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Twelve Candidates Swamp Publication Office Monday

"Good Reason" Is Basis On Which Deferment Rests

Others Will Begin Active Duty If Funds Available

Seniors with advanced military science contracts who are due to become second lieutenants in the regular army following graduation in June, but who requested a deferment of more than one month, will receive that deferment if a good reason is given.

The long-awaited announcement, made by Headquarters, Eighth Corps Area, was released from the commandant's office late Monday afternoon.

The official release reads:

"Information has been received from Headquarters, Eighth Corps Area, that those students due to be commissioned in June who requested a deferment of more than one month when questionnaires were answered in February will receive that deferment if a good reason was given."

"Those who did not request deferment but have been offered employment of a national defense nature may be granted up to a year deferment by submitting a request through the military department with proof of employment as a basis."

Further details concerning this will be released in an early edition of The Battalion.

CE Department Offers Defense Course in Drafting

An Engineering Defense Training course in structural drafting is to be offered in the civil engineering department beginning April 15 and continuing for a period of 12 weeks.

Prerequisites for the course have been changed to two years of engineering school including mechanics. Calculus is not required.

The course is designed to give the student a practical knowledge of structural drafting sufficient to enable him to obtain a job as draftsman either with a structural

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Luke Patronella Stages Fourteenth Easter Egg Hunt for Local Children

An Easter Egg hunt for all college station children under school age and through the fourth grade will be given by Luke Patronella, local merchant, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the ravine adjacent to the old Karper home and AAA offices.

This year's hunt will mark the fourteenth annual Easter party given by Patronella. For the occasion 1860 eggs will be hidden in the ravine by members of the home economics class of the A. & M. Consolidated School. Patronella and the teachers at the school will supervise the hunt.

Twelve prizes will be awarded at the party. In order to win a prize a child must find an egg with a local merchant's name printed on it. The child will take the egg to the merchant whose name appears on it and be given the prize.

The local concerns that have offered to give prizes are Black's Drug Store, Aggie Cleaners, College Plumbing Company, Lipscomb's Pharmacy, Casey's Confectionery, Campus Variety Store, H. E. Burgess, College Hills Beauty

Next Year's Junior Yell Leaders To Be Chosen Today

Nagel, Alford, Briant, Wallace and Chalmers Are Eligible

A meeting of the sophomore and junior classes will be held in Guion Hall at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing two of the five candidates for next year's junior yell leaders.

Of the seven men who filed for the election three were declared ineligible. The five men who are still in the race are Jack Nagle, J. P. Alford, Claude H. Wallace, Russell Briant and W. H. (Chuck) Chalmers. Raymond Wolfe and Henry Crews, Jr., were declared ineligible for the position by the Student Elections Committee.

At tonight's election the men will be elected by ballot and only one vote for one man will be cast by each voter. There will be no runoff, and the two who receive the highest number of votes will be elected as next year's junior yell leaders.

The nominees will draw for speaking order at the election. After their order has been decided each will be allowed to give a short talk before the audience and lead several yells if he wishes.

All candidates were required to have filed petitions for their candidacies one week prior to the election.

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State Chess Champ to Hold Demonstration

J. C. Thompson, State chess champion, will demonstrate his ability Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Y Chapel. Students and staff members, wives and sweethearts, and masters and amateurs have been invited to attend. Previous experience and aptness are not necessary.

Those who attend and find it desirable to do so are required to bring a board and set of men. However, these materials will be furnished those unable to provide them so that all may take part in

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Marketing & Finance Seniors to Make Tour

Marketing and finance seniors leave Monday in two groups for an inspection trip of different firms in Houston and Dallas. The trip will extend through Thursday.

J. W. Barger, head of the agricultural economics department, and R. L. Hunt, professor of agricultural economics, will be in charge of the group visiting in Houston. Among the firms to be visited are the Farm Security Administration and the Great Southern Life Insurance Company. L. S. Paine, associate professor of agricultural economics, and P. W. Kimball, instructor in agricultural economics will have charge of the group in Dallas.

Shop, College Hills Estates and W. S. D. Clothing Store. Patronella urged that all children who live in College Station within the specified ages come to the hunt.

Ross Volunteer Celebrations to Begin Thursday Night

Volunteers Begin Fifty-Fourth Year of Continued Activity

1887 to 1941—Fifty-four years of continued activity; that's the record of the Ross Volunteers, Texas A. & M.'s oldest student organization.

