

## Ex-Student Killed in Auto Wreck

### Three Students Also Injured When Automobiles Collide

A former resident of College Station and ex-student of A. & M., Eldridge McCall, was killed about 1:08 a.m. Sunday morning in an automobile collision midway between Somerville and Lyons on Highway 36. Also injured in the wreck were three students of A. & M., J. H. English and D. S. White of Gatesville and John W. Brumbelow of Moody.

A coupe driven by McCall and carrying English, White, and Brumbelow collided with a coach driven by Frank Sebesta of Caldwell, with Henry Adamek of Snook as a passenger. Sebesta and Adamek escaped injury except a few slight scratches and bruises.

Because a watch on the person of McCall stopped at 1:08, it was concluded that that was the time of the wreck. McCall, English, White, and Brumbelow were carried to the Sarah B. Milroy Hospital at Brenham by an ambulance of the Woods funeral home of Somerville. McCall died soon after reaching the hospital.

Eldridge McCall was the son of L. J. McCall, a resident of College Station and Farm Superintendent at the Feeding and Breeding Station. Eldridge graduated from Stephen F. Austin high school in 1936 and attended a junior college for a year. While at A. & M. he studied in the industrial engineering department for two years, after which he accepted a job teaching manual shop training in the Tomball High School. He had been at this position since last summer.

## Four Ex-Aggies Receive Praise From Air School

Four ex-Aggies, Jack H. Rudy, Anthony Tirk, Jr., Dan E. Kelly and James M. Parker Jr. received commendation recently from the Air Corps Training Detachment, Ryan School of Aeronautics at Lindbergh Field, San Diego, California.

Merrill H. Carlton, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps Public Relations Office, said that Parker, Rudy, and Tirk had all been selected Flying Cadet Corporals of their classes and that Kelly had been selected as Flying Platoon Sergeant.

Carlton said that these men were selected because "our flying cadet officers must possess that quality so necessary to carry on the esprit de corps and furnish the military background for the lowerclassmen under supervision of the Air Corps Supervision."

### Sophomores, Juniors Wanted on Adv. Staff

All sophomores and juniors who would like to work on The Battalion advertising staff may inquire at the Student Publications office, The Battalion office or see Keith Hubbard in Room 37, Law Hall, Hubbard announced today.

## As Architects Rhumbacated



Spanish-flavored festivities at the annual Architect's Ball last Friday night in Sbisahall. Reading in the usual order, "Tourista" Joe Bourn, Dallas, and Clarence Hall, Marshall, try to interest Senorita Mary Catherine Watson in a buggy ride; and Louis Tregre, Baton Rouge, La., receives a murderous thrust in the solar plexus from Paco Ruiz, Tampico, Mexico. —Photo by Phil Golman

## Brotherhood Week Is To Be Observed February 27

### Fourth Annual Sophomore Ball Scheduled For Night of February 27; Ed Gerlach's Orchestra

#### Bus Load Of TSCW Girls Will Be On Hand For Occasion

The fourth consecutive annual Sophomore Ball will be held from nine until twelve Friday night, February 21, at Sbisahall with Ed Gerlach and his Houstonians playing.

There will probably be a special bus from T.S.C.W. with dates for the dance. There are still a few girls who will come on this bus for whom dates have not been arranged so that any sophomore who wishes to make a date see Ed Gordon, Room 106, Dorm 5; Maurice Harrington, Room 107, Dorm 5 or Jack Miller of "C" Cavalry, Billy Bryant, sophomore class president, announced.

The first four ramps of Law Hall will be vacated for the girls to stay in over the weekend. Rooms may be arranged for through the Commandant's office any time this week. The charge for a room for both Friday and Saturday nights is fifty cents.

Tickets for those sophomores who failed to buy them this past week may be purchased at the door Friday night for \$1.10.

Special guests who are invited include the senior class, the President, deans, and other college officials, and all army officers on duty at the College.

### Managing Editor Of Longhorn Stricken Ill to Carry on Jinx

By E. M. Rosenthal

There seems to be some doubt as to the fact that there will be a 1941 Longhorn published, at least this is the feeling which can be noticed in the picture cluttered office of the Texas A. & M. annual office. All the junior and senior editors and other workers on the Longhorn are walking around in a fog during the day and are afraid to fall asleep at night for fear they will be the next caught by the evil spirit which seems to haunt their every move.

First there was Bill Becker who was elected to head the publication this year, but by some stroke of fate he was forced to resign in order to become Cadet Colonel. The other editors now feel that their nemesis or haunting spirit was kind to Bill and didn't wish to harm him so she saw that he got this other position.

