball, Pageant and Style Show held last Friday, is shown crowning his queen, Mamié of the House of Tramonte, of T. S. C. W.

## Cotton Pageant Purpose Praised by Johnston In Crowning 9th Cotton King

Wesley of the House of Seay, Waxahachie, was crowned King of Cotton in the DeWare Field House here Friday night by Oscar Johnston, president, National Cotton Council, before a crowd of approximately 3,500 at the Annual Cotton Pageant at Texas A. & M. College. King Seay, in turn, crowned Miss Mamié, of the House of Tramonte, Galveston, his queen to rule with him for the pageant and the ball following.

In crowning King Seay, Mr. Johnston told him that he was not bestowing an empty honor upon him but rather he was charged with the sacred duty of assisting in the recovery of the cotton industry which has been seriously ill for the past few years.

**Praises Pageant Purpose**

"Texas A. & M. College has played a big part in the recovery cotton has shown," Mr. Johnston said. "This annual pageant is an admirable idea and I want you to know that I believe it is a commendable act to stage it each year. It has its utilitarian purpose in bringing the use of cotton to the attention of this vast audience and all those who read or hear about the pageant."

"It is a means of advertising cotton, and the styles of the gowns, all of them made from cotton, show that it can regain its popularity against its various competitors. Unless we fight those competitors it will languish and perish."

"We must study the tastes and desires of the world's people who use our cotton and try to give them

what they want," he concluded, and then placed the crown upon the head of King Seay.

**Royal Party Announced**

After King Seay took his throne, the Royal Party of 72 duchesses and their escorts were announced. As each duchess was introduced, she crossed the dais, done in a drum motif, and was then escorted to a seat in the throne room.

When they all had entered and been seated, the seven maids of honor and their escorts preceded the entrance of Queen Mamié. All wore white pique gowns cut in princess military style and trimmed with flat gold buttons. Each wore a tall white drill cap trimmed with a red pom-pom. Each carried a gold scepter entwined with red roses. Their escorts wore full military dress uniform.

Preceded by two crown bearers, Queen Mamié entered wearing a white pique gown, gold laced into a close fitting basque waist with a full flowing skirt. From her shoulders fell a gold-line cape forming a train. She wore military cap similar to those worn by her maids of honor but it was trimmed with a white pom-pom and was fastened beneath her chin with a white kid chin strap.

**Queen Is Crowned**

King Wesley, after removing the cap and passing it to a page, placed the jeweled crown upon her brow and escorted his queen to the throne. From there they reviewed the style show and floor show which followed.

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## Bars Do Not Confine Music Of Huntsville Prison Inmates

By Paul Ketelsen

Every Wednesday night at exactly ten-thirty for the past two years the WBAP radio audience has heard four chimes, immediately following which the voice of Nelson Olmsted opens the program "Thirty Minutes Behind The Walls."

It was the writer's privilege to attend a recent program and witness what was taking place on this program made up entirely of the inmates of the state prison at Huntsville, Texas. Music and talent have no walls, no bars to confine what happiness they can bring to the countless lovers of both, and from the number of letters received by the station presenting this program confinement will never affect either.

The program is precision itself. Every participant knows just exactly what to do; nothing is out of order. The singers come and go. The prison announcer is as much at ease as though it were a job he had done all his life. In order to reach such a high point of precision the inmates that are to appear on the program rehearse many hours during the week, besides doing their regular chores in the many shops that are within the walls.

The participants are picked ac-

ording to their talent and many prisoners learn to play instruments after they get there. Some of the more talented musicians are selected to teach those who want to learn and it is surprising how many of them become proficient musicians before long. The instruments used by the orchestra are bought with the money obtained by presenting the Prison Rodeo, baseball games and from the prison commissary.

It is remarkable, the carefree attitude and good sense of humor that the boys have. Citing one instance, where after being told that his voice sounded very much like that of Rudy Vallee, the prison inmate suggested that he sing "My Time Is Your Time" and dedicate it to the state. There were many quips to be heard after the program, such as, "Well Joe, how about going out for a beer?" and "Say, how about riding down the way with you?" It is easy to see that the boys are really having a time and that the show is benefitting them in many ways.

To appreciate the fine talent that is being presented once a week a better idea of what is going on "behind the walls" can be obtained by tuning in WBAP at Fort Worth any Wednesday night at ten-thirty.