Originally the organization was called the Scott Volunteers, and the name changed as often as the college changed presidents, as custom formerly dictated that the organization should be named after the reigning president. In 1891, however, the present name was adopted permanently in honor of Texas' former governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross, who became president of A. & M. at that time.

The Ross Volunteer uniform has also undergone some changes before assuming its present-day makeup. During the latter part of the nineteenth century the uniform consisted of white duck, gold ornaments, and a metal helmet. Late in 1907 the uniform was changed to blue and gray, with large Stetson hats, but this proved to be short-lived and soon the familiar white uniform with white caps was adopted and is still in use today.

Composed of two platoons the organization is unique in that it still follows the old-style drill regulations which make for more snappy military precision and showmanship. Nor is drill a go-as-you-please affair with Ross Volunteer members. From January to the middle of May they drill forty-five minutes a day, four days a week.

And occasions to demonstrate their worth as a military organization are too few. Highlight of their drill year is the annual Ross Volunteer Mothers' Day drill, and other drilling exhibitions of the Ross Volunteers include the ceremonies preceding the presentation of the traditional wreath at the statue of their namesake, Lawrence Sullivan Ross, their annual exhibition drill at Navasota's State Bluebonnet Festival and other special occasions throughout the state.

But most important of all to every Ross Volunteer is the traditional and colorful social season held during the college's spring holidays each year. Led by the batonning of Phil Levant and his orchestra, Ross Volunteers and their escorts will waltz and tango on five occasions during the coming week-end.

Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock there's the coronation of the Ross Volunteer King and Queen and the introduction of their court. Esther Mae Colombo of Galveston and

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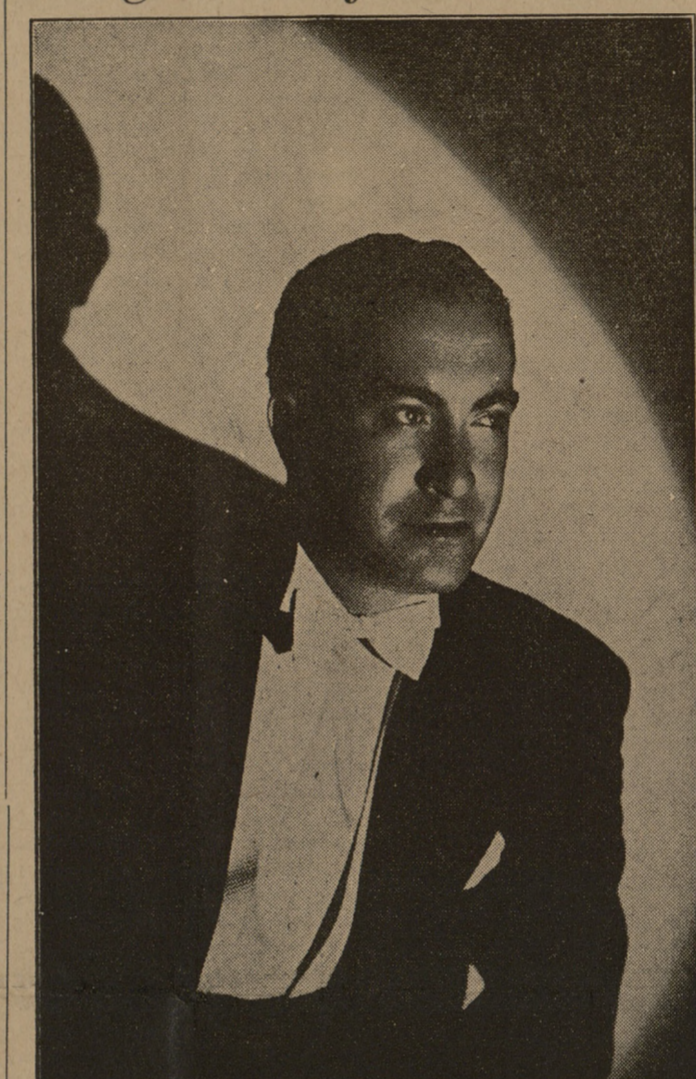
Four Experiment Station Employees Present Paper at ACS

G. S. Fraps, W. W. Meinke, R. Reiser, and A. R. Kemmerer of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at A. & M. will present a paper at the 101st meeting of the American Chemical Society at St. Louis, Mo., Wednesday, April 9, which will give the results of experiments on various kinds of chicken feeds.

