

# Student Leaders for 1941-42 Are Prepared

## Seniors Complete Plans For Eventful School Year

### Gabriel, Heitkamp, Davis, Bing to Edit Student Publications for School Session

On the shoulders of these ten Aggie seniors, who have come to A. & M. from all over the state, will rest much of the responsibility for the leadership of the cadet corps in its activities this year. They are the student executives who will direct and lead, each exercising a powerful position within his sphere. The student programs which largely depend on the cooperation of the entire student body will be guided by Alden Cathey, social secretary of the Senior Class; Fred Smitham, Town Hall manager; R. L. Heitkamp, Longhorn Editor; Don Gabriel, Battalion Editor; Skeen Staley, head yell leader; J. O. Alexander, assistant yell leader; E. M. Rosenthal, Battalion Associate Editor; Ralph Criswell, advertising manager of the Battalion; Billy Davis, Editor of the Engineer; Roland Bing, Agriculturist Editor.

#### ALDEN CATHEY

Alden Cathey, Fort Worth, will serve as social secretary of the senior class and plan all corps dances. Cathey is an agricultural administration major. He was class historian of his sophomore class and president of the junior class last year.

#### R. L. HEITKAMP

"Rusty" Heitkamp, an agricultural administration major in A Field Artillery, will edit the 1942 Longhorn. Heitkamp is from New Braunfels and served as junior editor of the Longhorn last year.

#### FRED SMITHAM

Directing the year's entertainments in Town Hall will be Fred Smitham, student manager. Smitham, a chemical engineer from Dallas, is president of the Y Cabinet and a member of the Scholarship Honor Society.

#### DON GABRIEL

The Battalion, official newspaper of College Station and tri-weekly publication, will be edited by Don Gabriel of C Coast Artillery, Fort Worth, who was appointed to the position when Tom Gillis was selected cadet colonel. Gabriel is former captain of the debate team and is a member of the Scholarship Honor Society.

#### SKEEN STALEY

The important position of leading the Twelfth Man will be handled by Skeen Staley, Head Yell Leader. Staley is from Wichita Falls. He is also a member of the Student Aid Fund Committee.

#### J. O. ALEXANDER

J. O. Alexander of C Troop Cavalry, College Station, was elected last year to assist Staley by filling the position left vacant by Bill Beck. Alexander will be senior assistant yell leader.

#### E. M. ROSENTHAL

Associate Editor of The Battalion will be E. M. Rosenthal, an agricultural administration major

from Fort Worth. Rosenthal was a 1941 member of the meats judging team and is in the Scholarship Honor Society.

#### RALPH CRISWELL

Ralph Criswell, Calvert, will be the advertising manager of the Battalion. Criswell is a member of the Infantry Band and was elected president of the Press Club at its annual banquet last year.

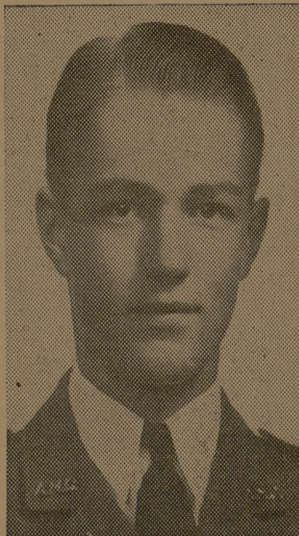
#### BILLY DAVIS

The Engineer, A. & M.'s student engineering publication, will be edited by Billy Davis, Hillsboro, of H Infantry. Davis is a civil engineering major.

#### ROLAND BING

Editing the Agriculturist, the student agricultural publication, is Roland Bing, Oakwood, of B Infantry. Bing is an agricultural education major and also a member of the Scholarship Honor Society.

#### Engineer Editor

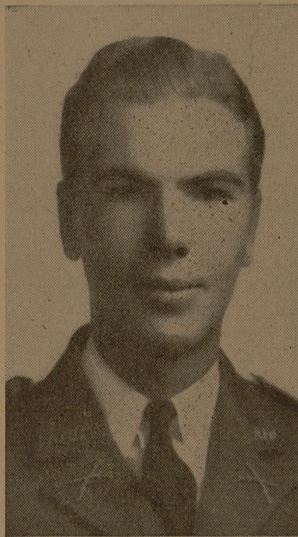


Billy Davis

An estimate taken at A. & M. shows that out of 2,359 dormitory rooms over 2,100 have radios in them.

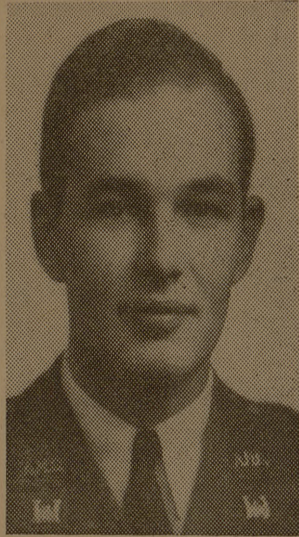
The average football player needs enough energy to raise six gallons of water from freezing to boiling point daily.

