

## R. O. Day Program To Be Wednesday

### Reserve Officers To Witness Drills

#### Informal Banquet Will Be Given Wednesday Evening

The Brazos County Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association will observe the annual Reserve Day Program, Wednesday, with the local chapter acting as host to more than a hundred Reserve Officers and Regular Army Officers, who will witness the drills of various units and attend an informal smoker that will be held in the annex room of Sbisa Hall that evening.

The program for this year has been planned so as not to conflict with any of the spring social functions, in order that more seniors might turn out for the event.

The object of the affair is to create an incentive for graduating cadet members of the R.O.A. to show more interest in the organization and to take up regular Reserve work after graduation.

The informal smoker will be held at 7 o'clock and at this time Stanley Foran, advertising executive of a Dallas firm, will present the only speech of the evening. The subject of Foran's speech will be his much discussed "Americanism." Following the speech, an engraved saber will be presented to the outstanding cadet officer for the year by the State Department of Reserve Officers. A representative of the 311th Cavalry Reserve Regiment will present a horsemanship medal to the outstanding Cavalry cadet officer of the year.

Placards will be hung in the banquet room, signifying each reserve regiment to which the seniors will be assigned.

The current president of the Reserve Officers Association, Lieutenant Colonel C. L. Drennon of the Infantry Reserve, and past-presidents Captain C. M. Floore of the Field Artillery Reserve and Major E. J. Howell of the Infantry Reserve will be present at the occasion.

The affair is not confined to the regular army officers and graduating R.O.A. members, but is open to any outsider who is interested in national defense.

### Film on Credit To Be Shown Tomorrow

A sound film entitled "Operation of a Retail Credit Bureau" will be shown under the auspices of the Department of Agricultural Economics in the Animal Industries lecture room Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, according to J. Wheeler Barger, head of the department.

The film was prepared under the direction of the National Association of Credit men and is being shown before leading groups of credit and other business men throughout the country.

## DEAN BOLTON MAKES HOBBY OF KEEPING UP WITH ACHIEVEMENTS IN LIFE OF FORMER A. & M. STUDENTS

Dr. F. C. Bolton, dean of the college and vice-president, derives pleasure from keeping up with the progress of the men that he knew as college students ten, twenty, or thirty years ago. He wants to know their achievements in life and to watch them rise. One might call him a second "Mr. Chips" in that he watches those men he has taught and remembers them as they go out to start their careers. His hobby is looking after students and former students.

For a number of years Dean Bolton was a major in the Signal Reserve, United States Army, and took great interest in the Officers' Reserve and military affairs.

Dean Bolton was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi, on March 24, 1883. His parents were Clarence W. and Mary Bell Bolton. Public school education was received in Pontotoc schools and after high school graduation, he was employed in the local bank for three years.

In the fall of 1902 Dean Bolton entered Mississippi State, and he was graduated from there in 1905. He had further college training at Cornell University, University of

## SURVEYING AND MAPPING CONF. IS HERE TODAY

The first annual conference on Surveying and Mapping, conducted by the Civil Engineering Department of Texas A. & M. College, opened here Monday morning. Seventy-eight surveyors and engineers enrolled for the two-day course, which ends this evening.

This Surveying and Mapping Conference is one of the yearly activities of the Civil Engineering Department and is given in co-operation with the Texas Land Office.

Subjects under discussion Monday included "Duties and Responsibilities of the General Land Office", by Bascom Giles, Commissioner of General Land Office, Austin; "Need for a State Co-ordinate System", by Ralph J. McMahon, Chief Engineer of the General Land Office; "Value of a State Co-ordinate System to Oil Companies", by W. P. Moore of Phillips Petroleum Company, Austin; and "Some Judicial Decisions Affecting Land Lines", by W. A. Rounds, Chief Engineer, Continental Oil Company, Houston.

The group held their banquet in Sbisa Hall last night at 6:30. After the banquet Col. H. A. Finch discussed "The Reproduction of Field Maps".

## New Dallas A. & M. Club Is Formed By Younger Graduates

A letter was received this week from John E. Hewson of Dallas, ex-calling '38, who asked that The Battalion publish a brief article in regard to a newly-formed A. & M. Club in Dallas.

The club has been formed for the younger men from A. & M. and meets regularly each month on the second Thursday and the last Friday. The Friday meetings are in conjunction with the other A. & M. Club. The meetings are held in the Adolphus Hotel at eight o'clock. A social is held each month which greatly adds to the club interest.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Aggies who will be in Dallas regularly or for just the summer. It is hoped to enlarge the group, both in size and in fellowship.

