

Sophomores Will Be Given ROTC Contracts in May Senate Amends Bill; Reduces Dormitories from Six to Four

New Office Building Is Also Provided For

Bill Must Go Before Conference Committee for Approval

A bill authorizing construction of four new dormitories was passed by the Texas Senate Wednesday, according to information received here from Senator J. Alton York of Bryan.

Included in the bill were provisions for an office building and extensions to the light and power plant. The bill was passed unanimously by the Senate.

The bill authorizing the construction of the dormitories originally provided for six, but an amendment reducing the number to four was made by Senator York. The amendment was made at the request of the legislative committee of the Board of Directors consisting of E. J. Kiest and Joe Utay, Dallas, A. H. Demke, Stephenville, and R. W. Briggs, San Antonio. Immediate needs of the college are for four dormitories, and Senator York's amendment was made.

The dormitory and office building bill passed by the Senate will go to a conference committee in order to get one bill satisfactory for passage through both houses. It is considered probable by Senator York that the Senate bill will (Continued on Page 3)

New Defense Training Course To Start April 15

Another of the intensive training courses in the interests of national defense will be offered at A. & M. April 15 and continue for 12 weeks, according to an announcement made here by J. T. L. McNew, head of the college's civil engineering department and institutional representative for engineering defense training.

The instruction in the course, called structural drafting, is designed to train men for the position of draftsman in industry and qualify them for similar positions under federal civil service, McNew explained.

Qualifications for admission are two and one-half years of an engineering school course, including elementary mechanics and strength of materials.

There will be no matriculation or tuition cost to the students enrolling other than the cost of their books, drafting materials and maintenance. They will live in one of the campus dormitories and take their meals in the college dining halls at an estimated cost of \$25 a month for the full time of the course.

Reservoir Conference to Be Conducted by Millikan

C. V. Millikan, chief petroleum engineer, Amerada Petroleum corporation and special lecturer to the department of petroleum engineering at A. & M., will conduct a three-day conference on reservoir conditions in oil fields at the college, April 16-18, Harold Vance, Head of the college's department of petroleum engineering, has announced.

In addition to his morning, afternoon and evening lectures Millikan will conduct round table discussions on problems brought to the conference by other petroleum engineers and students in that field.

A conference on production of oil by gas lift method will follow this conference and will continue for two days, April 18-19. Papers read by outstanding petroleum engineers and round table discussions will be held over the two-day conference.

Ag Day Date Is Definitely Set for May 3

Program Will Highlight Week's Activities

May 3 has been unanimously designated as the date for Ag Day following a meeting of E. J. Kyle, dean of the school of agriculture, the heads of the agricultural Engineering lecture room.

The amendment was made at the heads of the agricultural departments, and student representatives from the various agricultural clubs, Thursday afternoon in the Agricultural Engineering lecture room. The decision was made following the presentation of a petition signed by representatives of the various clubs with the exception of the Agricultural Economics Clubs, the Accounting and Statistics Society and the Rural Sociology Club.

The petition called for the changing of the event from May 10 to May 1 and also provided that it should extend from the noon of May 1 through May 3. After some discussion, the petition was amended to designate May 3 only as Ag Day because of the short time remaining before the designated date.

"It is hoped that it will be possible to secure a prominent off-campus speaker for Thursday night, May 1," Dean Kyle said at the meeting. This will prelude a week-end of activities which will include Federal Inspection review on Thursday afternoon, a baseball game on the afternoon of Friday, May 2, with the Cotton Ball, Pageant, and Style Show that night, all of which will culminate in Ag Day on Saturday, May 3.

The various departments have unofficially submitted programs for the day. As planned, each department will arrange a booth in cooperation with the other departments which will show the extent and scope of each department. Tentatively planned are booths to be placed on the third floor of the Agricultural Engineering building. In addition, each department will sponsor tours which will include the horticulture farm, the poultry farm, the animal husbandry farms, etc.

In cooperation, the Kream and Kow Klub is changing the date of the annual Spring Dairy Show, which it sponsors each year, from April 26 to May 3. A full day's activities is planned and will include a cheese display and sale, a milking contest, competition in dairy classes, and the presentation of Posephine Emmerglad III, trained Holstein cow which will provide entertainment and humor.

