

College Defenses Swing into Action Soon

Age Lowered For Officers; Now Eighteen

Students Who Will Now be Eligible To Report to Adjutant

The minimum age requirement for appointment as army officers has been reduced to eighteen years, according to a War Department radiogram received by the military science department. All students who hold certificates of eligibility for commission, but who have been ineligible because of the previous age requirement, are requested to report to the adjutant immediately.

New age requirements have been adopted in order to give those who have had training as officers but who are under twenty-one years of age, the opportunity of entering the army as officers instead of as enlisted men. It is necessary that all men who are now eligible report to the military department to see about securing their commissions or deferments for active duty.

Last year A. & M. graduated all students who were 21 years old and had completed their four years of military training in a special graduation ceremony in May in order to hasten their availability to the army service. Those who had completed their advanced course but were not yet 21 were issued certificates of eligibility for their commissions. Under the new minimum age requirement, all those holding such certificates may now obtain their commissions as second lieutenants.

Teasipping Co-ed Wins!

Hazel Hearn Wins Ad Contest W.M. Robertson Places Second

By Jack Keith

Professors, housewives, waiters and over a hundred Aggies entered the advertising contest which was announced in The Battalion last week, but it took an Austin co-ed to walk away with first prize. The contest was open to all readers of the paper and from the results it was evident that there are many ardent readers who are not students at A. & M. Only one of the four prizes was won by an Aggie.

First place was won by Hazel Hearn of Austin, and W. M. Robertson of "H" Infantry, the only local student to win a prize, won second place. Third place was won by Mrs. R. L. Hearn of Bryan and fourth prize was won by S. A. Cervantez, a waiter in the mess-hall.

The contest, sponsored by the agricultural economics department, The Battalion, and local merchants, was in two divisions, one for readers and one for members of the class of "Principles of Advertising." Teacher of the class, Professor S. M. McKinnon, was in charge of the contest and worked out the details with the class. One hundred and sixty-eight students originally submitted ads for the contest and 14 of these appeared in the Battalion.

Water Works Short Course to be Held Here on February 9

Superintendents from all over the state will attend the twenty-fourth annual Water Works and Sewerage Short School to be held here February 9 through 13.

Two divisions will comprise the five day program: the water superintendents section and the sewerage section. Laboratory instruction and practice will be provided in several types of analytical work.

Dormitory space is being made available for the attendants to the short course and meals will be served them in the mess halls.

Ah Ha! My Fair Beauties, He's Got You Where He Wants You;

Texas Beauties "Too Beautiful" Says Glenn Miller; Vanity Fair Selections Made from Fifty Favorites

By W. J. Hamilton

"Your Texas beauties too beautiful for one man to judge," wires

Vanity Fair Winners:

- Betty McIntosh
- Yvonne Kennedy
- Lena Marie Adams
- Mary Katherine Dodson
- Marilyn Elaine Crabtree
- Linda Lee Geren
- Elizabeth Alexander
- Mary Frances Seago

Glenn Miller, engineer of the famous Chattanooga Choo Choo, who

was forced to call in his entire band to select eight beauties for the Vanity Fair section of the 1942 Longhorn from a group of over 50 Senior Favorite pictures submitted to him by Rusty Heitkamp, editor of the Annual.

The favorites were presented to Miller in two full length poses, one in evening dress, and one in street clothes. Besides these shots there was a close-up of each. By seeing the girls under such a variety of circumstances, Miller was able to base his selection on a wider range of points.

Every year an outstanding figure

in the entertainment world is asked to take the difficult job of picking out the eight Vanity Fair beauties. Glenn Miller was asked because of the popularity of his orchestra and his music with the students.

Cecil B. de Mille, well known motion picture producer, picked out the beauties last year. Bandleader Kay Kyser had the job for the 1940 Longhorn and Earl Carrol of "Vanities" fame did the honors for the '39 edition.

The Vanity Fair section of the Longhorn is chosen from the Senior Favorites pictures which are

submitted for publication exclusively by seniors. This year more seniors than ever have taken advantage of this privilege, according to Heitkamp.

The following telegram was received from Miller:

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R L HEITKAMP EDITOR
THE 1942 A & M COLLEGE
OF TEXAS

YOUR TEXAS BEAUTIES
TOO BEAUTIFUL FOR ONE
MAN TO JUDGE — ALL

WONDERFUL GIRLS—HAD TO CALL IN ENTIRE BAND TO HELP IN JUDGING. HERE'S THE RESULT: BETTY MCINTOSH, YVONNE KENNEDY, LENA MARIE ADAMS, MARY KATHERINE DODSON, MARILYN ELAINE CRABTREE, LINDA LEE GEREN, ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, MARYFRANCES SEAGO. HOPE OUR SELECTIONS SATISFY YOU. REGARDS TO ALL
GLENN MILLER

Military Plan Junked by Commanders; Many Radical Suggestions Predominate

Hereford Sale of Texas Ass'n Will Be Feb 17

The Mid South Texas Hereford Association whose headquarters are here in College Station will hold its second annual auction sale of registered hereford cattle in the animal husbandry pavillion on February 17 at 1 o'clock.

