

Winners of Cotton Study Tour Announced at Pageant

ACP Gives '41 Battalion Honor Newspaper Rating

Features, Editorials, Make-up, and Headlines Receive ACP Recognition

The Battalion newspaper has been awarded a first-class honor rating by the Associated Collegiate Press, for the year 1940-41, in a nation-wide journalistic contest recently completed, according to an announcement received here this week.

It was judged in a class among papers published two or three times a week at colleges with more than a 5000 enrollment.

The judging is conducted not for the purpose of creating rivalries between the newspapers of the various colleges, but to encourage and suggest further improvements that may be made in each paper.

Ratings are made on the basis of news value; extent and variety of news coverage; news writing and editing; headlines, typography, and page make-up; and sports and special features.

In regard to collegiate newspapers, the A.C.P. stated, "Student newspapers of today are far superior to those of 10 years ago. Each year improvements are noted and as a result standards are higher. This constant improvement means that no matter how good a paper may have been yesterday, it is surpassed today, unless it too has progressed."

The Battalion was complimented by the judges for its feature stories, headlines and make-up, and editorial features.

A total of 1375 college newspapers were judged. The Battalion also received the first-class honor rating last year.

Stephens to Give Annotated Concert

G. D. Stephens of the English department will conduct the regular annotated musical concert in the music room of the Cushing Memorial Library Monday evening at 7:15.

The program will consist of the following symphonic poems:

Borodin: "In the Steppes of Central Asia"

Respighi: "Feste Romane"

Smetana: "The Two Springs" and "Rustic Wedding" from "The Moldau"

Sibelius: "Valse Triste"

Grofe: "Painted Desert" and "On the Trail" from the Grand Canyon Suite.

Liszt: "Les Preludes"

Barlow, Higgins Confer in Wichita

H. W. Barlow, head of the department of aeronautical engineering, and P. R. Higgins, instructor in the aeronautical engineering department, have recently returned from the Southwest Aviation conference held at Wichita, Kansas April 24, 25 and 26.

About 1700 representatives from aviation companies as well as colleges participating in the civilian pilot training program met at the conference for the purpose of discussing the problems of aviation as related to the Southwest.

Following the meeting at which Barlow was chairman of the policy committee, Barlow and Higgins visited the Beech and Stearman aircraft factories.

"There is a great demand for aircraft mechanics, engineers and shop personnel in the airplane factories of the Southwest," Barlow said. "The Stearman people told me that young men from the southwest furnished the finest kind of a reservoir for aircraft production personnel."

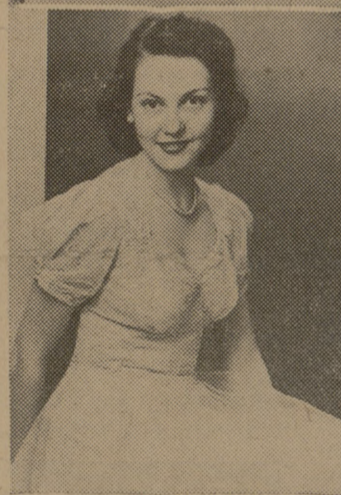
Queen Cotton's Maids of Honor



The seven ladies-in-waiting to the royal court of King and Queen Cotton, all of whom are T.S.C.W. students, are, top row, left to right, Dava Robinson, Honey Grove, sophomore; Betty Bowman, Mineral Wells, freshman, and Sara Gillett, Whiteright, junior.



Second row, Edith Ellison, Denton, freshman and Paura Gainer, Menard senior.



Bottom row, Margaret Trulock, Paris, senior, and Ruth Tilley, Shamrock, freshman.

The queen of the Cotton Ball and her maids of honor may easily be considered the "beauties of the beauties" because only those girls who were participants in the Rose Bud Festival, the festival of beauty and charm, at T.S.C.W. were considered as candidates for the Cotton Ball honors.

The Queen of the Pageant and Ball was selected from among this group. The girls who were in the finals of the Rose Bud Festival became the ladies-in-waiting for the Queen.

Rufus Pearce to Be '41-'42 Leader of Aggeland Band

Will Replace Present Maestro, Ed Minnock, Who Graduates

Next year it will be "Rufus 'Toppy' Pearce and His Aggeland Swing Band" according to an announcement made at the Cotton Ball Friday night. He will take over the baton at the beginning of the fall semester.

Pearce, a junior in the Field Artillery Band, has played the saxophone in the Aggeland orchestra for several years. He will succeed Ed Minnock as maestro of the band. Minnock, who has led the orchestra through a successful season since last September, will graduate this semester.

The Aggeland orchestra plays for corps dances during football season, faculty dances, and has a standing engagement for the Cotton Ball. The members also make frequent week-end trips and play for other organizations.

Arrangements for the band for the past two years have been made by Jack Littlejohn, former director of the orchestra and composer of "I'd Rather Be A Texas Aggie". Many arrangements are by Bud Nelson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who is recognized as one of the best arrangers in the southwest.

