

RICHEY ELECTED TO HEAD SENIOR CLASS OF '41

Cotton Study Group Will Tour U. S.

Tour Begins Friday After Graduation

Middlewest And Canadian Cities To Be Included In Tour

As the World War II has cheated four Texas A. & M. seniors out of the annual European traveling cotton study tour, they will make a comprehensive tour of the cotton states and then visit numerous cities in Canada and the Middlewest during the first six weeks of the summer.

Winners announced who will make the tour in company of Prof. Tilden Easley, of the college Agronomy Department, include H. L. Rucker and H. L. Petty, both of Santo; H. C. Forbes, Waxahachie; and C. L. Mason, New Boston.

The winners weathered a series of nine hard examinations dealing in all phases of cotton, from the soil in which it is planted to the finished cloth, and came out ahead of all the other contestants. Forbes and Mason tied for third place and both were included in the party. In the past only three students have made the trip.

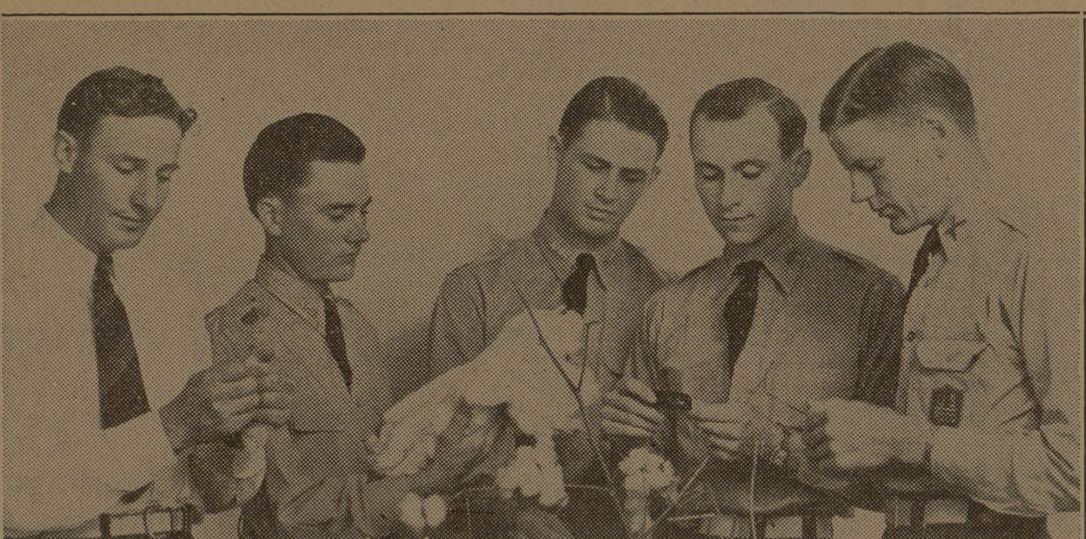
The party will leave College Station immediately after the winners receive their degrees Friday night and will make the entire trip by automobile. Enroute they intend to make a full study of cotton production, marketing and finished products, but also intend to look into the manufacture of competing fibers such as rayon, wool and others.

High School Students Take Driving Exams

It will be final examination day for nine Consolidated High School students Saturday morning when the Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrolmen give driving examinations to those students in the area just to the rear of the Cushing Library at Texas A. & M.

During the present school year the Department of Industrial Education at the college has conducted a course in automobile driving for the students of the Consolidated High School, with R. V. Baylor Jr., a senior in Industrial Education, serving as instructor. A total of 15 students started the course under Baylor but only nine were able to finish to the point where they go before the highway examiners.

Tests will start at 9 o'clock, E. L. Williams, head of the Industrial Education Department, has announced.



These four Texas A. & M. College seniors really know their cotton for they emerged on top after a series of nine hard examinations dealing with all phases of cotton, from the soil in which it is planted to the finished cloth on the merchant's shelf.

As a reward for their ability, they will receive a six-week all-expense traveling cotton study fellowship that will carry them through the cotton states and as far north as Canada where they will visit numerous manufacturing plants. They will be accompanied by Prof. Tilden Easley, of the college agronomy department, who will be in charge of the study. In the past the study party has always gone abroad but World War II makes such travel impossible this year.