Cadet Review Honoring Thomason to Be Held This Morning at 11

Honoring Congressman Ewing Thomason, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, a mounted review of the cadet corps will be held at 11 o'clock this morning on the drill field west of Goodwin Hall, the military department announced yesterday.

Congressman Thomason is visiting the campus for the wedding of his son, W. E. Thomason, to Miss Patience Chance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Chance in Bryan tonight.

Classes will be suspended at 10 o'clock to permit cadets to participate in the review.

First call will be sounded at 10:30, and assembly at 10:35 o'clock.

The order of units in line will be the Band, Infantry regiment,

Junior Education Program Is Not To Be Accelerated

Added Education Cost Is Reason Given for the Decision

Engineering education for junior students is not to be accelerated and they will not be required to attend summer school this summer for the purpose of early graduation an announcement received Thursday from the U. S. Commissioner of Education revealed. The announcement was made as a result of recommendations from the Selective Service Commission, the Civil Service Commission, the departments of the Army and Navy, and the Office of Production Management and others.

The reason given for the decision against accelerating engineering education as stated by the Commissioner was that the cost estimate of \$500 per student for a probable saving of three months could not be justified to Congress in view of the present needs.

As regards deferment of junior R. O. T. C. students for the purpose of attending the accelerated program, the national headquarters of the Selective Service System maintains that they are legally unable to make any special recommendations as Congress was specific and clear in its prohibition against group deferments.

The proposal to accelerate the curricula for junior engineering students in order that they might graduate early next year was made to the Advisory Committee on Engineering Defense Training of the United States Office of Education by a special committee of the S.P. E.E. after a survey of 135 colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Fund Money to Be Turned in Sunday

First sergeants and project house managers are asked to turn in money received from the sale of the Student Aid Fund's benefit picture show tickets Sunday afternoon between 1 and 4 o'clock in The Battalion office, room 122, Administration building, Chairman George Fuermann said Friday afternoon.

A member of the Student Aid Fund committee will be in the office throughout the three-hour period and, in the event that any first sergeants or project house managers are unable to check-in in person, they have been asked to send someone in their place.

Another check-in period will be held Thursday afternoon, March 27, at the same hours in order to check in money and the surplus of tickets remaining after the last showing Wednesday afternoon.

Weekend's Music Maker



Maestro Boyd Raeburn is in charge of the music on the campus this weekend. He and his orchestra played for the Composite Ball Friday night. They will also play for the corps dance tonight.

A & M's Project House System Has Enabled 5000 Boys to Get Education

A Battalion Feature Largest of the American collegiate world's cooperative housing projects is Texas A. & M.'s so-called project house system.

Organized in 1932 by Daniel A. Russell, head of the college's rural sociology department, it began in what A. & M. cadets had dubbed a haunted house. Ten students made up the charter group.

Today, with more than 500 men living in 16 modern homes, plus another 300 cadets living in county project houses located near the campus, the average monthly cost for room and board is approximately \$18 per man.

A two-fold reason can be assigned to the decrease in project house population. First, college officials and the A. & M. board of directors have long sought to bring the cost of living in the dormitories to the same level as the cost of living in project houses. By December, 1940, this fact was almost accomplished and, today, the difference in the two costs is less than \$75 a year.

Added to that is the fact that the cost of living in the project houses has gone up slightly in the past two years. Increased food costs and rental on new houses are the two main reasons for this factor.

Although the largest A. & M. cooperative unit houses 89 men (the \$20,000 American Legion house), the 15 standard homes—all built alike—take care of 32 men each.

Men living in the cooperative homes belong to regular military organizations, but they also be-

Action Will Keep Sophs Out of Draft This Summer

Airport Plan Progresses As Certificate Issued

Airport Is Declared Necessary To National Defense

The A. & M. college airport is necessary to national defense. This fact was officially realized recently by the issuance of a certificate of Air Navigation Facility Necessity by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

"The air navigation facilities, subject of the project, are reasonably necessary for use in air commerce and in the interest of national defense," is the wording of the document.