# The Battalion

## Runoff For Senior Social Post Today

### Services To Be Held For L. K. Tanzer

#### Chemistry Professor Dies Wed. After Very Brief Illness

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon for Dr. Lyle K. Tanzer, assistant professor in the A. & M. Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, who died suddenly at 11:55 a. m., Wednesday in the Wilkerson Memorial Clinic of Bryan, following a very brief illness.

His condition had not been considered critical as he had met all his classes Tuesday and did not enter the hospital till 7:30 Wednesday morning.

Dr. Tanzer was 33 years old, born in Copenhagen, New York, June 6, 1906. He attended the University of Iowa where he attained his B. A., M. S., and Ph. D. degrees in chemistry. While at that institution he served as a graduate assistant in both organic and inorganic chemistry.

Dr. Tanzer came to A. & M. in 1936 as an instructor in the Chemistry Department. His home is (Continued from page 5)

### Big Floral Show Due Friday

#### Prizes Offered In Twelve Classes At Flower Show

Want to see a beautiful flower display? . . . Tomorrow's your chance.

The Third Annual Flower Show of the A. & M. Garden Club will be held in the rotunda of the Administration Building from 2:00 till 5:30 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon.

There will be twelve classes of flower arrangements, and prizes will be awarded in each class to the best array. At the previous flower shows many beautiful specimens have been shown, and great skill in arranging the flowers has been exhibited by the entrants.

The membership in the A. & M. Club has increased considerably since last year, and a greater number of entries than the 200 entered last year are expected. Mrs. C. B. Campbell is the president of group, and Mrs. V. K. Sugareff is secretary.

The public is invited, and the Garden Club wishes to extend a special invitation to all students interested in attending. The show promises to be well worth the walk to the Administration Building.

The classes for the entries of flowers are as follows: miniature arrangement, medium arrangement, large arrangement, rose arrangement (also best specimen of rosebuds, and best single specimen of open rose), arrangement of garden flowers, wildflowers, potted plants, arrangements by men (also best single specimen exhibited by a man), Japanese arrangement, and special arrangement, such as for a sick bed or breakfast table. All the flowers used in the show will be grown by the members except the wildflower class.

### R.O.T.C. Payments To Be Made Today And Friday At 3:00

Commutation of subsistence payments to first and second year members of the advanced R. O. T. C. course will be made Thursday and Friday afternoon, the Military Department announced Wednesday.

Payments to students without cuts will be \$22.75 and covers the three month period, January, February, and March. A 50 cent deduction is made for each unauthorized absence from class and a \$1.00 deduction is made for each absence from drill.

Payments will be made from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. on Thursday to members of the second advanced course and at the same time Friday to members of the first advanced course. All payments will be made in room 102 Academic Building. Students who have 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock classes must report immediately after dismissal from classes as payments will not be made after 5:00.

Students who are going to be absent from the campus with authority during Thursday and Friday should come in and sign the payroll previous to leaving.

The next payment to advance course members will be made during the last week of school and will cover the period of April and May. This payment will be the last for seniors.

