

Navy Wants Engineering Grads As Reserve Officers

Ship Building Program Is Cause For Big Expansion

The Navy Department, because of its extensive ship building program, is instituting measures to procure a number of this year's college graduates, according to a communication from the War Department received recently by Colonel J. A. Watson.

The graduates sought by the Navy Department are mainly from engineering courses. They will be commissioned as officers in the Naval Reserve Corps.

According to the letter, students enrolled in the R.O.T.C. are not especially desired. The Navy Department is more concerned with obtaining men with the necessary academic and technical training to suit their purposes. However, Army R.O.T.C. students will not be excluded from consideration.

Navy Department representatives will probably visit the campus sometime this year to interview students interested in the Navy.

College Cattle To Be Shipped to Houston on Feb 4

Entries from the college in the cattle division of the Houston Fat Stock Show will be shipped by rail to Houston, Tuesday, February 4, and will be entered in the open competition classes, T. H. Stewart, beef cattle herdsman for the Animal Husbandry Department, announced yesterday.

Stewart will manage all the cattle sent from the college and according to him, the cattle will be in the peak of condition and should make a creditable showing at the show this year. The herd is composed of four Hereford steers, four Shorthorn steers, one Angus steer, one Angus bull, one Angus heifer, two Shorthorn heifers, and one Shorthorn bull.

Some of this stock will be sold in Houston; however, most of them will be brought back and fed until the Fort Worth Show at which time they will also be shown there and sold to the highest bidder.

L. J. Christian will be the manager of the swine sent from the swine division. The swine will be shipped Feb. 4 and judged Feb. 6. They will be entered in two classes: light weights, 170 lbs.-221 lbs. and heavy weights, 221 lbs.-300 lbs. However, they will be judged individually and also as pens of three barrows each. Christian is entering 21 swine which consist of six Hampshires, six Duroc Jerseys, six Poland Chinas, and three Berkshires.

E. M. Regenbrecht, swine specialist from the Extension Service, will judge the swine and Fred Hale, chief of the Swine Division at the Experiment Station, will be the superintendent of the swine show.

From the Sheep Division, J. T. Todd, as manager, will show a Rambouillet flock and a De Laine Merino flock. Todd is also showing three Rambouillet withers, three cross-bred withers and a carload of Rambouillet withers. The withers will be sold at the show. J. M. Jones, chief of the Swine division at the Experiment Station, will be the sheep judge at the show.

Battalion Editors Edit Texan Monday

Completing the swap-out of editors with The Daily Texan, Bob Nisbet and George Fuermann will journey to Austin Monday to edit the Tuesday edition of that publication.

This event was predicated by Editor Boyd Sinclair and Associate Editor Jack Dolph of The Daily Texan appearing as guests of The Battalion staff January 17.

Exchanging editorships as a means of promoting good will was the idea behind the event, and the visit to Austin by The Battalion editors is the final act.

Architects' Ball Will Feature Gauchos and Senioritas

Daring gauchos and fair senioritas will appear from the depths of the night on February 14, to attend the annual costume ball of the Architectural Society in Sbis Hall. The Society has chosen "Pan American" for its theme this year, to add color and zest to the ball, and their guests from many of the South and Central American countries now residing in Dallas, Houston, and other Texas cities, have been invited to attend. Ex-Aggies and several practicing architects over the state are expected to join the swing of the "Pan American Way." Carmen Miranda, famed exponent of South American swing will also be invited to the ball.

Native music will be furnished the ball by Ed Gerlach, a former architectural student at A. & M., and his orchestra.

Arrangements are being handled by members of the Junior Design Class of the Architecture Department. Committee chairmen are: Marion Lyle, music; Louis Tregre, decorations; William Pena, advertising; Joe Bill Pierce, publicity; and Preston Bolton, invitations.

LaVere Brooks, club president, and Sid Lord, general chairman of arrangements, have announced that a limited number of tickets will be available to non-members.

Brooks to Replace Molyneux In RS Dept Position

Melvin P. Brooks of the University of Wisconsin will replace John Lambert Molyneux as assistant professor in the Rural Sociology Department beginning next semester.

Brooks will teach undergraduate courses in general sociology and rural organization. He will also teach a course in rural social work.

Brooks received his B. A. degree from Washington State Agricultural College, his M. A. degree from Iowa State College, and he has completed work for a Ph. D. degree at the University of Wisconsin. He was an assistant instructor of graduate work in rural sociology at both Iowa State College and the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Freeman to Take Position at University of Florida

Dr. T. R. Freeman, professor of dairy husbandry, will leave A. & M. at the end of this semester to take a similar position in the University of Florida. He will be replaced here by Dr. W. S. Arbuckle, research technician in the dairy laboratory of the University of Missouri.

The state of Florida is working on a problem of preserving and storing dairy products during the low production season. Dr. Freeman's new duty will be to supervise the activity of this experiment.

Receiving his Ph.D. degree at Pennsylvania State in 1937, Freeman came to A. & M. in the fall of that year as a full time instructor in the Department of Dairy Husbandry.

