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Eisenhower Honors Heroes of Texas A & M

Operstény and Patton Win Top Honors in Slide-Rule Contest

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

Each was awarded a log-log decitrig slide-rule, a gift from the Keuffel and Esser company, by Charles W. Crawford, head of the mechanical engineering department, in ceremonies at Guion Hall.

The two were high scorers among 55 contestants, representing the top 10 percent of the student taking Mechanical Engineering 101 and 102, required of all engineer students and known as "the slide-rule problems courses."

Handsome bronze and aluminum plaques, mounted on mahogany bases, were presented to the two high scorers from each engineering school department, and each contestant received a small plaque.

The contest has been held each year since 1928, when it was originated by Crawford, but this year, due to the large number of veterans taking engineering, the rules were changed in order to award slide-rules to the top regular student and the high-point veteran. In addition, the next three highest veterans received large aluminum plaques, while Patton, the top man, was awarded a large bronze plaque in addition to a slide-rule.

Other veteran plaque-winners were Charles D. Coppinger, Dallas, second; Norwood K. Talbert, Port Arthur, third; and Nixon B. Sharader Jr., Houston, fourth.

Highest scorers from each en-

gineering department won bronze and aluminum plaques bearing the emblem of the engineering society to which someday they will belong. The winners were:

Management engineering—Operstény (only entrant); aeronautical engineering—Edwin O. Cartwright, Jr., Dallas and Hugh L. Ottley, Seneca Castle, N. Y.; electrical engineering—Gillig L. Fromme, San Antonio and Chester Havard, Houston; petroleum engineering—Donald H. Arenburg, Kilgore and Earl Wayne Rogers, Raton, N. M.; chemical engineering—William C. Abbey, Houston (only entrant); civil engineering—Robert L. Street, Waco and Oliver A. Toombs, Georgetown; mechanical engineering—William H. Drake, Odessa and Walter D. Barry Jr., Dallas.

Among the veterans, of which there were 26 in the contest, Patton and Coppinger are mechanical engineers, Talbert a chemical engineer and Shrader a petroleum engineer. Designs on the plaques received by the vets are seals of the college.

The plaques all were designed and manufactured in the college mechanical engineering shops by D. W. Fleming, pattern shop chief. Dean Howard W. Barlow of the School of engineering presented the individual plaques to all contestants, while proud heads of the various departments presented the large plaques to their respective students.

The contest consisted of simple engineering and physics problems which were to be worked using only the slide rule.



LOUIS BROMFIELD, author of "Mrs. Parkington" and "The Green Bay Tree", will speak on "Our Land and Our Living" at Guion Hall at 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening, April 25.

Grads May Order Invitations Now

Senior graduation invitations may be ordered in the Student Activities office starting today, it has been announced. The invitations, embossed and engraved by the Southern Engraving Company of Houston, may be purchased at 25c with cardboard cover or 50c each with leather cover.

Deadline for ordering invitations is May 1.

Aggies Answer Muster for Men Who Gave Lives in Two World Conflicts

World War II came to an official end at Texas A. & M. College Sunday, as Aggies answered "here" in a roll call representing over 700 men who died in two global wars.

Mid-Term Seniors May Wear Rings to Senior Ring Dance

The Senior Ring committee met on Monday April 15th and passed the following resolutions: That students who are not classified as seniors at the present time, but whose mid-term grades will classify them as seniors and who will get their degree in January 1946 or before and who first enrolled at A. and M. prior to June 1944, be eligible to get their class ring to wear to the Senior Ring Dance. Also that any student registered as a classified senior in a regular summer session be eligible for ring delivery after attendance in that session of at least two weeks.

Announcement of the resolution was made by Registrar H. L. Heaton.

Ex-Service Wives to Learn Corsage Technique

"How to Make Corsages" will be demonstrated to the Foods Group of the Ex-Servicemen's Wives Club Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at Sbis Hall Lounge. Mesdames Joe Mogford and George Wilcox will show members the art of making corsages for party favors.

General Dwight Eisenhower spoke words of rich praise for the nation's largest military college and for the ROTC system everywhere as he delivered the main address of the San Jacinto Day muster program at Kyle Field before an attentive audience estimated at 10,000 persons. Eisenhower noted that A. & M. furnished more officers through its ROTC than any other college, and termed its contribution to the Allied victory as magnificent.

"No more convincing testimony could be given", he said, "to the manner in which the men of Texas A. & M. lived up to the ideals and principles inculcated in them during their days on this campus than the statement that the Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded to six former students, that forty-six took part in the heroic defense of Bataan and Corregidor, and that nearly 700 are on the list of our battle dead."

The Chief of Staff praised the ROTC system, stating that the demand for officers could not be met, if there is another war, without the ROTC. He pointed to the leadership training embodied in the program as the hope for a civilized world, suggesting that the same qualities of leadership be employed in the pursuit of a just peace as in the prosecution of armed conflict.

