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Gillis Wins Battalion Editorship With Landslide Victory

Nearing Ag Day Will Be Event-Packed As Candidates Sweat

Exhibitions, Review, Cotton Ball Sports Events Included on Program

For many years the engineers at A. & M. have staged an annual Engineers' Day, but never in the past have the agriculture students had such an event set aside to show what they are doing while at college.

However, this year, under the sponsorship of E. J. Kyle, dean of the school of agriculture at the college, they will have their fling and will stage a three-day affair May 1-3, which will be known as Ag Day and all departments of the school will cooperate to make it the biggest event of agricultural history at A. & M.

The whole thing will get under way with a formal full dress mounted military review at 3 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, May 1. The entire cadet corps of nearly 6500 cadets will be on parade whether they be "ag" students or enrolled in some other one of the four schools at the college.

That evening Sterling C. Evans, a former "ag" student himself, now president of the Federal Land Bank, Houston, will speak on farm credit in Guion Hall. A concert by the 85-voice Singing Cadets will follow the talk by Evans and will conclude the activities for the first day.

Friday afternoon will be given over to sports with the Texas Aggie track team taking part in a triangular meet with the University of Texas Longhorns and the Rice Owls. Both varsity and freshman teams will compete in the preview of the Southwest Conference meet. Immediately following the track meet the Aggie baseball team will tie into the Southern Methodist Mustang nine on the Kyle Field diamond. Meanwhile, the golfers from A. & M. and the Texas Christian Horned Frogs will be matching strokes over the greens of the Bryan Country Club.

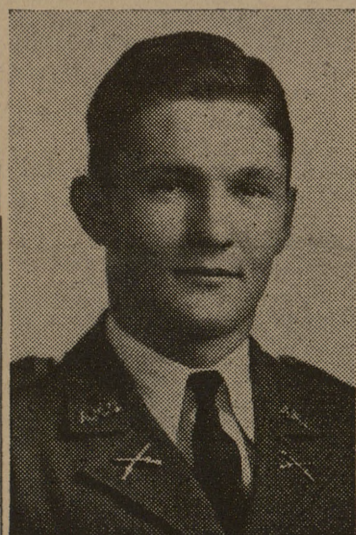
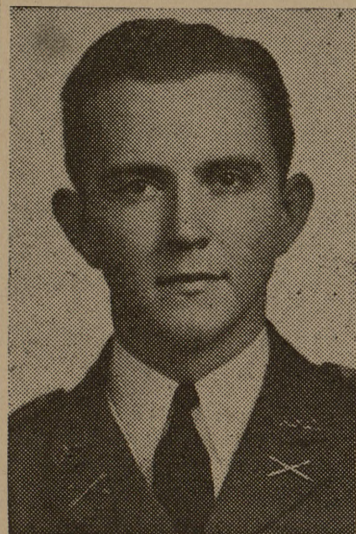
That evening the annual Cotton Pageant and Ball will be staged in the DeWare Field House with King James T. Anderson, of Mesquite and Queen Connie Lindley, of Fort Worth, reigning over the colorful court of duchesses and their escorts. A fashion show of latest styles in cotton fabrics and modes will be part of the pageant. Following the style show the Cotton Ball will be held with the royalty the honored guests.

Saturday will find open house in all departments of the school of agriculture. Displays, shows, exhibits, demonstrations and movies will run continuously all day. The annual Spring Dairy Show, generally an affair in itself, will be part of the big program this year, as is the Cotton Pageant and Ball.

Saturday afternoon the Aggies and the Mustangs will play a second baseball game with starting time set for 2:30 o'clock and the day's events will close with a corps dance that evening.

Four-H club members and their leaders from surrounding counties have been extended special invitations to attend the Ag Day events, Ex-4-H Club President J. B. (Bugs) Tate said yesterday afternoon.

In Runoff Today



Above, top, is Charles Babcock, Beaumont sophomore, and bottom, Bill Bryant, Stamford sophomore, who face each other in a runoff election today for junior representatives on the Student Publications Board. Babcock led a field of four candidates in the primary election Tuesday.

Stenzel to Address Geology Club Tonight

Dr. H. B. Stenzel of the Bureau of Economic Geology, Austin, will speak before the Geology club tonight at 7:30 in the Geology building.

His subject will be "Sedimentation of the Lower Tertiary of the Gulf Coast."

Duke Ellington to Play for Town Hall Program Friday Night

Town Hall will present Duke Ellington and his orchestra as its annual dance band feature Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in Sbis Hall.

Every year Town Hall presents a popular orchestra which has been selected because of its music and novelties. The orchestra that has been chosen this year will present the most interesting program of any of the dance bands which play here, Town Hall manager Paul Haines said.