### Two College Station Coeds Will Attend T.S.C.W. Senior Prom

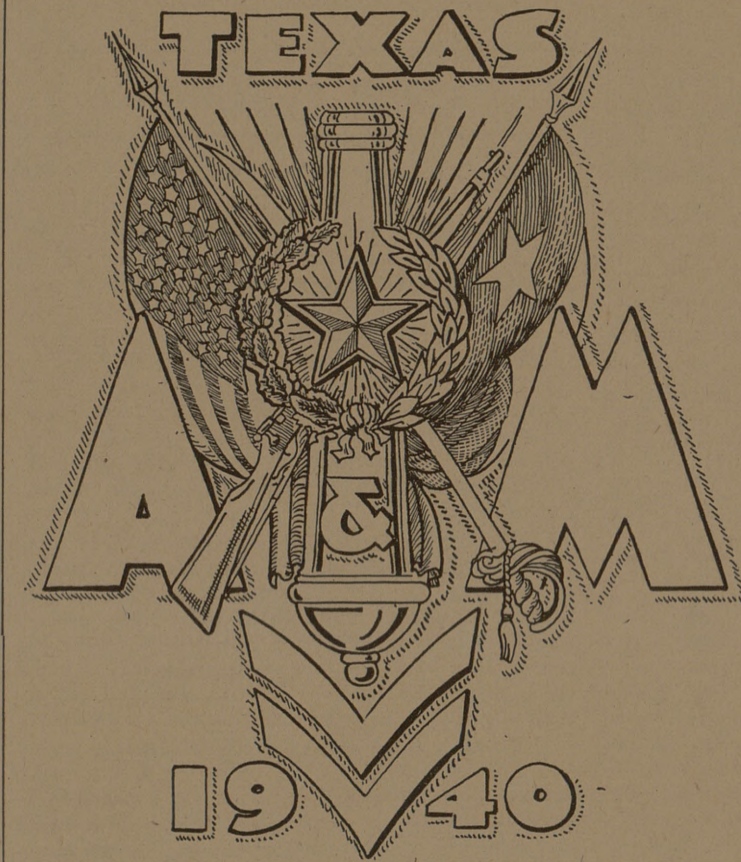
Special to The Battalion

Denton, April 25.—Misses Anna Frances Smith and Margaret Scofield of College Station will attend the occasion of occasions at Texas State College for Women, the annual Senior Formal May 4 when Russ Morgan and his band will play. Morgan is also scheduled to play for the Senior Ring Dance and Banquet at Texas A. & M. May 10.

Only seniors and their guests take part in the affair, considered the outstanding social function of the entire four years of college. The dance will be held in the College Library, and the identity of the 1939-40 class beauties will be revealed when the girls are presented for the first time.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Mrs. Anna V. Smith and is studying business administration at T. S. C. W. Miss Scofield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scofield, and is a speech major at the college.

### Design for '40 Invitations



Here's the cover design for the senior invitations of the class of '40. It shows a view of both sides of the senior ring.

### Final Invitation Orders To Be Taken In Rotunda on Thursday and Friday

Max McCullar, senior class president, has announced that orders for invitations to the commencement exercises of the senior class may be placed in the rotunda of the Academic Building, Thursday and Friday afternoon, April 25 and 26. The cards to be sent with the invitations may be ordered at the same time and placed through Archie Gregg for the price of \$1.75 per hundred.

Seniors are reminded to order their invitations early so that all arrangements may be correctly made. The invitations this year are to have a particularly beautiful design; one that all Aggies will be proud to see and have on their invitations. The design was drawn by "Hildy" Hildebrand of Houston and embodies practically all of the typical Aggie symbols without appearing crowded. The cover design is a composite of the designs of the senior ring and the name of the college. The saber, cannon, rifle, Texas flag, United States flag, inverted

chevrons, and the star and wreath seal of the state of Texas are all included. The words "Texas A. & M., 1940" surround the decorative cut, and the total impression is one which every Aggie would want as a souvenir, regardless of whether or not he is a senior.

Inside the booklet invitations will be the commencement announcement and the class roll, with handmade etchings of the Administration and Academic Buildings and the new dormitory area. The words of "The Spirit of Aggieland" will be engraved on a shadowy "T" on another page. This work is done by hand, and therefore will be of much better (Continued on page 5)

### Ring Dance Tickets

All seniors planning to attend the Senior Banquet and Ring Dance should purchase their tickets, price \$3.50, as soon as possible in order that more detailed plans may be made for the occasion.

For those seniors living in the project houses, Bob Stone at house 3, has tickets; while Gene White of the Commandant's Office has tickets for those not connected with any organization. All organization commanders have tickets for both the dance and banquet and in a day or two will have tickets or cards calling for extra favors.

### History Teachers To Attend Meeting

Dr. R. W. Steen and Dr. Al B. Nelson, professors of the A. & M. History Department, will attend the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association in Austin Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Steen will address the assemblage Friday morning at 9 on the subject "Texas in the World War."

Dr. Nelson is the author of a lengthy article and designer of a map on the campaigns of "Juan de Ugalde and Picax-Ande Ins-tinsle," in the latest issue of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, published by the Texas Historical Association.

Ugalde, Dr. Nelson explains, was a commanding general of the Spanish forces in Texas and the northern Mexican provinces and is the man for whom Uvalde, Texas, was named. "Picax-Ande Ins-tinsle" was a fierce old Apache Indian chieftain of west Texas.

### Junior Yell Leader Vote To Be Held

#### Nelson, Little In Runoff; 12 Men In Yell-Leader Race

Bob Little and Jack Nelson, A. & M. juniors, are in the runoff today for the post of senior social secretary for 1940-41, and all juniors are reminded to go to the rotunda of the Academic Building today and vote.