Left to right: Prof. Easley; H. L. Petty, Santo; H. C. Forbes, Waxahachie; C. L. Mason, New Boston; and H. L. Rucker, Santo.

Over Seventy-Eight Percent of Graduating Seniors Have Positions or Tentative Offers After Graduation

Marine Band On '40-'41 Town Hall

Paul Haines, Town Hall manager-elect for the coming year, announced at a meeting of the junior class Thursday night, that the renowned United States Marine Band would be presented in two concerts to the students of A. & M. next October 3. It was only recently that the President of the U. S. granted his permission for a tour to be made of the United States by the Marine Band, which is also known as the "President's Own".

The band will give two performances, one a matinee concert to which high school bands from all over Texas will be invited. The concerts given by the band should be particularly appealing to the cadets and much enthusiasm is expected.

The United States Marine Band is under the leadership of Captain Taylor Branson and is directed by Captain W. F. Santelmann. In past years it has played to capacity crowds all over the country and is one of the finest concert ensembles to be found in the world.

With such a popular organization to initiate the Town Hall program for next year and with the support and backing that the junior class has shown, the coming year's success, insofar as A. & M.'s Town Hall is concerned, is practically assured.

LIBRARY DEADLINE
All library books are due Monday, May 27.

When the Commencement exercises are held at Texas A. & M. Friday night, approximately 550 members of the graduating class of 700 Texas Aggies, or 78.6 percent, will have been placed in positions or have tentative offers which they probably will accept before next fall.

Graduates most in demand this year were those in the civil and mechanical engineering departments, although 12 of the 30 departments of the college having graduates placed 100 percent of their students.

The civil engineering department had 25 candidates for the degree of bachelor of science in civil engineering but had requests for more than twice that number. In mechanical engineering the 70 graduates had a wide selection of offers from which to choose but in the main they are going into aircraft production.

All of the 39 Doctors of Veterinary Medicine have accepted positions with health departments, on the staffs of veterinary hospitals or are opening their own establishments. The 26 graduates in chemical engineering all found openings in the chemical industry with the work including practically all phases.

Building must be on the upgrade for all of the 12 architects either have positions or are opening their own offices, according to the report from that department head. The 14 graduates in rural sociology all have been placed in social service agencies of various kinds.

Always in demand are the Texas A. & M. College graduates in industrial education. This year nine students are graduating in that course and have their choice of

George Hall To Play for Prom And Final Ball

In a statement yesterday, Elie Baggett promised the class of '41 the best dance that they have ever attended when they attend the junior prom Thursday night. The basis of his statement was the popular orchestra of George Hall, featuring Dolly Dawn and the Dawn Patrol, which will play for the prom and also for the final ball Friday night.

The prom, which will be held from ten until twelve in Sbisla Hall, will follow the junior banquet that is scheduled to start at seven. The price of tickets now on sale for both junior activities with a favor included is \$2.75. The dance alone is \$2.00. As in the past, \$2.50 will be the fee for final ball tickets.

The committee in charge decided on leather compacts as favors this year. On each one is a crest of the seal of the college and a scroll with the inscription "Junior Prom, 1941."

Hall's orchestra comes here after the longest engagement on record for any band on one job. George and the boys went to the Taft Hotel in New York in the early thirties and stayed there for eight long years, leaving not on account of diminished popularity but because of offers from theaters and out-of-New York hotels that he couldn't afford to turn down.

Hall is well-known for not letting his personal preferences in music dictate the sort of thing

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Graduating Seniors Must Sign Oaths Of Office by Friday

Oaths of Office must be signed by seniors graduating into the ranks of the Officers Reserve Corps before Friday noon, May 31, Colonel Moore has announced. The oaths must be signed before a graduating senior may receive his commission in the O. R. C.

Brigadier General Walter B. Pyron, Texas National Guard, from Houston, will present the commissions at 8:30 Saturday morning, June 1, in Guion Hall. The Oath of Office will be administered as part of the ceremony.

The attention of all seniors is invited to the fact that, except for students completing the first four prescribed years of a regular five year course, only those students who graduate and receive a diploma may be appointed in the Officers Reserve Corps at this time. Students who satisfactorily complete the prescribed R. O. T. C. course but who fail to graduate, may be appointed one year from the date on which they should have graduated.