The next meeting is to be held June 13 and the next social will be a picnic followed by a dance on June 22 or 23.

Hewson, who is secretary of the new club, can be reached in Dallas by calling 3-4336.

## 1940 Commencement Program

THURSDAY, MAY 30  
4:30 p. m.—A. & M. College Band, Final Concert.  
10:00 p. m.—Junior Prom.

FRIDAY, MAY 31  
10:30 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Reverend S. W. Williams, D. D., First Methodist Church, Brownwood, Texas.  
1-4 p. m.—All Departments open for inspection.  
6:15 p. m.—Commencement Exercises.  
Address—Doctor Charles E. Friley, President, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.  
Valedictory—Cadet Colonel Durward B. Varner, Cottonwood, Texas.  
Conferring of Degrees, Doctor T. O. Walton, President of the College. Presentation of Diplomas, Hon. F. Marion Law, President of the Board of Directors of the College.  
8:30 p. m.—President and Mrs. Walton at home informally to members of the graduating class and their guests, former students and their families, and members of the faculty and their families.  
10:00 p. m.—Final Ball.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1  
8:30 a. m.—Formal Presentation of Reserve Commissions, Brigadier General Walter B. Pyron, Texas National Guard, Houston, Texas.  
9:30 a. m.—Final Review.  
12:00 noon—Joint Luncheon of the Faculty and Former Students.  
2:30 p. m.—Annual Business Meeting of the Association of Former Students.

## Portrait of Dr. Walton To Be Unveiled Here June 1

Dr. T. O. Walton, president of A. & M. College since 1925, known to thousands of students and ex-students as "Prexy," will be honored for his many years of service to this institution on Saturday, June 1, at the luncheon of the Faculty-Former Students Association, when a recently finished portrait of himself, painted by Seymour Stone of New York, will be presented as a gift to the college by the Former Students. The portrait will be hung, and may be seen by the public.

Dr. Walton is finishing his fifteenth year as President of A. & M., having served in that capacity longer than any other man. He replaced W. B. Bizzell in 1925, and since that time has seen the enrollment of the college increase from 2,400 to its present enrollment of approximately 6,000.

## Cosmopolitan Club Ends Its Biggest Season

Closing what has been by far the greatest year in its history, A. & M.'s Cosmopolitan Club held its annual picnic at Cashion Cabin recently with its members and their dates in attendance.

Under the presidency of Mike Rodriguez, the organization has risen to an important niche in A. & M. affairs. With over a hundred members, including several faculty members, the organization presented a series of interesting and entertaining programs throughout the past long session.

Members of the Cosmopolitan Club have also presented many programs to other organizations in surrounding communities. Among these have been programs for the Bryan Rotary Club, A. & M. Federal Club, and the Bryan High School.

"Responsible in the main part," president Rodriguez said, "for the success of the Cosmopolitan Club has been M. L. Cashion, our sponsor and general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Cashion, too, has been important in the success of our organization and not enough credit can be given these two people," he concluded.

Other officers include Paul Stach, vice-president; Albert Yee, secretary; B. F. Eubank, treasurer; and V. K. "Count" Sugareff, faculty sponsor.

## EARLEY NAMED AS OUTSTANDING CAVALRY OFFICER

Cadet Captain Douglas C. Earley, Brownsville, commanding Troop A, Cavalry, R.O.T.C., at Texas A. & M. College, has been named the outstanding Cavalryman at the college for the present school term and has been awarded the Parker-Astin Hardware Company trophy.

The trophy, a sterling silver loving cup, suitably engraved, is given each year to the member of the Cavalry Regiment at the college who best portrays the true cavalryman through his record as a cavalryman, his contributions to the organization, his scholastic activities, personality, horsemanship, leadership, military bearing, personal appearance and extra-curricular activities.

## Degrees Will Be Conferred On 661 Seniors Here On May 31

### Pendleton Winner Of Soph Livestock Judging Contest

W. L. Pendleton of Stratford was the high point man in the Sophomore Livestock Judging Contest held in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion Saturday, with a total of 699 points out of a possible 750. He was followed by A. L. Murry of Miami with 681.

The Sophomore contest is an annual affair sponsored by the Saddle and Sirlon Club and the Animal Husbandry Department. Thirty-four sophomores entered the contest, which this year consisted of eleven classes, on four of which the contestants were required to give reasons.