Second came Ele Baggett who was selected to fill the vacancy left by Becker. However, he had no sooner gotten into the deep (Continued on Page 4)

### Houston Mothers Club Plans Dance During RV Holidays

The Houston and Harris County A. & M. Mothers' Club plans to hold a dance for the Houston and Harris County students during the R.V. holidays. Mrs. Joe Spiller of Houston, president of the club, is acting as entertainment chairman of the club.

The club sponsored another social event Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. when the annual cooky shower was held in Sbisahall. Music for this occasion was furnished by an 11-piece all-girl orchestra from Houston. Approximately 500 persons attended the shower. C. J. Bland, vice president of the club, presided at the affair because of the absence of the president, James R. Lane, who was called out of town to attend the funeral of the father of Paul Egner, secretary of the club.

Many Houston A. & M. mothers were present at the party who made a special trip from Houston. The shower was the largest in the history of the club.

### Team of Interfaith Speakers To Discuss Nat'l Unity Theme

National Unity will be the theme of the A. & M. college observance of nation-wide Brotherhood Week to be held Thursday night, February 27.

Featuring the program, a team of interfaith speakers will discuss this theme. They will be introduced by Hastings Harrison, regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The team members are Dr. Jasper Manton, who will speak on "Possibilities and Limitations of an Interfaith Movement"; Rabbi Raphael Gold, "What is the Gentlemen's Agreement of the United States of America?" and the Very Rev. James M. Kirwin, "Struggle for Religious Liberty in America." Chairman of the meeting will be Alfred C. Paine.

Dr. Manton is pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, and holds degrees from the Theological Seminary of Chicago and the University of Chicago. He is moderator of the synod of Texas of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. He was charter member of the Sherman Rotary club and is a member of the board of trustees of Trinity University.

Dr. Gold, who holds a doctor of medicine degree, has also studied in rabbinic academies of Europe and was ordained in 1916 after completing his study at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. (Continued on Page 4)

## Dallas Girl Named A&M Duchess of Bluebonnet Fete

### Water Works, Sewage School Opens This Week

Registration Began Monday; Approximately 300 Expected To Attend

Registration for the Twenty-Third Annual Water Works and Sewerage Short School began on Monday of this week in the lobby of the Y.M.C.A. The school is under the direction of Prof. E. W. Steel of A. & M. and will continue throughout the week with many conferences and lectures of interest to water and sewerage plant operators throughout the state.

About 200 persons have registered for the course and by the end of the five-day session approximately 300 persons are expected to be attending the meetings. The short course is divided into three sections: a water superintendents section, under the direction of Roy Matthews of Albany, Texas; a sewerage section, directed by Engineer W. D. Staples, city-county health unit of Bryan, Texas; and a laboratory section, under the supervision of Dr. C. H. Connell and Irving M. Dietz of the Department of Municipal and Sanitary Engineering at A. & M. The laboratory section will meet in various laboratories of the Municipal and Sanitary Engineering Department and the Chemistry Department, where the enrollees will actually make analyses of water and sewerage.

The short course will hold its annual banquet in the College Mess Hall on Thursday night. Engineer D. B. Dickson, President of the Texas Division, Southwest Section A.W.W.A. will preside at the meeting.

### Woodpecker Menaces Browning Collection At Baylor University

A bull in a china shop hardly could have been worse.

For no woodpecker ever had a choicer selection of furniture to tempt his hammering bill than the sturdy little bird which somehow got into the \$500,000 Robert Browning collection of the Baylor University library.

There he was, perched atop one of the eight \$1500 solid mahogany book cases, when library attendants arrived for work. With a shriek, one co-ed spied him, then ran for help.

From chandelier to bookcases to picture frames to chairs and tables, and then back again the chase went on. Once the bird, capable of getting some nasty whacks at fragile art objects in the room, alighted on Italian altar pieces, and again he stopped momentarily on the hand carved frame of a noted Barrett Browning portrait which has been exhibited in Paris and London.

Each time the mop-brigade kept the woodpecker on the go.

At 2 p. m., the invader was captured—he collapsed behind a music case.

### Ross Volunteers Will Have Major Part in Function

Miss Floylee Hunter of Dallas, a Hockaday senior, has been selected to represent the A. & M. cadet corps as its duchess at the elaborate Texas Bluebonnet Festival to be held in Navasota March 28 to 30.

Miss Hunter will be escorted by George Mueller, A. & M. Senior from Dallas.

