

War Department Begins Civilian Defense School

H R Brayton
Directs Ten
Day Courses

Classes in the first War Department Civilian Defense school to be held here were started Monday morning with 47 men from several states in attendance under the direction of Major H. R. Brayton, C. W. S. The course will last for 10 days and at the end of the training period, the men will return to their local communities to serve as leaders in the organization and training program designed for protection against air raids.

Five similar schools are being organized throughout the nation. The first was started at Leland Stanford University, California, on February 9. Another will begin at Amherst, Massachusetts, in the near future. Other schools will be located in the southeastern part of the country, the middle west, and the north west.

The work being covered by the course is the same as that taught at the Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, since June, 1941. The quota, as set up by General W. D. Gasser, war department representative in the office of civilian defense, includes 22 men from Fourth and Eighth corps areas, and two each from the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh corps areas, for the school.

The topics covered in the course of instruction include civilian defense organization, identification of war gases, gas mask drill, espionage and sabotage, training methods, aircraft warning, incendiaries, tactics of aerial bombing and defense, blackouts, plant and building protection, and citizens defense corps.

Assisting Major Brayton in the instruction of the school are Captain V. E. McGuekin, C.W.S.; First (See DEFENSE, Page 4)

Cotton Ball Sponsors Send Club Invitations

Ex-Student Clubs,
Mother's Clubs and
Student Chapters Invited

Approximately 170 invitations went out from the Agronomy Society, sponsors of the annual Cotton Ball and Pageant, to various clubs and organizations inviting them to send representatives to be duchesses in the king's court at the annual affair to be held this year on May 1 in Sbis Hall.

A majority of these invitations went to ex-students clubs, mothers clubs, and other A. & M. student organizations. These clubs will elect their duchess and her escort both of whom will appear in the pageant.

Rabbi



Rabbi Sanders A. Tofield has been with Congregation Adath Yeshurun in Houston since 1934. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City. He is the former president of the Kallah of Texas Rabbi and the Southwest Conference of Jewish Religious Schools. Rabbi Tofield has addressed A. & M. groups on several previous occasions.

Large Crowd Attends Lecture By Dr G W Truitt in Guion Monday

Promotion List Advances Many To Cadet Officership

Colonel Welty
Releases Complete
New List of Promotions

Under provisions of paragraph 32, A. R. 145-10, the following appointments of cadet officers and non-commissioned officers were announced February 20, by order of Col. Welty, commandant of the college.

Corps, Field, and Staff
Clark, W. W., Major (Corps Adjutant).

Infantry Band
Criswell, R. M., Second Lieutenant.

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New Dorms Will Be Done At Early Date

Four Halls To Be Completed When Interior Furnished

Final interior finishing on the four new dormitories west of the hospital will be completed in the next couple of weeks E. N. Holmgren, business manager of the college stated. All that is holding up the completion is the installation of several main wiring circuits in all four halls, and the balance of the tables and dressers that have not arrived.

Like all other dormitories, these facilities have been offered to the United States Army for housing certain branches of the forces that might be stationed here for training in national defense work. No definite plans have been made as to which organizations will be assigned to these dormitories, since there is still an uncertainty as to whether any branches of the armed forces will be moved into them.

All beds and mattresses have been moved into the halls, and two carloads of dressers have also been moved in. One carload of tables is waiting to be unloaded at the present time, but no tables have, as yet, been put in the new halls.

Landscaping of the new dorms has already been started and it is expected to be completed in the next few months. There are two walks leading from the dorms eastward to the old mess hall where the occupants will take their meals. These walks will be used to march to the mess hall. Many of the lightposts are ready, but as yet have not been set up.

Meetings Will Continue Throughout Remainder Religious Emphasis Week

More than 2,000 Aggies and visitors attended the first service of Religious Emphasis Week to be held in Guion Hall at 12:00 yesterday. Fred Smitham, president of the Y. M. C. A., presided over the meeting. Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis and Don Burrus, chairman of the Inter-Church Council, represented the student body on the platform along with the council presidents of the various church groups who introduced the visiting religious leaders from their respective denominations.

Rev. Eugene Brackney of the Wesley Foundation led in prayer and Harvey Hatcher led in the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Rev. R. L. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, College Station, introduced Doctor Truett, the principal speaker for Religious Emphasis Week, who

Tuesday
7:45 A. M. Leader's Breakfast Aggeland Inn.
12:00 A. M. Dr. George W. Truett, Guion Hall.
8:00 p.m. Meetings for this hour same as those on Monday night except the Christian group will meet in the Y. M. C. A. Parlor.

Wednesday
6:30 A. M. Mass and Holy Communion, Catholic Chapel.
7:00 and 10:00 A. M. Holy Communion, Episcopal Chapel.
7:45 A. M. Leader's Breakfast, Aggeland Inn.
11:00 A. M. D. George W. Truett, Guion Hall.
5:00 to 6:00 P. M. Coffee Hour, Y. M. C. A. Parlor.
8:00 P. M. Same as Monday night.

brought a forceful message on prayer, concluding with a prayer of benediction. Marion Lyles played the organ during the assembling and disbursing of the large crowd and furnished a soft musical background during the prayers.

