



## Date Set For Activation Of Rest Of ERCs

### Induction Will Take Place Immediately After Semester's End

Activation of the remaining members of the Enlisted Reserve Corp at A. & M. over 18 years old, and a plan by which those not yet 18 may complete another semester of work, was announced yesterday by Lt. Colonel A. J. Bennett, Adjutant. According to Colonel Bennett all the men in the ERC 18 years old or over will be called immediately after the end of this semester. The orders will not be cut at the Service Command in time to be delivered before they leave for home, but will be mailed to their home addresses. These orders should be there about May 23. In case they are a few days late, students should not worry, as it will be due to the limit of capacity at reception centers. All the above applies to those ERC students that are 18 years of age or over.

If an ERC student not 18 years old he will not be called until he has reached that age. The rule on those ERC that are not 18 is: If they desire to be called at a certain time, but not later than six months after they become 18, they should write to the Enlisted Section of the Eighth Service Command, making such request. The Commandant's Office has been informed that requests of this kind for the purpose of completing a semester of school will be approved by the Service Commander.

It is recommended that those men who are 18 and have not registered do not put up money for next semester. It is believed that this would cause confusion, as we have been assured that they will be called, as stated above."

## Graduate Student To Represent A&M At Food Conference

Though his credentials will issue from his native country, Iran, A. & M. will be represented by one of its graduate students when the Allied food conference opens at Hot Springs, Va., on May 18.

Mehdi K. Sheybani, an Aggie graduate in the class of June, 1942, and graduate student at present, has been commissioned by the Iranian Ambassador in Washington to act for that country, formerly known as Persia, at this meeting.

Officially called the United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture, the conference will make an effort to ascertain the facts as to what are the needs of the various peoples of the world for food and other essential agricultural products.

Sheybani's home is in Teheran, the capital of Iran. There his father has been a government official for many years, serving last as Minister of Telephones and Telegraph.

"Even in Iran we knew about the A. & M. College of Texas, Sheybani said. After taking preparatory work in France for a year, he went to England for additional schooling, the last year and a half there in Reading University, formerly a part of the Oxford system. Sheybani enrolled at A. & M. in 1939 and received his B.S. degree in Agronomy last June. Now he is taking graduate work in vegetable dehydration in the Nutrition Laboratory under Dr. Paul B. Pearson.

It is the custom in Iran, Sheybani pointed out, for the first son to enter public life and for the second son to be an agriculturist. Sheybani's older brother became a lawyer and Mehdi is following tradition in his studies.

When he receives his M.S. degree Sheybani plans to return to Iran and put his Aggie training to its full use. In normal times Iran exports quite an amount of dehydrated foods.

## The Majors Field "Wings in Swing"



Performers in the Majors Field "Wings in Swing" to be featured at the Final Ball and at a concert in Kyle Field Friday at 8 p. m., are shown above . . . 1. Carole Gable, songstress, and her husband, Corp. Paul Keifer . . . 2. Donna Gale Sanders of Greenville, 7

year-old singing discovery . . . 3. Master Sgt. William A. Sandberg, conductor . . . 4 and 5. The Majors Field Swing Symphony in two sections.

## Wings in Swing Feature Musicians From Nation's Big Name Bands and Orchestras

The "Wings in Swing" band of Andre Kostelantze's ideas of putting symphony sonorities into swing music.

Corporal Don Brown and Sergeant William Loese, who have scored arrangements for such bands as Casa Loma (Glen Gray), Harry James, and Sonny Dunham, are the chief arrangers for the outfit and, according to those who have heard the band, do a swell job of it. Master Sergeant William A. Sandberg, who has been a member of the Dallas Symphony for several years is conductor of the orchestra.

"The Times Herald of Dallas reports that the music is either symphonic music with a jitterbug heart or swing music with a symphonic soul." It is the type of music that first took Paul White-

man and his jazz into the concert

halls formerly sacred to symphonies such as those of Beethoven and Bach, and is put out by a thirty-five piece band that jitterbugs really seem to appreciate. In former performances such numbers as "Flight of the Jitterbug", featuring Sergeant Howard McGilvray and his sensational alto-saxophone; "Rhapsody in Blue", with a special chorus by Sergeant Tony Cabot on his tenor saxophone; and "Sunshine" dispensed by Private Bob Carnahan of the drums really brought the house down and broke all record meters for applause.

Not only does the band put out fine numbers as a whole, but has several inner groups such as Tony Cabot's Six Hot Swingsters of the Dixieland Band which dispenses with some torrid swing from the

deep south. Sergeant Loese's arrangement of the popular "Embraceable You" with some dazzling piano playing has proven very well liked with most all previous audiences whom the band has appeared before.

It has been reported elsewhere of the growing music consciousness of the public in the concert field but nowhere has it been so noticeable as in the field of swing music. "Wings and Swings" is, according to many of the music-world's leading critics, one of the finest organizations for swing and symphony that has even been formed.

