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## Corps To Parade For Federal Inspectors Tuesday

## Student Activities Okays Senior Ring Dance

### Banquet for Junior Class Also Okayed

A Ring Dance for the present Senior Class in May was okayed by the Student Activities Committee at a meeting held yesterday afternoon. At the same time, permission was given the Junior Class to have their previously planned banquet before their Prom.

Present war-time conditions and the uncertainty of enrollment were the deciding factors in the decisions, as a Ring Dance and Junior Prom were held only last semester and it had never been the custom or practice to hold the two every semester.

Dan McGurk, Senior Class President, explained that since each class was entitled to its annual dance the Seniors had the option of having it this semester or next September, but since very few of the present Seniors will return to the campus next semester it was felt that this semester would be the most opportune time for the event.

Eli Barker, President of the Junior Class, said that his class was in the same predicament and very few of his class would be back next summer to enjoy such a dance. Another reason cited was the possibility of the abolishing of Junior and Senior courses in certain fields as was done last summer, thereby cutting the enrollment of Juniors and Seniors drastically.

Included in the motion favoring the dances this semester was a resolution that no similar affairs be held prior to 1946.

### Dr. Trotter Leaves For Nation's Capital

Director Ide P. Trotter of the A. and M. College Extension Service left College Station for Washington on Sunday for a series of conferences and an important committee meeting which will occupy his time until he returns on March 31. This will be Dr. Trotter's first official visit to the National Capital since he assumed the directorship on November 1, last.

From March 21 to 24, Director (See TROTTER, Page 6)

### Freshman Ball, Senior Frolic, Take Social Limelight

#### Kiest Lounge Opened For Freshmen Guests

By L. H. Calahan  
M. Y. Swartzell, president of the Freshman class, announced today that the decoration of Sbis Hall is practically finished, and that it will be completed by Friday morning at the latest. Both Frogs and Fish have been working very hard the last few days preparing the building for the Ball Friday night, and although there were not too many cadets helping with the decorating, the building's decorations look very nice.

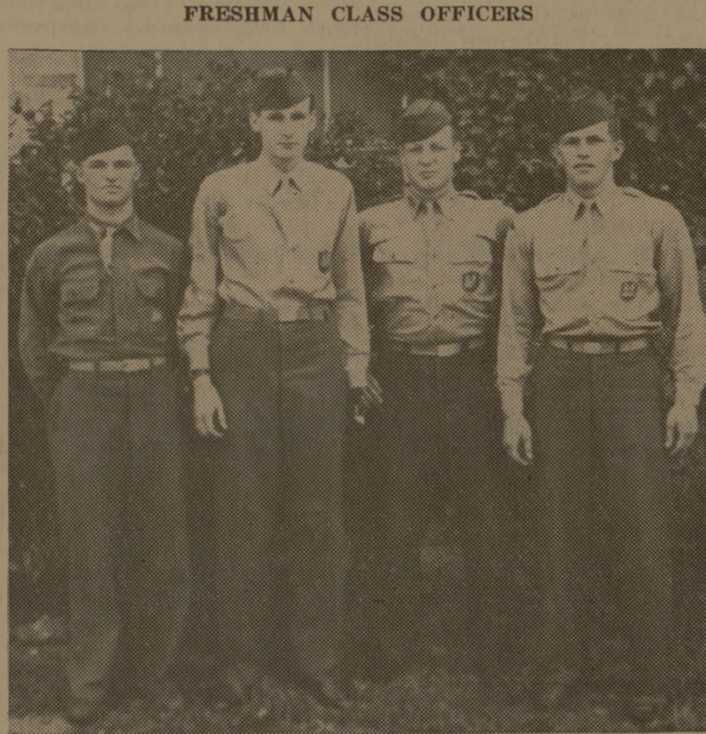
Tommy Fitzwilliam, chairman of the ticket committee, said that ticket sales have been pretty slow, especially in the Frog dorm, and freshmen are urged to buy their tickets now so that an estimation can be made as to the number that are expected to attend the dance. Tickets for the Bluebonnet Ball are \$1.50 couple or stag, and (See FRESHMEN, Page 6)

### McNew Speaks To Brazos Co. Aggies

The future of India is one of the most complex problems of the post-war era, J. T. L. McNew told the March meeting of the Brazos County A. & M. Club Monday night at the Bryan Country Club. Already overpopulated, poverty stricken, and backward according to every occidental standard, the people of India have increased 50 million in the past 25 years.

