

## 67 Aggies Want Flying Cadet Course

### Physical Exams Given This Week At College Hospital

Physical exams are being scheduled for 67 Aggies who have requested that their applications be considered for the Flying Cadets training unit being organized by Lt. J. W. Williford '38, A. C. and Lt. Lester R. Dudley, M. C. who are supervising the recruiting campaign at A. & M.

The physical exams are being coordinated with the schedules of classes turned in by the students when they requested their names be placed on the list of applicants. The examinations are being given in the college hospital, approximately two hours being required for each examination.

"The fact that 67 have already reported is encouraging" Lt. Williford stated and also said he hoped that several hundred applications might be turned in so that A. & M. might have 10 of the 20-man units. Headquarters for the recruiting station is 37 Ross. Recruiting officers may also be found at the Aggie Inn and physical examinations will be going on at the college hospital until next Tuesday.

#### Six Colleges

The campaign is to take place in six of Texas' major universities including Texas University, Austin; Baylor University, Waco; Southern Methodist University, Dallas; North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton; and Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

As each college or university student is examined and approved for Cadet flight training, he will be issued an "Air Corps Pledge" pin, a small set of wings for lapel wear until he enters training.

The Gulf Coast Training Center officials, who maintain headquarters (Continued on Page 4)

## Stark Taylor Gives Speech on Cotton Textiles

At a combined meeting of the Agronomy, Marketing and Finance and Cotton Societies held last Thursday night, Stark Taylor, manager of M. Hohenberg and Company, Dallas, addressed the group on the subject of merchandising of cotton and how textile merchants do business; the making of standards; and the prospects for business now and after the war. The text of his speech is as follows:

"After the war is over there is going to be a great demand for young men in the cotton trade. The reason for the small number of young men entering the cotton business now is that the present war scare makes the young man's outlook in the cotton trade none too bright.

"After the present generation of cotton men have passed on there will be a shortage of younger men to replace them. It is true that as long as humanity exists that there will be a need for cotton in some form or fashion. In order to carry on the cotton trade, young men are going to have to enter it now.

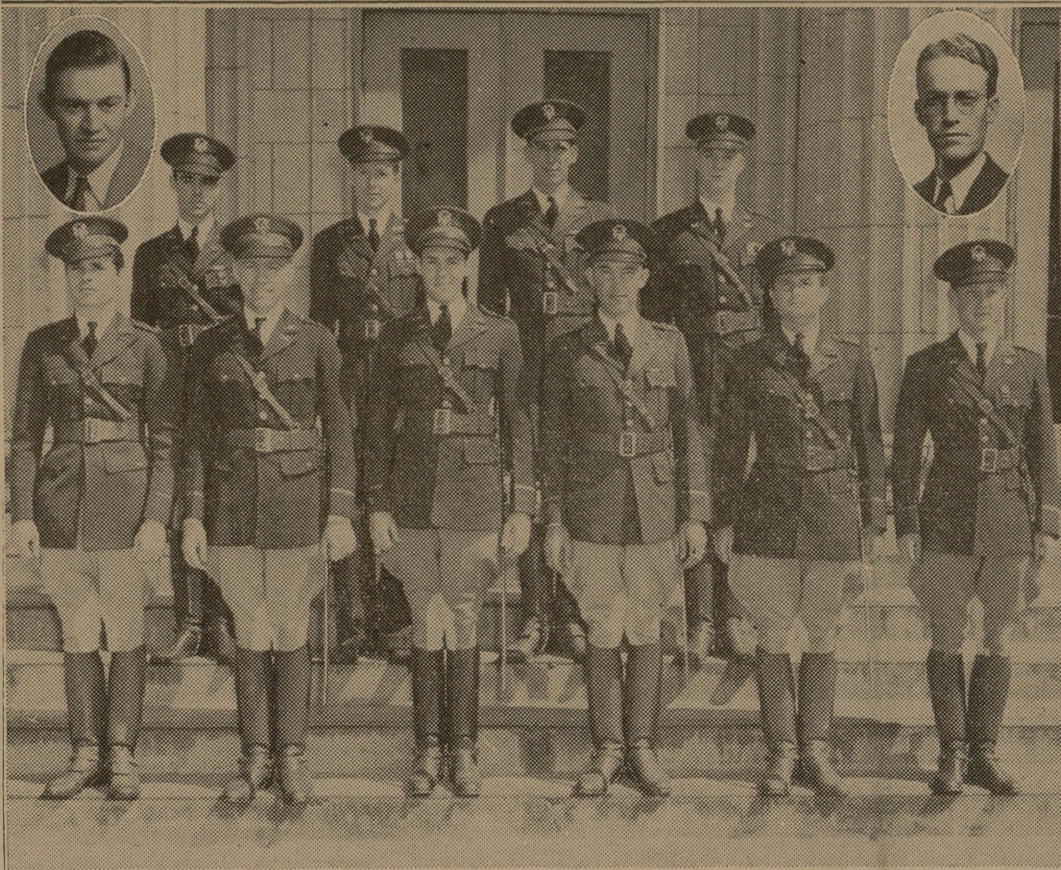
"Although the outlook for cotton is none too bright, the American cotton mills are at the present enjoying the best year in their history. This year the mills will consume some 10,000,000 bales of cotton, with the leading mill centers being in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

"The reason for the extreme increase in mill consumption is that the United States is exporting finished goods rather than raw cotton. England, which was formerly the seat of the cotton mills, can no longer use our raw cotton so the United States is manufacturing this cotton into finished goods and exporting it to the countries which are not blockaded.