Churches of College Station be (See TRUITT, Page 4)

A&M Federal Credit Union Has Good Report

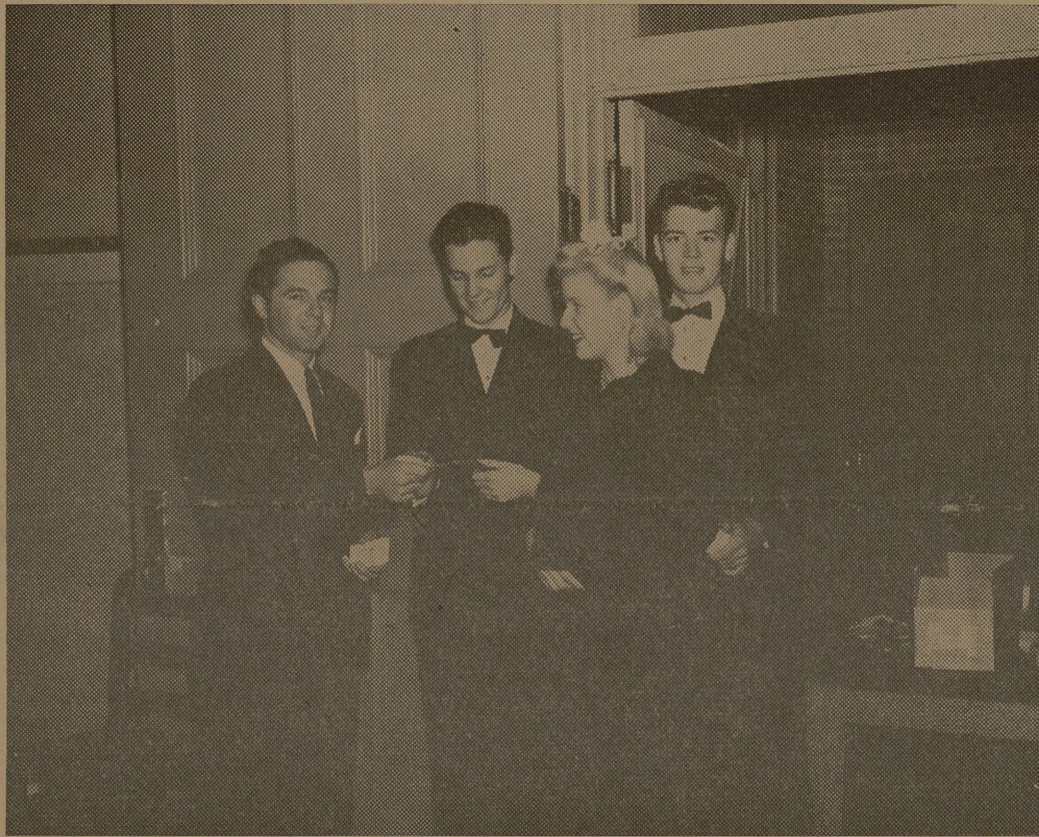
Trotter Announces
Dividend; Directors
Re-elected for Two Years

Loans aggregating \$17,530 were made during 1941 without a single loss by the A. & M. Federal Credit Union, and the organization's reserve fund for bad loans has not been touched since the Union was organized in 1939.

This announcement and the announcement of a four and one-half percent dividend have been made by Dr. Ide P. Trotter, President of the Union. Directors re-elected for two-year periods at the recent annual stockholders' meeting are H. A. Dulan, G. W. Schlesselman and Dr. Ide P. Trotter. Carry-over members who will continue to serve during 1942 are Dr. L. P. Gabbard and C. E. Bowles.

Books of the Credit Union were recently audited by the Farm Credit Administration. The organization's 180 members soon will receive or be credited with an annual dividend of four and one-half percent interest on all fully paid shares, Dr. Trotter said.

As Sophomores Make Merry



Here we find the Sophomores preparing to make merry at the Sophomore ball held in Sbis hall Friday night. At the left is T. P. Callier of 1st C.H.Q. handing a program to Miss Beth Hummel of Houston. Her escort on her left is G. W. Albritton, Houston, member of C CWS. Second escort in attendance to Miss Hummel is H. N. McDowell, also of Houston, in C Chem Warfare.

Flight Instructor Courses Available

Flight Instructor and Cross Country courses are available to students who have completed the Secondary C. P. T. Flight course it was announced by Professor H. W. Barlow, head of the Aeronautical Engineering Department. These courses will be given by the Kadett Aviation Company at the College Airport, starting probably the middle of next week.

Since there is a great shortage of flight instructors, anyone feeling he can qualify for this type of work is requested to report immediately to the Aero Department to obtain information and application blanks.

Each of the courses offered lasts about six weeks and consists of advanced ground and flight training in cross country flight and flight instruction. A member of the flight instruction staff of the Kadett Aviation Company will meet with all applicants for this work next Tuesday, February 24, in the Aeronautical Engineering building at 8 p. m.