The new leader of the orchestra was chosen by a vote of its members. His term will last through the 1941-42 season.

Next Saturday's Paper Will Be Special Edition

One week from today, The Battalion will be issued in the form of an annual special edition which is distributed to 10,000 seniors graduating from high schools in Texas.

Total circulation will be nearly 16,000, including the usual 5,000 faculty-student subscription list.

Distribution on the campus will be at the usual time on Saturday morning; the 10,000 high school copies will be mailed out during the two days following.

An attempt is being made to present as complete a picture of A. & M. College, its divisions and activities, the Texas Aggies, and Aggie life as space will permit. Object of the special edition is to better inform the high school students of the state about the school and to furnish the boys graduating an added incentive to enroll at A. & M.

Students From Latin American Countries to Take Part in Meeting

A feature of the Conference on Latin American Relations to be held at the A. & M. College of Texas on May 12 to 14 will be the participation of students of the college from Latin American countries.

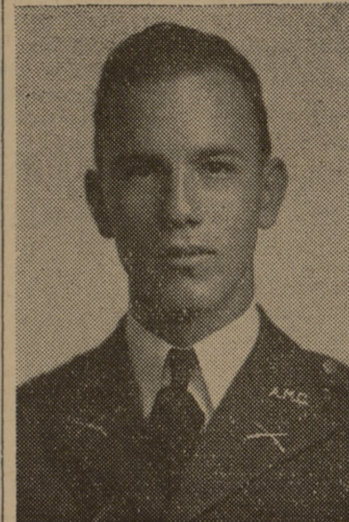
The conference is conducted by the college under the sponsorship of the Fourth District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and over a hundred club members are expected to attend.

The Latin American students have been invited to eat with the club members, who will have their meals as a group during the conference. The students will also participate in discussions following lectures on the program.

Latin American students who will appear on the program for talks or entertainment are Daniel Comejo of Venezuela; Miguel Soto of Porto Rico; Xavier Fernandez, Gabino Fajardo, and Gustavo Carlson of Peru; and Porfirio Cadena of Mexico.

Robinson, Hartgraves And Collard Are Selected

Officers



In the top picture is J. H. Robinson, who was business manager of the ball. He was also selected as one of the cotton tour winners.

In the bottom picture is J. W. Pinson, Social Secretary in charge of the Cotton Ball.

Evans Delivers Coronation Address At 10th Cotton Show

Announcement of the Cotton Contest winners and the crowning of Connie Lindley, of Fort Worth, as Queen Cotton by Sterling C. Evans of Houston helped to make the Tenth Annual Cotton Style Show and Cotton Ball, Friday night, one of the most colorful events of the present social season at A. & M.

Winners of the Cotton Study Tour to South America are Ralph Hartgraves, G Inf., Jonesboro; J. H. Robinson, A Inf., McAllen; and F. G. Collard, M Inf., Oglesby. Collard is the second junior to ever win an annual cotton contest.

These winners were announced immediately after the crowning ceremony to Queen Connie Lindley. The contest winners this year will tour several South American countries to make a study of cotton and general agriculture in these countries.

Evans is Founder
The idea and plan of the cotton pageant and ball was conceived by Sterling C. Evans in 1932. Since that time Professor J. S. Mogford of the Agronomy department has been chiefly responsible for the progress and success of the project.

The cotton tour, money for which is obtained each year by the cotton style show, pageant and ball, is awarded to the three students making the highest average on nine competitive examinations. These examinations are given each year by nine different departments in the school of Agriculture, and are offered to any student who wishes to participate.

In the past nine years tours have been to England usually, once to Japan and the Orient, once to Mediterranean countries, last year to Canada and six times to continental Europe.

Design by Thompson
This year a former tour winner, L. M. Thompson, instructor in the Agronomy department, designed the scenery and setting for the pageant.

Sterling C. Evans, president of the Federal Land Bank of Houston delivered the coronation address and crowned Queen Cotton X inside a huge cotton boll. The background portrayed the realm of King Cotton as a map of the Southeastern, Southern and Southwestern states which extended the full length of the scene. Across the top of the background on a large scroll were the words "The Land of King Cotton."

King Cotton Challenged
In closing the "Coronator" stated that a challenge faces King Cotton from the world of synthetic. "Let us hope," he said, "that you will face this challenge with know- (Continued on Page 4)"

Consul for Britain Is Banquet Speaker For Civil Engineers

H. E. Slaymaker, British consul in Houston, will discuss the British war efforts Tuesday night when he appears as principal speaker at a banquet of surveying and mapping engineers attending the short course sponsored by the civil engineering department.

Slaymaker served in the British army during the last World War and is in close contact with events in Europe through his consularship. He will discuss British efforts in the present war and the need for aid.

