

Seniors Going in Service to Have Special Exercises

Easterwood Airport Will Be Dedicated With Review and Ceremony Held Today

Dedication Will Be Held at Airport

The official dedication of Easterwood airport which is named in honor of Jesse L. Easterwood, Aggie-ex who was killed in an airplane accident following World War I, will be held this afternoon at the airport with many distinguished visitors attending.

The dedication ceremonies will be ushered in with a dismounted review of the cadet corps at 1 p. m. Among the visitors in the reviewing stand will be Miss Eva Easterwood, sister of Jesse L. Easterwood; Brigadier General Gerald C. Brant, Commanding General, Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center, Randolph Field, Texas; and Captain A. D. Barnhard, U. S. Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Immediately following the review, Company B Infantry commanded by Captain R. T. Foster will go to the airport to take part in the dedication ceremonies. Easterwood was a member of Company B while he attended A. & M.

Dedication of the airport will begin at 3 p. m. with Gibb Gilchrist, dean of the school of engineering, presiding. The Aggie band will open the ceremony with the playing of "America." An invocation will be delivered by Rev. James Carlin, Pastor of the Methodist church, College Station, Texas.

After the invocation, Dean Gilchrist will present Miss Easterwood, General Brant, and Captain Barnhard, who are guests for the occasion. A citation in commemoration of the dedication of the airport to Jesse L. Easterwood will be read by Dean Gilchrist.

Miss Easterwood, sister of Easterwood, will then unveil a marker in commemoration of her brother. Following the unveiling, the Aggie band will play the "Spirit of Aggieland." A group of army planes will then fly over the airport at approximately 3:45 p. m.

Easterwood was killed in an airplane accident in 1918.

ROA Honors Becker as Year's Outstanding Senior

Cadet Colonel William A. Becker was honored as the year's outstanding senior by the Texas Department of the Reserve Officers Association last night at the local R. O. A. meeting in Sbis Hall.

Becker was presented a brief case by reserve Major E. J. Howell, last president of the Texas R. O. A. in the absence of Major Charles Anderson, present head of the organization.

The presentation came after the introduction of the eight visiting officers who were last night's honored guests at the Reserve Officers meeting. These officers were invited to the meeting to allow the graduating seniors to contact them and thereby become better acquainted with the officers of their respective units.

The principal speaker of the evening was Colonel C. L. Mitchell, executive of the first military area, who told the future officers of what they should expect when called to active duty, the responsibilities they should have and the preparation they should make. His talk was elaborated on by Lieutenant Colonel James Bentley Taylor who told of the many details in connection with entering active duty.

Following the talks and an informal recess, at which time punch and cigars were served, the 500 graduating potential officers met in groups, according to their respective branches of service, and personally met their future superior officers. In these group meetings the seniors were allowed to ask questions and get information on problems with which they were confronted in relation to being called to active duty.

Easterwood's Is Life of Service

Almost like fiction is the story of Jesse Lawrence Easterwood, Aggie and naval flying officer for whom the A. & M. airport is being named.

Easterwood was born December 5, 1888 at Willis Point, Texas, the son of Captain and Mrs. W. E. Easterwood, pioneer and worthy citizens of Texas. He lived in Willis Point for 17 years during which time he grew into a well built athletic person with a most pleasing personality.

In 1905 he entered A. & M. College and was assigned to B Company Infantry. Because of his pleasing personality he soon became one of the best liked men in the company and his fellow students affectionately called him "Red." He left A. & M. in 1909.

He volunteered to the call of his country on April 7, 1917, by enlisting in the Naval Air Service and was commissioned ensign in that service after a thorough training at Pensacola, Florida and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The second American to qualify as a naval aviation pilot, Ensign Easterwood sailed for England where he served with the Royal Air Force. Before the conclusion of the war, he served with the British, Italian, French and American Air service. He made 16 successful raids behind enemy lines and was presented with distinguished service medals by three foreign countries.

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Distribution '41 Longhorns Begun

The first of the 4800 copies of the biggest Longhorn in the history of A. & M. started on their annual rounds yesterday afternoon at 1 p. m.

As has been done in past years the seniors received the first Longhorns while the juniors received theirs at 1:00 this afternoon. Sophomores and freshmen will receive their Longhorns on Friday and Saturday afternoons respectively.

