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## Corps Review Is Scheduled For Medal Presentation

## Annual Junior Prom To Be Held In Sbis Friday Night

### Aggieland Orchestra Plays for Dance; Dough Rollins to Speak At Banquet

Banquet To Begin At 7:30 In Banquet Room; Seniors To Be Charged One Dollar Admission Tax

All plans have been completed and final arrangements made for the Junior Prom, which promises to be one of the most outstanding and successful social events of this season. Eli Barker, president of the Junior class stated that the banquet would begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., and that the dance would follow, commencing at 9:00. The banquet will be held in the banquet room of Sbis Hall, and the ball will take place in the annex of the same building. The Prom will last until 12:00 midnight, Barker said, adding that the final preparations had been finished and everything in order.

### Misses Cavitt Are Winners in Garden Club Flower Show

Mrs. C. B. Campbell Runnerup In Annual Flower Demonstration

The Misses Cavitt were named the winners in Wednesday's Garden Club Flower Show, held each year, with Mrs. C. B. Campbell taking runnerup honors. The divisions and the respective winners are named in order:

#### Class One—Exhibits of Special Flowers:

A. Roses—Mrs. C. B. Campbell, Mrs. J. A. Scofield, Mrs. H. W. Barlow.

B. Iris—Mrs. A. M. Waldrop, Mrs. C. B. Campbell, Mrs. O. C. Copeland.

C. Poppies—Mrs. C. B. Campbell, Mrs. R. K. Fletcher, Mrs. C. B. Campbell.

#### Class Two—Flower Arrangements:

A. Garden Flowers—large arrangements—Misses Cavitt, Misses Cavitt, Mrs. J. E. Roberts. Honorable mention: Misses Cavitt.

Medium arrangements—Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Mrs. R. R. Lyle, Mrs. Parker Hanna. Honorable mention: Mrs. Fred Hale.

Small arrangements—Mrs. Albert Stevens, Mrs. J. E. Loupot, Mrs. H. W. Barlow. Honorable mention: Mrs. Albert Stevens.

Miniature—Mrs. Fred Hale, Mrs. C. B. Campbell, Mrs. F. A. Lewis, B. Wild Flowers—Mrs. R. R. Lyle, Mrs. R. J. von Roeder, Mrs. J. S. Hopper.

C. Grasses and/or vines—Mrs. J. E. Gaines, Mrs. R. E. Snuggs, Mrs. J. E. Gaines.

D. Foliage—Mrs. Fred Hale, Mrs. Fred Hale, Mrs. J. E. Roberts.

E. Monochromatic arrangements—Mrs. Albert Stevens, Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Mrs. F. A. Lewis. Honorable mention: Mrs. J. E. Mogford.

#### Class Three—Specials:

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### To Play For Junior Prom Tomorrow Night



Pictured above is A. & M.'s own Aggie Orchestra which will play for both the Junior Prom and the Corps Ball this weekend. They are shown as they furnished the music for the recent Freshman Ball. Bill Turner is the director.

### Frank Wiegand To Receive Bronze Star In Ceremony

#### All Students Expected to Remain On Campus; Faculty Members Also Urged to Be Present

Col. M. W. Welty announced this morning that a Corps review will be held on April 21, Aggie Muster Day, at which time cadet A. F. Wiegand will be presented the Bronze Star for "conspicuous bravery in action". The Bronze Star was awarded to Wiegand by the commanding general of the 91st. Division of which Wiegand was a member during the first stages of the Italian campaign. Colonel Welty has been designated by the Commanding General of the 8th Service Command to present the award.

The review is scheduled to begin at 1:30 and all visitors, faculty members and residents in and around College Station are urged to be present as this is the first time that such an award has ever been presented to a student on the campus of the College. Deans and heads of the various departments are usually present at all reviews held by the Corps, but the number of faculty members that attend has been very small, and it is the hope that more faculty members will turn out for the affair.

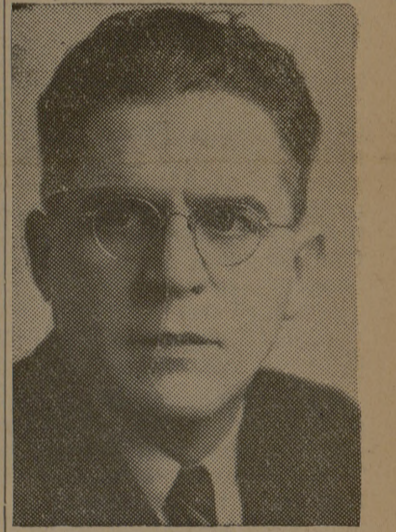
Colonel Welty also announced that the cadet officers will be in charge of their various organizations for the review.

