

## College Publications Put on 12 Month Basis

### Eight Seniors Apply For Commissions at Mid-Term

#### Final Semester of Military Science To Be Waived for Seniors Graduating Early

Eight seniors who will complete their required work for a degree have made application to the War Department for commissions in January, according to information received from the Sergeant Major's office yesterday.

Only one of these men was scheduled for mid-term graduation originally. The others have completed their work by carrying extra hours the last semesters of their attendance at A. & M., but they have completed only seven semesters of military science. E. B. McKemie, senior from Dallas, is assured of a commission.

It will be necessary to waive the regular requirement of eight semesters of military training in order to be commissioned. Those who have made application for immediate assignment to posts are: Don Gabriel, C Coast Artillery; W. A. (Chipp) Routt, C Infantry; Leon F. Rahn; Eugene R. Curtan, C Cavalry; R. B. Gibson, E Field Artillery; Wm. H. Granfors, B Signal Corps; and J. H. Snow, A Signal Corps.

### Civil Service Announces New Engineering Job

Latest examination announcement to come from the U. S. Civil Service Commission is for inspector or positions in the defense production service of the War Department. Salaries range from \$2,600 to \$5,600 a year. Applications will be rated as soon as possible after receipt at the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Title of "Inspector, Defense Production Protective Service" implies the urgency of this examination. These inspectors will be responsible for making recommendations to prevent interruptions or delays in the production and delivery of all types of defense material when the interruptions may be caused by major accidents, explosion or other hazards inherent in manufacturing plants. No written test will be given. Applicants will be rated on their education, experience and personal qualifications.

### Sea Greyhound Has Attained Enviably Record in Naval War

By L. R. Kirmsey

Most landmen have at best a hazy idea of the construction of a destroyer, as well as of the type of job it must perform in sea warfare. A destroyer is just what the name implies . . . Designed in the last war as a counter-weapon against submarines, this type of vessel established an enviable record. The modern "tin-cans," as they are affectionately termed by Navy men, represent the last word in marine engineering. Equipped with powerful engines, the little vessels can attain terrific speeds, and with a main battery of torpedo tubes supplemented by dual-purpose guns in twin-mounts, they can deal crushing blows even to capital ships in night or screened attacks.

Armor is negligible on destroyers; in fact, the hull is so thin that old gunners say a shell designed to explode on impact could pass clear through a "tin-can" and not detonate, unless it struck some internal machinery on the way through! The advantage gained in speed and maneuverability is tremendous, however. Destroyers are used to screen the battle line against torpedo attack by submarines, and are also of invaluable aid in scouting operations. These vessels carry depth charges, popularly called "ash cans" which are thrown over when submarines are located. These depth charges are armed with time fuses, enabling them to be set at different depths when contact is made with a submarine. The explosion of one of these charges is so severe that the concussion will open the seams of

### Gen Brees Visits Campus to Inspect College Facilities

Yesterday A. & M. acted as host to Major General H. J. Brees, retired commander of the Eighth Corps Area. Acting in his capacity as a director of the college, General Brees arrived on the campus at 9 a. m. yesterday to inspect the physical plant of the college and better acquaint himself with its facilities.

Because his previous trips to College Station have been hurried and official, the general has not had time to thoroughly familiarize himself with the campus. Since he had a holiday in San Antonio, he availed himself of the opportunity to pay a visit to A. & M.

While he was on the campus, Brees visited the mess halls, class rooms, and inspected the dormitories.

At present General Brees is president of the First National Bank of Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. At 2 p. m. he boarded his plane to return to San Antonio.

### Beck Reported Safe Somewhere in Pacific

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beck of Pecos received word last week that their son, Bill Beck, is safe somewhere in the Pacific. The message said that he had arrived at his destination other than the Philippines.

Bill was one of the Junior Yell Leaders in the 1940-41 school year until he resigned to join the air corps. He is now a lieutenant in the air corps.

