

"Proceed Without Interruption" Watson Tells Seniors

Football Banquet Set For Friday Night

Dough Rollins Is Toastmaster; Walton Is Program's Speaker

By Dub Oxford
Taking place tomorrow night will be the annual football dinner at which the 1940 grid team will be honored. This affair, which promises to be the highlight of the season, will have as toastmaster, Coach "Dough" Rollins.

For the first time in the history of football banquets, part of the program will be broadcast, going out over radio station WOAI, San Antonio. Handling the program on the air will be Pat Flaherty, sports announcer for that station. The program will be on the air from 9:00 to 9:15 p.m.

President Walton will make the main address, and honored guests will be called on by Toastmaster Rollins for comments and statements. Recognition and presentation of awards by Col. Ike Ashburn, E. J. Howell, Col. F. G. Andrews, and Dough Rollins will then be in order.

Special guests will include Dan Rogers, James Stewart, and Dick Arcade, III, chairman of the entertainment committee for the press (Continued on Page 3)

Manuals Produced Locally Used In Defense Program

Manuals used in the machinist apprentice program throughout the State of Texas produced by E. W. Glenn of the Texas A. & M. college department of industrial education have been adopted for use by classes in the various crafts for national defense, according to E. L. Williams, head of the department.

The manuals are being used now in such classes in Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, Beaumont, Wichita Falls, Monahans and Orange. The available manuals in order of their popularity are Shop Sketching, Layout, Plan Reading and Essentials of Arithmetic. The department of Industrial Education provides the manuals to all schools having use for them at production cost.

Schools also may obtain without cost outlines for courses that are being conducted under the National Defense Program. A new course has been worked out in welding for ship builders, and will be available soon; and work already has started on organizing material for a course to aid in the training of riveters. The outlines for courses now available cover the subjects of machinist workers, automotive workers, radio workers, ship yard workers and electrical workers.

Band and Ross Volunteers Help Inaugurate Pappy-O

By Bob Nisbet
With the Texas Aggie Band and the Ross Volunteers as the official escort, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel was royally inaugurated Tuesday for the beginning of his second term of office.

Program for the day was begun when the Aggie band broke forth into the strains of the Aggie War Hymn and started a parade at 11:00 a.m. up Congress Avenue to the capitol. A radio program by the band in the rotunda of the capitol building and a 30 minute joint concert by the Longhorn Band of the University of Texas and the Aggie Band preceded the actual inaugural ceremonies.

Through an arch of shining sabers presented by Ross Volunteers, and marching to the strains of Hail to the Chief came the Governor at 12:00 noon to take the oath of office and begin the pro-

Project to Consolidate Housing of County Departmental Agencies Pushed

Two officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Joseph Haley, chief of the real estate division of plant operation; and his assistant, T. L. Smith, spent Tuesday at Texas A. & M. College discussing with H. H. Williamson, director of Extension and chairman of the state Land Use Planning committee, a project to consolidate housing of department agencies in counties.

Smith said the project was initiated in Texas at the last meeting of the State Land Use Planning committee. The object is to bring under one roof the several department agencies operating in the counties in order to make it more convenient for the farmers to conduct their business with them. A further objective is to establish an agricultural center where farmers and their families can go "to read agricultural literature and hold meetings without influence of officials."

No Texas counties have yet been designated, but Haley and Smith, who were here only as advisers, said the State Land Use Planning committee would have charge of selecting certain counties within the 12 Texas extension districts, according to location and needs, to serve as models for expansion of the plan.

Smith said that under the current set-up farmers having business with a department agency often are confused in getting in touch with it because locations are scattered. With all grouped in one building his problem would be simplified. He added that it was the intention to proceed slowly.

The two officials expect to return to Texas in late February and assist in discussions in counties chosen by the state committee for the first buildings.

Engineer Off the Press About Jan 29

The second issue of the A. & M. Engineer will be ready for distribution about Jan 29, editor Jeff Montgomery said yesterday.

The central theme of this issue, aeronautical engineering, will be portrayed on the cover and emphasized in articles throughout the issue.

Many illustrations are included in this issue, among which will be a map of the college airport.

As in the last issue, the activities of each engineering club on the campus will be reviewed and new plans will be announced.

ceedings. Guns of Battery C, 132nd Light Field Artillery Regiment from Cleburne, thundered a 19 gun salute and airplanes of the 11th observation Squadron roared overhead to add to the noise and confusion of the occasion.

Then the Governor began to speak. "We must preserve the sacred heritage of the past, to protect our noble land, and defend the rights of men everywhere to be free."

The huge crowd shifted uneasily and moved in the direction of the savory odors coming from the banquet preparations on the lawn in front of the mansion. "Serving will not begin until the Governor's speech is finished", boomed the loudspeaker in front of the mansion.

