

# The Battalion

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## Aggie Muster Meets In Prayer This Year

### Sunday Service Will Be Held On Kyle Field

In a solemn prayerful mood, thousands of ex-Aggies will gather in Kyle Field stadium Sunday morning to pay tribute to 800 A. & M. men who gave their lives in the service of their country. For this 1946 San Jacinto Day muster is dedicated to the memory of those heroes of World Wars I and II whose names will never be forgotten at A. & M.

The living will be honored too. At a convocation Saturday night in Guion Hall honorary degrees will be awarded to those of the 29 Aggie generals who are able to be present, and to General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower, who led the Allied troops to victory in Europe.

Gen. Eisenhower will be the principal speaker at the sunrise service Sunday morning.

A total of 29 former A. & M. students served as generals. Two already have received their honorary degrees and are with commands overseas . . . Major General George Fleming Moore and Major General Percy W. Clarkson.

Two of the generals lost their lives . . . Douglas B. Netherwood and Claudius M. Easley . . . and their degrees will be awarded posthumously, to Mrs. Easley of Washington, and J. S. Netherwood, a brother, of Houston.

At least six generals still are serving overseas, and will not be able to attend the (See MUSTER, page 4)

**MEMORIAL STARS:** Each of the stars forming the T on this page stands for ten Aggies who gave their lives during World War I and II. It is to their memory that the 1946 muster is dedicated.

### Architect Submits Plans for Student Union Building

Tentative floor plans for the long proposed Student Union building have been put forward by Carlton W. Adams, A. & M. System architect, after an extensive survey of the various union buildings in the Middle West.

The building, which will cost between \$800,000 and \$900,000, is to be a memorial to those Aggies who served in World War II and were killed. It is designed to serve the needs of the student body first and foremost, to provide them with a place to eat, dance, drink cokes, read, rest, play billiards, or pursue their various hobbies.

Rather than fit the content of the building to its outside appearance, the architect has attempted to make the building fulfill its desired functions efficiently and conveniently, with exterior effect as only the secondary objective. Besides a large memorial hall, there will be guest rooms, meeting rooms for the convenience of campus clubs and organizations, and many of the little items which make the union building socially and academically desirable.

The Former Students' Association has already raised more than \$200,000 through voluntary subscriptions, and more is promised to pour in now that the war is over. The remainder of the money needed will be drawn from the college building fund. Location for the building has not been decided yet, but it will be placed in such a place that the students may gravitate toward it conveniently all through the day and on the weekends.

### ROTARY ELECTS HUMBERT DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dr. E. P. Humbert, head of the genetics department, was elected District Governor of the 130th Rotary district by the Conference at Galveston recently.

Attending the conference at Galveston were Joe Woolket, Marvin Atkins, and R. B. Sweet from the Bryan club.



Coke R. Stevenson, chief executive of Texas, who will attend the San Jacinto Day muster at A. & M. this week-end.

### Louis Bromfield Famous Author, To Speak Here

Louis Bromfield, famous author who in recent years has become one of the nation's most zealous conservationists, will visit Texas A. & M. College April 25. He will speak on "Our Land and Our Living" at Guion Hall at 8:00 p. m., and the public is invited.

Mr. Bromfield is visiting the college upon the invitation of President Gibb Gilchrist. He was invited to the state by Pat Mayse, editor of the Paris News, and arrangements have been made for public appearances at Paris, Dallas, Temple and Austin.

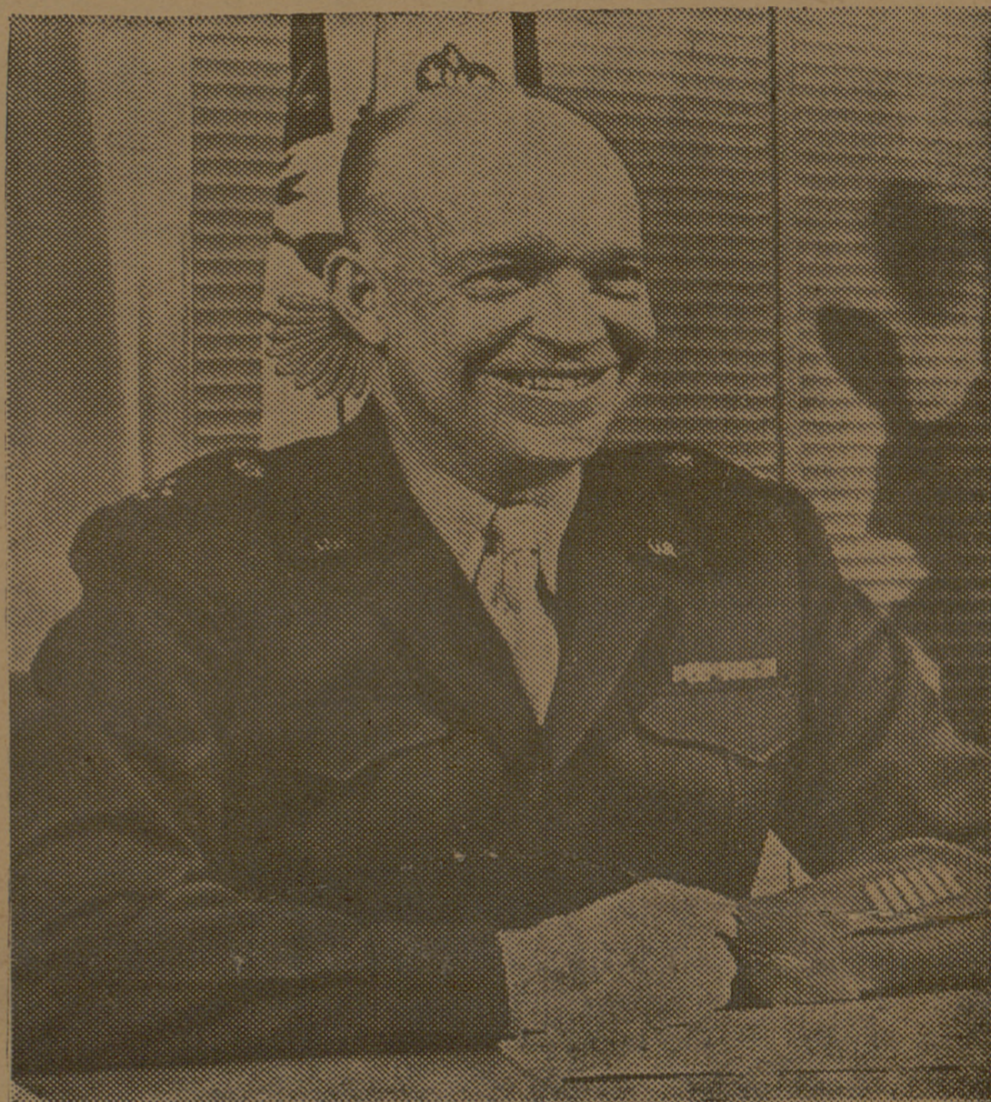
While he is known principally for his novels, such as "The Green Bay Tree" and "Mrs. Parkington," Mr. Bromfield's most recent book about his own farm near Lucas, Ohio, has received wide circulation. It is entitled "Pleasant Valley." One chapter of the book "The Mason Place" was reproduced last year and sent by President Gilchrist to several thousand agricultural leaders and workers in Texas.