Around 100 former Texas A. & M. College students living in this section, one of the best crowds to attend a regular meeting in a long time, were on hand to hear the former lieutenant colonel of Engineers discuss his impressions of the peoples of India and China, and to work out the details of local observance of April 21 as Aggie Muster day.

McNew, now A. & M.'s vice president for Engineering, showed many pictures he had taken or (See McNEW, Page 6)



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

Shown above are the Freshmen Class officers who have handled the arrangements for their annual Ball tomorrow night. Left to right, they are: M. Y. Swartzell, Class President; David Gentry, Vice President; Frank Wiegand, Treasurer; and Leeper, Class Secretary.

### J. Norman (the "Old Sarge") Lodge To Appear On Guion Stage Mon. Night

J. Norman (the "Old Sarge") Lodge, Associated Press Foreign correspondent, will appear at Guion Hall Monday night at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Battalion and Radio Station WTAW. No admission will be charged.

Lodge likes action, for he has found that where there's action there's news. And Lodge has been in the thick of action and big news since he ran away as a boy to fight in the Mexican war.

He's only 44, but he has taken part in three wars, and seen action on half a hundred fronts, from Mexico to Europe to the Southwest Pacific. At 15, Lodge ran away from

home to join General Pershing's punitive expedition into Mexico in 1916. An expert rifleman at 16, when World War I came he went to France with the A.E.F. in 1917. He was on front-line duty for ten months and took part in six major engagements in which he was wounded by machine gun bullets and gassed.

He was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm for carrying orders under fire and was cited three times in divisional orders.

The day of the Armistice, Lodge and some of his war-toughened buddies stood on a firing step discussing the future of Europe. That conversation, and others, have provided the backgrounds for Lodge's famous Armistice Day stories carried by The Associated Press.

After the Armistice, Lodge stayed in Europe with the armies of (See J. N. LODGE, Page 6)

### Seniors Anticipate Large Crowd At Show

By L. A. Calahan

Saturday, March 24, the senior class will present a staged show at Guion Hall, which is slated to begin promptly at 2:00. The senior class has gone to great length to furnish the cadets with some good and unusual entertainment which should add greatly to the big weekend. The stage show is expected to last around 50 or 60 minutes, and will feature various types of musical numbers. Some of those participating in the show are: Marilyn Crabtree, graduate of T.S.C.W., who can really beat out the boogie on a piano. Zaider Watson, from Sam Houston State Teachers College, who will sing a few blue numbers, and Jane McCulloch, also from Huntsville, will take off with a couple of hot licks on the trumpet. Soloists for the performance are Audrey Williams of T.S.C.W., and Burl Ervin of the A. & M. Singing Cadets. Five charming ladies from T.S.C.W. will present a Can-Can number, those participating being Eloise Cooper, Sister McCoy, Martha Reiger, Betty Jo Holmes and Patsy Durham. Patsy Durham and Jean McConnell will also sing a duet in another number. The Aggieband Orchestra, under the direction of W. M. Turner, will also accompany some of the numbers, and will also present some of its own numbers. The senior class has succeeded in getting an impersonator from Bryan Field to appear on the program, and it is rumored that he has stolen many a camp show with his impersonations.

Students are reminded that the tickets for the stage show are also good for the regular feature which will be presented directly after the show. Tickets are 50¢ per person and can be bought from any company commander, or a Guion Hall Saturday afternoon. Members of the ASTP units stationed on the campus have been cordially invited to attend the performance and are reminded that they can purchase their tickets at the door Saturday.