Bill Huffman and F. J. Hess tied for third and fourth places in the contest, with 679 points. Tommy Stuart was fifth with 674. All five of the top men will receive medals.

High point men in the different classes of livestock were: in sheep, Tommy Stuart, W. L. Pendleton and A. L. Murry; in cattle, W. L. Pendleton, N. Y. Craig and Vic Loeffler; in horses, F. J. Hess, C. B. Stradly and Ed Mosely; and in swine, M. L. Burks, J. K. Herring, W. L. Pendleton and N. Y. Craig.

### Regimental Colors Will Be Presented Battery "D" F. A.

All Field Artillery batteries of the second battalion will assemble on the Field Artillery drill field Wednesday at 1 p. m. for the presentation of the regimental colors which are presented annually to the honor battery. The colors which are known as the Waldrop Trophy, are presented by A. M. Waldrop Jr., and will replace the original trophy which was presented to the college in 1921 by A. M. Waldrop Sr.

The trophy was first awarded B Battery, which was commanded by W. N. Roper. It is awarded annually to the battery most proficient in all phases of Field Artillery training. Competition is based upon conditions published by the senior Field Artillery instructor and is judged by Field Artillery officers on duty with the unit.

D Battery has been chosen to receive the distinction of honor battery this year, and as a result will be the color guard at all ceremonies next year. First Headquarters battery has been honor battery this year.

The ceremony will be a repetition of the one performed when Mrs. A. M. Waldrop Sr. presented the original colors for the first (Continued on page 4)

### John Pasco Will Dedicate Book to "Fish"

There will be a meeting of the Freshman class Tuesday night immediately after supper in Guion Hall, when John O. Pasco dedicates his recently-completed "Fish Sergeant," to the freshman class. The rest of the student body is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Pasco, an instructor in the M. E. Department, wrote the book which deals with the life of a freshman at A. & M. from the time he enters school in the fall till the completion of his "fish" year in the spring.

At the meeting Tuesday night, Mr. Pasco will make the formal dedication of his book to the freshman class and will have ten or fifteen copies of the book on hand Tuesday night to show the audience after the meeting.

The books are to be placed on sale within the next few days and will be available at one dollar each.

### Texas Farm Land Association Holds Short Course Here

The second annual short course of the Texas Farm Land Association was held here Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18. The Department of Agronomy sponsored this short course for fifty representatives of major farm mortgage companies, insurance companies and banks who have representatives in Texas loaning money on farm mortgages and supervising the operation of farms in which they are interested.

The program was directed by H. E. Hampton of the Department of Agronomy, and numerous divisions and departments of the college cooperated in the presentation of recent agricultural information applicable to the business of these organizations and their representatives.

W. M. Pinson of Dallas, secretary of the Texas Farm Land Association, supervised the planning of the program. The address of welcome was given by Dean E. J. Kyle of the School of Agriculture followed by a demonstration lecture by Dr. R. L. Donahue of the Department of Agronomy on "The Value and Use of Quick Tests for Determining Nutrient Needs of Soils". Following this, Dr. L. G. Jones, also of the Department of Agronomy, discussed "Describing and Mapping Farm Soils".

The Friday afternoon session opened with an address by Mr. E. R. Alexander of the Department of (Continued on page 4)

### Program Slated To Cover Three Days

#### Kyle Field Stadium To Be Scene of Exercises

A total of 661 seniors, the largest graduating class in the history of A. & M., will receive their college degrees on the night of Friday, May 31. In addition, 47 advanced degrees will be granted, including the first non-honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy ever conferred here.

Final plans for the Commencement program have been made. The details were arranged by a committee consisting of Dr. E. P. Humbert, chairman; Dr. R. S. Gammon and Colonel George F. Moore. Beginning with the final concert by the Aggie Band at 4:30 Thursday afternoon, the program will cover a period of three days, culminating with Final Review on Saturday morning. Due to the fact that graduation exercises have been moved up a week earlier than has been customary, underclassmen will remain another week to finish final exams.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be given Friday morning at 10:30 in Guion Hall by the Reverend S. W. Williams, D.D., pastor of the First Methodist Church at Brownwood. From one o'clock until four Friday afternoon all departments of the college will be open for inspection by the visitors.

At 6:00 p. m. Friday evening, the Commencement procession will begin, to be followed immediately by the Commencement exercises, which will be held in the Kyle Field Stadium.

Dr. C. E. Friley, president of Iowa State College, will deliver the Commencement address. Dr. Friley was formerly Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Registrar at A. & M.