Oaths of Office of graduates appointed in the O. R. C. will be signed in Room 101, Academic Building, during the hours from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, and 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 29 and 30, and from 8 a. m. to 12 noon Friday, May 31. No oath can be signed legally before May 29.

Prospective appointees whose graduation is assured should report before noon Friday, May 31, and all others should report as soon as graduation is assured.

Oath of Office cannot be administered nor commission delivered to the individual until he has signed his Oath of Office.

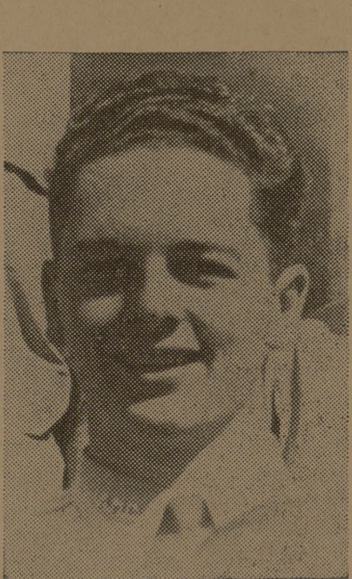
Ex-Students Honor Faculty And Class '40

Monday is the date on which the Association of Former Students honors the teaching staff of the college and members of the 1940 graduating class with the year's biggest picnic, the second annual "Harvest Picnic". The event is given by the Association to celebrate the completion of another year's school work.

Invitations have been mailed to 1,250 guests and Association Secretary E. E. McQuillen requests that all members of the teaching staff and students graduating in June or in the summer be on hand, regardless of whether or not they receive invitations. He explained that this type of mailing list is very difficult to compile.

The affair will be strictly informal and will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p. m. in the formal garden in front of the Administration Building.

Montgomery, Hamilton, Shelton Get Other Offices



Thomas B. (Tom) Richey, junior of C Cavalry from San Benito, has been elected president of the class of '41, to serve next session.

Officers Elected At Orderly, Quiet Meeting Thursday

Six-Semester Men And Classified Seniors Will Be Allowed To Wear Boots

In the quietest and most orderly election ever held by the class of '41, Tom Richey was elected to hold the office of senior class president for next session. Other men elected to office were the following: Howard Shelton, vice-president; Jeff Montgomery, secretary-treasurer; Aubrey Hamilton, historian.

A clear majority of 19 votes over two other opponents put Tom Richey into the president's office. A lower Rio Grande Valley boy from San Benito, Richey is in C Cavalry, and is majoring in Agricultural Administration.

The election results follow:

For President
Tom Richey186
Graham Purcell100
Howard Shea 67

For Vice-President (Runoff)
Howard Shelton217
Joe Slicker149

Also primary candidates were Jack Richmond, Ted Duce, Grover Mushaway.

For Secretary-Treasurer (Runoff)
Jeff Montgomery248
Preston Bolton 91

Also primary candidates were W. B. Sims, George Hardin, Bob Little, Ernest Wehner, Hub Gillespie, Ted Duce.

For Class Historian (Runoff)
Aubrey Hamilton175
R. T. Caperton120

Also primary candidates were Preston Bolton, John Hall, and Joe Braden.

Baptist Church To Honor Behrman At Services Sunday

The College Station Baptist Church will honor Jim Behrman, Baptist student leader, on the campus who will enter medical school this fall, in services at the church Sunday.

Behrman, who is from Longview, is preparing himself for a medical missionary career. He



was captain of K Company Infantry last year, has served as president of the Baptist Student Union Council and has been active in the church program ever since he entered A. & M.

The pastor will speak at the morning service and Behrman will speak at the evening hour. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. and the B. S. U. meeting at 6:45 p. m.

Aggie Spirit Staunch Behind Drive To Aid Badly Injured Cadet

With typical Texas Aggie thoroughness, the drive to raise funds to help Co. A Signal Corps sophomore George Stidham is assured of being a tremendous success as students, college officials and professors, and College Station businessmen cooperate in helping the injured Aggie.

Stidham is the Aggie whose back was broken—split—in an accident just a few days ago.

Jimmy Lane Elected Houston Club Head

The Houston Club held their regular meeting Thursday night for the purpose of electing officers for next year.