### Corps Review To Begin Promptly At One O'Clock

#### Annual Inspection Determines Cadet Rating Honor Star Has Been Held Since ROTC Began

By Bill Withers  
Top event on the Corps Calendar next week will be the federal revue to be held next Tuesday, March 27th. This is an annual inspection, and its purpose is to determine the rating of the A. & M. cadet corps, and to see whether or not the corps will be able to keep the Blue Star, which is the symbol of a rating of excellent. This insignia also designates an honor unit, and that is the highest rating which an R.O.T.C. unit of the type we have here can attain.

According to Colonel Bennett, the inspecting officers will be Colonel Beverly Coiner and Major Roberts, both from Dallas. Colonel Coiner is head of all ROTC and ASTP units in the Eighth Corps Area. Major Roberts was once stationed here at A. & M., and both men have been here before. Colonel Bennett also said that the two officers will be on a tour of all ROTC units in the Eighth Corps Area and that they will stay here only Tuesday, and then they leave for Prairie View to inspect the unit there.

### J. H. Jones Is Judge At Fort Worth Show

John H. Jones of the Division of Range Animal Husbandry of the Experiment Station judged the fat lambs at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

The Grand Champion lamb of the show, a Shropshire, was entered by Oklahoma A. & M. College. The Fort Worth Club paid \$500 for this animal. The Reserve Champion was a Southdown shown by Cloyce Terrell of Plainview, Texas. Swift & Company paid \$200 for this lamb. This Reserve Champion was also the Champion of the boys' lamb show. The Grand Champion Carload of 50 lambs was shown by Reagan County F.F.A. and 4-H Club boys of Big Lake, Texas, and the Reserve Champion Carload was shown by Sterling City F.F.A. club boys. There were approximately 400 lambs entered in the show, and, according to Mr. Jones, the lambs of all classes were very creditably finished and fitted.

Following the second revue, Colonel Coiner and Major Roberts will inspect those cadets who have taken part in it. They may also ask some of the various organizations to give demonstrations of close and extended order drill. Colonel Bennett stated, adding that the officers will also visit classes and that the school will be graded on every phase of military work carried on here that is connected with the ROTC. He also announced that the first revue at 1:00 p.m. will not affect our grade, but that we would be graded on the percentage of cadet taking Military Science that participate in the second revue, so there would probably be some sort of a check made on the attendance.

A. & M. has a proud record as a military school, in fact, we have had our rating of excellent and have been privileged to wear the Blue Star ever since the ROTC was formed.

### Aggie of the Week . . .

## Charlie West, Corps Cadet Colonel

By Bill Withers

Perhaps the best known figure on the campus is Charles R. West, a senior who represents the entire corps as Cadet Colonel, the highest commission in the corps. Charlie is a handsome, blond Aggie with a sparkling personality, and hails from Marianna, Arkansas.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. West, of the same town, and it was there that he attended grade and high school. He was president of the student body, valedictorian of his graduating class, president of the National Honor Society there, editor of the school publication and also of the annual, president of the Quill and Scroll, and besides holding down all these important jobs, he played as a guard on the school football squad for three years.

West entered A. & M. in June 1943, and the record that he has left since then is one of the best. Besides often being a distinguished student, which in itself is a very creditable achievement, he has been president of his Fish, Sophomore, and Junior classes and now holds the position of Cadet Colonel, the Corps Commander.

A brief glimpse at the lighter side of Charlie's life reveals that he has found time from all of his studies and duties to become an ardent bridge fan. But one glance



Charlie West

at his bookshelf would show the most casual of observers that card playing is by no means his favorite pastime. He loves to read current psychological novels, and lists W. Somerset Maugham as his favorite author. "I sometimes think that I read too much," he confided. The menu which Charlie likes best includes fried chicken and avocados. He states that he likes semi-classical music, but that Cole Porter's "Begin the Beguine" occupies the No. 1 slot on his hit

parade. When asked about the "Aggies' hobby," women, West said, "I believe that the last thing to ever be civilized by men will be—women." Since he has four sisters in his family, this statement sounds as if it comes from an authoritative source. He named football, swimming, and tennis as his favorite sports.