This certificate means to the college a large step in clearing the way toward a W.P.A. grant of \$206,000 to be used in improvements and construction work on the already established airport two miles southwest of the college.

Improvements and construction work contemplated include clearing, grubbing, grading and sodding the landing field; installing a lighting system and sewer and water lines; constructing roads to the field; paving the runways and performing incidental and appurtenant work.

When the clearing and sodding of the landing field is completed, its total area will approximate 500 acres, and in this area the intent is to pave a north-south runway 150 feet wide and 4085 feet in length.

The project also calls for the installation of basic lighting and for contact lighting on the paved north-south runway.

Funds for the project will come from two sources in the federal government: a \$75,000 grant from the C.A.A. and a grant of \$131,000 from the W.P.A.

The certificate issued recommending the project for national defense has been granted covering both funds.

The issuance of this certificate is expected to hasten the approval of the funds needed for work on the airport to begin.

Marine Applicants to Be Interviewed April 3 and 4

Lieutenant R. F. Meldrum, U. S. Marine Corps, will visit the campus April 3 and 4, to interview and examine applicants for the Candidates' Class of the Marine Corps Reserve, according to an announcement from the military department yesterday.

Lt. Meldrum will interview applicants from 9:30 to 4:30 each day at a place to be announced later.

Physical Exams To Be Given at The Regular Time

In an unprecedented move, Lieut. Col. James A. Watson, commandant, announced late Friday afternoon that sophomores in good standing would be assigned advanced R. O. T. C. contracts late in May.

Col. Watson based his statement on authority received from the War Department in Washington, D. C. early this week.

Reason for the unique action is to make it possible for those who will normally receive contracts in September to receive them early enough to avoid being drafted during the summer months.

"This does not necessarily exempt a man from the draft," Col. Watson said, "but it is doubtful that any draft board would enter a man into the service knowing that he had been given an advanced R. O. T. C. standing."

Physical examinations will not be given until the usual time in September, Col. Watson added.

Sophomores must be recommended by their respective senior military science instructors and must be scholastically eligible as is usually the case to be awarded a contract in May.

"Although we have not worked out all the details in this connection," Col. Watson said, "we expect to have plans completed within a short time and will announce them in considerable detail at that time."

A&M Concert Band to Play in Galveston Today

The A. & M. concert band will leave today at 2 o'clock by chartered bus to go to Galveston to play a benefit concert for the Boy's Work committee, E. L. Wehner, cadet major of the band, announced yesterday.

The proceeds from this concert will be used by the committee in their attempt to lower the juvenile delinquency rate in Galveston.

After the concert, the members of the band will be entertained with a private dance to be given by the Galveston Rotary club. Dates for those members without dates have been arranged by C. E. Wimberly, an ex-Aggie. Rooms have been provided for the band in private homes.

The selections to be played by the band for the concert will be semi-classical, Wehner said.

This is the second trip of the year for the concert band, as it went to Victoria, Feb. 22, to play in the music festival held there at that time.

The band will return to College Station Sunday afternoon.

Houston Symphony Concert Thursday Was Best of Current Town Hall Series

A Battalion Review

With music critics the nation over, there may be some question as to whether the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra or half a dozen others is the nation's No. 1 symphonic organization.

But there's no question in the minds of the Texas Aggies. Any one of the 6500 cadets will tell you in a hurry that his nod goes to the Houston Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra made its third ap-

pearance at A. & M. in as many years Thursday night. Traditioned Guion Hall, where the orchestra played, seats 2200 persons. That's why only 2200 Texas Aggies heard the concert.

If the hall had 6500 seats in it, there would have been 6500 Aggies there.

At the behest of a roaring, whistling, insistent cadet audience Conductor Ernest Hoffman really began the concert after the eight regularly programmed numbers had

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Marsteller Returns From San Antonio

Deeply impressed by the constructive work accomplished, Dr. R. P. Marsteller, dean of the A. & M. school of veterinary medicine, returned from San Antonio after reading a paper before the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' association.

"The cattle raisers' association, always one of the most progressive organizations of its kind in the entire United States, considered some very constructive measures bearing on livestock production in Texas and the great Southwest," Dr. Marsteller said. "I was deeply impressed by the forward-looking steps contemplated."