Each year the Texas Bluebonnet festival requests The Battalion's editors to serve as a committee to select A. & M.'s duchess. Miss Hunter was selected on the basis of her recent election to the Vanity Fair section of The Longhorn by Cecil B. deMille.

As is customary, she selected her own escort.

Miss Audrey Louise Jones, granddaughter of Jesse H. Jones, secretary of commerce, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tilford Jones of Houston, will be crowned queen of the event.

"I'm too excited to say anything now," was Miss Hunter's only comment when notified of her selection.

Last year's duchess from A. & M. was Miss Daphne Salois, also of Dallas, who was escorted by J. M. Sharp.

As is customary, the Ross Volunteers will play a major part in the three-day event. The Ross Volunteers will act as official escorts for the queen's court in which Miss Hunter will take part.

## Civil Service Announces List Of Student Jobs

### Therapy Aides, Library Assistants, Dieticians, Translators Are Sought

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that applications will be received for the positions listed below. Applications must be on file at the Commission's Washington office not later than the closing dates given below. The first date in each case refers to applications received from States east of Colorado, and the second to those received from Colorado and States westward. The salary in each case is subject to a 3 1/2 percent retirement deduction. The age limits do not apply to veterans receiving veteran preference, up to the retirement age.

Occupational therapy aid, junior occupational therapy aide, recreational aide, \$1,800, \$1,620, and \$1,800 a year, respectively. Optional branches for the occupational therapy aide positions are: (1) Arts and crafts, (2) trades and industries, and (3) gardening. Applicants will be rated on their education and experience. They will not be given a written test, except those who are given a general test in lieu of high-school education. They must not have passed their (Continued on Page 4)

## Aggieland Selected To Play For Cotton Ball and Style Show

The Aggieband Orchestra has again been selected for the eighth consecutive year to play for the Agronomy Society's annual Cotton Ball and Style Show on the night of May 2. The agreement was made yesterday between Johnny Robinson, manager of the Cotton Ball, and Tommy Littlejohn, the Aggieband's leader.

According to the agreement, Littlejohn and his orchestra will play for the style show at the big gym from 8 o'clock until the show is over, which will be around nine thirty, and then will go to Sbisahall to play for the ball from ten till two.

Robinson said the reason the Society again chose the Aggieband was that the orchestra had gone over so well in the past.

## Texas Aggies Swell Ranks of Uncle Sam's Air Corps



Largest class of flying cadets ever to complete their basic flight training at Randolph Field, Texas, graduated from the "West Point of the Air" during Christmas week. Two hundred eighty future pilots of the expanding air corps including four former students from Texas A. & M. College were transferred to the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field for a final ten weeks instruction before receiving their wings and commission as Second Lieutenants.

W. L. Evans, W. C. Milton, C. A. Montgomery, M. Word, J. I. Hopkins, W. C. Willes, Jr., W. B. Hendrick, H. P. Hardegree, J. B. Harshey, V. C. Denton, D. E. Braswell, J. J. Keeter Jr., listed in order of their respective pictures, above, were among the 12,000 new Air Corps officers to be added to the newest branch of national defense during the coming year.

Classes start training every five weeks under the accelerated training schedule that transforms young

college men between 20 and 27 into full-fledged military aviators in thirty-five weeks. Sixty-five hours flying time on primary training planes prepares them for the second phase of training either at Randolph Field or one of two other basic flight schools.

More than 350 low wing monoplanes with a top speed of 175 miles an hour are in daily use at Randolph Field alone where 4200 Cadets will be trained this year. Seventy hours additional flying

time is logged during the secondary phase of training, much of it at night or under the instrument flying hood.

An innovation in the general Air Corps training program was announced recently. In addition to training fliers, 3600 aerial navigators and bombardiers will be turned out during each calendar year. These graduates will receive the same pay as a Flying Cadet during training, \$75 per month, in addition to quarters and food. They

will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants as will the pilots. Pay of the navigation officers and bombardiers will be the same as for pilots, \$205 per month plus quarters.

Certain selected college men with a technical education will get a nine month's course in engineering and airplane and engine maintenance. Physical requirements are high, it was pointed out, but not as high as for those applying for pilot training.

Three Flying Cadets from A. & M. College of Texas soon will be wearing Air Corps wings. They are among the 335 future pilots of the army air arm who are scheduled to complete their basic flight training at Randolph Field Texas, the "West Point of the Air," on February 7.

They include Flying Cadets: James R. Griffin, Blooming Grove, Tex., '40, B.S.; McGehee Word, Alice, Tex., '38, B.S.; Joe Williamson, Edinburg, Texas, '36-37.