Cadet Colonel Durward Varner of Cottonwood will deliver the valedictory address, which will be followed by the conferring of degrees by Dr. T. O. Walton, president of the college, and the presentation of diplomas by Dr. Marion F. Law, president of the Board of Directors of the college.

At 8:30 p. m., Dr. and Mrs. Walton will be at home informally to members of the graduating class and their guests, former students and their families, and members of the faculty and their families. At 10:00 o'clock the Final Ball will begin, with the last Silver Taps to be played from the dome of the Academic Building at intermission.

On Saturday morning at 8:30, Brigadier General Walter B. Pyron, Texas National Guard, Houston, will present the Reserve Commissions to members of the advanced R. O. T. C. course, who have satisfied all other requirements for graduation. Following the presentation, Final Review will be held on the old Drill Field.

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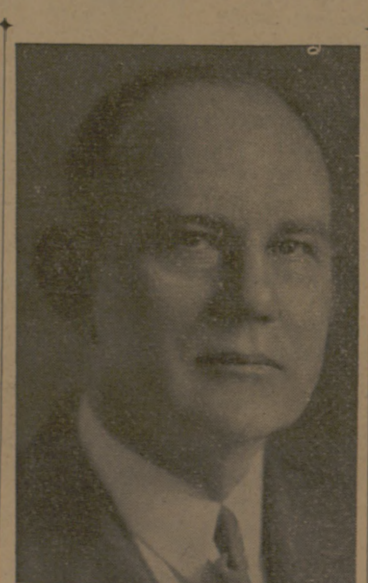
## "PREXY" WALTON IS EXAMPLE OF FARM BOY WHO ROSE TO HIGH POSITION AS HEAD OF GREAT A. & M. COLLEGE

From farm boy to president of one of Texas' leading colleges—that has been the life of President T. O. Walton of A. & M. College.

The span from farm days to those as college president were filled with interesting and praiseworthy accomplishments. It was in that span that a man grew and learned and prepared himself for a task which he is today doing as best it could be done—that task of building up and making known Texas A. & M. College.

Back in March 8, 1884, a son was born to James Austin and Emma Jane Walton, who lived in Gary, Panola County, Texas. They named him Thomas Otto Walton. His boyhood days were spent on the farm, which days gave him the foundation for the time when he was to be president of the largest agricultural and mechanical college in the world.

The boy Thomas Otto Walton went to the public schools in Carthage. He went off to North Texas Teachers College, from which he received his degree. Later, in 1926, he had the honorary degree of LL. D. conferred upon him by Baylor



Dr. T. O. Walton

University. After his graduation from college he spent six years teaching public school in Panola County. It was in 1904 that he was married to Miss Clara Ethel Turner. From school teaching Dr. Walton went into ex-

tension work by taking over the duties of county agent of Polk County in 1908. From 1911 to 1916 he was district agent and from 1916-18 he was state agent of the Extension Service. His work was so satisfactory and his abilities were so recognized that in 1918 he was made director of the Service. That position he held until 1925, when on Sept. 3 of that year he was elected president of A. & M. College. Since he assumed that position A. & M. has progressed more than ever before. It has grown and expanded so that it is now among the leading colleges of the country.

Dr. Walton was vice-president of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities in 1933, and president of that association in 1934. In 1935-36 he was a member of the executive committee of the association and at present he is chairman of the committee.

Prexy—that's the nickname he inherited when he became president of A. & M. College—is loved by all the students. He mixes with them well and entertains them during the year at his home. He takes (Continued on page 4)



Dean F. C. Bolton

Chicago, University of Wisconsin and Ohio State University. He was awarded the degree of master of science by Ohio State in 1928, and the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Austin College in 1932.

During Dean Bolton's college days, Mississippi A. & M. required

military training of all students, and in his senior year he held the highest cadet rank. It is rather natural, therefore, that after he was graduated he should be made assistant commandant at his alma mater. He was also instructor in the electrical engineering department at the same time, but when teaching duties demanded all his time he was forced to be relieved of discipline duties after two years and was made associate professor of electrical engineering.

In 1909 he was appointed head of the Department of Electrical Engineering at Texas A. & M. College. He has been with the institution continuously since that time.

Soon after this country entered the World War, Dean Bolton worked out with the military authorities in this area a plan for giving the technical training to enlisted men in the Army. A large detachment from one of the signal companies was sent to the College and the Electrical Engineering staff under Dean Bolton's leadership, undertook their training in communication.

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