#### Social Secretary



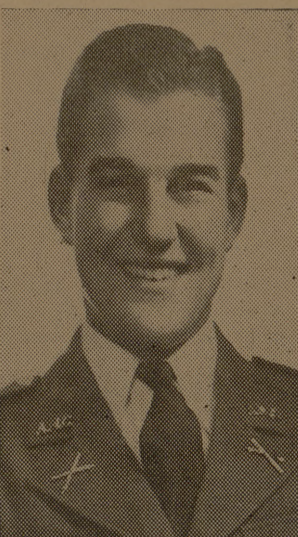
Alden Cathey

#### Yell Leaders



Skeen Staley

#### Longhorn Editor



R. L. "Rusty" Heitkamp

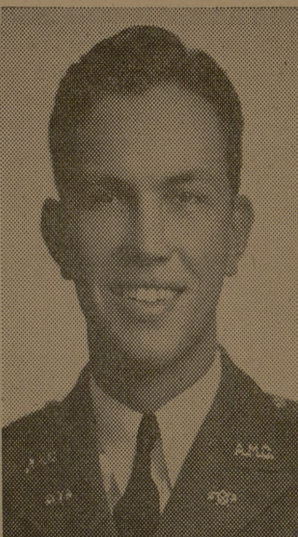


J. O. Alexander

#### Five More Aggies Receive Commissions In Army Flying Corps

Five former A. & M. students have just won their wings and second lieutenant's commissions in the U. S. Air Corps. They are D. L. Silverman, '39; G. C. Roloson, '40; H. A. Underwood, '40; F. N. Wood, '40; and M. C. Butler, '41. Two more former students, C. A. Rogers, '41, and J. G. Lowdon, '39, has just enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve and will receive training leading to the rank of Ensign.

#### Town Hall Manager



Fred Smitham

#### Battalion Editor



Don Gabriel

#### Associate Editor



E. M. Rosenthal

#### Life With Aggies Is So Peaceful;

## Such Manners! Such Slanguage!

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The following article appeared in "The Lachrimator," student publication at the Chemical Warfare Service E.O.T.C. camp at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. It was written by Robert L. Fischel, student at the University of Tennessee.

We were sitting in the mess hall, eating in a leisurely fashion. "Please pass the meat, sir," said the gentleman on the right. The meat was passed, and in a respectable manner. From a distance down the table another darling lad requested a chance at the beans. "They're Boston beans in Boston, you know. Any kind of a bean is a Boston bean in Boston. It's pronounced like the 'ah' in 'bah'." He was from M. I. T., of course; you guessed right the first time.

"Please pass the sugar." "The bread, please." "Thank you." These were the softly chanted expressions one reads about in the book-er, Emily Post knows something about it too; and it all happened in our mess hall! In some cases the slightly famished diner was forced to take a breathing spell, when waiting for a choice morsel to run the gauntlet down that 440 table. Some fainted with hunger in the interim, but never a whine from the

sufferer about the bottleneck at the yonder end of the table. Nay, never one squeal of anguish nor evidence of lost hope.

The mess sergeant stood beaming down on his charming patrons. At times he dabbed at a grateful tear with his hankie. Ah, those were the days when the gentle crunch-crunch of masticated celery could easily drown out all conversation. Those were the days when a dropping pin would cause all men to stiffen to attention.

Then came those Texas Aggies. It's legend now, that the first one to enter the mess hall calmly spat tobacco juice through the rafters and scored a perfect bull's eye, in the finger bowl, twenty feet away. It was clammy calamity, when the vanguard of the passel of 35, gave way to the main body. They came, like the black plague in winter, to darken our fair mess hall, to create confusion everlasting.

"Shoot the bullneck," boomed one Texan, meanwhile preparing his greasy gun hand for action. The meat was passed.

"Pass the stud," roared his colleague; and we, of the lighter blood,

quivered with fear. He got his ice tea quick-like.

Another Aggie yearned for some sugar. We could see it in his eye. "Sawdust!" That was his only command.

"Sand and" hissed another. We appreciated the undertone, even though it was a hiss. One shaking camp-mate finally shook enough salt and pepper in the plate, to appease his master.

"Deal one," snarled the previously mentioned bread-eater, having devoured a mere snack of eight pieces. The bread sailed gently through the foul air and was snatched in flight, by an expert meat hook.

"The blood!" (pause) "the B1-1-0-0-0-d!!!" Only white corpuscles circulated in our veins at that moment, we later discovered. However, the vibrating catsup bottle gave one man the clue which saved our skins momentarily.

As mentioned before, it was once an orderly mess hall. What once catered to the rocking cradle, gave way to the battle's roar. That was before the advent of the Texas Aggies, gentlemen. They sure played Hell with our mess hall.

**AGGIES**  
BOTH OLD AND NEW  
BEFORE YOU BUY  
SEE

**LAUTERSTEIN'S**

FOR YOUR  
UNIFORM NEEDS  
North Gate  
Let Us Do Your Cleaning Too.

**SECOND HAND  
BOOKS - UNIFORMS  
DRAWING EQUIPMENT**

— ALSO —

NEW AND USED BOOKS

I.E.S. STUDY LAMPS--FROM \$2.85 UP

ALL NECESSARY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

COMPLETE RADIO REPAIR SHOP

**STUDENT CO-OP**

North Gate — One Block East  
Phone College 4-4114

ZUBIK'S UNIFORMS ARE  
OUTSTANDING IN THEIR FIELD  
FOR FOUR REASONS

1. HIGHEST QUALITY YARN DYED MATERIALS.
2. HIGHEST QUALITY WORKMANSHIP BY SKILLED UNIFORM MAKERS OF LONG EXPERIENCE.
3. MADE AT COLLEGE STATION—NO SEND OFF.
4. LOWEST PRICES.

— GET YOUR —

BLOUSES, SLACKS, SHIRTS, BOOT BREECHES  
AND FISH SLACKS

AT

ZUBIK AND SONS

UNIFORM SPECIALISTS

1896 — 45 YEARS OF TAILORING — 1941