

Federal Inspection Begins Soon

Colonel Keyes To Be in Charge; Thompson Is Guest

Colonel E. A. Keyes, officer in charge of R.O.T.C. training for the eighth corps area from San Antonio, will head a group of army officers who will conduct the annual Federal Inspection here April 30 and May 1 according to an announcement by Lieut. Col. James A. Watson, commandant.

Colonel Ernest O. Thompson, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission and now on active duty with the United States Army will be a guest of Col. Watson and will receive the review of the cadet corps Thursday afternoon, May 1.

Federal Inspection activities will begin Wednesday morning when army officers assigned to inspect the various regiments will inspect theory classes in the Military Department. During the afternoon the officers will inspect all units which drill on Wednesday.

Senior Instructors of the R. O. T. C. here will introduce the inspecting officers to A. & M. when they will take the inspectors to breakfast in Sbis Hall Wednesday morning at 7:15. After the inspection activities of the morning the inspecting party will adjourn to the new area mess hall for a luncheon. The inspecting officers will be the guests of the senior cadet officer of each regiment at this luncheon. Colonel Keyes will be the guest of the Cadet Colonel W. A. Becker.

Following the inspections of the various units during the regular drill period Wednesday, the inspecting officers will visit President T. O. Walton. A dinner for the inspecting officers at 7:00 p. m. will conclude Wednesday's program.

Inspection of the college's military ability will continue Thursday morning. Senior instructors will again escort the visiting officers to Sbis Hall where a luncheon will be held with officials of the college in attendance.

The corps of cadets will conclude Federal Inspection when it reviews before all officers at 1:25 Thursday afternoon. This review will also be received by Col. Thompson, who will be at A. & M. to see the corps in action.

Assisting Col. Keyes in the inspection are Col. T. K. Spencer, Infantry from Fort Sam Houston; Col. John Perkins, C.A.C., San Antonio, Texas; Lieut. Col. James B. Taylor, Cavalry, San Antonio, Texas; Lieut. Col. Thomas A. Austin, Infantry, who will inspect the Engineer Regiment; Lieut. Col. Samuel White, Field Artillery, Fort Sam Houston, Major Richard A. Eads, C.W.S., Fort Sam Houston; and 1st Lieut. Robert L. Suggs, Signal Corps, Fort Sam Houston.

S. C. Evans to Crown King Cotton

Sterling C. Evans, president of the Federal Land Bank at Houston, and an A. & M. College graduate of 1921, has accepted the Student Agronomy Society's invitation to crown King Cotton at the opening of the tenth annual Cotton Style Show Pageant on May 2 at 8:00 p. m. in the DeWare Memorial Gymnasium.

Evans has been closely allied with the cotton activity of the A. & M. College for a number of years. He originated the idea of traveling fellowship for A. & M. students to study cotton over the world and gave much help to the movement during the time he was connected with the College Extension Service.

During the past several years Evans was president of the Federal Bank of Cooperatives and in this capacity assisted in development of the cooperative gin movement in Texas.

He is familiar with all phases of the cotton industry and during 1939 spent considerable time in several South American Republics studying in detail their cotton program.

Aggieland's Famed Singing Organization



Pictured above is A. & M.'s famous Singing Cadets, who will leave early Monday morning on their second state tour of the current school year. They will appear in Jacksonville, Tyler, and Palestine and return to College Station Tuesday. Several weeks ago they visited south Texas.

Singing Cadets Leave Monday on Second Concert Tour

Agriculture Students Rapidly Completing Plans for Ag Day; Exhibits Being Assembled With All Possible Speed

Plans for A. & M.'s first "Ag" day to be held May 1-3 are being rushed to completion as that event filled week-end approaches. All agriculture students are rapidly completing plans for "Ag" day, and exhibits are being assembled with all possible speed.

A. & M. has long been noted for Engineers Day and this year agriculture students felt that they too had done work which was well worth exhibiting. Under the leadership of Dean E. J. Kyle of the School of Agriculture, a series of events to be known as "Ag" day was planned.

For three days from May 1 to 3, students will show visitors from all of Texas the agricultural exhibits of this state. The three day program will be officially opened when the corps of cadets, 6500 strong, will review Thursday afternoon, May 1.