Mr. Bromfield is also first vice president of "Friends of the Land," a non-profit, non-partisan society for the conservation of soil, rain, and man, which he helped organize. President of the organization is Chester Davis, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and former War Food administrator.

President Gilchrist is inviting agricultural leaders, representatives of government agricultural agencies, civic groups, farm and trade organizations to hear Mr. Bromfield's address at the college. K. J. Edwards, district agent for the A. & M. College Extension Service is chairman of arrangements for Mr. Bromfield's visit at College Station.

### WORLD-WIDE MUSTERS

In addition to the Muster at A. & M. College, Aggies will meet this year in Tokyo, Corregidor, Los Angeles, Detroit, Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D. C., Valley Forge, the Alamo and anywhere that Aggies may be found.



General of the Armies Dwight Eisenhower, who will be the principal speaker of the memorial muster in Kyle Field Sunday morning. Gen. Eisenhower will receive an honorary degree Saturday night.

### SPECIAL CONVOCATION

The attention of all members of the teaching, experiment station and extension staffs is called to the special convocation to be held Saturday night, April 20, at 8:00 P. M. for the purpose of conferring honorary degrees upon the group of high ranking army officers, including General Eisenhower. The exercises will be held in Guion Hall.

It is planned to have the usual processional with these exercises and the procession will be formed promptly at 7:45 P. M. All staff members are urged to attend these exercises and to join in the processional if at all possible. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Convocation Committee.

### Gen. Ike Due to Arrive Saturday With Congressmen

General Dwight Eisenhower and a distinguished group of Texas Congressmen accompanying the Army Chief of Staff will arrive here in late afternoon on Saturday, April 20 to participate in the Victory Homecoming ceremonies.

Included in Gen. Eisenhower's party will be Speaker of the House of Representatives Sam Rayburn, Bonham and Congressmen Ewing Thomason, El Paso; Luther Johnson, Corsicana; Wright Patton, Texarkana and Eugene Worley, Shamrock, a former student of the A&M College.

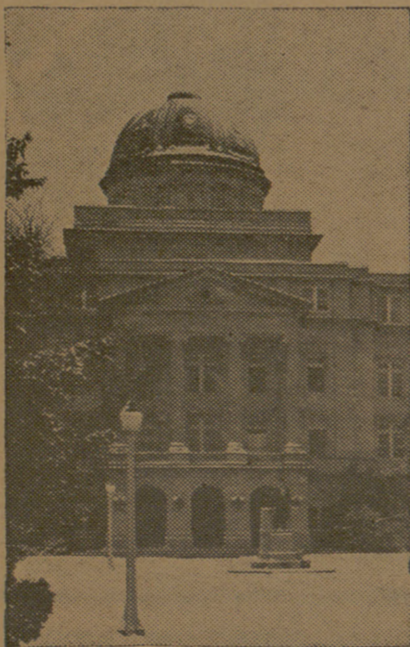
Rep. Patman's son, V. O. Patman, is a civil engineering student of the college. Military attaches accompanying Gen. Eisenhower will include Maj. Gen. A. D. Surles and Capt. C. Craig Cannon, aide.

Colonel Oscar B. Abbott also will be with the party. He is one of 29 former students of A&M who served as general officers during the war. All will be awarded honorary degrees along with Gen. Eisenhower. Governor Coke R. Stevenson will be on hand with college officials to greet the Eisenhower party as it arrives on the college airport from Denison.

### OPERSTENY AND PATTON ARE SLIDE RULE WINNERS

Edward J. Opersteny of Texas City, a regular student, and Leon Luis Patton of Amarillo, a veteran, today emerged as top winners in the annual freshman slide-rule contest staged by the Texas A. & M. College mechanical engineering department.

### Landmarks for Aggie Exes



Academic and Administration Buildings.