Voting will be carried on in the usual manner, and every junior wishing to vote should visit the polls between 8 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. and present his February registration receipt from the fiscal office. Bob Little, F Coast Artillery, polled 58 votes in the Monday primary election, while Jack Nelson, Infantry Band, polled 91. Since Nelson's vote was not a majority of the 253 votes cast, the runoff between the two highest candidates is being held today. In the primary Monday, Bill Becker was elected Longhorn Editor for next year over Ele Baggett, and Paul Haines was the successful candidate for Town Hall Manager, defeating David Yarbrough.

The primary election to narrow down the field of candidates for junior yell leader will be held tonight in Guion Hall at 7:00 p. m. when the sophomore class meets to make their selections. The election system used this year for this post will be the same as that used last year. Cadet Colonel Woody Varner will be in charge of the sophomore class meeting, and all candidates are requested to be on (Continued on page 6)

### COLOR MOVIE AND TALK GIVEN BY EBEN FINE

#### Pictures in Color Form Background For Lecture By Noted Coloradoan

Combining scientific color photography with artistic background and historic setting, Eben F. Fine of Boulder, Colorado, sponsored by the Agronomy Society, presented a travelog starting with Texas and running through Colorado, Alaska, and the West, in the Physics Auditorium Monday evening.

Mr. Fine's lecture was an inspiration to amateur photographers. He showed photochrome pictures of forest fires in Colorado; the five highest mountains in the United States, Mt. McKinley in Alaska, 20,300 ft. elevation, highest in North America; Mt. Whitney of California, highest in the United States; Mt. Elbert of Colorado, second in the United States; and Mt. Massive, third highest in the United States. Showing untitled paleozoic sandstone, in Boulder Canyon; vertical reliefs of Algonquin metamorphosed quartzites in Big Thompson Canyon; in beautiful columnar formation cretaceous cliffs of the Mess Verde Cliff Dwellers. He combined the archeological data of Dr. Douglas tree ring chronology with their geologic background.

Mr. Fine, a Coloradoan, showed Texas scenes from the Alamo to the San Jacinto Battlefield, Breckenridge Park, The Bluebonnets Indian Blankets, and the Sam Houston Memorial.

Although he showed color photography, he could be called an artist since his pictures were not only a marvelous photographic exhibit but also a splendid depiction of artistry and nature interpretation.

His work is a hobby and he carries it on without remuneration. He spoke six times in the Bryan Schools on Monday before appearing in A. & M. in the evening.

His visit was his third to the A. & M. College. He remarked on the remarkable changes in the college since his last visit here.

### Better Git Thru Them Chores Early--'Cause There's To Be a Hot Time in the Old Hay Loft Friday Nite!

Friday night's the night to git the milkin' and feedin' done 'fore sundown 'cause they're throwing the ding bustedest shindig you ever heered told of down in the hayloft of the Agricultural Engineering Building. You can't afford to miss it 'cause nigh everybody in the country is gonna be there having all sorts of fun.

Ain't got no fancy dress clothes? Shucks, don't let that stap you 'cause you ain't suppose to wear them to that thar Barnyard Frolic they're a havin'. Just polish up those ole brogans and git out a clean pair of overalls an' yer all set to go.

You want to git there early Friday nite too 'cause it starts nigh on to nine o'clock and you don't want to miss any fun.

Yep, it's the Fifth Annual Barnyard Frolic, given by the Agricultural Engineering Society, which comes on Friday night, April 26 from nine 'till one o'clock.

The fiddlin's gonna be done by Longjack Littlejohn and his "Barnyard Ramblers", sometimes mistakenly called the Aggieband Orchestra. You don't want to miss the square dance either 'cause they're goin to have a full 15-minutes of it called by the high mogul of

College Station, Colonel F. G. Anderson.

You ain't never broadcast over one of them there wireless sets? Shucks, Friday nite's your chance then 'cause they're gonna broadcast a whole hour o'er station WTAW from 10:00 'till 11:00. The broadcast is gonna be kinda swell, too, with a special orchestra arrangement and one of them there master's of ceremonies.

'An beauties; you ain't never seen the like of them that's goin' to be there. Why there's a gonna be a whole cramful busload of (Continued on page 5)