The paper will explain how chickens and other poultry may suffer from a deficiency of vitamin A even though their feed may contain sufficient quantities of vitamin. It was found that many important feeds of animal origin such as meat and bone scraps, dried skim milk, and fish meal have the properties of destroying the yellow pigment called carotene in green and yellow plants and vegetables which is changed to vitamin A by the liver of animals that eat it.

The paper will discuss methods that have been found which will remedy this undesirable property and will greatly improve the quality of many kinds of poultry feeds.

Swings Baton for the R V's

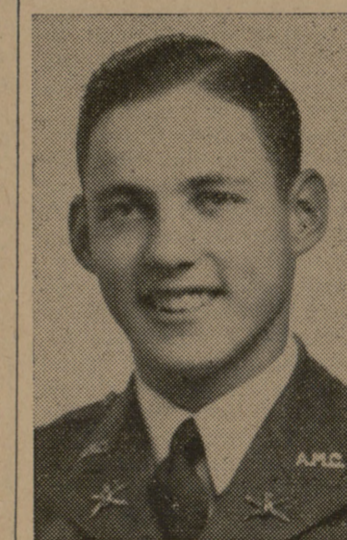


Shown above is Phil Levant, leader of the nationally known orchestra which plays for the four Ross Volunteer dances and a corps dance at Aggieland Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Levant and his orchestra will open the festivities with the Queen's Ball beginning at 10 o'clock Thursday night following the royal coronation ceremonies starting at 8:00. Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock they will play for the R. V. tea dance; Friday evening at 7 for the R.V. dinner dance; and tomorrow night at 10 for the Captain's Ball, climaxing the festivities.

Saturday night Levant's band will play for the corps dance, terminating the social functions of the week.

R V Captain



Joe Slicker

Regimental Headquarters Troop Captures Most Honors at Horse Show

By Jack Hollimon

Under a warm spring sun, A. & M.'s 18th annual horse show took place at the show ring Saturday where saddle horses from all parts of Texas were taken through their gaits and jumpers exhibited rare precision and timing. According to horsemen and horse authorities present, the class uniformity and value of the entries was on a higher plane than in previous years.

Typifying the hunt in jumping, timing, and movement, the hunt team race cup went to the Bexar County Hunt team and this event drew much attention from the crowds massed near the barriers. Regimental Headquarters Cavalry troop took the greatest number of first place trophies among R.O.T.C. student competition when Cadet Captain Robert Tonkin of San Antonio came through to take first in the R.O.T.C. Charger class and first in the jumping finals. Ralph E. Hill Jr., won the R.O.T.C. Horsemanship class cup and Chase Kincaannon triumphed in the stick and ball competition. This Cavalry unit also accounted for several place positions.

In the open jumping class, Robin was the winning horse with Miss Winfred Small rider and owner. Second place went to Sonny, owned by the U.S. Army and ridden by E. F. Hearnard of the Field Artillery. Jazz Time with Mrs. H. H. Phillips, owner and rider, took third place. Bill Ehman mounted on Rambler, U.S. Army mount, placed fourth.

Tom Power followed Robert Tonkin in the R.O.T.C. Jumping class for second position and Luke Adams and R. L. Fox placed third and fourth respectively. All were riding U.S. Army mounts. Placing behind the Bexar County hunt team was a Cavalry team composed of M. N. Martin, Nig Callihan and Bill Ehman. Third place in the hunt went to a Field Artillery team composed of Criswell, Henard and Lytle. Fourth position was claimed by another Cavalry team made up of members Irving, Powers and Hill. This event was outstanding from an action and an equestrian standpoint. Lee Rice garnered first place in the polo bending race on Jimmie, and he was closely followed

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Company Is Named in Honor Of Lawrence S. Ross

The first organized student activity of A. & M. appeared in 1887 as a crack military company called the Scott Volunteers. In 1891 the name was changed to Ross Volunteers in honor of former governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross, who became president of A. & M. at that time.

The uniform of the company at this time was of white duck with gold ornaments and tin helmet. In 1907 the uniform was changed to gray and blue with a big Stetson hat, but since this dress did not meet with favor, the white uniform was again adopted with substitution of white caps in place of the tin helmets.

