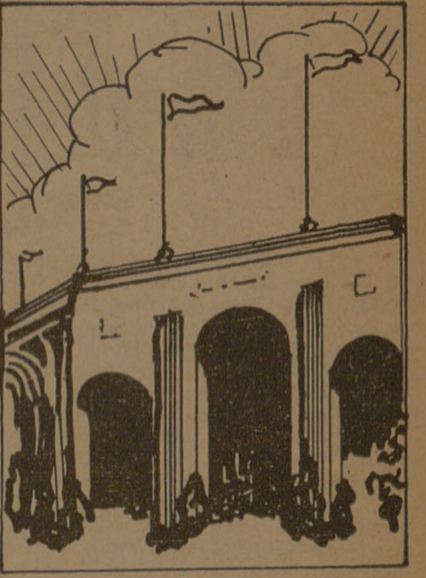


THE BATTALION



Mechanics Courses Are Available

At the request of the War Manpower Commission, an "Aircraft and Aircraft Engine Repair" program will be offered by the college. The course has been approved by the W.M.C. and is being operated by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and by the State Board for Vocational Education.

Any person who is qualified may take the course. To be qualified, one has to be a citizen of the United States, over sixteen years of age, and have a sufficient amount of education. Those boys attending high school at the present time are qualified. It is open to both men and women.

The course will last for ten months or until the students can qualify for a C.A.A. mechanic's license. The course itself will not qualify one for a license immediately, for there are certain tests to take.

Students currently enrolled in the college may be able to arrange their courses so that half a day could be devoted to the new course. Those not enrolled in the college (See AIRCRAFT, Page 8)

Former Professor Dies In Dallas

Edwin Bruce La Roche, head of the Architectural Department of A. & M. from July 1919, to the spring of 1925, died at his home in Dallas, Tuesday. He was a member of the La Roche and Dahl architectural firm at the time of his death.

Mr. La Roche came to A. & M. immediately after the close of World War I to assume the position of head of the Architectural Department. While a member of the A. and M. staff he designed the plans for the Extension Service Building, the Agriculture Building, and the M.E. Shops Building. He left A. and M. to engage in personal business.

Cadet Officers Dine In Sbisa

Cadet commissioned officers dined Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock with Colonel Welty in the Sbisa Banquet room to discuss affairs of the school. After the meal, Cadet Colonel George Strickhausen introduced Colonel Welty who made a short talk. The cadet officers had a short business meeting, lasting five or ten minutes, after the tactical officers left.

Plans are being made for similar meetings in the future.

Mid-Semester Dances Postponed

Correction

In the Battalion, Tuesday, July 18, the announcement of the faculty and staff dinner honoring President Gibb Gilchrist should have included the complete date, Thursday, July 27, at 8 p.m.

Concessions Must Be Approved By Activities Office

It has been reported to the Student Activities Office, according to L. M. Collins, that some students are holding concessions of local merchants without the approval of the proper authorities. Such operation is not in accord with established policies of the school.

Students who maintain concessions which are properly authorized must follow certain regulations. They must not go from room to room in the dormitories selling articles after C. Q. No student must operate a concession whatsoever unless he has been approved by the manager of the Student Activities Office, who is authorized by the Board of Directors and the Business Manager of the college to issue an approval card. Students who operate concessions without this approval are subject to disciplinary action.

The cadet officers, the tactical officers, and the commandant have a thorough understanding of this plan and are working with the Student Activities and Placement Office in order to prevent interruption during study hours.

The purpose of the student concession is two-fold. It serves as a means of helping students in working a part of their way through school. At the same time, it provides for the students, in a convenient way, many needed supplies.

Hillel Club Holds Services Sunday

Regular Services of the Hillel Club will be held in the Cabinet Room of the YMCA on Sunday, July 21. The president requests that all members be present to discuss urgent business in the meeting that will follow. Members are reminded that the time of the services has been changed to ten thirty.