### Gabriel Resigns Editorship Of 'The Battalion' to Enter Army

The resignation of Don Gabriel as Editor of The Battalion in order to graduate and receive a commission in the Coast Artillery Corps was announced yesterday at a meeting of the Student Activities Board.

Gabriel, a member of C Battery, Coast Artillery Corps, and cadet major, will graduate at mid-term in order to go immediately into active duty with the army. Gabriel is an economics major and will receive his BA degree next Friday.

The appointment of E. M. (Manny) Rosenthal as Acting Editor was also approved by the board. Further changes in The Battalion staff were not made at this time.

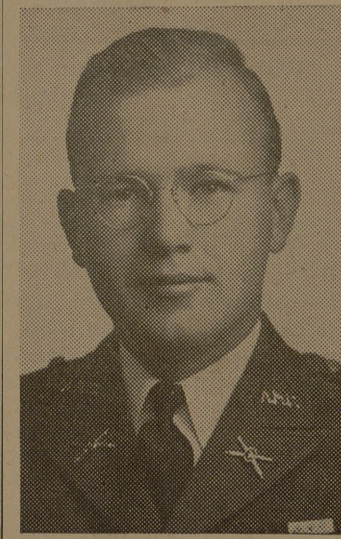
Succeeding Tom Gillis as editor during the summer session when Gillis resigned to become Cadet Colonel, Gabriel assumed the post. Gabriel, who is from Fort Worth, is a member of the Economics Club, the Scholarship Honor Soc-

ety, and a former captain of the A. & M. Debate Club. Early graduation of the editor was possible as he had completed all requirements for his degree at mid-term with the exception of the second semester of senior military science. He was able to waive this in order to obtain his degree at this time. As yet, he has not received his orders to go on duty.

Gabriel had served as a Junior Editor during his Junior year and was appointed Associate Editor at the close of school last year. Prior to his appointment as editor for the 1941-42 college year, he had served as Associate Editor and Editor of the Summer Battalion.

Complete plans for The Battalion staff for the second semester have not been announced. Present plans will call for a more extensive use of junior editors. At the same meeting the Student Activities Board recommended that The Battalion be continued as a tri-weekly publication throughout the entire year. Because of this move it is anticipated that there will be a great many openings for more students on The Battalion staff.

Don Gabriel



### Read the Ads! Maybe You Will Be the Winner of Three Dollars

Aggies are given a chance today to try their hands at judging the merits of advertisements appearing in The Battalion. Three dollars cash goes to the reader who can most nearly imitate the judges' choices of ads appearing today.

Students in the department of agricultural economics, who are taking "Principles of Advertising", are participating in a contest in ad writing which is being run in cooperation with The Battalion. The contest is under the direction of Professor Stewart H. McKinnon. The Battalion will furnish \$15 in prizes to be given the winners in the contest.

"The primary objective of the contest is to stimulate the interest of students, readers, and merchants in advertising," McKinnon said.

The contest is divided into two divisions. The students themselves will receive \$7.50 in prizes and the readers will receive the other \$7.50. First prizes in each contest will be \$3.00, second prize \$2.00,

third prize \$1.50 and fourth prize \$1.00.

One hundred and sixty-eight students are submitting ads in the contest. They drew the names of prospective advertisers from a hat and space was sold by the advertising staff of The Battalion to 14 advertisers. The four best ads will be chosen and the students writing them will be awarded prizes. Readers of The Battalion will be allowed to judge the ads and send in their selection on the blank being printed in this paper.

To enter the contest the reader need not buy anything. He need only submit the names of the advertisers whose ads he thinks are the best. These ads have already been judged and the readers who come nearest to selecting the winning ads will receive the prizes. No one may receive two prizes. The decision of the judges will be final.

### Urgent Need Exists For First Aid Profs,

The College Defense Council has urgent need immediately for instructors in first aid training courses, it was announced by M. L. Cashion, chairman of the committee on medical services.