Admission for students without season tickets will be 50 cents and for adults will be \$1.

Haines announced late Wednesday afternoon that tickets for the Ellington concert will be placed on sales in advance to avoid congestion which has been evidenced in former years.

The tickets will go on sale at one o'clock Friday afternoon at a booth in the Y. M. C. A.

Engineers Will Hear Chevalier On Two Occasions

Col. Willard Chevalier, publisher of "Business Week," will be presented by the school of engineering at a joint meeting of all student engineering societies and the Scholarship Honor Society at 7 o'clock tonight in the chemistry lecture room.

Chevalier will speak on "The Engineer and His Job."

Graduating from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute with the degree of civil engineer, Chevalier has had much experience in both military and civilian life.

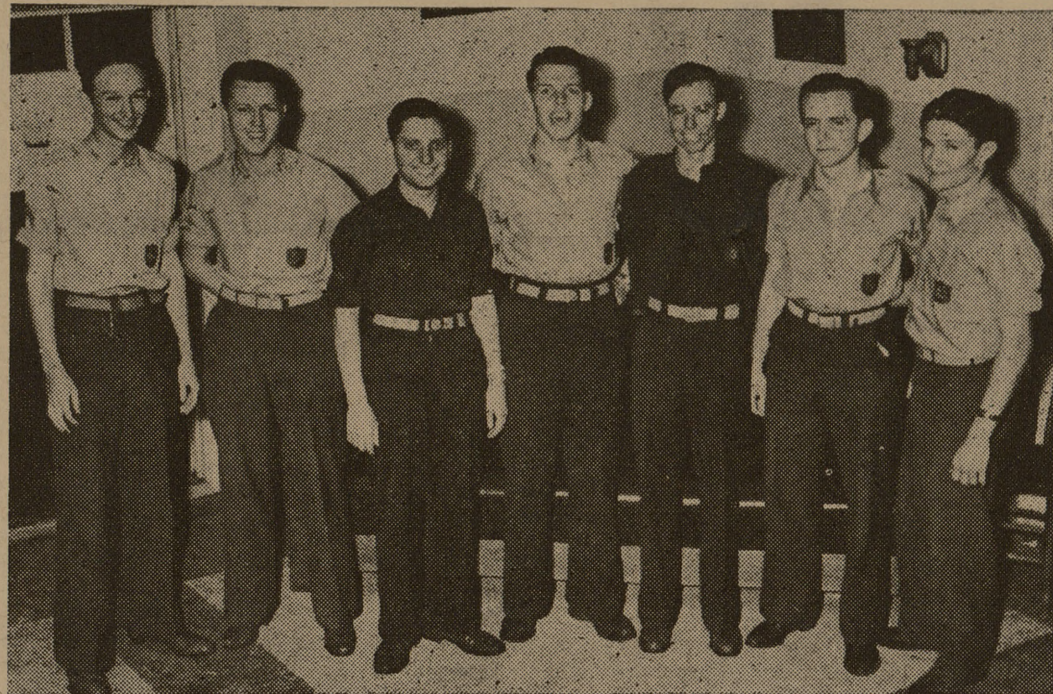
Chevalier was in the regular army from May, 1917 to May, 1919, during which time he saw overseas duty as captain, major and lieutenant colonel in the eleventh U. S. engineers. He is now a colonel in the reserve corps.

After coming back to the United States in 1919, Chevalier took the job of sales and promotion manager with the Bitunastic Enamels corporation and was soon made general manager of that firm.

Chevalier entered the publishing business in 1922 as assistant editor of the "Engineering News Record." He later became the publisher.

In 1934 Chevalier became vice-president of the McGraw-Hill Publishing company and in 1938 he assumed his present position.

Despite executive activities, Chevalier (Continued on Page 6)



Above are the seven candidates in the general campus election held Tuesday to elect The Battalion's editor for the coming long session and the junior representative on the Student Publications Board. The picture was taken in the YMCA lobby just previous to their addresses to the corps at the yell practice Monday night.

From left to right the candidates are: Tom Vannoy, H. E. Gillis, D. C. Thurman, Charles Norton, E. M. Rosenthal, Tom Babcock and Bill Bryant.

At the left is Tom Gillis as he addressed the corps Monday night previous to his landslide victory in the editor's race.