And the Governor continued. "The Governor of Texas has about as much power in guiding the ship of state as an experienced captain who attempts to cross the

A Dissertation; Which Proves Things Concerning A & M Fish

Three little fish in the itty bitty pool, Swimmin' in the fountain in the middle of the school.

"There's something fishy about the whole thing," officials of the buildings and college utilities department thought when they found 75 small perch in the new fountain in Saunders' Park.

It's a pity that biologists have disproved the theory of abiogenesis and will shake their bewhiskered heads with condescending nods at the slightest mention of spontaneous generation, but no other explanation has been found for the presence of the fish in the fountain.

The fish are temporarily spending their winter vacation in the college hot house, but will be returned to their fountain play-pool in the spring. Their unusual and unexplained presence in the fountain has not only been a mystery but has proved that there is more than one kind of fish on the A. & M. campus.

Robinson Names Rogers, Rosenthal, Gillis Junior Editors

An appointment of junior editors for The Battalion Magazine was announced today by Magazine Editor, A. J. Robinson. Lee Rogers, E. M. Rosenthal, and Tom Gillis were those chosen to aid in the direction of the magazine during the second semester.

The selection was made on the basis of the amount and quality of work done on the magazine throughout the past year. Each of the new junior editors works on The Battalion Newspaper and holds a similar position there.

The positions of junior editor are positions of responsibility and are planned to provide experience and training as background for the magazine editorship of the coming year.

Rosenthal comes from Fort Worth and is a student of agricultural administration. Rogers, who is a student of the same subject, is from Bishop. Gillis, also from Fort Worth, follows a liberal arts course of study. All three students are classed as juniors at A. & M.

42 Seniors Added to Local Reserve Unit

Forty-two more seniors have signed applications to become junior members of the Reserve Officers Association, which brings the total of 416, approximately 100% of the seniors with advanced contracts, local president R. L. Elkins said yesterday.

Because a large number of seniors did not receive or cash their subsistence checks last Friday, the payment of R.O.A. dues was not completed. However, the regimental commanders will collect the 75¢ dues from those who did not complete registration. Applications are still being received Elkins said.

A "get-acquainted" meeting is planned by the Brazos County Chapter of the R.O.A. for the new members and will be announced in the near future.

Asks Normalcy



Lieut.-Col. J. A. Watson

Here Is Complete Text of Watson's Address to Seniors

Editor's Note: The following is the complete address made by Lieut.-Col. James A. Watson, commandant, last night in Guion Hall to 550 seniors who will receive commissions as second lieutenants in the Officers Reserve Corps next June.

The address is considered by The Battalion's editors as particularly significant in view of the current national defense situation.

I have called you together to inform you at first hand of some of my own ideas, the policies of the Military Department, and advice and recommendations that may be of aid to you.

The majority of you will be commissioned in June as 2d Lieutenants of your respective branches in the Officers Reserve Corps. As such you will be subject to call to active duty by the Federal Government. I believe that I thoroughly realize what is uppermost in the minds of most of you, that is the approximate date or imminence of that call. That, I do not know. Many men say that they would like to know in order that they may be advised as to seeking for or accepting employment. I believe that you should proceed in these matters without respect to any existence of emergency. Why not? If the Government requires your service you will be called and placed on active duty regardless of employment, but you may not be required for months or even a year. That depends entirely upon the military situation. Meanwhile, you must take advantage of your opportunities for employment or the pursuit of your professional career as they occur. If you are called to duty you certainly have not lost anything by your efforts.

The same philosophy must apply in the pursuit of your education. There has been a question in the minds of some who will complete their R. O. T. C. training this year but who will not graduate from College as to whether or not they will be commissioned and made subject to active duty prior to such graduation. The policy of the College is that they will not, and this will not be departed from unless the National Emergency requires such action. This will permit you (Continued on Page 4)

Cadets Advised to Continue Job-Hunting As Under Normal Conditions

A & M Military Staff Gutted As War Department Relieves Nine Officers of Local Posts; Bender Relieved at NTAC

By George Fuermann

Keynoting A. & M.'s policy of cooperation with the current national defense program, Lieut.-Col. James A. Watson, A. & M. commandant, addressed the 550 cadet officers Wednesday afternoon in what amounted to an unprecedented move at the college.

"Continue, without interruption, whatever lines of endeavor you are now pursuing," he advised the seniors, all of whom will receive commissions as second lieutenants in the Officers Reserve Corps next June.

In an effort to halt a movement on the part of several hundred cadets who are making no after-graduation plans on the basis of an immediate call to service June 1 or earlier, Col. Watson delivered his brief and impressive address to the assembled cadets and more than 200 civilians in Guion Hall.

"Uppermost in the minds of most of you," he said, "is the approximate date of your call to service. I realize that this consideration is influencing you men in searching for and accepting employment after graduation.

"It is my belief," he went on, "that you should proceed in these matters without respect to any existence of emergency. Your call to service depends entirely upon the military situation . . . and it may not come for months, or even a year.

