

# The Battalion

## NEW TRAINING PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR A. & M. C.

### Major General Anderson Tells Of Air Reserve Plan

#### Assistant Chief Air Staff Informs Reserves Flying Unit Needed Here

Major General Fred L. Anderson, Jr., Assistant Chief of Air Staff-Personnel and former Commanding General of the Eighth Bomber Command and Chief of Operations of the United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, appeared before the Brazos County Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association last Tuesday night to discuss the air reserve and its purposes.

Following a six-hour flight from Washington, a tour of the campus and a quick review of the facilities of the college, General Anderson spoke to over four hundred reserve officers interested in the air force in peace as in war.

The general pointed out that late developments in aircraft had made all cities neighbors and all industrial and military installations vulnerable in case of an attack. Small maps were passed to members of the audience from which could be seen that Chicago is about 500 miles closer to Berlin across the North Pole than by way of New York, and that Tokyo is some 2,700 miles closer by this route than by normally traveled routes. These routes, it was pointed out, are closed to ground and naval forces but unrestricted to air forces.

#### Air Reserve Plan

Establishing the need for units that are well trained and that can be called on to quickly supplement the regular flying organizations, General Anderson presented the plan for the air reserve.

In general the plan proposes that the Active Reserve will include 17,500 combat crew pilot officers, 5,000 staff and administrative pilot officers, 27,500 non-pilot officers and 120,000 enlisted personnel who will receive individual proficiency training through an annual period of 15 days active duty and frequent progress training periods throughout the year. No training is contemplated for the Inactive Reserve.

General Anderson stated that, "It is proposed that training will be conducted for the Air Reserve at 130 Air Reserve bases distributed throughout the United States on a basis of population density. For flying training, it is planned

to use, initially, AT-6's, AT-11's and P-51 type aircraft."

#### Texas Bases

The first bases will commence operations June 15 with a number to bring the total to 40 opening on July 1. Texas bases will be located at Houston, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, El Paso, Amarillo and Waco.

General Anderson assured the 179 reserve officers who are interested in the organization of a unit here at Easterwood airfield, College Station, that he and Colonel Monro Mac Closky, Assistant A-3 in Charge of Reserve Officers and National Guard Training who accompanied him, would make known to the commanding general the immediate needs of such a unit.

#### Reserve Promotions

Colonel Mac Closky told those officers looking forward to promotion that attendance at Reserve Officer classes, completion of extension courses, completion of the 15 days active duty and the satisfactory completion of from four to fifteen hours flying time each month would be the basis of advancement.

### Mrs. Taubenhau To Concentrate On Hillel Club

Mrs. Esther H. Taubenhau, Tracy Herbarium assistant since 1937, has resigned effective June 30 to assume less strenuous duties as executive director of the A. & M. Hillel Foundation. Mrs. Taubenhau assisted her late husband, Dr. J. J. Taubenhau, in organizing this foundation about 25 years ago for the benefit of Jewish students attending Texas A. & M. College.

Mrs. Taubenhau holds a bachelors degree in psychology from Ecole Normale de Paris, France, and a masters in philosophy from Columbia University. She also fulfilled the requirements for a doctorate from Columbia except final submission of her thesis. She holds membership in the American Association of University Women. (See TAUBENHAUS, Page 4)

### Quarter of a Million Dollars Plan Announced by Construction Head

COLLEGE STATION, June 13—(A&M)—More than a quarter-million dollars worth of construction and building rehabilitation work is to be done at A. & M. College this summer, it was announced Tuesday by T. R. Spence, manager of the college construction program.

Expenditures will total \$281,182 in preparing and furnishing 512 more apartments for married veteran students, installation of sewer and electric lines, three new warehouses, laboratory expansion and additional tennis courts.

Contracts already have been awarded to C. L. Andrews of Bryan for concrete floors for three 40 by 100 foot Quonset huts which will be used as warehouses by the building and college utilities department, for new sidewalks in "Vets Village" near Kyle field, and for 12 new tennis courts. Andrews' \$53,007 contract also calls for extension of "The Grove", outdoor concrete dance slab, to twice its present size.

Another award of \$13,675 has gone to the Construction Specialties Co., Dallas, for asphalt tile floors in Law, Puryear and Leggett dormitories, in the college hospital basement and in a new management engineering laboratory.