All students are expected to remain on the campus for the review and roll will be checked. Aggie Muster ceremonies will be held that night.

This will be the second time that any award of this type has ever been presented on the campus of A. & M. The first being when Lt. Gen. C. H. Hodges presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Col. M. D. Welty in May of 1942. General Hodges is now in charge of the 1st Army which is now seeing action inside of Germany.

### Dr. I. Rupel Named New Head of Dairy Husbandry Dept.

Dr. I. Walker Rupel, associate professor of dairy husbandry of the University of Wisconsin, has been selected to head the Texas A. & M. College Department of Dairy Husbandry, effective June 1. He succeeds Chas. N. Shephardson, department director since 1928, who was chosen dean of the



Dr. I. Walker Rupel

School of Agriculture at the Nov. 30 meeting of A. & M.'s board of directors.

The new Texas Aggie faculty member has been connected with dairy husbandry education and research at the University of Wisconsin since 1924. The first five of these years he was classified as an instructor, from 1929 to 1941 as an assistant professor, and as an associate professor the past four years.

In announcing Dr. Rupel's employment, Dean Shephardson said, (See DR. RUPEL, Page 4)

### War Correspondent Knickerbocker To Speak On Town Hall Finale Tuesday Nite

#### Famed Journalist Attended School Here

H. R. Knickerbocker, World-famous foreign correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner, who has been in the thick of the fighting of every important war front, and returned early in January 1945 from Germany, will give a first hand report when he appears on Town Hall next Tuesday, April 17. With the appearance of Mr. Knickerbocker Town Hall closes its 1944-45 season.

The outbreak of the war in 1939 found H. R. Knickerbocker in Paris and ever since he has been following its latest developments around the globe—in Australia, New Guinea, Java, Italy, France, and Germany.

On December 7 he was asleep in his Cleveland hotel room when the phone rang and he was given instructions to fly to Honolulu. From there he went to Sydney and then to Java. After getting as



H. R. Knickerbocker

many facts as he could he then flew back to General MacArthur's Headquarters somewhere in Australia. Knickerbocker was the first reporter to get MacArthur's detailed story of his flight from the Philippines. He then covered stories in Java, New Guinea, and other occupied spots in the far East.

In 1943 he was in the invasion of Sicily and at the invitation of General Alexander he landed at Salerno with the British in the opening phase of the Italian campaign. After a whole winter of war in Italy he returned to England to watch preparations for the invasion of France. He landed in Normandy on D-Day plus 7, and followed the war on the Western Front across France and into Germany before he returned to the United States in January.

Knickerbocker began his roving career as the son of a Methodist preacher in Texas. He was born in Yoakum, Texas and attended S. M. U. and Texas A. & M. and then transferred to Columbia University to take Journalism so that he could get a newspaper job and pay for his medical studies. His ambition was to become a psychiatrist. Three times he has tried to quit the newspaper business and take up psychiatry. The first was when he left Texas and went to New York, but journalism won out so he decided to go to Europe and enroll in a medical school. The University of Munich is where he de-

#### His Desire Was To Become Psychiatrist

cided to get his education in medicine, but he soon went back to writing for the newspapers. He (See TOWN HALL, Page 4)

### Girl Scout Banquet To Be Held Friday

A theme international and patriotic woven into the annual Juliette Low ceremony will mark the entertainment following the Girl Scout banquet to be held Friday night at Duncan Hall on A. & M. College Campus.

The turkey dinner will be served promptly at 7 o'clock so that the entertainment can get underway early in order that the smallest Brownie may participate in the annual birthday dinner of the organization. The entertainment will be provided by the Brownies and the Girl Scout and will show some of the activities that make Girl Scouting so interesting that over 400 girls have affiliated with the organization in Bryan and College Station.

Ira N. Kelley, commissioner of the Girl Scout Council, will act as toastmaster and Mrs. W. E. Morgan, vice-commissioner will introduce special guests present at the gathering.

Mrs. E. D. Parnell, Mrs. Wayne Long and Luke Patronella composed the committee in charge of the Fund celebration.