—Staff Photos by Phil Golman

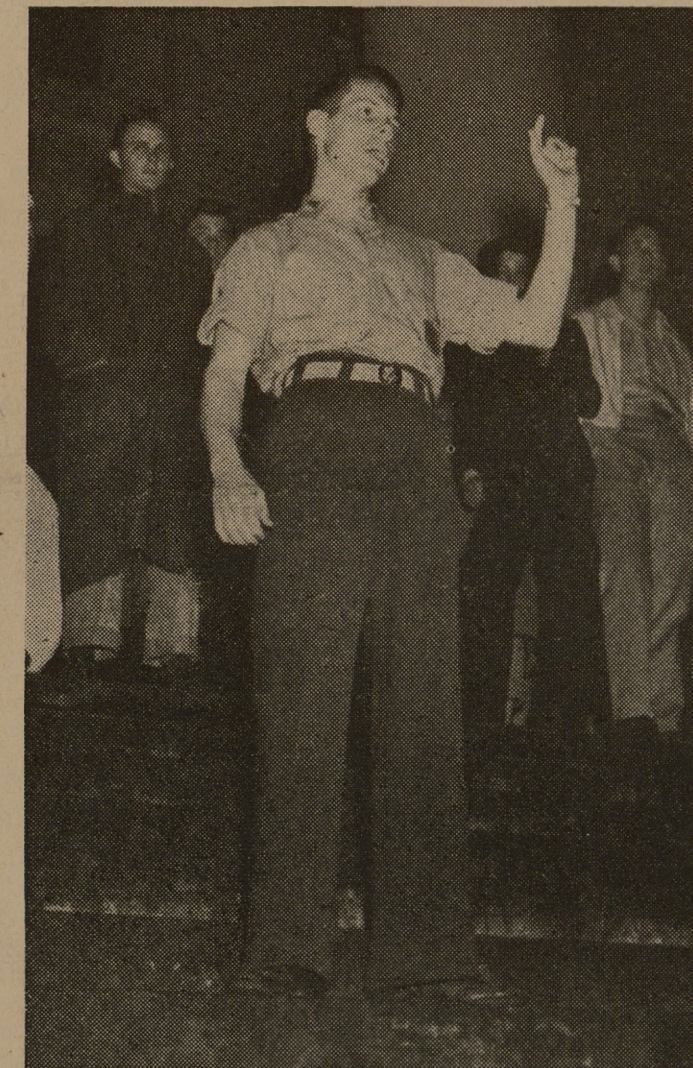
Higgins Twins to Head Convention

Byron and Viron Higgins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Higgins of Lampasas, will leave A. & M. Thursday, April 24 for Waco to attend the third annual Texas Twins convention, over which they will preside as presidents.

Features of the program will be a thirty-minute radio interview Friday night and a reception in honor of the Higgins twins and twins from other states, and a dance.

In high school the Higgins twins were selected as the two most popular students. After graduation from high school they attended John Tarleton at Stephenville. They were selected head yell leaders their senior year there.

They were graduated from Tarleton last year and entered A. & M. last fall. Both are majoring in animal husbandry and expect to graduate in the spring of 1942.



Infantrymen Ready for Ellington and Annual Ball

The annual Infantry Regimental Ball, always the last regimental dance function of the college year, will be held tomorrow night in the main dining room of Sbis Hall from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Duke Ellington and his internationally famed orchestra will play for the event and also for the corps



Duke Ellington

dance Saturday night between 9 and 12 o'clock.

Ellington's orchestra, composed of 15 instrumentalists and vocalist Ivie Anderson, will appear at A.

& M. for the second time, having played here five years ago for a Town Hall program and a regimental dance.

As is customary, the Infantry Ball will be one of the most important social functions of the year in point of attendance. More than 2,000 persons are expected to attend the function, Chairman A. J. Landua said Wednesday afternoon.

With Landua as general chairman, the committee includes V. E. Barnes and V. J. Loeffler, general committeemen; the programs, favors and invitations committee consists of chairman B. C. Brady, R. M. Criswell, G. E. Douglas, and R. L. Oliver; the decorations committee is comprised of chairman W. M. Pena, D. S. Hammonds, and L. T. Camp; the orchestra committee is composed of chairman J. B. Hervey, B. F. Bolton, T. W. Leonard, and M. M. Phillips; and on the finance committee are Chairman W. W. Clark, J. W. Jennings, and J. L. Lamberson.

The programs are of a glistening blue with dazzling white letters while the favors are gold pins consisting of crossed rifles between which is suspended a polished gold medallion with A. & M. in the center.

Landua announced that there is (Continued on Page 6)

Babcock and Bryant in Junior Runoff Race Today

Inclement Weather Fails to Keep 1307 Cadets Away from Polls

Tom Gillis, junior editor of The Battalion, was elected editor-in-chief of the publication by a landslide majority in the general election primary held Tuesday.

Charles Babcock and Bill Bryant led the four candidates for the position of junior representative on the Student Publications Board and a runoff election will be held today in the rotunda of the Academic building for the runoff.

