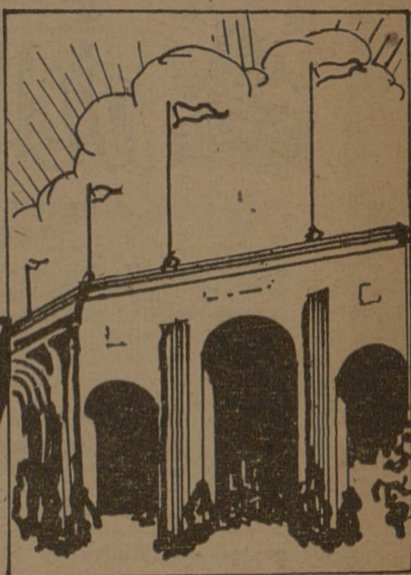




# THE BATTALION



## Two-Year Air Course Is Instituted

A two-year course in Aviation Operations Management, established at the request of industry, will be launched at Texas A. & M. College in September to train airport and fixed base operations managers, according to Dr. Howard W. Barlow, acting dean of engineering.

The course will consist of three terms each year for a two-year period and qualifies under terms of the G. I. Bill making returning war veterans eligible for the government benefits if they desire to take the course, Dr. Barlow said.

Training in aircraft and aircraft mechanics sufficient to pre- (See AIRCRAFT, Page 4)

## Museum Curator Completes Trip

Having completed a six-weeks geology field trip, C. J. Hesse, Curator of the A. & M. Museum, has returned to the campus. The trip was a joint project of the Yellowstone Big Horn Research Corporation and Princeton University, the latter institution offering this as the summer field course of the Princeton Geology Department.

In charge of the course was Dr. W. T. Thom, promessor of Geological Engineering at Princeton, with Hesse assisting in the teaching. Nine students, four from Texas schools and five from Princeton, took the course. Of these, the four from Texas were undergraduates while the other five were advanced.

The field trip was conducted in the states of Montana and Wyoming, beginning at Casper, Wyoming, at the location of the Salt (See MUSEUM, Page 4)

## President Makes Trip To Austin

President Gibb Gilchrist left Thursday morning shortly before noon for undisclosed business in Austin. The President's Office declined to disclose the nature of the business trip.

Gilchrist will probably return to A. & M. either Sunday or Monday.

## A.&M. Flying Club To Begin Training

More than 50 students at Texas A. & M. College have organized the A. & M. Flying Club to receive flight instruction in eight Interstate trainer planes recently acquired by the college from the Defense Plant Corporation. Addison B. Myatt of Houston is president of the club and the members will begin their flight training September 1, with Dr. Howard W. Barlow, acting dean of engineering, as faculty advisor. Instruction will be given by the college at Easterwood airport.

Parental consent is required for students to take the flight training, and special insurance is arranged for the student pilots. The planes which the college obtained are now being inspected and serviced in preparation for use in the training work, Dean Barlow said.

It is probable that an adult flying club will be organized at College Station in the near future, Dean Barlow said, since many members of the faculty and others interested in flying have expressed a desire to learn to fly.

## New Singing Cadet Director Procured

William M. Turner has been named the new director of the Singing Cadets by the Student Activities Office. He will begin work the first part of September. Turner received his B.S. and M.S. from North Texas State at Denton. For the past eight years he has been director of band in the Goose Creek public schools. Tur- (See CADETS, Page 4)

## Ex-Aggie Dies In French Invasion

According to C. C. Jones, of Dalhart, word has been received by the parents of First Lieutenant Arthur M. Rider ('42) of his death in the landing on the French Coast on June 20th.

Jones, whose son, Lieutenant William T. Jones, roomed with Lt. Rider here at college, received the news from Mrs. Rider, who lives in Mexico City.

Lt. Rider was in the Cavalry unit here, and served in the mechanized forces in the Army until the time of his death. Lt. Jones is now stationed in India under General Stillwell, with the mechanized forces.

## Regimental Ball To Be Held Tonight

### Barlow Receives Engineering Honor

A gold medallion denoting his service as 1943 national chairman of the Society of Aeronautical Weight Engineers has been received by Acting Dean Howard Barlow of the Texas A. & M. College engineering school. The trophy was received from Edward W. Roberts, Consolidated-Vultee, Inc., Los Angeles, the 1944 national chairman.

