

SENIOR OFFICERS OF '41 TO BE ELECTED THURSDAY

Conference This Weekend On Low-Cost Housing

Neutra, Maverick Will Be Speakers

Meeting Is Sponsored By Architectural Club, Dept. of Architecture

The program for the conference on the low cost house, to be held here on Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, has just been announced by the Department of Architecture, which, in connection with the Architectural Club, is sponsoring the meeting.

The conference will begin with registration at 8:00 a. m. Friday morning. Col. Ike Ashburn will give the welcoming address at 9:30, and following this will be a discussion of the problem "Why Can't I Have A House?" under three divisions; (a) The problem of the rural dweller, (b) The problem of the urban dweller, (c) What kind of low cost house.

The subject for discussion during the afternoon session will be "Practical Problems of the Low Cost House". Richard J. Neutra, AIA, well-known architect of Los Angeles, will deliver an address on "Architectural Evolution of Habitation, Its Functions and Structure". Among the topics which will be discussed will be the problems of the architect, the general contractor, the realtor, the financial agency, the materials company, the lumber yard and the laborer.

The Architectural Club will be host to the visitors at dinner Friday night at 7:00, at which time Maury Maverick, Mayor of San Antonio, will make a talk on "Society and Shelter."

"What Can the Building Industry Do for the Low Cost House?" will be the subject of discussion Saturday morning. Ray Crow, engineer in the sales production division of the C. I. & R. Co. of Birmingham, Alabama, will make an address at 9:30 on "Home Ownership and the Building Industry". Discussion will follow on prefabrication in the building industry, standardization of materials and construction, maintenance factors of the low cost house and the elements of design.

"What Can Society Do for the Low Cost House?" will be the general topic for discussion Saturday afternoon. Neutra will again be the speaker, and his talk will be on "Community Planning, City Planning and Housing." Planning (Continued on page 4)

Largest Mothers' Day Crowd In History Of A. & M. Was Here

One of the largest crowds in the history of Mothers' Day observance thronged the A. & M. College campus over the past weekend, and a full program for the parents kept the visitors entertained every hour of the time.

Visitors began pouring in on Friday afternoon for the Senior Banquet and Ring Dance, and this colorful ceremony attracted by far the largest crowd ever to attend such an event.

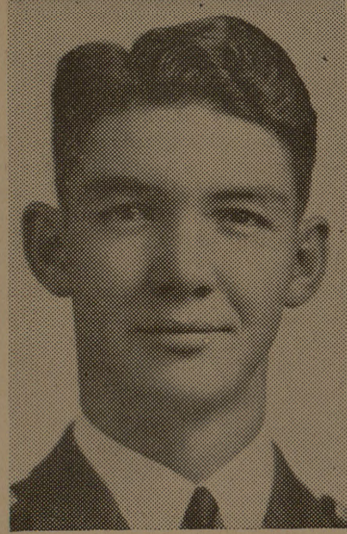
As the banquet announcer named the couples passing through the giant senior ring for the ceremony at which the lady removed the senior's ring and replaced it on his finger, it was revealed that more than 25 members of the senior class of 1940 are married. More than a score of couples announced their engagement at the ceremony.

At the Senior Ring Banquet surprise presentations awarded by the Student Activities Committee were made to senior social secretary Charlie Hamner, and to Town Hall manager Walter Sullivan and his assistants Henry Herder, George Steurer, and Carl Pipkin, in recognition of their services. And a gold watch was presented Cadet Colonel "Woody" Varner as a token of appreciation from the cadet corps for outstanding service as leader of the corps.

Saturday was given over to Engineers' Day, and all branches of the School of Engineering were open to public inspection. A baseball game in the afternoon gave the visitors a chance to see the 1940 Aggie team play one of their best games in defeating Baylor 5 to 1.

Throughout the day Saturday the college Board of Directors was in session for the May meeting. Only routine matters were disposed of, and Board members and their wives attended the reception Saturday evening at the home of President and Mrs. T. O. Walton. The Brazos County A. & M. Mothers' Club honored the visiting mothers with a reception Saturday afternoon at the College Y. M. C. A. parlors. Visitors enjoyed the regular corps dance in Sbis Hall Saturday night.