Fifty-two head of cattle consisting of twenty-six bulls and twenty-six cows will be offered for sale. The college has entered four cows in the sale and two of the cows are selling with a calf at side.

Proposed Military System Supposed To Segregate Classes

At a meeting of the commanders of all organizations held Thursday, the proposed military reconstruction plan, which was drawn up at a previously held committee meeting, was flatly rejected by vote of a large majority.

This plan, if accepted, would retain the good points of the old system and still conform to the new regulations, the committee stated. Under this proposal, a strong military system would take the place of the old set-up in preserving the quality of men graduated under it. The number of students eliminated would be the same as under the old system. Class distinctions, with the exception of the personal services rendered by the underclassmen, would remain unchanged.

According to several commanders who attended the meeting, wild and extremely radical proposals echoed the dissatisfaction of the corps. A general walkout of all classes except in military and defense courses was considered.

Bob Powell, captain of C Company CWS, restored order to the meeting by presenting a letter written to the Board of Directors which presented the point of view of the student body in a clear logical manner. The commanders voted to give Powell authority to act for the group in doing all in his power to convince the executives of the college of the student's viewpoint.

New Text Written By Agronomy Profs

Agronomy 418 will be taught with a new text book. The book, "Soil Erosion and Its Control in the Southwest," was written by Dr. L. G. Jones and L. M. Thompson, members of the A. & M. faculty.

Hedges Begins Safety Courses To Train Women

Dr. C. C. Hedges, chairman of the College Defense Council, has announced that two courses, Safe Driving and Trouble Shooting, have been arranged to fit women volunteers as chauffeurs of automobile driven vehicles.

Instruction in the two courses will be given by C. H. Groneman of the college industrial education department. The instruction is free and is open to all women of Brazos county.

Dr. Hedges has called a meeting for 7 o'clock, Monday evening, Feb. 2, in Room 105, Mechanical Engineering Shop Building of all women interested in these courses.

The courses will each run approximately three weeks with two classes each week from 7 o'clock until 9 o'clock in the evening. At the meeting Monday night, details of the course will be worked out and two nights satisfactory to the most enrollees will be selected as class nights. For the safe driving course enrollees will furnish their own automobiles but for the trouble shooting course the cutaway models in the Agricultural Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Shops will be used.

All women interested should phone Groneman at College Station 4-7564 and let him know they wish to enroll.

Recruiting Drive Ends as Officers Leave Early Today

As the last half of their recruiting drive ended yesterday, the Mobile Recruiting Unit of the U. S. Army made preparations to leave the A. & M. campus.

Capt. C. T. Sprague, of the Mobile Unit, is a former Aggie and member of the coaching staff. Capt. Sprague stated that it was like getting back home to buzz around the campus for a month and enjoyed being among his old friends.

If further information is desired regarding enlistment it may be obtained at the recruiting station located in the Bryan court house.

San Antonio Mothers Help Educate Aggies

Recent accomplishments to the benefit of Aggieland have been made by the San Antonio Mothers Club, corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. R. Landon, stated in a recent letter.

The club has contributed \$25 to the Library fund and \$100 to the Students Lounge fund. An additional \$100 has been promised for the same purpose when needed.

Annually A. & M. Mothers Clubs contribute largely to the improvements on the A. & M. campus.

From President Walton, a Message

Information has reached us that there is considerable unrest among students because of the changes that necessarily have been made in the rules and regulations of the College, therefore before you reach conclusions, individually or collectively, may I urge that you thoroughly consider all of the factors that will be involved, as well as the effect your decision may have upon you and your institution.

As a result of world conditions, the lives of every man and every institution in this Nation are being and will continue to be vitally affected until such time as we shall have discharged the obligations that Nation has assumed. These conditions require readjustment upon the part of individuals and in institutional programs so that the individual and the institution may make the largest possible contribution to the welfare of the Nation.

These conditions, and the necessity for change, are likely to upset us emotionally. The students of the College are now deeply concerned because of changes that are necessary in order that the College as well as the students, may discharge their full obligations to their Government, themselves, and society. No generation of young men has ever been confronted with as large obligations as the men that now constitute the student body of the colleges and universities of the land. The Nation has passed through an era of easy and soft living and rampant individualism. As a result tremendous efforts must now be made in order that we may equip ourselves to correct the hurtful effects of a long period of individualism and wasteful existence.