Off-Campus Student Body of 2900 Enrolled in A&M Defense Training

With an off-the-campus student body of 2900 authorized by the U. S. Office of Education, for a total of 65 defense training courses, A. & M. college has announced immediate organization of aeronautical engineering classes in Terminology, Aircraft Materials and Processes, Elementary Airplane Structures and Tool, Jig and Fixture Design in Dallas.

The courses are a part of the Engineering Science Management Defense Training program offered by the college in cooperation with the U. S. Office of Education.

Smokestack Climbs Twelve Feet a Day; Duplicates First One

The new smokestack, just west of the power plant, is still under construction, going up at the rate of 12 feet a day. The smokestack, started on January 8, is being built at a cost of \$8,000, and like the other stack, will tower to a height of 202 feet.

As now under construction, the stack will be almost an exact duplicate of the first, built in 1917 at the time the power plant was erected.

Down the side of the stack will be painted in black the words A. & M. College. This will add color to both the structures, since they stand so close together.

Hensley, Bryce Air Corps Grads At Merced, Calif

Among the first class of aviation cadets to graduate from the new Air Corps Basic Flying School at Merced, Calif., are two former A. & M. students.

They are Willie L. Bryce and Harold Hensley, Jr.

At the conclusion of a ten-week's training course, beginning next week at Air Corps Advanced Flying Schools, they will be commissioned second lieutenants and placed on active duty with tactical units or will be assigned to Army Flying Schools as instructors.

The former students began their basic training at the Merced Air Base in December, following preliminary flight instruction at Air Corps civilian elementary schools in California.

Burly Irishman, 'Good Old Boy' World Adventurer, Tells Story

By Ken Bresnen

A big burly Irishman whom the Aggies would describe as "a good old boy"—that's Quentin Reynolds, world adventurer, news writer, author, lecturer who told the corps last night of his recent trip to the battle front of Europe.

Although he has led a life of adventure and thrills, Reynolds still insists that the title of his most recent article in Collier's expresses his true sentiment, "I Don't Like to Travel." When asked what was the biggest thrill of his life, the genial war correspondent answered, "Meeting the President of the United States and spending 30 minutes alone in conference with him."

While on the desert battle fronts

of Libya, he went to the front lines to gather material for his latest book, which he finished yesterday morning at the Aggeland Inn. News men with the British forces are given the rank of captain and wear the uniform habitually. He traveled to the front in a tank, carrying a "tommy gun" in one hand and a note book in the other. While reporters are supposed to be neutral, the enemy can't distinguish them in the heat of the battle, and so they are provided with weapons to defend themselves.

"This is truly an amazing place," said Reynolds, "I've never seen another college like this before. One of the things that most impressed him was the fact that

the Aggies can have all the milk they want, while in England a civilian can't even get a drink of milk. One of the greatest hardships on Americans in the war zone, according to Reynolds who calls the colonel of his regiment a "good guy", is the difficulty of securing American made cigarettes.

Most American people have a misconception of Communistic Russia. They try to think of it in terms of the Trotsky regime which fell years ago. The famous writer gained the impression that communism as it operates today in the soviet is very efficient and has definitely improved the economic and living conditions of the people. "They have it on a money-making basis," he stated.

At press conferences, Hitler never answers questions, but instead makes speeches, according to Reynolds. His impression of Goering is that he is somewhat like Al Capone, a likeable fellow, but a "genial murderer."

As for the situation of the United States, he has definite ideas. First of all he feels that General MacArthur is where he belongs and should stay in the Far East as long as possible. Secondly, A. & M. and College Station should absolutely go ahead with their plans for civilian defense. Said Reynolds, "It is not at all beyond the realm of possibility that someday a place like Houston, which is only two flying hours from the Pacific, might be bombed."

One of the peculiarities of the situation in the States that struck him as unusual was the fact that there is no shortage of tires in England, although they have been at war for several years, while in America, tires are already being rationed.

Although he has slept in front (See IRISHMAN, Page 4)

You're Not A Brisbane? So What? There's Still A Chance

"We wuz robbed!"

First the army called certain R. O. T. C. officers; the air corps lured potential pilots; General Hershey's boys requested the duty of some; then the deans wondered how a few stayed in college as long as they had with so many cuts and so few grade points. So, as must come to all A. & M. men, leaving Aggeland (by one means or another) came to a great part of The Battalion newspaper staff during the past three weeks.

But their leaving wasn't all in vain. No, it left openings for perhaps 20 Aggies, any of whom may some day be Battalion Editor-in-Chief.

Of course these men needn't be miniature Brisbanes or even one of those scarce oddities known as an English "queer". Any good old hard pluggin' boy, junior, sophomore or fish is a fit man, providing he takes advantage of the

opportunity. Tomorrow afternoon will be the first time when these opportunities will be offered. Those men interested who have time off Wednesday afternoon should come by The Battalion as soon after 2 o'clock as possible.

Texas Cottonseed Crushers Will Meet Here on May 25-26

Directors of the Texas Cotton Seed Crushers Association, at a meeting yesterday, set May 25 through 26 as probable date for the Annual Short Course for Oil Mill Superintendents which will be held at A. & M. for the fourteenth time this year. F. F. Bishop of the college chemical engineering department reports. Dr. J. D. Lindsey and Bishop of that department will have charge of the course.