"Premiums are now being paid on cotton for the first time in sev-

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## Seventeen Aggies Receive Two Degrees



A dozen of the 17 graduates at Texas A. & M. College who will receive two degrees at the annual commencement exercises at the college Friday, June 6.

Left to right, front row—H. H. Bodine, Colorado City; L. F. Beard, Rosenberg; J. B. Link, Fort Worth; J. M. Dixon, Frisco; K. H. Chandler, Thorndale; and H. E. Haltom, Crosbyton.

Back row—S. T. Crews, Jr., Crowley; J. A. Rehkemper, Dallas; W. A. Becker, Kaufman; and J. A. Clay, Jr., Fort Worth.

Inserts left and right—Roy L. Peden, Azle; and James R. Story, Alice, both of whom receive bachelor and master of science degrees.

Absent when the picture was taken were: C. W. Brown, Jr., Beaumont; L. W. Davis, Jr., Houston; F. D. White, Jr., Fort Worth; W. R. Nathan, College Station; and C. R. Matchett, Portadown, Ireland.

## Lou Breese to Close A&M Social Season

### Band Leader

By D. C. Thurman

It'll be breezing along with Lou Breese.

"Breezing along" is the theme of Lou Breese who with "Skip" Morr, vocalist, Barry Warren and the Breezemakers is to close the A. & M. social season at the Junior Prom and the Final Ball, June 5 and 6.

The "Breezy Rhythm" orchestra has the distinction of having scored the biggest individual success of any band in the East in the 1940 touring season. They took over New York in exactly four days.

Breese is not content with merely waving a baton in front of his orchestra but is noted for proficiency as a solo instrumentalist. This goes double, for Lou is equally spectacular as a soloist on two wholly unrelated instruments, trumpet and banjo.

Lou Breese and the Breezemakers have appeared at the New York World's Fair and at Chez Paree in Chicago. During the fairs, both in San Francisco and Chicago, Breese thought it would be timely to make an arrangement of the old English folk tune "Come to the Fair." He featured it on his NBC broadcasts and made a Varsity record of it.

The "Breezemakers" were featured by transcription at New

### His Vocalist



Skip Morr

York's fair with the tunes "Come to the Fair," "How Can I Ever Be Alone" and "Tennessee Fish Fry."

The radio transcription, a fifteen minute program, was sent by the Fair to 550 radio stations in North and South America. A second transcription was made, featuring "How Can I Ever Be Alone," "Bicycle Girl," and "American Jubilee."

## Here's the Statistics—Read 'Em and Weep:

# Take Your Pocketbook Along With Your Commission When You Join The U. S. Army

By Earle A. Shields, Jr.

It looks like you boys who will receive your commissions soon and who have been called to active duty in the army are going to have quite a nice time making ends meet, especially if you have a car and are making payments on it.

This is according to the latest statistics from the War department. The Infantry seniors already know about it for Major Tom Fox gave the list out to them so they would have some insight on what they were getting into.

The War department compiled the information by sending out questionnaires to second lieutenants in the regular army who had graduated from West Point. When the questionnaires were returned by the West Pointers the War department was able to make out a

fairly accurate budget by which young officers could go by.

Naturally, the budget represents a large cross section of the country and, as such, could not be used exactly at any one location. However, a pretty good estimate can be made as to how much one will spend while on active duty.

Here's the list on a monthly basis. Read it and weep:

- Housing Operation \$8.00
  - Servant
  - Laundry
  - Supplies
  - Small articles
- Food \$33.00
- Clothing \$12.00
  - New clothes
  - Repairs
  - Cleaning and Pressing
- Transportation \$12.00
  - Gas and oil
  - Repairs
  - Garage rent

- Miscellaneous \$6.00
  - Charity
  - Church
  - Books and magazines
  - Gifts (except Christmas)
  - Barber and toilet articles
- Entertainment \$15.00
  - Hobbies and sports
  - Theater and parties
  - Club
- Irregular Expenditures \$10.00
  - Car insurance
  - Christmas gifts
  - Leave
  - Car license
  - Income tax
- Savings \$47.00
  - Life insurance
  - Car payments
  - Etc.

TOTAL \$143.00  
Well, that's it. Looks pretty tight don't it? Probably won't be that bad though, unless you're

## Work on Four New Dormitories To Begin Once More, Board Announces

### Bonds of \$1,220,000 Sold For Dorms, Laundry, Power Plant, and Workers' Dorm

Work on the four new dormitories will begin again in 30 days, it was announced by the college board of directors after \$1,220,000 in bonds were sold to the low bidder at a special session held in Austin Saturday.