The band has a repertoire that will please jitterbug or jazz fans as well as those who appreciate music more on the sentimental side.

## Cotton School To Be Opened Next Semester For Cotton Producers

In an attempt to be of service to the cotton producers of the South, A. & M., will offer a six-weeks Summer Cotton School, May 31 to July 10, according to Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of the Department of Agronomy, under whose direction the school will be conducted.

The cotton industry is faced with a decreasing number of experienced cotton classifiers and to few new recruits, Dr. Trotter pointed out. The course to be offered, he said, is designed both for serving those wishing to acquire training, experience and the basic fundamentals of cotton classification, and for those who have had considerable experience in producing, processing or handling cotton, but who wish to improve their understanding of cotton classing and the effect that recent research is having on the type of cotton recommended for best production and spinning.

One of the two research laboratories which the U. S. Department (See COTTON, Page 4)

All students who have lost the receipt for the payment of student activities fees and desire to receive a copy of the 1944 Longhorn must report to the Student Activities Office before Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

## Banquet For Press Club To Be Held In Sbisa a Wednesday

Wednesday at 6:30 in the banquet room of Sbisa Hall, the Texas A. & M. Press club comprised of members of the editorial and business staffs of the four student publications, will hold its annual banquet for the presentation of keys and other awards to its members. Dr. T. O. Walton, president of the college, will be the speaker of the evening, and Dean F. C. Bolton will make the awards.

Bob Haltom, president of the club, will be master of ceremonies, and a short business session will be held immediately after the banquet.

"All members of the Battalion newspaper and magazine, Agriculturist, Engineer, and Longhorn staffs are urged to be present," said Haltom. "It is important that everyone be on hand at promptly 6:30 in order that we may get through by call to quarters."

## L B Tennison To Be Married Here May 29

L. B. (Butch) Tennison, Jr., Dallas, Texas, will be married to Edna Kay Barina, University of Texas student from Smithville, Texas. The wedding will take place at St. Mary's Chapel, May 29, at College Station.

## Scholarship Honor Society To Hold Last Meet This Afternoon

The Scholarship Honor Society will hold its last meeting this evening at 5 p. m. in the second floor lounge of the YMCA. Plans for the future of the Society after things return to normal will be made and new junior members will be welcomed, according to the program committee.

Dr. T. F. Mayo, college librarian, has accepted the position of sponsor of the society so as to carry its functions over to the return of the present juniors and seniors.

According to Jack Keith, president of the society, there are two new members whose names were omitted from the list published last week. These are Robert Davies, engineer junior, and Gilbert Turner, agriculturist junior.

## Singing Cadets Given Banquet in Sbisa Hall

T. L. Smith Jr., of Houston, honored the Singing Cadets of Aggie-land with a banquet in Sbisa Hall last Sunday.

This is the third time Smith has so honored the Singing Cadets and their director, Richard Jenkins, having done so twice previously in Houston.

## Former Instructor Promoted To Rank Of Major in Air Forces

L. C. Chapman, a former instructor in the Agronomy Department, has been promoted to the rank of Major in the Air Corps.

When he received this promotion, he was given command of the 91st Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron at Roswell, New Mexico.

## Activities of Past Weekend See Final Ring Dance and Junior Prom For Duration of War

By Ben Fortson

The Juniors and Seniors saw the climax of the social season this weekend with the Senior Ring Dance, Junior Prom and Banquet.

According to the Student Activities Office, there were approximately 1000 Seniors and dates at the Senior Ring Ceremony and Dance Friday night and around 500 Juniors, Seniors and dates at the Junior Prom Saturday night.

According to most of the dancers, Bob Strong and his orchestra put out some of the most danceable music heard in a long time. Strong also played at Kadet Kapers Saturday night. Everyone seemed to like the way the music was kept going at the dances with remarkably few pauses, and Betty

## Coming Weekend Activities Highlighted By Graduation

### Program For Commencement Exercises Now Completed; Uniform Will Be No 2 Khaki

An army chaplain and an executive of a warplane factory will deliver the Baccalaureate and Commencement addresses May 21 to the fifth graduating class to pass from A. & M. since declaration of war.

The weekend's activities will begin Friday morning at 10:30 with the Baccalaureate sermon in Guion Hall to be given by Lt. Col. J. Stuart Pearce, post chaplain of Fort Sam Houston.

## Annual Fireman's School To Be Held Here May 24 to 28

### Dr Hedges, Head of Chem Department Will Be Director of School

The 14th annual School for Firemen will be held here under the auspices of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, May 24-28, according to Dr. C. C. Hedges, head of the Department of Chemistry, and director of the school.

These schools are conducted at the A. & M. College each year for the benefit of volunteer firemen in small towns or rural areas, Dr. Hedges stated.