Brazos A&M Club Elects Officers

J. E. (Jocko) Roberts was elected president of the Brazos County A. and M. Club at the regular monthly meeting held Tuesday night at the Bryan Country Club. Roberts succeeds Walter J. Coulter, who was given a rising vote of thanks for the manner in which he conducted the affairs of the organization during the past year.

Other officers elected were: W. R. Carmichael, vice-president; Fred Hale, secretary-treasurer; Sgt. W. N. (Flop) Colson, sergeant at arms; and P. L. Downs, Jr., good samaritan.

In an address off the record, Chaplain, G. A. Zoch, of the prisoner of war camp at Hearn, described his duties and gave an insight of the state of mind of different classes of prisoners handled.

Plans of the new officers call for a watermelon supper to be held some time in August, date and place to be determined later.

In a London suburb, a large factory making electrical equipment for aircraft is only 40 feet wide, but seven miles long. It occupies an unused subway.

First Regiment Ball Will Be Next Dance

It was announced in last Tuesday's Battalion that the Junior-Senior Ball would be held July 28 in Sbisa Hall. L. M. Collins, head of the Student Activities Office, said yesterday that this dance and the All-Service Dance which was announced for the following night have been postponed at the request of the students. The students asked that it be postponed on account of the fact that a large number of boys have planned to (See DANCE, Page 3)

McQuillen Speaks To Freshmen Sat.

The second speaker for the Freshman orientation program will be E. E. McQuillen, executive secretary of the Former Students Association of A. and M. College. The meeting will be held in Guion Hall at eleven o'clock Saturday, July 22. Mr. McQuillen's topic will be "Traditions of the A. and M. College."

Knowing much of the background and interesting facts about the famed traditions of the college, Mr. McQuillen will bring (See SPEAKER Page 3)

Singing Cadets Make Trips Over State During Winter

By Dick Osterholm

Although there has always been some sort of a singing group at Texas A. & M., it was not until January 1938 that the present club came into being when 18 Aggies decided that they wanted official sanction for their warbling. At that time, Professor J. J. (Joe) Woolket of the modern language department, a former glee club member from Oberlin College, Ohio, and a father of earlier singing groups at college, was drafted by the club to be their director. So the club was on its way.

At first they got together just for the fun of singing but after appearing in public on the campus a few times, Professor Woolket decided that they were good enough to uncover to the general public, so he arranged a benefit show to

raise the funds necessary to transport the club and when the gate was counted, there was enough money for the club to make a trip as far south as San Antonio.

During the school year of 1938-39, the club increased its membership from eighteen to twenty-seven. Besides making several local appearances on the campus, the club toured Galveston and Houston. Here they appeared in theatres, on the cities radio broadcasting systems, and in schools and clubs. These trips greatly stimulated interest in the club and many boys began to join the club, but lack of training time, grades, and other interests kept the membership around a normal of about sixty voices.

During the year of 1940, the club became greater known while (See CADETS, Page 7)

Houston Symphony To Appear On Town Hall At Kyle Field

Town Hall is presenting the Houston Symphony Orchestra in Kyle Field on Thursday, August 17, 1944. A varied and entertaining program is being provided for the Aggies and servicemen on the campus. The public is also invited to attend the performance. This will be the second performance from the Houston Symphony Orchestra presented on the campus this year, having given a splendid concert last spring.

Ernest Hoffman, director of the orchestra, presents a varied program, which has met with a fine reception by those who have heard the orchestra in the past.

Supported by leading civic-minded citizens of Houston, it is, perhaps the only orchestra in America that plays more concerts "on tour" than it does in its home

city. This curious fact can be understood only when it is remembered that the orchestra was organized and developed to bring the world's finest music to the entire Southwest, not merely to the people of Houston and vicinity.

Under the direction of Ernst Hoffman, the orchestra has led an outstanding career of success. Mr. Hoffman, who believes in playing all kinds of music for all kinds of people, came to Houston and the symphony in 1936 and has been in charge of the development of his musical organization for the past eight years. He studied in Germany and held the position of Director of Music at the Breslau Opera, the only American to ever fill such a position. Director Hoffman is rated as one of the outstanding symphony orchestra directors in the United States.