Let at an interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent, and \$1,220,000 covers the four new dormitories and the power plant, plus the refunded bonds on the laundry and the dormitory for the mess hall workers.

Low bids on the bonds was a group of Texas bond houses who bid jointly. The companies are Moroney & Co. of Houston, Garret & Co. of Dallas, and DeWar, Robertson & Panoast of San Antonio. The loan calls for a 3 1/2 per cent rate of interest with a 30-year maturity date.

Since printing and signing of the bonds will take approximately thirty days, it will be about that length of time before work on the new dormitories can be resumed.

No action was taken at the meeting on the proposed new office building to house the AAA headquarters here.

It was decided by consent of the board that vice-president Walter Lacy would sign all diplomas for this year's graduates.

The budget for the current summer session received the approval of the board of directors at the Saturday meeting.

In connection with the \$100,000 building project to include a stable and rifle range for the military department, the board of directors voted to expend \$37,000 as the college's part of the finances for the project.

Dean Gilchrist was authorized to secure a man to head the newly founded department of marine engineering and naval architecture. Dean Kyle was authorized to secure a man to head a department of cotton, wool and other fibers.

## Naval Air Corps Eliminates Math Requirement

### Candidates With Two Years' Credits Eligible Under New Requirements

The mathematical requirements for candidates for Naval Aviation Cadets have been completely eliminated. Commander A. Laverents, Senior Member of the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, stated in a letter sent to the College recently.

Under the new requirements any candidates who have two full years credits, regardless of what subjects these credits cover, are qualified in education. The old requirements covered plane and solid geometry, plane trigonometry, physics and college algebra. All of these have been eliminated from the educational requirements. All other requirements remain the same.

Commander Laverents states that enlistments for Naval Aviation training are proceeding at a brisk rate but also states that due to the large number to be trained many vacancies exist and all who qualify will undoubtedly be sent to duty soon. Full information can be obtained from any Navy Recruiting Station, or from the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, 523 Allen Building, Dallas, Texas.

This will undoubtedly be of interest to many who in the past have failed to qualify for this interesting branch of service due to lack of credit for mathematical subjects in college, Commander Laverents said.

## First Commencement Scheduled For Friday

Plans for the special graduation exercise to be held Friday for members of the Senior class who are being called to immediate active duty with the United States Army are being rushed to completion, F. C. Bolton, Dean of the college, said yesterday.

Dr. E. P. Humbert, head of the Genetics Dept., is in charge of commencement plans and will announce final plans for the ceremonies within the next few days.

## 810 Diplomas Will Be Given At Commencement

### This Year's Class Will Be Largest In College History, Registrar Says

The Registrar's office announced that 810 seniors, the largest class in the history of A. & M. will receive diplomas at the commencement exercises, Dr. E. P. Humbert in charge of commencement stated that the committee is completing plans for the exercises to be held next week.

Non-military seniors will not wear caps and gowns for the commencement exercises June 6, Dr. E. P. Humbert, chairman of the commencement committee, announced yesterday. This is the first year that non-military graduates have been allowed to wear a civilian suit to the exercises.

Also this year's seniors will be given commissions in the reserve corps whether or not they receive a diploma, he added. Previous to this year, seniors have not been given their commissions until they got a degree.

#### Blaisdell to Speak

Leonard T. Blaisdell, commercial vice-president of the General Electric Company, Cleveland, Ohio, will deliver the commencement address. Dr. Humphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University will speak at the baccalaureate services at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, June 6.

Each graduating senior will be sent two tickets for the baccalaureate program. Holders of the tickets will be admitted to the program in Guion Hall at 9:30 o'clock. After all who have tickets are admitted, the general public will be allowed to enter until all seats are taken. No tickets will be necessary for the evening ceremonies in Kyle Field.

In his address, Mr. Blaisdell will discuss the openings in industry and business for the college graduate. The qualifications for ob-

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## Seventeen Grads Will Receive Two Degrees This Year

### Largest Number Ever To Receive Two Degrees

For the first time in the history of Texas A. & M. College, the unheard of number of 17 students of the 809-man Class of 1941 will receive two degrees at the commencement exercises, Friday, June 6, Registrar E. J. Howell announced. In past years as many as three or four have achieved this distinction but never has the total approached this year's record. What makes the record more remarkable is that most of the double degrees have been earned in courses which are considered difficult. Two of the select group completed their work for bachelor of science degrees and for master of science degrees in the same year.

Those who accomplished this feat include: R. L. Peden, Azle; and J. R. Story, Alice, the two receiving bachelor and master degrees; L. F. Beard, Rosenberg; William A. Becker, Kaufman; Homer F. Bodine, Colorado City; C. W. Brown, Jr., Beaumont; K. H. Chandler, Thorndale; J. A. Clay, Jr., Fort Worth; S. T. Crews, Jr., Crowley; L. W. Davis, Jr., Houston; J. M. Dixon, Frisco; H. E. Haltom, Crosbyton; J. B. Link, Fort Worth; C. R. Matchett, Portadown, Ireland; W. R. Nathan, College Station; J. A. Rehkemper, Dallas; and F. D. White, Jr., Fort Worth.