Democracy has long protected the rights of individuals (Continued on Page 4)

Number Two Audience Participation Program Will be Held at 7 Tonight

Number two of the Audience Participation Programs presented by Richard Jenkins will unfold tonight in the Assembly hall at 7 o'clock. Several new attractions will be offered for the corps' approval.

Included on the program will be Pat Patterson's Accordion Antics and the Aggieland Mudcat Swingers. New songs of the popular vein have been added to the song sheet for the Aggies to test their lung power on.

Another new feature to be presented is a cigar contest. Members of the audience will be asked to perform various feats and the first prize will be a luxurious ten-center.

Presentations of this type will be held every Saturday night during the spring semester. The programs are designed to give the students free enjoyable entertainment without interfering with regular week-end plans.

Jenkins, who serves as master of ceremonies, invites everyone to attend, students and outsiders alike. No better way can be found to pass the time before a dance or late show than bringing your date to these Saturday night entertainments, Jenkins said.

Freshmen Requested To Get Tickets Now

Freshmen with dates for the Fish Ball Friday, February 6, are requested by Fish Class President Lewis Bracy to get their tickets as soon as possible.

Representatives of the Fish dance committee are in each outfit and have the tickets which sell for \$1.10, including tax.

Music for the dance which begins at 9 p. m. February 6, will be furnished by the Aggieland orchestra.

Hedges Has Finished Plan For Defenses

Cooperation of Six Groups Necessary For Full Protection

As the United States becomes more and more involved in the ever-widening field of World War II, an organization of the civilian defense of College Station has been completed which will bring the realities of the war to each citizen. Defense Director Dr. C. C. Hedges has released the completed plan for the administration of all defense work in this vicinity.

To organize the community for the best possible protection, Hedges and the College Station Defense Council have divided the civilian defense operations into 6 main classifications, consisting of fire fighting service, police services, medical service, public works, operation of utilities, maintenance of vital services, and public relations and education. Groups have been appointed to head these various divisions.

Groups Ready

With the completion of the organization, all civilian defense groups are ready to start training. Each group will undergo an intensive training course in its particular field, Hedges stated. This training will furnish College Station (See DEFENSE, Page 4)

Aggie Hit Parade Will Begin Friday

Arrangements have been completed for the Texas Aggie hit parade, the new WTAW radio program which will be heard for the first time Friday at 5 p.m. The new program will feature 30 minutes of requested records played in the order of their popularity. The program differs from most requested programs in that instead of requesting just one number, three numbers will be turned in.

The management of the Campus theater is presenting a pass to the first ten who submit as their requests the first three ranking numbers on the hit parade. Requests may be dropped in the box placed in the rotunda of the Academic building or may be mailed to WTAW, College Station. Requests to be played on the program must be submitted by noon of the Thursday preceding the day of the broadcast.

S. B. Apple, Hort Instructor, Leaves For Michigan State

S. B. Apple, assistant professor in Horticulture, has recently accepted a position as Research Assistant and Extension Specialist in Horticulture at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich. His work there will be wholly with vegetables.

Ag Handclasp Distinctive; Dates To Neanderthal Caveman Days

By Bill Morehouse

One simple gesture of politeness which has become a trait among all Aggies is the handclasp.

People in all walks of life shake hands, but the Aggie handshake possesses a distinction of its own which separates it from any facsimiles.

To the outside world the hand-shake has become a mere gesture of politeness. But, at A. & M., it has become a school tradition. Any Aggie young or old may be identified upon meeting, by the quickly out thrust hand and a grip that tells that there is a man at the other end of that arm, not a limp

hand of a person who must have one foot in the grave to proffer such a weak extremity.

Handshaking originated back in the dark Neanderthal days. Men in those times carried clubs or axes to protect themselves and to ward off enemies. To show another man friendliness, he would throw down his axe or club and approach with an extended empty hand. The other would meet him half way also with empty hand. From this gesture grew today's custom of shaking hands, a sign of peace and friendliness.

To the Aggies the extended hand and firm grasp has formed a brotherhood of the entire college. Formal introductions be-

tween two Aggies, on or off campus, are indeed unnecessary. All that is needed is to extend a hand and the other will know you are an Aggie and will be positive of your identity when he feels your solid grip.

Nor is the handclasp restricted to meeting a fellow student. When congratulations are in order, when a buddy has not been seen in quite a while, or just because the world looks good are reasons enough for clasping the hands.

To the Aggie the handclasp represents an unbreakable bond of friendship which unites the entire college. As long as A. & M. is A. & M., nothing can remove this staunch tradition from the campus.

Aggiesthenics



Representative of what Aggies all over the campus are doing every morning at 6:28 are these H Coast Artillery boys who are doing calisthenics for their physical betterment. Some of the boys admit they really needed the exercise as was proven by sore leg muscles and stiff arms.