As part of the annual activities the Ross Volunteer Company places a wreath on Ross' statue in front of the Academic Building. In choosing the name of Ross Volunteers, the company could not have picked a more appropriate name from a military standpoint.

Ross was born in Iowa, but moved to Texas at an early age. From the beginning he was marked for a military career. So able a military leader was he that at 18 he acquired the rank of captain in the Texas Rangers. While serving in this capacity, he defeated a tribe of Comanche Indians and effected the rescue of Cynthia Ann Parker, a girl kidnapped from her home during childhood.

When the Civil War started, Ross enlisted as a private, in 1861. Four years later he was discharged as a Brigadier-General. After the war, he returned to Texas to raise cotton on a plantation in the Brazos River valley. Through a campaign carried on mainly by friends, Ross was elected governor of the state.

In 1890, immediately after his term of office as Governor of Texas, Ross was elected president of Texas A. & M. college. So popular was he over the state that many parents in effect sent their sons to Ross rather than to A. & M. During his administration the enrollment of the college increased enormously. In this capacity Ross served until his death in 1898.

R. L. Heitkamp Is Chosen Junior Editor of Longhorn

Russel L. Heitkamp, junior of A Field Artillery, was named junior editor of The Longhorn yesterday by Morton Robinson, editor of The Longhorn. Heitkamp is majoring in agricultural administration and comes from New Braunfels, Texas.

In a statement to The Battalion Robinson had the following to say: "I am thoroughly convinced that the most difficult job included in my duties as Longhorn Editor is that of appointing a junior editor. This year the Longhorn was fortunate in having four juniors who really desired to work. Each was an excellent helper and not a mere office ornament."

"In appointing a junior editor I followed the four junior assistants on the following qualifications:

- 1. Grade point requirement (as specified by college regulations).
2. Ability to work as shown by their work on the '40-'41 Longhorn.
3. Office organization ability.
4. General attitude toward Student Publication work and the enthusiasm they employed in their work.
"After much consideration I sincerely believe that R. L. Heitkamp best meets these qualifications."

Two Add Names For Batt Editor

Formerly Deserted Town Hall Post Gets 5 Job-Seekers

The Student Publication Office secretary had a big day Monday as 12 men indicated their intentions by filing their names as candidates in forthcoming campus elections.

For the office of Battalion editor-in-chief, two men tossed in their hats. D. C. Thurman of Menard and Lee Rogers of Bishop, both junior editors this year and members of the staff since their sophomore year, followed each other in short order Monday to file as the second and third candidates in the race.

To be voted the same day, the office of Junior Representative to the Student Publications Board found another entrant in T. R. (Tommy) Vannoy of McAllen. Vannoy is at present editorial assistant on The Battalion staff, having worked part-time his freshman year.

In the April 17 election in which only the junior class will participate five men filed for the office of Town Hall Manager which in the first report found the office vacant. G. W. (Buddy) Ramsel, Jack Hollimon, J. F. Stephenson, Fred Smitham, and Billy Bolton have entered the race.

The Senior Social Secretary race lived to three as Alden Cathey and Pete Frost signed in order.

J. Bennie Hancock adds this name to the list under the editorship of the Longhorn.

- BATTALION EDITOR: E. M. (Manny) Rosenthal, D. C. (Bug) Thurman, Lee Rogers.
JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE: Billy Bryant, T. R. (Tommy) Vannoy.
LONGHORN EDITOR: R. L. (Rusty) Heitkamp, J. Bennie Hancock.
TOWN HALL MANAGER: G. W. (Buddy) Ramsel, Jack Hollimon, J. F. Stephenson, Fred Smitham, Billy Bolton.
SOCIAL SECRETARY: Lewis Kercheville, Alden Cathey, Pete Frost.

ROTC Money May Arrive Thursday

Leut. Col. James A. Watson announced Monday night that everything possible was being done to obtain payment of subsistence for advanced R.O.T.C. cadets before the beginning of the spring holidays.

"It is my opinion that the money will be here by Thursday noon," Col. Watson said Monday night, "and I want to assure the cadets that we are doing all that is in our power to secure this money for them before the beginning of the holidays."

Today's Battalion Is Last Before Holidays

This issue of The Battalion will be the last issue to be published before the spring holidays which begin Thursday after classes. The decision to eliminate the Thursday issue came after a number of staff members indicated their intention to leave early. The next issue of The Battalion will be published Thursday, April 17.