State ASCE Head



Britt Christian, junior of Company B Engineers from Jefferson, Texas, was elected chairman of the Texas Student Conference of the American Society of Civil Engineers at the recent meeting of the organization in Galveston. The office, which is the highest student executive position in the organization, was conferred upon an Aggie for the first time. As chairman, Christian will preside at the annual fall and spring conventions held next term.

Seniors, Here Is Chance To Become A Political Power

With the state political pot already boiling, and prospects for a still hotter vote-getting campaign to open early in the summer, candidates are using every possible means of getting elected, from the use of hill-billy bands on up. Now comes an offer from C. M. Lankford of League City, candidate for railroad commissioner, of a prize for the best paper on effective campaigning within the expense limit set by the legislature.

Following is the telegram received by Bill Murray yesterday:

"Wish to offer prize twenty dollars to any senior student your school best paper subject now to most effectively campaign for railroad commissioner within expenses set by legislature stop similar contest is being conducted Texas University today stop You to be (Continued on page 6)

Zahn Selected '41 Leader Of Singing Cadets

Charlie Zahn of Dallas was elected president of the Singing Cadets for the year of 1940-41 at the annual spring picnic held last Wednesday evening at the home of Professor and Mrs. J. J. Woolket.

Other officers elected were: Pete Adams, Bryan, vice-president; Gilbert Michalk, Corpus Christi, business manager; Reynolds Smith, Throckmorton, publicity manager; Alanson Brown, Houston, librarian; Marion Lyle, Denison, accompanist; and J. J. Woolket, director.

A barbecue supper, prepared by Mrs. Woolket, was given on the lawn of the Woolket home with approximately sixty members present.

When the club was on its spring tour last year, they adopted the song "The March of the Musketeers" to be sung for that year and it was decided to adopt a new song each year. This year the club chose "Stouthearted Men" as their song.

Siegfried Neubert, a graduating Senior and the only member who has been in the club for four years, is to be awarded the honorary plaque which is given annually to members who have been with the club for four years.

Five seniors leaving the club this year are: H. D. Crawley, Pat Casey, Siegfried Neubert, R. L. Bell and E. J. Butschek.

Naval Aviation Board To Meet In Dallas, June 18-26

A board of Naval Officers from the "Annapolis of the Air"—the U. S. Navy's Aviation Training Station, located at Pensacola, Florida, will meet in Dallas, Texas, from June 18 to 26, for the purpose of examining candidates for appointment as Naval Aviation Cadets, according to word received here yesterday. This Board is headed by Lieutenant A. Laverents, veteran war-time flyer, as Senior Member. Lieutenant Laverents states that all candidates who meet the necessary general requirements will be given a personal interview and a thorough physical examination.

Candidates must be American citizens, between 20 and 27, unmarried, of sound physical condition, including a minimum height of five feet, six inches, and a minimum weight of 132 pounds, and must have perfect vision in both eyes without the aid of glasses. They must have a minimum of two full years of college education.

The training presents an opportunity not only to become a pilot experienced in many types of aircraft; but gives complete ground school instruction in aircraft structures, engines, instruments and accessories, radio, navigation, and other pertinent subjects. Upon graduation from Pensacola, the successful student is designated a Naval Aviator, and is commissioned as Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. From Pensacola, he is sent to duty with the aviation squadrons of the United States Fleet.

Lieutenant Laverents strongly urges all interested parties to write him at once, for full particulars and application blanks, at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. There is no obligation involved in making application.

Five Ex-Aggies To Graduate From Air School This Month

The headquarters of the Air Corps Advanced Flying School has announced the list of cadets who will graduate this month. Among the forty-two graduates, five of the number are exes of A. & M. This is the largest number of any school in the United States. The Graduate Flying Cadets from A. & M. are Henry Dittman, '39; Robert C. McIlheran, Jr., '39; Alvin V. Reyes, '39; David K. Lyster, Jr., '38; and Thomas F. Collins, '39.

W. R. Scott To Succeed Col. Moore

Scott Ex-Classmate Of Colonel Moore

Colonel William R. Scott, Infantry, has been detailed as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at A. & M. to succeed Colonel George F. Moore, who is being transferred at the end of the school term.