Charlie said that he had never wanted to come to A. & M. until he witnessed a Cotton Bowl game in Dallas one year. "I was sitting directly across from about 9,000 yelling Aggies, and it was then that I decided that A. & M. was the school for me," he said, adding that his parents had scheduled him to go to Georgia Tech, but that he left for A. & M. three days before he was supposed to become a Ramblin' Wreck. His most memorable experience Charlie declares, is the tradition of Silver Taps. He longs for a better understanding between the students, the administration (military and civilian), and the faculty. He also wants Aggies to better uphold their reputation as gentlemen which has been built up in years past.

West is a Liberal Arts student, and is majoring in Mathematics and minoring in English. As to his future, that is rather uncertain, but he has taken some West Point examinations and is expected to leave for there in July.

### Former Students Board of Directors Will Meet Here

by W. E. Denson

The Board of Directors of the Former Students Association will hold their annual spring meeting on the campus Saturday and Sunday of this week. Approximately fifty members will be in attendance including George B. Morgan of Beaumont and Doctor Verne Scott who will visit with their sons. The directors will be quartered in Wharton Hall during their stay on the campus.

S. A. Liscomb and W. F. Munnerlyn, local directors will be hosts to the directors at a barbecue Saturday night.

President Rufus H. Peebles, Class of '28 from Tehuacana, Tex., will preside over the business meeting which will begin Saturday afternoon and adjourn Sunday at noon. Three issues are apparent as subject matter for the discussion at the meeting, they are: the formulation of a policy regarding the annual meeting normally held at commencement, but now prohibited by ODT restrictions; proposed changes in the by-laws of the association; and further discussion of the Student Memorial Center or Union Building which is to be built on the campus after the war.

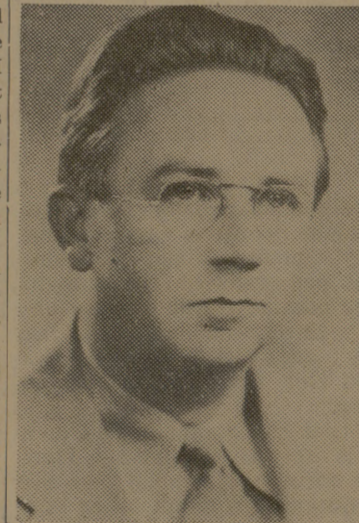
## Alden B. Dow, One of Nation's Leading Architects, To Visit Campus Mar. 27-28

Alden B. Dow, one of the nation's front-rank architects, will spend March 27 and 28 with the faculty and students of the A&M Department of Architecture, Ernest Langford, department head, has announced. Dow will deliver lectures to students enrolled in architecture and will advise with the department on current trends in architecture.

Among Dow's better known works in Texas are the Dow Chemical Company plant at Freeport and the Lake Jackson village which surrounds it. This village was transformed almost overnight from the heart of a forest of oak and pecan trees to a modern city thoughtfully developed to become an architectural showplace. He is a son of the founder and a brother of the president of the Dow Company.

When Temple citizens called upon leading Texas architects to submit designs for a postwar 36th Division Memorial, Dow entered the contest and his plans were the ones accepted.

Dow's professional honors also have included the Diplome de Grande Prix for Residential Architecture given at the 1937 Industrial Exposition in Paris. He also



Alden B. Dow

holds patents on unit cinder blocks and plastic building units.

In discussing his own works, Dow comments that his thoughts are primarily architectural and urges upon architects that they "create a theory that the public can understand; in order words, a common language."

"Today I do nothing that I can-

not reasonably explain, at least to myself," he added. "In this age the artist's job is to put the finishing touches to science; to use science as a tool for, after all, architecture is refined as an art and organized as a science.

"I believe real greatness in architecture will not come until we enter the scientific stage. We first must realize, however, that creations and inventions are never accidents, but always products of reasoning. When we accept this fact, then the great job for our profession will be to record the reasoning processes at work and organize them into a science of architecture."

Dow is resident architect in Michigan, Texas and Illinois. Until recently his headquarters were in a beautifully designed office building at Midland, Mich. Now he also has offices in the Commerce building at Houston, and likely will spend more of his time in the future in the latter place.

A graduate of the Engineering School at the University of Michigan, Dow toured extensively in Japan and Europe before going to Columbia University to study architecture where he got his degree some 14 years ago.