Three primary courses highlight the program: General Basic Firemen's Training, Red Cross Lay-Instructor First Aid and Fire Department Instructor courses. Those taking the latter course are supposed to have had the basic course in fire fighting, enabling them to go back to their respective departments as instructors.

Eight drills are scheduled, covering ladder and knots, hose, forcible entry, salvage, hazards and safety, fire fighting practices, pump operations and methods of instruction.

Prof. E. L. Williams, head of the Industrial Education Department, will be in charge of the Fire Department Instructor course. Chairman of the Red Cross First Aid course will be Melvin A. Buzzard, Mid-Western Branch, American Red Cross, St. Louis, Mo.

Assisting in the drills and evolutions will be representatives of the fire departments at Waco, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso, Luling and Dallas.

Dr. Hedges will be chairman for the general assembly on May 24. Necessity for Civilian Defense will be explained by Milton T. Gregory, deputy director, Eighth Civilian Defense Region. Olin Culberson, Texas Railroad Commissioner, will talk on The Job of a Fireman.

Training of Auxiliary Firemen will be discussed by Chief R. O. Muenster, Luling fire department. The Convention Program will be explained by Chief Chester Cherry, president of the sponsoring organization. Melvin A. Buzzard will handle importance of First Aid Training, and E. J. Urbanovsky, assistant professor, Department of Landscape Art, will discuss Illustrated Camouflage.

Chairman for May 25 will be Chief Frank Williams of the A. & M. College. Lt. Col. Harold R. (See FIREMEN, Page 4)

On Friday afternoon, all departments of the campus will be open for inspection by the corps and their visitors.

At 2:30, Friday afternoon, the annual meeting of the Association of Former Students will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Chapel.

The Commencement Processional begins at 6 o'clock, Friday evening, followed by the Commencement Exercises at 6:15. The Commencement Address will be given by Mr. John L. Atwood, Executive Vice-President of North American Aviation Company at Inglewood, California.

The Valedictory Address will be given by Cadet Major Robert L. Gully of San Antonio.

Immediately after Valedictory address the Diplomas will be presented by the President of the Board of Directors.

After the Commencement Exercises President and Mrs. Watton will be at home informally to members of the graduating class and their guests, former students and their families, and members of the faculty and their families.

The Final Ball, featuring the Wings of Swing orchestra, begins at 10 o'clock.

The Final Review will complete the Commencement Program. The Review starts at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning.

Lieut. Col. J. Stuart Pearce, U. S. A., Post Chaplain of Fort Sam Houston, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon Friday morning, May 21, and the commencement address in the evening will be given by John Leland Atwood, executive vice-president of North American Aviation, Inc., Los Angeles. Born in Kentucky, but reared in Plainview, Texas, Mr. Atwood attended Wayland College, received his B.A. degree from Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, in 1926, and received his B.S. degree from the University of Texas in 1928. He played football at Wayland, was a high hurdler at Hardin-Simmons and a pole vaulter at the University of Texas. In less than ten years with North American Aviation, Inc., Mr. Atwood has risen from chief engineer to executive vice-president. He is credited with a large part of the design of the famous BT-9 trainer and has influenced design of all North American products.

Honorary degrees will be conferred on two graduates of Texas A. & M. College who have become leaders in their chosen fields, and on one other outstanding Texan. Doctor of Engineering degree will be awarded E. O. Bennett, chief petroleum engineer of Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, Okla. A pioneer in secondary oil (See COMMENCEMENT, Page 4)

Martin, pretty girl vocalist with the band, was very popular, especially with the stag line. The trombone player was not only well liked by all for his fine choruses on his "slush-pump," but his rendition of the "Cow-Cow Boogie" was especially enjoyed by the Jitterbugs in the crowd. The arrangement of "Two o'Clock Jump" was claimed by some of the dancers to be the best they had ever heard.

Dean E. J. Kyle, Harold Ivey, and Truman R. Jones were the speakers at the Senior Banquet. Gus Boesch, president of the Senior Class and John Mullins, Cadet Colonel, were presented with watches by Ray Boyles. Bob Strong and orchestra furnished the musical background for the affair.

Dr. T. O. Walton spoke at the Junior Banquet and the music was

furnished by a group from Richard Jenkins' Singing Cadets, who closed the Banquet with the singing of "The Spirit of Aggie-land." Hamilton Collins was the master of ceremonies at the affair and introduced all the speakers. Dan Longley, president of the Junior class, said a few words of thanks to those who helped put on the Banquet.

The Senior Ring Dance lasted from 10:30 'til 1:00 Friday night. During the dance, at the request of many of the Seniors and dates, Strong played the "Aggie War Hymn" and at the close of the affair, the National Anthem was played.

As a whole, according to most of the upperclassmen, the festivities of the past week end were among the best ever held here.