Dr. Barlow recently has been elected first vice chairman of the Texas Section, Society of Automotive Engineers. William E. Lind, Guiberson Diesel Engine Company, Dallas, is chairman of the Texas section.

The Texas group was organized at Texas A. & M. College during the Aeronautical Industry Planning Conference here in 1942, and holds the record of being sixth nationally in growth of membership.

### Tax Board Will Hear Value Complaints Monday, Tuesday

The A. & M. Consolidated Independent School District Tax Equalization Board has completed its review of property for the 1944 tax year and will hold meetings to hear complaints from taxpayers on Monday and Tuesday, August 28 and 29 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the A. & M. Consolidated High School building.

Cards have been sent to all taxpayers whose rendered value was changed. If taxpayers received a card and have a complaint, they are asked to appear before the board on the day stated on the card and give reasons for the complaint. If satisfied, they do not need to appear.

### Former Chem Prof To Return to A&M

Lt. Col. H. R. Brayton, a former instructor of inorganic chemistry at A. & M., has been honorably discharged from the army and will resume his teaching at the college in October.

Col. Brayton entered the service on Feb. 1, 1941 as a Major and was sent to the Edgewood Arsenal as the executive officer of the chemical warfare school and was later made director of training in the chemical warfare service at the arsenal. He remained at the arsenal for two years and was then sent back to the college as Director of the War Department Civilian Protection School. He served in that capacity for nine months when he went to the Loyola University of the South at New Orleans, La. He served as the director of the same type of school as the one at A. & M. for a period of seven months. He was promoted to the rank of Lt. Col. in March, 1942, while still at the Edgewood Arsenal.

Col. Brayton was an instructor in the chemistry department for twenty-four years before going into the army and has an A. B. and an M. S. in Chemistry.

### Presbyterian League Has Swimming Party

Thirty-five members of the Presbyterian League enjoyed a swimming party at the Bryan Country Club Pool, Wednesday night. The group met at the new "Y" College and went in cars to the pool. After a swim, the members of the party were served cokes and cookies. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Anderson sponsored the affair.

### Fletcher Henderson Orchestra Will Play

This evening at nine o'clock Fletcher Henderson and his orchestra will play for the Second Regimental Ball to be held in Sbis Hall. He will also play at the All-Service Dance which is to be held the next night at the Grove. The dance tonight will last until one o'clock and the one Saturday will end at twelve.

Henderson has long been famous as the "King of all arrangers." This title came to him when he twice won the national award for musical arrangement. He was Benny Goodman's arranger for a number of years, and has composed some very popular swing music.

George Floyd is the male vocalist with the Henderson orchestra and is quite well known in the north. He got his start by singing a vocal at a dance "just for fun", and at a birthday party given for Duke Ellington. He was so well-liked by those who heard him that he was persuaded to take up singing for a profession.

Henderson is not only an excellent band leader, but a college graduate. He was educated at the Atlanta University, where he was graduated with a degree of Bachelor. (See DANCE, Page 7)

### College Architect To Resign October 1

Philip G. Norton, A. & M. College architect, has resigned effective not later than October 1, and will open Bryan offices at No. 9 Parker building for the private practice of his profession, it was announced today.

Norton has served 17 years in the office of the college architect, having been employed a year after (See ARCHITECT, Page 5)

## Two Aggie Exes Holding Ranks Of Generals Fighting In Same Outfit In India-Burma Area

**A Battalion Feature**  
Texans Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, commanding general of the 10th USAAF Air Force, and Brig. Gen. Aubry L. Moore, the 10th's chief of staff, believe in riding close hard on their command and the enemy.

For that reason, headquarters of the 10th has moved twice with-

in the last eight months and the nerve center of this vast organization fighting the Japanese in India and Burma, is now at the edge of the jungle, in the mud and slush of a tea plantation only an hour's flying time from strong Jap ground installations.

Originally brought into being in New Delhi, India, in 1942, the first

move of the 10th was approximately 1,000 miles away to Calcutta. Need of better communications with the forces under the pair of Texas star-wearing officers was the cause. Then came the more recent move several hundred miles north into rain-soaked Assam.

Deserted were the comfortable (See AGGIES, Page 4)