That evening a program will be presented in Guion Hall in which Sterling C. Evans, a former student, will speak on farm credit. Evans is president of the Federal Land Bank of Houston. A concert of the 85-voice Singing Cadets will follow Evans' talk and will conclude Thursday's program.

Friday afternoon will be filled with sporting events, and Aggie teams will take the field in track, baseball, and golf. A golf match with T. C. U. is scheduled for 10:00 a. m. and 1 p. m. at the Bryan Country Club. Also highlighting the sporting events of the day will be "The Little Conference" track meet at Kyle Field at 1:00 p. m. Both varsity and freshmen teams will compete in this meet which

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Maybe Some Of the Boys Wish It Was a Real Trial

Dr. Ide P. Trotter alias Ide P. Lespedeza was found guilty of unlawful administration of English in the Agronomy department in a mock trial presented by the faculty of the Agronomy department at the Agronomy Society meeting Thursday night.

The case was tried before Judge J. S. Mogford with Dr. L. G. Jones as prosecuting attorney and T. E. McAfee and L. C. Chapman as attorneys for the defense. Bailiff W. R. Cowley kept order in the court and Dr. R. L. Donahue, R. C. Potts, J. H. Valentin, Tildon Easley, and L. M. Thompson acted as witnesses in the case.

This was the first program of its kind ever to be presented by the faculty of the Agronomy department.

Hitchhikers to Hold Meeting Tuesday Nite

A meeting of the National College University Travel Club will be held after supper Tuesday in the Y Chapel, Keyes Carson announced Friday.

Hitchhiking information regarding bus schedules, counties where license numbers are registered, and various other information will be given to all attending the meeting.

Duchesses and Escorts In Cotton Show Announced

The first official list of the maids of honor and duchesses and their escorts for the Tenth Annual Cotton Pageant, which will be held next Friday evening at 7:30 in DeWare Field House, was released yesterday by J. W. Pinson, social secretary of the Cotton Pageant and Ball.

Miss Connie Lindley, queen of the ball who will have King Cotton as her escort, will have seven maids of honor in her court. These girls and their escorts are Margaret Trulock and Paul Haines, Laura Gainer and James Spann, Sara Gillet and Jimmy Gallagher, Dava Robinson and M. H. Turner, Edith Ellison and Ralph Hartgraves, Ruth Tilley and Tom B. Richey, and Betty Bowman and Johnny Robinson.

The duchesses, their escorts and the organizations which they represent are as follows:

Betty Blanche Womack and Gene Wilmeth, Texas Department of Agriculture; Pauline Butler and Phillip Young, Huntsville A. & M. Club, Helen Nemir and Harold Cobb, Grimes County C. of C.; Mary Jo Bass and Frank Harvey, Tyler Junior College; Ruth Curtin Arbuckle and Charles Thankheiser, Houston A. & M. Club; Sylvia Rosenthal and E. M. Rosenthal, The Battalion; Princess Marie Sul-

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Group Will Visit East And North Texas Cities

Aggieland's renowned choral organization, the Singing Cadets, will leave via chartered busses Monday morning for a concert tour to several East and North Texas cities, their second trip of the year.

The itinerary of the trip will include Palestine, Jacksonville, and Tyler. President T. O. Walton will accompany the Singing Cadets to Tyler if official business will permit.

After breakfast at 6:30 Monday morning in Sbis Hall, 90 members in three busses will leave for Palestine to present a program for the high school. A stop for lunch will be made in Jacksonville after singing for the senior high school there at 11:45 o'clock.

Continuing on to Tyler, the cadets will sing at the Citizens' National Bank for Gus F. Taylor, an official of the Tyler Rose Festival Association, and a number of his friends. At 2:30 o'clock, the Singing Cadets will present a program at the Tyler High School. For the remainder of the afternoon Monday, they will be allowed to use the Tyler Country club where they will enjoy golf, swimming, tennis, and other recreational devices.