The September maintenance receipt, showing payment of the student activities fee, must be presented in order to obtain the Longhorn. Duplicate receipts will not be honored in the issuing of the Longhorns. If the receipt has been lost the student should have his name checked off at the Student Publication's Office so that his issue will not be given to someone else and he can obtain his copy Monday afternoon.

WTAW Music Debate Swing Vs. Classical

Swing vs. classical music will be the subject of a debate to be presented by a quintet of Aggies over WTAW Friday afternoon from 4:45 to 5:15 p. m., according to John Rosser, director of WTAW.

Chairman of the embattled musicologists will be C. O. Spriggs, member of the A. & M. College English faculty in charge of Public Speaking. C. W. Brown, B. J. Edmonds, H. G. Decker, Tom Power and William Gammon will do the wrangling, with the odds three-to-five against the classical enthusiasts, Edmonds and Gammon.

The group was invited to broadcast the discussion by WTAW director John Rosser, who will be on hand to answer questions put to him by the cadets, in their effort to decide whether swing or the classics should be offered on the daily noontime broadcasts.

Criswell Heads Press Club For 1941-42 Session

Officers for 1941-42 Press Club were elected at a business meeting following the annual Press Club banquet, Tuesday night. New officers of the club are: Ralph Criswell, president; Tom Gillis, vice-president, and Ed Gordon, secretary.

The banquet, held each year for the staffs of the Battalion, Longhorn, Engineer, and Agriculturist, took place in Sbis Hall with President T. O. Walton, Colonel Ike Ashburn, and Dean F. C. Bolton as honor guests. Toastmaster Jeff Montgomery presented the guest speaker, Colonel Ike Ashburn, who said that the responsibility of the press was greater than ever at present and that truth should be the primary objective of the press. Colonel Ike also said that the work he did on the Fort Worth Record before he came to A. & M. was the most interesting he had ever done.

Dean F. C. Bolton presented the awards in the form of keys and watches to the members of the various staffs who had shown exceptional ability in the past year, after which President T. O. Walton spoke a few words of praise to the members of the Press Club. The banquet was closed with the presentation of an honor award to E. L. Angel, head of the Student Publication's Board, for the help he has so generously given.

Course to Be Offered Naval Architecture

Courses Open For Students Who Will Complete 4 Years

Courses in Naval Architecture, Marine Engineering, and Aeronautical Engineering, will be offered here during the summer session, Gibb Gilchrist, dean of the school of engineering, announced yesterday.

These courses are open only to students who have completed a four-year course in either civil, electrical, mechanical, or petroleum engineering. Students who have completed a four-year course can qualify for a rating as junior engineering by taking these special ten-week courses.

Dean Gilchrist said that efforts are being made now to determine how many graduates would be interested in taking this course. "Deferredments might be obtained for those who will take this course," Gilchrist said.

The offering of these courses is contingent upon as many as 20 graduates enrolling for each course. Seniors who are interested in taking these courses should come by Dean Gilchrist's office and obtain forms to be filled in. These forms should be returned to the dean's office at once.

In explaining the filling out of these applications, Dean Gilchrist said, "Should this be done only as a means of expressing interest, those filling out the forms should strike out that portion in which they agree to enroll and substitute some expression of interest. As soon as these forms are in my hands, we should have a meeting at which further steps will be explained."

Federal Agency Urges Students To Finish School

Efforts are being made to keep students in college who are enrolled in courses closely related to national defense until they finish their courses was stated in reports from the Federal Security Agency, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C., prepared by John W. Sturtevant, commissioner.

It is pointed out that the demand of industry for fully trained professional personnel in all the fields related to national defense is already greater than the supply and the need for these fully trained (Continued on page 4)

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

The Commandant desires to express his commendation and appreciation of the splendid exhibition of discipline by the cadets at the baseball game in Austin on the 19th of May, 1941. Although provoked beyond the ordinary bounds of control, they showed the qualities of breeding and the results of their military training in the perfect calmness, dignity, and assurance with which they faced a very disagreeable situation. Such conduct and such qualities reflect the high standards which the cadets of this College constantly strive to maintain. I congratulate you.