The immediate need is for an instructor to work with post office employees; but other instructors are needed for student classes and housewives' instruction.

Any student or civilian who is competent to teach first aid is requested to telephone Mr. Cashion at 4-7584 or the general chairman of College Defense Council, Dr. C. C. Hedges at 4-5514.

### Military Dept Requests Early Payment of Fees

The Commandant's Office requests that students who have been in school the first semester pay their fees and make their room reservations for the next term as soon as possible. This will save the student much time in registering for the next term and make it easier for the commandant's office to keep the reservations correct.

The fees for the next term may be paid at the fiscal office any time from now until registration is completed. However, the fees must be paid before registering. The fees for the whole term are \$142.00 or \$72.75 for the first installment which includes \$2.50 for the Y card. Students who have paid their board for January will be given credit for \$6.20.

### Waco Mothers Club Gives \$5 to Library General Reading Fund

The Library General Reading Fund has just been increased by a five dollar gift from the Waco A. & M. Mothers' Club. This contribution and other gifts that have been received this year bring this fund to a total of \$270.

This fund has been contributed to for four years by the A. & M. Mothers' Clubs. It is spent by the Library for books and classical records requested by the boys themselves, general policies being determined by a Student Library Committee.

### Committee Votes Annuals For Each Graduating Class

#### Date for Senior Ring Dance Remains Undecided; Gabriel Resigns as Editor

In a sweeping action the Student Activities Board decided by a unanimous vote to continue the present publication policy on in the usual manner during the summer semester, at a meeting held Monday afternoon in Dean F. C. Bolton's office.

Under the proposal as adopted by the committee, The Battalion would continue as a tri-weekly publication throughout the entire 12 month school year. Special efforts would also be made to continue publication of The Battalion magazine as a monthly publication.

In the case of the Longhorn a slightly different situation would prevail, Joe Skiles, manager of student activities explained. The board went on record as recommending that each Senior Class have a Longhorn. This is a general policy, Skiles explained, and will have to be modified to meet any changes in present conditions.

In the case of the college's two technical publications, The Engineer and the Agriculturist, the committee voiced a strong determination that these publications should continue publication even if it became necessary for them to be published every other month. "The entire publications staff will gear itself to the present emergency," Skiles stated. He cautioned that the publications set-up is dependent upon the ability to get sufficient paper and other materials.

The board voted to defer action on placing a date for the Senior Ring Dance. It was decided that the Senior Class should be given a full opportunity to express its desires concerning the dance.

It was pointed out that the Senior Class could choose the date it desired for the Ring Dance. The action of deferment was taken after several members of the committee proposed that it might be wise to combine the usual Mothers' Day and Ring Dance activities, and hold them at Easter. Last week the class voted to hold the dance on May 14.

Other action of the board was the acceptance of the resignation of Don Gabriel as editor of The Battalion and the appointment of Manny Rosenthal as Acting Editor.

### Committee Approves Ring Contract Again

The ring committee met last Friday afternoon and took up a two-year option on the three year contract held by Josten Manufacturing Company of Minnesota. This company has made the Senior rings for the past three years and will continue to do so for the next two years.

### CPT Scholarships Still Available To Students For Coming Spring Semester

Flight scholarships under the C.P.T. program are still available for the spring program. Ample

### Singing Cadets Have Full House At Group Singing

Approximately four hundred people attended "Audience Participation Program" in the Assembly Hall last Saturday night. The Singing Cadets provided the stage entertainment and their director, Richard Jenkins, was the master of ceremonies. To quote Jenkins, "Everyone had a swell time."

This same type of presentation will be held every Saturday night next semester at 7 p. m. The next show will be February 6.

This program is designed to give the students a free entertainment on Saturday night, provide a place for students and their dates to go before dances. This is an entirely new form of program and cannot be compared with anything which has previously occurred or is now taking place.

By limiting the show to one hour, anyone can afford to attend without changing their entertainment plans.

These gatherings are open to faculty members and outsiders as well as students.