A barbecue supper will be given for the members of the Tyler A. & M. Club and the Singing Cadets at the country club Monday evening. An hour and a half concert will be given in the City Auditorium in Tyler Monday night at 8 o'clock. After the concert, the Singing Cadets will be furnished dates to entertain them for the remainder of the evening. Lodging for the night will be provided in the Tyler homes.

The cadets will return to College Station Tuesday morning.

War Dept Announces Partial List of Deferments

23 Students Have Been Deferred At Present Time; Lists Are Not Complete Yet

A partial list of senior R. O. T. C. members who filed questionnaires with the Eighth Corps Area Headquarters recently requesting deferment from active military duty has been received by the office of the commandant. According to their respective reasons for deferment, certain A. & M. seniors have been granted a tentative deferment of one year until July 1, 1942, as follows: C. W. Brown, Jr., Joseph R. Nalley, Jr., Thomas G. Hall, James P. Giles, Jr., John W. Bailey, John E. Cottle, Wellington C. Cornell, George F. Bentinck, Howard W. Shea, Eldred B. Wheeler, and A. P. Bolding, Jr.

Babcock Wins Over Bryant In Junior Election

Election Closes Current Political Season

Charles Babcock, A Field Artillery sophomore from Beaumont, was elected to the office of Junior Representative on the Student Publications Board over Billy Bryant, G Infantry sophomore from Stamford, by a vote of 289 to 213 in the run off election held Thursday.

Babcock and Bryant were forced into the runoff when one of them failed to gain a majority in Tuesday's general election. H. E. Norton, sophomore from Grand Prairie, and Tom Vannoy, sophomore from McAllen, were also candidates for this election, but were eliminated in the primary election.

Thursday's election brought to a close the political season at A. & M. Results of the other elections held this spring include the victory of Tom Gillis, Fort Worth junior of B Coast Artillery, over D. C. Thurman, Menard, and E. M. Rosenthal, Fort Worth, in the campaign for editor of The Battalion. R. L. Heitkamp, New Braunfels, who was chosen by the junior class to be editor of the 1941-42 Longhorn over Bennie Hancock, Corpus Christi.

Fred Smitham, B CWS from Dallas, was elected as Town Hall Manager for next year. Alden Cathey, G Infantry from Fort Worth, was elected Social Secretary of the Senior Class.

In a special election for seniors only, Jeff Montgomery, H Infantry from Mason, was selected as class valedictorian.

Loving to Conduct Concert Monday Evening

Woodwind instruments will be featured in the regular Monday night annotated musical concert to be given in the music room of the Cushing Memorial Library by Frank A. Loving, Chemical Engineering senior and member of the Aggie Band.

The program will consist of: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5—2nd movement by Bach (Flute) Quartet in F Major—2nd and 3rd movements by Mozart (Oboe) Quintet in B Minor—3rd movement, by Brahms (clarinet) Orpheus in the Underworld Overture by Offenbach (clarinet) William Tell Overture—Andante by Rossini Divertimento by Mozart (Trio with flue, clarinet, and bassoon)

The concert will begin at 7:30 P. M. All students and faculty members interested in this music are cordially invited to attend.

Annual Musical Silver Tea Set for April 27

The Fourth Annual Musical Silver Tea, sponsored by the Womens Christian Service Society of the A. & M. Methodist Church, will be held in the home Sunday, April 27, from 3:30 until 7:30 p. m.

The program will be composed of presentations by the choral club, a string duet with piano accompaniment, several piano selections, a brass trio, a reading, a violin solo, and several selections. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The following named students were refused deferment upon graduation in June: J. D. Poage, H. G. Talbot, J. C. Bloodworth, J. H. Dixon, G. H. Reynolds, Alfred Holbrecht, R. M. Magee, G. H. Sanders, Jr., R. G. Hill, P. M. Bolton, W. J. Montgomery, K. W. Dahl, L. L. Cox, L. F. Jaggi, J. W. McCrary, H. A. Hernandez, E. F. Shiels, T. E. Duce, F. R. Lewis, E. E. Byrd, L. L. Appelt, L. E. Watkins, C. A. Lilly, Jr., E. E. Schott, C. B. Christian, W. C. Heitkamp, E. W. Cowling, G. P. Trotter, Jr., R. W. Alexander, J. A. Fridmore, T. A. Arnold, J. E. Gissler, A. J. Bischoff, R. L. Sweeney, Jr., J. H. Wellborn, R. M. Davis, Jr., H. O. Johnson, Jr., E. R. Keeton, and E. H. Reagan.