The following officers were elected: James R. Lane, President; Clarence Bland, Vice President (Senior); William T. Grisham, Vice President (Junior); Paul O. Egner, Secretary; and A. C. SoRelle, Treasurer.

His mother is dead; and he hasn't seen his father for several years and doesn't know where to locate him.

George has been working his way through college; he is penniless, hasn't had money for any of the luxuries of life. He is faced with a long period in a hospital and the possibility of being crippled for life. He is in the Houston Memorial Hospital, being treated by Dr. J. B. Foster, one of the finest specialists in the South. George'll be there at least three months, in a cast at least five months, and maybe the rest of his life in a steel brace.

And he hasn't the money to pay for any of it, but his life depends on receiving this treatment.

Third Headquarters Battery Field Artillery was the first organization to turn a check over to the Fiscal Office. "We've got \$48.75 here," Bill Henderson and Euel Wesson declared as they

handed in the money for Third Headquarters Battery, "and our battery challenges any other organization to equal our record." Freshmen and sophomores of the organization raised the money and the juniors and seniors will add their donations later. "We're a new organization," freshman Allen Ellerbee said, "and we want to see if some of the older organizations can equal our record."

Headed by yell-leader-elect Buster Keeton and Battalion junior editor George Fuermann, the committee conducting the drive includes businessman S. E. Lipscomb, Professor V. K. "Count" Sugareff, Battalion editor Bill Murray, varsity footballer Ernie Pannell, Graham Purcell, and Allen Ellerbee. At a committee meeting last night it was decided that all money received would be turned in to the College Fiscal Office and kept on deposit there. Persons wishing to make contribu-

tions, who do not live in dormitories or project houses, may do so by giving the money to any committee member or by turning it over directly to the Fiscal Office. First sergeant and project house managers have been asked to turn their money over to the Fiscal Office.

This afternoon at one o'clock a benefit picture show will be held at the Assembly Hall, all proceeds of which will go to the George Stidham Fund. The feature is "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man," starring W. C. Fields, Charlie McCarthy, and others. A second showing will begin at 2:45, and a third will be held if necessary. The cooperation on the part of the Y.M.C.A. gave a tremendous push to the drive. Moving picture operators R. R. Hass and H. C. Herington, together with Fred Gibson, supervisor of the Assembly Hall, offered to donate their time and services Saturday afternoon

to make it possible for the Stidham fund to realize as much as possible from the benefit showings. Only 1,200 persons can be accommodated in the Assembly Hall at one time; when the place is filled cadets are asked to cooperate by waiting until the next showing.

Committeemen explained that it was the hope of the committee that more than enough money could be raised to help Stidham. The surplus will be used to establish a permanent fund for other such purposes if such an undertaking is found feasible. The money that is raised by the drive will be placed in a responsible trusteeship and given to Stidham as the need arises. The chairmen will make the presentation of the first check sometime late next week, at which time they will go to Houston's Memorial Hospital and present the check to Stidham on behalf of the corps.

The enthusiasm and cooperation on the part of the cadet corps was clearly shown at the yell practice held last night.

Keeton and Fuermann have announced that the drive is to close next Thursday night. It is also expected that boxes will be placed at the various College Station drug stores, cafes, and business houses in order to gain further contributions. These boxes will remain at the stores throughout the coming summer and will be placed in the hands of a responsible college official who will collect the funds deposited in them as often as is necessary.

Although the committee was reluctant to say what goal they expected to reach, the chairmen pointed out that \$2,000 was an optimistic expectation.

John O. Pasco, author of the recently published book "Fish Sergeant," announced that five cents of the \$1 purchase price of

every copy of his book would be turned over to the fund.

J. T. Anderson Head Of Agronomy Society

The Agronomy Society has held its last meeting of the year, and elected officers for next term. The officers were inaugurated at a barbecue picnic at Hensel Park on May 16.

Officers of the group elected for next year are: James Anderson, K Infantry, president; John Robinson, A Infantry, vice-president; Howard Warner, F Field Artillery, secretary; Jim Pinson, C Cavalry, parliamentarian; Walter Clark, C Infantry, sergeant-at-arms.

The intercollegiate crops team which made the trip to Kansas City and Chicago in the fall were L. L. Jacobs, E. F. Guiland, C. G. Powell, and C. G. Ward. These members were awarded gold medals.