At the present time, Col. Scott is commander of the 35th Infantry at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. The exact date of his installation here is not known. However, his duties begin with the fall term, and he is expected to arrive here sometime in the late summer.

Col. Scott is a graduate of the United States Military Academy in the class of 1904. Later he graduated from the Army Industrial College, the Command and General Staff School, and the Infantry School. He was, for a while, an instructor in the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He has also served as P. M. S. & T. at Davidson College in North Carolina.

It is interesting to know that in 1928, Col. Scott was a classmate of Col. Moore. Col. Scott has also served with Major Ewing in the 4th Corps Area. Col. Scott (Continued on page 4)

MATH CONTEST IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY

The final examinations in the Mathematics Contests offered each year by the Math Department will be held in the Chemistry Lecture Room Thursday night at 7:30. Following is a list of the students who have qualified for these examinations:

Sophomores: Fred Ashford, J. Barker, C. E. Calvert, R. A. Doak, E. G. Doughty, B. Hardie, J. M. Holliday, G. R. King, J. L. Lamberson, A. J. Landau, M. A. Miller, R. B. Pierce, G. M. Perkins, Q. M. Pickett, H. M. Rollins, J. M. Sinex, R. G. Skidmore, W. C. Swain, J. W. Thompson and Louie Tomaso.

Freshmen: W. M. Adkisson, T. W. Allen, S. R. Baen, J. A. Baird, J. G. Glasdel, S. V. Burks, Philip Crown, H. E. Dixon, S. A. Ellsberry, B. T. Flowers, J. G. Goppert, Don Griffin, E. C. Hartman, L. C. Hengst, W. E. Holland, R. W. Hudson, F. C. Keeney, D. S. Lansdon, S. J. Marwil, A. L. Matterson, W. H. Mullins, Wm. Noa, L. R. Robertson, F. D. Sanborn, A. J. Specia, G. R. Thenn, R. T. Townsend, D. A. Treadwell, C. G. Wellington and J. T. Cox.

A. & M.'s Largest Longhorn To Be Issued Wednesday

The largest "Longhorn" published in the history of the school will begin issuance in the Administration Building basement Wednesday. The Longhorn for '40 is bound in blue leather and trimmed with the school colors of maroon and white. The dedication was appropriately made to the mothers and fathers whose sons are attending A. & M.

The seniors will obtain their Longhorns tomorrow, Wednesday, from 3 till 5 p. m.; juniors Thursday, May 16, from 1 till 3 p. m. and the sophomores Thursday, 3 till 5 p. m. The freshmen may obtain theirs Friday, May 17, from 1 till 5 p. m.

Further details of the distribution provide that the cards and the Longhorns will be issued at the same time this year instead of having a time interval between them as was previously done. The cards, when signed by the designated person, serve as a receipt for the issuance of one copy of the book. It is cautioned that anyone sending down for his copy must assume all responsibility for the signature on the card.

Cards may be obtained by presentation of a receipt showing payment of the student activities fee or payment for a Longhorn. This receipt must be presented at the designated time at room 22 in the basement of the Administration Building, about 75 feet further south in the basement. If for any reason a student has lost his receipt, a copy may be obtained only on Monday, May 20, at the Student Publications Office.

The "Greenhorn Section," which has been a feature of the annual in recent years, was omitted this year in order to provide more space for activities at Aggie land.

A new feature which is found in the new annual is the color photography of all the buildings on the campus.

The "Vanity Fair" and "Senior Favorites" section go to make up the necessary amount of femininity to prevent the annual from being entirely a "men's book."

Heading the sports section is the beloved mascot of the Aggies and "the only female student at A. & (Continued on page 6)

Commencement Invitations To Be Issued This Week

Commencement invitations will be given out to those who ordered them, Thursday and Friday from 1 to 5 p. m. in the rotunda of the Academic Building, senior president Max McCullar has announced.