Earlier in the year the following named seniors were granted absolute deferment for one year as requested by their individual letters: Jack Holt, T. S. Williams, J. D. Ragland, R. W. Parker, J. R. Lane, Jr., B. S. Hutchins, E. R. Pace, O. D. Hatcher, J. J. Walker, W. R. Benson, J. B. Link, and F. A. Loving.

Those who asked for deferment from military service were given permission of one year's absence from active duty by the Eighth Corps Area Commander, for he

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Town Hall Gets Fitting Climax By Ellington's Band

A large, enthusiastic Town Hall audience witnessed Duke Ellington and his nationally famous orchestra last night in Sbis Hall as a fitting climax event on the 1940-41 Town Hall calendar.

Ellington was at his best, featuring some unique dance and swing arrangements, and the crowd of music lovers responded continually with spontaneous outbursts of applause.

Later in the evening, the negro orchestra, composed of fifteen instrumentalists and one vocalist, played for the annual Infantry Regimental Ball, the final organization hall of the spring season. The dance programs were of a glistening blue with dazzling white letters, while the favors were gold pins consisting of crossed rifles between which is suspended a polished gold medallion with A. & M. in the center.

Ellington and his boys will supply the orchestra for the corps dance tonight in Sbis Hall from nine until twelve. Scrip for the dance will be \$1.10. The general public is extended an invitation to the affair.

Man Electrocutated by High Voltage Power Line Near East Gate

James A. Snow, 26, of Austin, was electrocuted about 2:30 Thursday afternoon while installing a neon sign at the Black Pharmacy located on highway 6 near the main entrance of the campus. Ernest H. Barnes, also of Austin, was severely burned while trying to save Snow.

Snow was engaged in installing a neon sign at the pharmacy and came in contact with a high voltage REA line. Snow was winding up an extension ladder as he came in contact with the 12,000 volt line. It is believed that he was killed instantly.

In attempting to rescue Snow, Barnes was seriously burned about the face and hands. He was immediately taken to the Wilkerson Memorial Clinic in Bryan for treatment. Barnes' condition was not serious, although his injuries were severe.

And She Really Loves Texas

Genuine Royalty to Grace Cotton Pageant

Genuine royalty will grace the court of King J. T. Anderson and his queen, Connie Lindley, at the annual Cotton Pageant and Ball next Friday night when Marie Gloria, the Princess Sulkowski of the royal house of old Austria, will be a duchess in the Cotton Pageant. Princess Marie Gloria will be one of the representatives of the Agronomy Society and will be escorted by Clyde Raley of Machine Gun Troop Cavalry.

At the present the Princess Marie Gloria and her parents, Princess Stanislas Sulkowski, live in Mexico City, but she is perhaps one of the greatest enthusiasts that the state of Texas ever had. About a year ago, Marie Gloria and her mother spent some time in Texas on a visit to friends in Tyler. Since then, Marie Gloria has never tired of talking of Texas and when in the mood, she puts her sentiments regarding Texas into verse—both in English and in Spanish.

The vivacious 19 year old princess is a daughter of a scion of the Austrian House of Hapsburg. One of her father's numerous estates was Bieltitz Castle, near the city of that name, in the old empire. In his youthful days, Prince Stanislas was a dashing officer of the famous Black Dragoons. The mother of Marie Gloria, Princess Sulkowski, comes of an old Spanish family that years ago was granted large land rights by the Spanish Crown in what are now the Mexican States of Sinola and Sonora. She met Prince Stanislas in California, where her family lived at that time while the Prince was on a tour of the new world.

Prince Stanislas, an artist whose connections of the old days are now disrupted by the changing times, follows his art in Mexico City. Princess Maria Gloria loves mu-

sic and painting also, her favorite medium with the brush being water colors. But most of all she loves poetry and writes with equal facility in Spanish and English. She is widely traveled and is an able linguist, speaking English, Spanish, French, German and Italian.

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