Ele Baggett Released From San Angelo Hospital

Ele Baggett, editor of the 1941 Longhorn, who shot himself in the knee while hunting during the Christmas holidays, was dismissed last week from the San Angelo Clinic Hospital.

He is expected to return to A. & M. about Feb. 5, although it is not known whether or not he will enroll for the second semester.

Watson Talks to Honorees

Meet Is to Prepare Seniors For Rigid Exams

Thirty-one honor graduate seniors, who received applications or commissions in the regular army last month, met with Col. J. A. Watson yesterday afternoon in preparing for the final examination to be given them by a board of regular army officers on February 17, 1941.

Col. Watson called the caucus of the prospective army officers merely as a means of preparing them for the rigid mental and physical tests to which they will be submitted. "These students will have to undergo the strictest type of exam in February, so we might find it profitable to orientate them now to the kind of questions which they will have to answer two weeks from now," said the Commandant.

The board of army officers in charge of examinations at College Station will be composed of Major Richard G. Babbitt, 9th Infantry; Captain William H. Bertsch, Jr., 38th Field Artillery; Captain Walter L. Peterson, Medical Corps, and Captain Fred W. Seymour, Medical Corps. Those students selected by this commission will receive commissions as second lieutenants in the regular army upon their graduation this June.

To be eligible for application at this time the student has to be at least 21 years of age, a graduate in June, and have at least a 2.25 grade point average.

Those seniors who applied are as follows: William J. Montgomery, Tom D. Harris, Jr., Ernest L. Wehner, Robert A. Lynch, Joe W. McCrary, Keith W. Dahl, William A. Becker, Thomas D. Hill, Gabe D. Anderson, Jr., Robert S. Hoff, James P. Giles, Jr., Paul G. Haines, Tommy C. Davis, John L. Zerr, Johnnie M. Dixon, James R. Puekett, George C. Taylor, Hubert W. Gillespie, Jr., Aubrey V. Hamilton, Frank A. Loving, George P. Townsend, Lynn H. Grassoff, Howard W. Shea, Ralph B. Hartgraves, Will A. Ransom, Jr., Andrew S. Downs, David S. Angell, Harold L. Hausmann, James H. Shelton, Ernest Schott and Edwin H. Ivey, Jr.

President T. O. Walton and Col. Watson selected 50 of the top ranking seniors in military science and academic work last December, and these 50 were sent application blanks. Of the 50 selected, 31 returned the applications filled out, signifying that they desired an opportunity to become a regular army officer this June.

As yet, plans are incomplete as to the entertainment which will be provided for the visiting board of officers who will be on the campus for one day.

Winners of Wildlife Contest to Leave Soon on Tour

A. F. Halloran, Pierce Uzzell, Shirl Coleman, winners of the Wildlife contest will leave soon on a tour awarded them by Fish and Game club.

Halloran, a graduate student was picked on his grade-points, his familiarity with literature on birds, fish and plants and a written paper based on acceptability for its publication in some journal. Uzzell was selected by the same rating and according to his service for the Fish and Game Club and other organizations.

Since no juniors qualified, Coleman, a graduate student was chosen on the same rating as a senior except for the paper and a test on knowledge of birds, animals and fish.

These boys are to go to different places in the United States. It has not been definitely decided as to where each will go; however a meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists in Chicago and the North American Wildlife Conference Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, will probably be among the places they will go.

College to Take Active Part in National Defense Week Program



Littlefield Ballet Troupe Is Made Up Entirely of Young American Artists

The Littlefield Ballet, which will appear at A. & M. on February 12, will be the first artist group to enjoy the beautiful new curtain and cyclorama that have only recently been installed in Guion Hall. It will indeed offer a proper setting for the beautiful costumes and dancing of the ballet.

According to Paul Haines, student Town Hall manager, this is the first time that Town Hall has brought a ballet ensemble of this type to A. & M., and will probably be the first opportunity for many to see a dancing group such as this.

The Littlefield Ballet, led and directed by Miss Cathrine Littlefield, proves the oft disputed point that ballet, too, can be American. "Americans," says Miss Littlefield, "are the best dancers in the world." The entire personnel of the Littlefield Ballet is American born.

In commenting on the Littlefield Ballet, Arnold Haskell, the world's foremost authority on ballet, had this to say. "Catherine Littlefield, the charming leader of the ballet, is a very remarkable woman—her whole method of setting about things proves that. She has realized that young American venture needs young American artists, and, instead of buying up some names discovered by others, she has decided to discover for herself. The first name that she has made has been her own. The dancers of this ballet were naturally pretty, musical, and well built, and their timing was on an exceptionally high level. Catherine Littlefield herself is indeed a dancer of charm, intelligence, and a strong personality."

Dies Is Guest Preacher Sunday At St. Thomas Chapel

The Rev. Frederick G. Dies, DD., Executive Secretary of the Diocese of Texas, will be the guest preacher at St. Thomas Chapel this Sunday at the 10:45 a. m. Service.

Dr. Dies, who was a missionary in China for over fifteen years and who has traveled all over the world, came to Texas over a year ago from the Diocese of Chicago where he has been serving as Archdeacon.