Following the banquet the surveying and mapping engineers, who (Continued on Page 4)

Chem Engineering Department to Offer Explosives Course in Summer

An engineering defense training course in powder and explosives will be given this summer for persons who are interested in this work or who plan to qualify for inspectors of the ordnance department or as operators for manufacturers, J. D. Lindsay, professor in the chemical engineering department, announced Wednesday.

The first section will be open to students who have completed two years of college work including courses in chemistry. The second will be open to those who have completed the first section, and have completed three years of college work.

Both sections are scheduled to start about June 2 and will take a month for completion. Full time work will be required consisting of six hours a day.

England Gets 63 Knitted Garments From College Station

A box of 63 knitted garments has been shipped to Houston for Bundles for Britain, according to Mrs. N. M. McGinnis, chairman.

From Houston the garments will be put in with clothes from other cities and shipped to England.

The box sent from College Station contained the following articles: 12 v-necked sweaters, 17 square necked sweaters, four turtle neck sweaters, two pairs of sea boot stockings, ten pairs of socks, seven helmets, five pairs of mittens, and four pairs of wristlets.

A & M to Sponsor First Short Course for Frozen Food Locker Operators Here May 5-6

The first Frozen Food Locker Operators short course in the history of A. & M. will be held May 5 and 6.

Approximately a hundred plant operators of the 125 frozen food locker plants now in operation and the 35 plants that are now being designed and planned throughout Texas are expected to attend the course.

The short course is being sponsored by the Animal Husbandry department in cooperation with the Extension Service for the benefit of operators of frozen food lockers and all persons interested in the installation and operation of such plants. This new industry involves many problems that are to be discussed during the short course including the processing of fruits and vegetables, possibilities for killing plants next to lockers, sanitation, records and bookkeeping, methods of interesting city patrons, the cause and control of changes taking place in frozen meats and foods, recommended methods of cutting beef and lamb for lockers, and machine operations and methods of planning new plants.

Nut Culture Class Makes Inspection Trip

The Nut Culture class of the horticulture department left Wednesday on an inspection trip of pecan groves and shelling plants in Central Texas.

The class left college at 11 a. m. and made their first stop at Taylor. There they inspected the pecan shelling plant which puts out 3600 pounds of shelled pecans daily. From Taylor the class visited several groves of pecans on the Little River bottom in the vicinity of Holland. They returned to college late Wednesday evening.

ods of planning new plants.

The program will begin Monday morning at 8 a. m. with the registration of the operators. The program will be opened at 9 a. m. by C. E. Murphey of the Animal Husbandry department, who is chairman for the morning. P. T. Montfort of the Agricultural Engineering department will speak on "The Place of a Freezer Locker Plant in Texas," and C. E. Bowles, cooperative marketing specialist from the Extension Service will speak on "Planning a New Plant."

During the afternoon session, R. F. Cain of the Horticulture department will discuss "Processing Fruits and Vegetables for Locker Storage" and K. F. Warner, extension meat specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture, will speak on "Paper Cartons and Other Packaging Materials."

Reserve Officers' Smoker to be May 21

The Brazos County chapter of the Reserve Officers' association, in cooperation with the Texas State department, R. O. A., will hold a Reserve Day program for the benefit of the senior R.O.T.C. students who will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Reserve corps upon graduation.

The affair will be held in the banquet room of Sbsa hall at 7 o'clock May 21.

The program this year will be in the form of a smoker and Col. C. L. Mitchell, chief of staff, first military area, San Antonio, will be the principal speaker.

Col. Mitchell will be accompanied by members of his staff from each of the various branches of service. Officers of the Texas State R. O. A. department and many out of town reserve officers will also be present.

culture, will speak on "Paper Cartons and Other Packaging Materials." After an intermission, W. W. Bailey of the Animal Husbandry department will talk on "Getting New Customers and Maintaining the Old," and Roy Davis, secretary of the Houston Bank for Cooperatives, will discuss "Records and Bookkeeping." T. G. Kelly, Carrollton, will talk on "Locker Plant Legislation" during the night session.

The Tuesday morning session will be given by L. S. Keen, outstanding locker plant operator of Corsicana, on "Possibilities of a Killing Plant in Conjunction with a Locker Plant," R. W. Snyder, specialist in animal industries, on "Sanitation in a Plant," and C. E. Murphey on "Cutting Pork for Curing and Locker Storage." Following an intermission, Murphey will talk on "Curing, Smoking and Storing of Pork," and K. F. Warner will speak on "Changes that take place on Frozen Foods."

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Mellman Will Speak To Hillel Club Sunday

Dr. Harry B. Mellman, National Field Secretary of the B'Nai Brith Hillel Foundation, will be the guest speaker of the Hillel club at an open meeting Sunday, at 7:15 p. m. in the Lounge Room of Sbsa Hall.

Dr. Mellman is a graduate of Washington university in St. Louis, and holds a doctor's degree from the University of Illinois. Though only 25 years old, he held teaching positions in American government with special bearing on the problems and responsibilities of American youth. The meeting is open to the public.