Aggies who distinguished themselves on far-flung fields of battle were principals in the muster ceremony. Lt. Col. William A. Becker of Kaufman, commanding officer of a Field Artillery Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division, was chairman. Lt. Col. Dooley of McKinney, aide to General Jonathan Wainwright during the siege of Bataan and the subsequent imprisonment, told of the tradition of the muster, while Col. Olin E. (Tiger) Teague of Temple, three times winner of the Silver Star and three times wounded, introduced Eisenhower. Rev. Raymond C. Terry, Class of '27 and now pastor of the A. & M. Methodist Church, delivered the muster prayer, and Dr. John Ashton, poet laureate of A. & M., read his poem "Roll Call for the Absent". Director John W. Newton of Beaumont dismissed the muster.

One of the six Medal of Honor winners was on the platform as a distinguished guest, Capt. Eli Whiteley of Georgetown. Among the others present were Gov. Coke Stevenson, Speaker Sam Rayburn of Bonham, and other Texas Congressmen who flew from Washington with General Eisenhower. The Chief of Staff left shortly after the ceremony for Washington.

Game Warden Class Presents Program On Wildlife Topics

Members of the Game Warden Class, composed of war veterans selected from widely scattered sections of Texas to prepare for immediate service with the State Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission, presented the program at the April 15 meeting of the Texas A. & M. Fish and Game Club. The class is under the direction of Capt. E. T. Dawson, game supervisor for the commission.

Kiwanis Presents Weekly Program At Huntsville

The College Station Kiwanis Club sponsored a program for the Huntsville Kiwanis Club last Tuesday, with Tyrus R. Timm of the Agricultural Extension Service speaking on "The Business Man's Stake in Farm Prosperity".

Timm pointed out that, in order to control inflation, production must be brought up to demand or demand must be arrested to meet present production. He stated that the gap between supply and demand cannot be bridged by increasing taxes or by savings, and advocated the continuance of government price control for at least another 18 months.

Bill Turner, a member of the College Station Club, rendered two cornet solos.

The exchange of programs with neighboring club is arranged by the Inter-Club Committee of the Kiwanis organization.

Heaton Attending Registrar's Caucus In Atlanta, Georgia

H. L. Heaton, registrar of Texas A. & M. College, left yesterday for Atlanta, Georgia where he will attend the 32nd convention of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars.

Heaton was recently elected president of the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars, which is affiliated with the national organization.

Veterans and Cadets Represented ...

Stude Council Created for Unity

As a result of a series of meetings with representatives from the Cadet Corps and the A. & M. Ex-Servicemen's Club, a joint Student Council has been created. This Council has as its objective to unite the entire student body in one group and to create a sounder basis for student government. The following plan for this joint student government body was approved at a meeting held on the evening of April 10.

1. The present Student Council shall be known hereafter as the Corps Council.
2. The Corps Council shall meet and discuss matters pertaining directly to the Cadet Corps, while the Board of Representatives of the Ex-Servicemen's Club will meet to discuss matters pertaining directly to Ex-Servicemen. There will be a representation from the other group at each group's meeting in order that a mutual understanding of these problems discussed may be accomplished.

3. Any problem which is of mutual concern to the two groups will be forwarded to the newly created Student Council which will consist of nine members from the Ex-Servicemen's Club Board of Representatives and nine members from the Corps Council. This Student Council shall meet on call of the Dean of Men when requested by either the Corps Council President or by the

President of the Ex-Servicemen's Club. The chairmanship of this Student Council shall alternate between the President of the Ex-Servicemen's Club and the President of the Corps Council. An elected Secretary-reporter shall keep minutes of the meetings which he will make available to the public at all times. Decisions reached at these Student Council meetings shall be widely publicized so that the entire student body may be aware of the action taken.

4. There shall be a regular meeting of the Student Council at 6:30 p. m. on the first Tuesday in each month and at any other time when called.
5. Three members from the Dean of Men's Office, to include one Assistant Director of Student Affairs from the Cadet Corps and one Assistant Director of Student Affairs from the Veterans' area, shall be included in this Student Council in a non-voting capacity.

At a subsequent meeting of the Student Council held on Tuesday, April 16, the following decisions were reached:

1. J. R. Persons was elected permanent Secretary-Reporter of the Council.
2. It had been proposed that the Veterans create a Student Court similar to the one now in operation in the Cadet Corps. The President of the Ex-Servicemen's Club report-

ed that it had been recommended by the members of his club that the Dean of Men's Office should handle the discipline of the Veterans' rather than a student court.

3. A. & M. College of Texas will be represented at a Student Government Conference at the University of Tulsa on April 25-26 by Joe McGowan, Commander of B Battery Field Artillery, and John Rouge-nac, past Treasurer of the Ex-Servicemen's Club.
4. It was recommended to the Dean of Men that as a means of clarifying present regulations concerning the wearing of the uniform by Veterans, the following plan be adopted:
 - a. That all veterans, while on the campus, be permitted to wear any part or all of the Army uniform, provided all insignia including shoulder and collar insignia be removed.
 - b. That while traveling off the campus, veterans be permitted to wear the AMC on the right collar with the NM on the left collar, with an official Army discharge patch sewed on the shirt, jacket or blouse.
 - c. That veterans not be permitted to wear cadet boots unless they are seniors in the Cadet Corps.
5. It was decided that all stu-

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