"You are being fitted to serve the government as Army officers in case of emergency, but without the existence of such, the pursuit of your careers as business men, agriculturists and professional men is vital to the nation. Let's go on with our work in all channels and in that way prepare for any eventuality without loss of time or opportunity."

Col. Watson continued with an outline of the cadets' responsibilities as embryo Army officers.

"As the time for your active duty draws near," he said, "you are probably concerned with how you can best fit yourselves for the as- (Continued on Page 4)

"Officers Guide" Includes 3 Pics Of A & M Units

Three recent photographs of cadets participating in military activities on the A. & M. campus appear in a military publication which has just been copyrighted and released. The publication is the "Officers Guide," fourth edition, Howard Berry, Experiment Station photographer, took the shots during the first part of the semester.

"The Officers Guide" is intended to be used by officers as a reference for military customs and procedure followed within the army as they pertain to commissioned officers. It is published by the Military Science Publishing Company at Harrisburg, Pa., and copyrighted January, 1941.

All three of the pictures used in illustrating a chapter on the Reserve Officers Training Corps. One of the shots shows a field artillery battery going through standing drill. The cadets pictured have on the cotton khaki slacks worn at the first part of the semester.

Another shot is of a latest model three-inch anti-aircraft gun used by the coast artillery. It was taken Military Day on the old Parade ground when the equipment was on display last November. The gun is surrounded by cadets and regulars who are explaining its operation.

The famous Aggie Band appears in the third shot as a typical ROTC band. The band is formed in the shape of the "T" which was used at several games this year. The picture was taken before the Rice game.

The pictures published are three of a group sent to the publisher by Berry at the request of the War Department.

Berry's pictures are the only pictures included in the publication which were taken on a college campus.

Vacancies Exist In Advanced CAA Training Program

A. & M.'s quota of secondary flight trainees in the CAA training program has not yet been filled, Howard W. Barlow, coordinator of the CAA flight training and head of the department of aeronautical engineering announced yesterday.

The original announcement that this program would be given at A. & M. college in the spring semester was made last week. Although a number of applications have been received to date, there are still openings for all those who are interested in going further with their flight training.

Candidates for the course must hold a private pilot's license obtained through the CAA primary flight training program. According to information received recently the Civil Aeronautics Administration is decreasing the number of colleges giving this secondary training and is endeavoring to concentrate the work in a few outstanding institutions. A. & M. College has been selected by the CAA as one of the colleges which is particularly qualified to handle this work.

The secondary flight training program is an intermediate stage of pilot training which fills in the gap between the private pilot license and the commercial pilot license.

Plans Nearing Completion for Annual Fish Ball

A meeting of the freshman class representatives was held Wednesday night in the physics lecture room for the purpose of discussing plans for the coming Freshman Ball on Feb. 15.

Very few ticket sales have been made as yet and president T. S. Parker said that a check-up will have to be made Sunday, 26, to see whether or not the required three hundred tickets have been sold. It is necessary to sell 300 tickets in advance to cover the cost of the dance, Parker said.

Sbisa Hall has been procured and the Aggieband Orchestra is being considered to play for the dance, but as yet nothing definite has been decided.

Dean F. C. Bolton has vetoed the proposed invitation to the freshmen at the Texas State College for Women. Housing must still be found for the dates of the Aggie freshmen.

It has been proposed that Walton Hall be evacuated to accommodate the visiting girls, but final approval has not been given by Dean Bolton and Engineer Regiment company commanders yet.

Just One Bee Sting Wouldn't Prove A Thing - Even for Science

By D. C. Thurman

For the sake of science I'd do it. Yes, for the sake of science I'd let a bee sting me—even two bees. Everybody wouldn't do it, but I would.

Full of resolve and a deep sense of martyrdom, I reported promptly to V. A. Little's beekeeping class, entomology 308. We were going to have lab work at the apiary that afternoon.

Now beekeepers have a theory that if you remove a bee sting immediately after you are stung that the pain will be much less than if the sting is allowed to remain for a few minutes.

A study of the bee's sting shows that it is made up of a pair of sliding lances which have a bulbous attachment or poison sac. When the bee stings he looses all this apparatus and the lancets keep sliding back and forth while the bulb pumps in more poison.

When we arrived at the apiary we found the bees unusually active

for this time of the year. From the back end of the car we took a pair of scales and set them up. No sooner had we done so than one hive took offense and scattered the laboratory students right and left.

Rather nervously I set about catching my two bees. I wanted one for each hand—one sting I would pull out the other I would leave in my hand so that the tink poison bulb could get in its venomous work.

I finally coaxed two to come my way, but decided one wasn't potent enough, (looked frozen), so I threw him away and Little caught a third bee for me.

But wait—the story isn't finished yet.

On the way back to college both bees got out of their vials and commenced climbing on the window panes. After a few painful minutes I returned them to the vial but unfortunately one had lost his sting, though not on me. My beautiful experiment was ruined.

What would one bee sting prove?