### Red Cross Game Brings Over \$300

The American Red Cross benefit game between the Maroons and Whites held last Saturday at Kyle Field has already brought in \$289.05. All of the money has not yet been turned in and it is expected to go well over \$300 when the complete totals are checked. All the net proceeds of the game will go to the American Red Cross. Only the actual expense of putting the game on will be deducted.

Much of the success of the affair goes to the players, coaches, print shop, publicity department, and First Sergeants. The players of the teams will receive medals and pictures of the squads they played on.

### Corsages for National Defense;

## Student Floral Concession Buys Defense Bonds To Continue Hensel Fellowship After End of Conflict

By Ken Bresnen

A new idea in the Aggie "all out aid" program has been adopted by the Student Floral Concession. In former years the concession was operated solely for the profit of the student who ran the concession, but beginning this year the concession will be held by the Landscape club and operated by students. All profits accruing from the sale of corsages will be invested in United States Defense Savings Bonds which will be set up as the F. W. Hensel fellowship for the outstanding senior in Landscape art, so that he may continue graduate work in his field.

Since all seniors will go into the military service upon graduation

and hence will not be able to avail themselves of this opportunity, it has been decided to invest the money in bonds, thus helping win the war, and at the same time increasing the amount of the fellowship by the interest that will accrue on the bonds.

"Highly commendable" was the comment of Dean Gilchrist, "A splendid idea to help our nation finance the war," said Jess Casey, of Casey's confectionery. Dean Kyle agreed that the five hundred dollar bond purchase would make a scholarship to be much sought after. These three men constitute the board of trustees for the Hensel fund.

At the same time that the business is building the scholarship,

it will be providing employment for about fifty Aggies. These men who are engaged in selling the corsages, making and delivering them are able to make several dollars each week by working only a few hours.

When the Student Floral Concession goes into action for the first time this year on February 6 to make the corsages for the annual Fish Ball, it will be operating from its new office and shop in the old house east of the college green house. The rooms in this house are now used by the students of landscape art as drafting rooms.

Last year, the writer had the opportunity to watch the corsage makers at work, and it is his opinion that these Aggie made corsages

are far superior in design and construction to any others seen at the dances. At last year's senior ring dance, the concession was able to purchase orchids from a large floral concern in New Orleans at a reasonable price. Two hundred and eighty nine seniors sent their "one and only" orchids for the dance that night, because they were made up by the students in the interest of the students, and are therefore could be sold at a much lower price than is usual for these gems of the floral world.

A mass production scheme, assembly line and all, has been planned to facilitate the making of corsages this year, so that more corsages can be made in a shorter time, thereby assuring the arrival

of the flowers while they are still blossom fresh. All orders will be brought by the salesmen to the desk of the manager at the door who will sort them and send them to the various departments where they will be put into operation.

From ice box back to ice box, the process of making a gardenia corsage would go something like this—The gardenias are unpacked from the boxes in which they are received in their natural state and are sprayed with cool water to keep them fresh during processing. Then the leaves and stems are removed. While one fellow is washed each leaf and polishing it on a cotton cloth, another is supplanting the natural stem with one of

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quotas have been received to take care of qualified applicants who can meet the requirements. The primary course has a value of about \$500 and the secondary course of about \$1,000 flight and ground school work and are available to A. & M. students for a total cost of less than \$40. The expense to the student covers an insurance policy, a physical examination comparable to that given by the U. S. Army Air Corps, and transportation to and from the airport.

Under Civil Authority The military aspects of this program are particularly important, although pilot training is still a civil activity. The Army and Navy Forces are particularly anxious to obtain graduates of either the primary or secondary courses since their past records indicate that about 90 per cent of these graduates complete their military flight training while only 60 per cent of those who have not had C.P.T. training can be expected to finish satisfactorily.

Selective service deferment has been given in practically all cases of students who are doing satisfactory work in this flight training program. Students who are (See CPT TRAINING, Page 6)