The Rev. Roscoe Hauser Jr., Student Chaplain of the Chapel, will return from Washington this week and regular services will be resumed on Sunday, February 9th.

Billiard Champion To Perform at "Y"

Another sport feature, exclusive of the program set up by the Athletic Department will be the fourth visit of Charles Peterson, national billiard champion.

He will come to College Station Wednesday, February 12, for a public demonstration. The showing will be free of charge and will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Chapel.

Peterson comes to College Station under the auspices of the National Association of College Unions.

Mothers' Clubs Make Substantial Donations to Fund

The Dallas A. & M. Mothers' Club, the San Angelo A. & M. Mothers' Club, and the Fort Worth A. & M. Mothers' Club, in keeping with their past policies, recently made donations to the Library General Reading Fund. They contributed \$85, \$50, and \$25 respectively. The donations by the Dallas club and the San Angelo Club brings their total contributions for the year to \$100 each.

These contributions and others received throughout the year will be spent for good fiction and non-fiction books to be selected by a committee of students. Many valuable additions to the library have been made from this fund in the past three years.

The Library General Reading Fund was started by The Battalion in 1938 to supplement the limited amount of money appropriated by the legislature for this type of books. Since that time, a large number of mothers' clubs and students have made donations.

It's Cotton And Corn Season In The Greenhouse

The fact that cotton is opening and corn is tassel in mid-winter at College Station may be doubted by those that have not seen it. What might appear to be a Ripley's "believe-it-or-not" story becomes only ordinary, however, when you find that the cotton and corn is sheltered in a glass greenhouse where the climate is the same every month in the year.

The greenhouse is located directly behind the Experiment Station here on the campus and the cotton and corn is being used for experimental purposes.

School Purchases New Shop Equipment

Among the recent advances made by the A. & M. Consolidated school is the purchase of equipment for a woodworking shop. Some of the equipment was acquired from the A. & M. shops, but the Consolidated school purchased mostly new equipment.

Among the power tools are a hand saw, a jointer, a jig saw, a circular saw, two wood lathes, a metal lathe, and other equipment including numerous hand tools. Many things are being made by the shop students from woods of gum, walnut, and pine; also plywood is used.

The instructor is J. R. Badgett. Practice teachers from the college shops also help out in the shop work. A course in mechanical drawing is now being offered in connection with the shop.

Special Features Added to Make Group Hospitalization Plan More Attractive

Applications to join the Group Hospitalization Plan will be accepted until February 24, without any medical examination required of the applicant. After that date all new members will be charged the regular dues of \$7 for his semi-annual payment and will be required to take a physical examination.

The organization is designed to protect its members in three different ways. Bills are paid for hospitalization of members up to 70 days; special hospital services up to \$25 for any one accident or sickness; for all surgeon's bills for any surgical operation up to \$150.

In order to make it more convenient for the policy-holders the following special features have been added: (1) no questions regarding the physical condition or medical history is required; (2) the applicant selects his own hospital

Committee Named To Plan A & M's Part In Program

Review of Cadet Corps, Mass Meeting In Kyle Stadium May Be Features

Texas A. & M. college, in cognizance of the fact that it is the world's largest all-male military institution, will take a salient part in the nation's observance of National Defense Week, Feb. 12 to 22, Col. Ike Ashburn, executive assistant to President T. O. Walton stated Friday morning.

At a request coming from members of the cadet corps for such an observance, President Walton appointed a joint student-faculty committee Wednesday afternoon to make plans for the event.

Committeemen include Cadet Colonel W. A. Becker, Kaufman, Cadet Lt.-Col. Paul G. Haines, Bryan; Battalion Editor Bob Nisbet, Bryan; Battalion Associate Editor George Fuermann, Houston; Senior Class President Tom B. Richey, San Antonio; Band Major E. L. Wehner, Del Rio; R. L. Elkins, president of the local chapter of the Officers Reserve Corps; Lt. Joe E. Davis, assistant commandant, E. J. Howell, registrar and past state president of the O. R. A.; and Col. Ashburn, chairman of the committee.

The committee's first meeting will be held in Col. Ashburn's office, Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 4 p.m.

At that time a program for the college's part in National Defense Week events will be worked out. The program will include among other things, a review of the cadet corps and a mass meeting of the corps in Kyle Stadium, Col. Ashburn said.

It is expected that the college and the local branch of the O.R.A. will cooperate in A. & M.'s part in this program.

Col. Ashburn pointed out that probably the committee would set aside two or three days during National Defense Week to conduct the program.

One committee member declared that A. & M.'s program would be one of the most ambitious in the state.

Poultry Farm Undergoes Several Improvements This Year

The A. & M. poultry farm has undergone many improvements this fiscal year in the rebuilding and landscaping program which was started early in the school year.

All of the breeder houses and other buildings have been rebuilt and painted. The driveway has been enlarged and graveled and landscaping has been done at the main entrance of the farm.

Prof. D. H. Heid, head of the poultry husbandry department, has acted as supervisor of the work. N. Y. A. boys have been used to do most of the labor.