The total votes cast in the primary election for the candidates were:

Battalion Editor	
Tom Gillis.....	914
D. C. (Bugs) Thurman.....	197
E. M. (Manny) Rosenthal.....	196
Junior Representative	
Charles Babcock.....	559
Bill Bryant.....	309
H. E. (Gene) Norton.....	237
Tom Vannoy.....	185

The primary election ended a week of strenuous campaigning on the part of the candidates, ending with a yell practice held on the steps of the Y.M.C.A. Monday night at which the candidates addressed the corps.

The winner in the junior representative race will be determined by the voting today.

"Thanks for the support and confidence given me," Gillis said. "I'll try to put out a paper that will help the corps." Gillis is a junior from Fort Worth in 'B' Coast Artillery, majoring in economics. (Continued on Page 6)

Non-Graduating Collegians May Receive Deferment

Cadets Who Wish to Continue Education May Possibly Do So

Students enrolled in the college and registered under the Selective Service Act and who will need further time in which to complete their college courses, may, under certain conditions, apply for deferment beyond the statutory scholastic exemption date of July 1, 1941, Dean F. C. Bolton, vice-president of the college, stated Wednesday afternoon.

This relates only to students not enrolled in the advanced ROTC course.

Dean Bolton, who has been designated to handle matters pertaining to deferment from the Selective Service Act for students, received this information yesterday afternoon.

Students who wish to request this deferment may do so at Dean Bolton's office.

The requests will be considered entirely on an individual basis, and consideration will be given to the course the student is taking, the progress he is making in the course, and the quality of the work he is doing.

This possible deferment for the completion of their education will effect a possible 1500 Aggie students. The original provisions of the Selective Service Act stated that college students should be allowed exemption from the provisions of the act only until July 1, 1941.

Under these provisions non-military students over the age of 21 would be subject to draft for military service at that date regardless of their educational status. Such students are granted deferment on the basis of this new information received will be allowed additional time in which to take further schooling.

Students who have already been classified in Classes I-D or I-E and others who have registered but not yet received their questionnaires may get further information on their individual status from Dean Bolton's office.

Dean Kyle, Aggie Immortal, Is "Only Living Man in Texas Who Has Confidence of Farmers and Cattlemen"

A Battalion Feature

"That's Ferg's boy—one of the fightin' Kyles. Fact is, they all came from fightin' stock."

The old man doing the talking took time out to spit a carefully aimed quid of tobacco over the rail, leaned back in his chair again and continued his story.

"Yes sir, them Kyles are the scrappiest bunch of folks I ever heard of. Why I can remember..."

But you couldn't stop to listen to that story, even if you weren't in a hurry. When the people of Kyle, Texas begin talking about the town's namesake, they're liable to talk for the rest of the day. "Ferg's boy," the fellow the old man was referring to, was born Edwin Jackson Kyle. Today, he's the dean of Texas A. & M.'s school of agriculture and, as one Texas legislator recently put it, "The only living man in Texas who has the complete confidence of both

the state's dirt farmers and its cattlemen, too."

The dean likes that phrase—the one about the fightin' Kyles, and he likes better to tell about his father, Ferg Kyle.

In his slow, typical Texas drawl, he'll tell you how his father went to San Antonio 12 years after the fall of the Alamo.

"Why, all there was in that country then were Indians, wild cattle, bear, panther and a cinch to die young," he'll tell you.

His father and four brothers were Confederate soldiers with the Terry Texas Rangers, his father being captain of Company 'D' which was the only mounted unit in the Confederate Army.

"Fourteen hundred of those men left Houston," the dean said, "but only 444 surrendered at the end of the war. One of my uncles had nine horses shot from under him."

People who ask the dean about

his early life always get the same answer—"I was just a country boy, and always in trouble," he tells them.

Raised in a small country town (Kyle), the dean was the leader of a gang of boys who "did everything known to boys in those days except robbin' a bank."

Watermelon patches, chicken roosts and half a dozen other things were at the gang's mercy.

"I was a boy myself," the dean said with a chuckle, "and I know well what a boy will do and the kind of trouble he's going to get into. I covered a little ground myself and was in more than my share of devilment."

That's the reason that the dean is a popular member of the A. & M. disciplinary committee. His own experiences have made him a wise counselor and his decisions in disciplinary matters have a reputation with the corps for being

fair and just.

The dean doesn't mind admitting that he didn't care much for school at first. As a matter of fact, after spending four years in the third grade he decided that he had enough education and he went to work in a local confectionery for a year.

A year later he return to school and from then on it seemed as though he might have had an aladdin's lamp. From a boy who spent four unsuccessful years in the third grade, he grew into a man who became corps commander and valedictorian at Texas A. & M. College and an honor graduate student at Cornell University.

"That old blueback speller was the toughest hump I had to get over," the dean said, half seriously.

Dean Kyle is the only man in (Continued on Page 6)