The Girl Scouts of America will be portrayed by members of Troops 4, 6, 13, and 20, under the direction of Mrs. H. N. Young. They will present a patriotic scene that will tie in with the work that the Girl Scouts have done over the nation. These troops are the advanced, intermediate and senior Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Lester Blank, chairman, Mrs. M. P. Holleman, Mrs. John Kloote, Mrs. O. C. Copeland, Mrs. A. E. Salis and Mrs. Payne Long and all the Girl Scout troop Leaders are members of the banquet committee.

### Hi-way Conference Session Here Ends

Texas highway engineers brought one of their best attended short courses to an end at noon today. This was the 19th such short course held at the Texas A. & M. College under the direction of the Civil Engineering Department, in cooperation with the State Highway Department of Texas.

All three members of the Highway Department, John Redditt of Lufkin, chairman, and Reuben Williams of Fort Worth and Fred E. Knetsch of Seguin, were present and took part in the deliberations, which began Tuesday morning.

George M. Garrett, district highway engineer stationed in Bryan, was toastmaster at the banquet held Tuesday night in Duncan Hall, and the principal address was made by J. T. L. McNew, now vice president of Texas A. & M. College for Engineering, who directed the short course for a number of years as head of the Civil Engineering Department.

Two of the highlights of the short course were the explanation of the postwar highway act, the Federal Highway Act of 1944, by Hal Hale, executive secretary of the American Association of State Highway Officials, and the discussion of this act as it relates to Texas highway construction and maintenance by John Redditt, newly appointed chairman of the Texas Highway Commission. The act provides the largest appropriation ever granted for highway work by the federal government, half a billion dollars per year for each of the first three postwar years, and makes the state highway departments the fiscal agents for the federal government in disbursing the allocation for each of the states.

### Aggie of the Week . . .

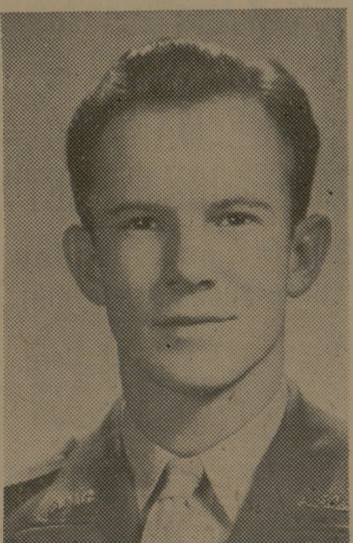
## Verne Scott, Commander 2nd Regiment

BY BILL WITHERS

From Stephenville, Texas, hails Verne Scott, the red-headed commander of the second regiment. The son of Dr. and Mrs. Verne A. Scott of that city, it was there that he was born and reared. Dr. Scott is an Aggie-ex of the class of 1915, and Mrs. Scott is a former resident of Bryan.

Verne attended elementary and high school at his home town, and he must be well remembered, having lettered in football for two years and also being selected president of his sophomore, junior, and senior classes while he was in attendance there.

Scott came to A. & M. in June 1943, but he enlisted in the A. S. T. P. unit here as a student of veterinary medicine. In June 1944, however, all of the A. S. T. P. Vet students were discharged, thus he entered A. & M. He was assigned to "C" Battery, and served on the second regimental staff as a master sergeant. He now holds one of the highest commissions on the campus, as mentioned above, commander of the second regiment.



Verne Scott

As to the lighter side of Verne's life, he declares there is just simply no food that will compare with rare steak served with scalloped potatoes. His favorite type of music is Boogie Woogie, and he makes

something of a hobby of collecting records of that type, especially those by Freddie Slack and Pete Johnson. His favorite pastime, he says, is dancing, but he likes best of all to dance to soft, dreamy music. Scott lists as his favorite sports football and swimming. As to women, his only comment was that he liked girls who had personality and who were also truthful (Are there any left?)

Verne states that he believes that we should exhibit our corps spirit more, "especially the little things, like speaking and keeping a smile on your face all the time." He said, when asked about what the deciding factor was that made him decide to come to A. & M., that he had had the Aggie spirit preached to him as far back as he could remember, and that as far as he was concerned, there "was no other school." He values above all else the importance of the many friendships that he has made here, and states that he believes that the friends that he has made here will be of incalculable value to (See AGGIE, Page 4)