JAMES A. WATSON
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Army
Commandant

Student Labor Renewals Must Be In Before June 1

Wendell R. Horsley, Student Labor Director, stated today that nearly all the student labor employees, excluding seniors, have applied for job renewals for the coming summer and fall. These renewals must be in by May 31. This means quite a number of the A. & M. student body, or approximately 2,000 Aggies are holding down a like number of jobs.

Receiving between 5,000 and 6,000 applications for work before the beginning of each school year, the Student Labor Office rapidly cuts the number of applicants down to approximately 2,000.

College funds averaging \$14,000 per month furnish the cash for the employment of 1,200 students. NYA also provides jobs for 650 students by adding \$74,000 to student funds during the year. Other employment is furnished in and around College Station.

Mr. Horsley stated proudly that 45% of the distinguished students last semester were student employees and that 43% of the senior class held jobs.

Equipment May be Stored for Summer

The Student Labor Office has announced that storage space, available to all students, will be furnished for trunks, lamps, radios, etc., for the summer months.

Fees from \$.25 to \$1.00 will be charged for each article submitted and any income from storage operations in excess of operating costs will be used to provide additional student employment and to supplement funds of student organizations and activities.

102 Cadets Must Report To Posts Before June 5

Ceremonies for Remainder of Seniors Will be Conducted as First Scheduled

The following announcement was made by the Academic Council following their meeting yesterday afternoon: "It has been brought to the attention of the Academic Council that 102 members of the senior class have been called to active duty in defense of their country prior to June 6, the date normally set for their graduation."

"This Council in its desire to accord all honor to those young men who, after four years of preparation through the ROTC, are now subordinating their normal objectives and ambitions to the country's call for military service, hereby sets Friday, May 30, 1941, for a special commencement and graduation exercise for all such members of the graduating class who have completed the requirements for graduation."

Of the seniors affected by this order 32 are in the Engineer Regiment and have received notice to report for service on June 4; 49 Coast Artillery seniors have received orders to report June 5; and 21 seniors from the Signal Corps battalion must report for active duty on June 4.

Taylor to Speak to Three Ag Clubs

Stark Taylor, of M. Hohenberg and Company, will speak before the combined meeting of the Agronomy Society, the Marketing and Finance Club, and the Cotton Society which will be held tonight at 7:30 on the second floor of the Textile Building. He will discuss the merchandising of cotton and how textile merchants do business; the making of standards; and the prospects for business now and after the war.

Taylor is Dallas Manager of M. Hohenberg and Co. which is second only to Anderson and Clayton in the cotton shippers of the world. He is coming from Dallas to address the group. He is former president of the Texas Cotton Shippers' Association, a director of the American Cotton Shippers' Association, and a representative of the Texas Cotton Shippers on the committee of Graduating and Stapling of Cotton in Washington.

Major Hartley Becomes CAC Head

Major Burton Hartley took over his position as senior instructor in the Coast Artillery Corps at A. & M. yesterday following his arrival on the campus Tuesday.

Major Hartley, who was a reserve officer in the Houston area before coming here, is the third officer to hold the position of senior C.A.C. instructor this year. He was preceded by Lieut. Col. Frank A. Hollingshead and Major E. B. Spiller.

The Coast Artillery has also been notified that its staff will be supplemented by one other officer besides Major Hartley. Captain Adam J. Bennett of Harlingen, Texas, has been called to active duty to fill the position here.

Chemical Warfare seniors' orders require that they report to their assigned posts on June 15, and Field Artillery seniors must report on June 24.

The Executive Committee recommends that daily grades through May 30 be counted as semester grades on the same basis as is provided for candidates in College Regulations Par. 24 (4), for those seniors not candidates for graduation at the close of this session who have been called to active duty prior to June 7, 1941.

The graduation exercises as they were originally planned will be held for the remainder of the seniors who are not affected by assignments to active duty.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at 10:30 Friday morning, June 5, by Reverend Umphrey Lee, D.D., President of Southern Methodist University.

Friday afternoon from 1 until 4 all departments of the college will be open for inspection by cadets and their guests.

The evening ceremonies will begin with the commencement procession at 6 o'clock and will be followed by the commencement exercises.

The address will be delivered by Leonard Blaisdell, Commercial Vice-President of General Electric Company in Cleveland, Ohio. The valedictory address will be given by Cadet Lieut. Col. William Jeff Montgomery of Mason.