Federal Inspection Will Be Held Here Today, Wednesday; Gen. Baker To Visit

A board of officers of the Eighth Corps Area is visiting College Station today and tomorrow, to make the annual inspection of the Reserve Officers Training Corps Units at this institution. The board is headed by Colonel Edward A. Keyes, Cav., Civilian Components Officer, Headquarters Eighth Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The other members of the board are as follows:

Colonel Theodore K. Spencer, Infantry, Headquarters Eighth Corps Area; Colonel Oscar C. Warner, Coast Artillery, First Military Area, San Antonio, Texas; Lieutenant Colonel Edward Montgomery, Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters Eighth Corps Area; Major John E. Maher, Cavalry, Central Catholic High School, San Antonio, Texas; Major Howard M. Yost, C. E., A. & M. College of Oklahoma, Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Major William F. Kernan, Field Artillery, Ball High School, Galveston, Texas.

The inspection will terminate in a Corps Review to be held at 1 p. m. on May 15.

Major General Walter C. Baker, Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service, will visit this institution on May 17 and 18. General Baker will arrive at 10 a. m. on the 17th and will be met by a Cavalry escort, which will conduct him to the President's office. As soon as he enters the campus he will be given the cannon salute prescribed for a Major General. During the afternoon General Baker will review the corps, and during the review will present the Baker Trophy to the 2nd Platoon, Company C, Chemical Warfare Unit, which won this trophy for the year 1939-1940 in competition with the

other platoons of the Chemical Warfare Service Unit. Cadet 1st Lieutenant B. C. Barnes is the platoon commander of the winning platoon. The platoon sergeant is cadet staff sergeant C. H. Colgin Jr., and the platoon ammunition sergeant is cadet sergeant R. L. Sweeney.

Following the review General Baker will inspect the dormitory occupied by the Chemical Warfare Unit. On Saturday morning General Baker will look over the installations and equipment pertaining to the Military Department of the College and at 11 a. m. speak to the Seniors of Chemical Engineering, members of the faculty, and such other students as may be interested, in the lecture room of the Chemistry Building.

General Baker will depart for the maneuver area in east Texas Saturday afternoon.

Move Effected At Suggestion of '40 Senior President

The Senior Class officers for the 1940-41 term will be elected Thursday night at a meeting of the Junior Class to be held in Guion Hall at 7:30 p. m., according to an announcement made yesterday by Ele Baggett, Junior president this year. The offices to be filled at that time are those of class president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and historian.

This is the first time in history that the Senior Class officers have been elected during the preceding term, before the juniors become seniors. The election is being held at this time at the suggestion of the present Senior Class president in a Battalion editorial several days ago, in order that next year's seniors can begin work on some of the problems which will be facing them when they return to school in September. Several matters, such as the movie situation, the dormitory telephone situation and others, are felt to need attention before the present term is over, and this can best be accomplished by having the class election now.

Cadet Colonel "Woody" Varner will preside at the meeting. Every member of the Junior Class is urged to be present, as the class election is a matter which cannot fail to affect the destiny of the members next year.

Out-going officers of the class include Ele Baggett, president; Tom Richey, vice-president; I. B. Stitt, secretary-treasurer; and Jeff Clarke, historian.

Field Artillery To Have New National, Regimental Colors

The Field Artillery Regiment will have a new national standard for the next regimental formation, according to a letter received by Colonel O. E. Beazley from Captain L. R. Garrison, formerly of the Military Department here, who was transferred last year to the Army Industrial College in Washington, D. C.

Captain Garrison announced that he was sending by parcel post a new silk standard obtained from the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot. The first standard was presented by Major L. R. Dougherty in 1921, and has an inscribed silver band on the staff to that effect. Another band will be placed on the staff with Captain Garrison's name when the replacement standard is added. It was also announced by the Military Department that the old Field Artillery Regimental Standard, donated several years ago by A. M. Waldrop & Co., will be replaced by the same concern.

Special Edition Of Battalion To Be Thursday's Paper

The Thursday issue of The Battalion will be the annual special edition which is distributed to 10,000 seniors graduating from the high schools of Texas.

Total circulation will be nearly 16,000, including the usual 5,000 faculty-student subscription list.

Distribution on the campus will be at the usual time, Thursday morning; the 10,000 high school copies will be mailed out during the two days following.

An attempt is made to present as complete a picture of A. & M. College, its divisions, and College Station, the Texas Aggies and Aggie life, as space will permit. Object of the special edition is to better inform the high school children of the state about the school and to furnish the boys graduating an added incentive to enroll at A. & M.

In order to print the extra-large number of copies on time, the regular Wednesday afternoon staff will work this afternoon.

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