President T. O. Walton will confer the degrees upon the candidates and the diplomas will be presented by F. M. Law, President of the Board of Directors.

Following the graduation exercises President and Mrs. Walton will hold an informal reception at their home for the graduating students and their families, members of the community.

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No Doubt About It! The Book's a Real Beauty

Aggieland - National Defense Is '41 Longhorn Theme

In these trying days of a national emergency, the editors of the 1940-41 Longhorn could not have chosen a more fitting theme for this year's edition of that book than that of National Defense.

An American eagle, wings outspread and talons open, swooping down upon an unseen foe forms a dramatic and aggressive cover for the Longhorn. The eagle is in gray against a background of deep rich brown. The words "Longhorn" appear in red and gold written across the lower part of the cover.

Among the striking new features of this year's Longhorn are the beautiful division pages, consisting of full page color photographs portraying the military and defense aspects of A. & M. A huge Aggie "T" formed by the entire Aggie band forms the subject of color photograph which is the first division page for the book.

Other division pages show the activities of the various military units here at A. & M. Across from each full page color photograph is the description of the military organization which appears in the photograph. As a background for each description appears the hat cord of that organization in its natural colors.

The section devoted to the classes at A. & M. is introduced by a view of the Infantry conducting extended order drill against a sky-blue background. The classes section is devoted to individual photographs of members of the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes. Descriptions of members of the senior class appear opposite their pictures. The border for these class pages is the gold officers hat cord which appears at the top of each page.

"Aggieland" Section
The "Aggieland" section is devoted to snapshots of Aggie life as seen here on the campus, on corps trips, and other occasions. Twelve 75 mm guns of the Field Artillery Regiment, manned by cadets, makes up the division page for the "Aggieland" section. Prominent among the photos in this section are many shots which show Aggie social life during weekends here and at T. S. C. W. in Denton.

Student activities at A. & M. form another section of the Longhorn and group pictures of organizations such as the Student Publications Board, the Engineering Council, and the various judging teams which represent A. & M. are included in this section. The religious groups at A. & M. are also featured in this section. A group of Signal Corps cadets installing a communications system is the subject of the division page for the activities.

Cecil B. deMille, famed motion picture executive, selected the beauties which appear in the Vanity Fair section of the Longhorn. Also included in this section are photographs of students who are included in Who's Who at A. & M. Pictures of girls who are senior favorites also appear in this section. Cadets of the Chemical Warfare Service are seen firing chemical mortars in the color photograph that serves as the division page for the Vanity Fair section.

Military Section
The military section of the book consists of pictures of all staff and military organizations at A. & M. As usual this section contains snapshots taken at the various summer camps. As an added feature of this year's Longhorn, this section also includes photos of the maneuvers taken in West Texas and New Mexico by the cadets at the conclusion of their regular camps. A mounted Cavalry

troop in line is seen on the division page of this section. Members of the corps of Engineers are engaged in map reading in the color photograph which introduces the section devoted to athletics. This section is always popular with many readers of the Longhorn. A special part of this section is devoted to the Cotton Bowl Game. Sports of which are represented in this section are football, baseball, basketball, track, swimming, water polo, boxing, polo, cross country, tumbling, golf, fencing, rifle firing, pistol firing, and tennis. Intramural winners are given group pictures in a special section devoted to these activities.

A. & M. Societies
Organizations and Societies of A. & M. form the last editorial section of the Longhorn. All clubs are represented with group pictures in this section of the Longhorn. (Continued on page 4)

Tentative Plans Being Made For Lounge in 'Y'

M. L. Cashion of the Y. M. C. A. announced that plans are being made to construct a lounge for students of the old dormitory area and their friends in the old Y. M. C. A. building. The A. & M. Mothers' Club agreed to furnish the lounge and the Y. M. C. A. board is requesting permission of the College Board of Directors to go ahead with this project.

Cashion said that the lounge would probably be located in an extension over the barber shop. He expressed his opinion that there is a great need for this lounge in the old area. He stated that the Kiest Lounge in the new area is used extensively but that it is too far away to take care of the students in the old area.

Plans for the extension over the barber shop have already been drawn and all that is needed is the permission and aid of the College Board. Dean Bolton will confer with President Walton and the matter will be brought before the board at its meeting next Saturday.