The college plans to spend

\$150,000 to prepare the old polo grounds, northeast of the traffic circle on the Sulphur Springs road, for building of 500 veterans' apartments by the Federal Public Housing Administration. The college will install utilities and provide furniture for the units.

A sum of \$24,000 has been earmarked for expanding the mechanical engineering shops by closing in two long ventilating bays, which will increase shop space considerably, and another \$7500 will go to remodel the shop building to provide air-conditioned housing for a gage laboratory which will be operated by the college for the Army Ordnance department.

A new power line will relieve the electrical load at Kyle field, where the athletic department plans to install lights for night work on a practice field. Another \$8000 will be used to build laboratory and office space for the range management department in the Agricultural Engineering building.

#### RAINEY CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED TONIGHT

A Students' Rainey-for-Governor club will be formed this evening at a meeting called for 7:30 at the Y. M. C. A. The meeting is open to students only; veterans, their wives and members of the cadet corp.

### Margaret Kelso New President Of Vets Wives

#### Club Plans Activities For Summer Term; Will Hold Barbecue Tuesday

New president of the Ex-Servicemen's Wives Club is Margaret Kelso, wife of Rex Kelso, Petroleum Engineering student.

The Kelsos, who come from Fort Worth, are living at Bryan Field village, with their four-year old son, Larry.

Mrs. Kelso was active in club work while in Kilgore High School. Others officers elected by the women's group include Lois Gunter, vice-president; Jean Clark, Secretary; Peggy VanHorn, Treasurer; Joyce Cavendish, reporter; and Helen DeBona, historian.

The foods group and the style-fashion group of the club will continue their activities through the summer.

The club held a Get-Acquainted Tea on June 11 in the lounge of Sbisas for all wives on the campus. Approximately 150 guests registered. The retiring officers stood in the receiving line with the newly elected heads. Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist, Mrs. Dick Miller, Mrs. J. S. Mogford, Mrs. George Warner and Mrs. E. R. Alexander assisted in serving at the dining table.

A demonstration barbecue will be held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. S. Mogford, 214 Lee Street, at 7:00 p. m. Those in attendance will learn how to prepare a picnic and how to prepare a barbecue—and then will eat one. Registrations for the barbecue may be made through Jean Clark, Hart E 13-14. The group will meet at Sbisas at 6:45 p. m. and those with cars are asked to bring them.

Regular bridge sessions are held at Sbisas every Thursday evening.

### College Station Bank to Open In Middle of June

Chalk up another first for the College Station area: when the College Station Bank opens for business sometime this month, it will be the first commercial bank to operate in pre-fab huts!

The bank, organized by College Station citizens, had just approved plans for a modern banking house to be erected on New Sulphur Springs Road next to the Student Coop, when the Civilian Building Administration restricted all non-housing construction.

Authority was received, however, for erection of the concrete and steel vault, which is the heart of a bank's operation. The vault is now being completed, but it will be surrounded by temporary pre-fabricated buildings of the type known to the Army as Texas huts and to the Navy as Dallas huts. They are being set on a concrete slab. Eventually this temporary construction will be removed and the permanent bank building erected.

### Phew! ...

## "This Place Sure Stinks"

By Red Bennett

Who dunit? Did some ambitious student in the chem lab do it? Did a gas main break again? Who stunk up this place last Sunday? People around the campus that day will remember a pungent odor floating over the grounds, boiling over the tops of the buildings and pouring into houses through doors and windows.

Remember a couple weeks ago when people were waking of a morning to find that a mysterious hand with a gigantic paint brush had repainted several houses dur-



R. DONALD LEWIS

### New Head of Ag. Exp. Station Is Research Leader

Dr. Robert D. Lewis, whose appointment as the director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station was announced last week, is one of the outstanding agricultural research scientists of the country. His work has been done both under college sponsorship and under the U. S. Department of Agriculture. His outstanding work has been on cereal seeds.

Dr. Lewis was born in Wyandham, Pa., November 4, 1897, and took his bachelor of science degree in agronomy in 1919 at Pennsylvania State College. He received his doctor of philosophy degree at Cornell University in 1926 with his major study in genetics and plant breeding. Minor studies were in plant physiology and agronomy. He remained at Cornell on the teaching staff until 1930 when he became professor of agronomy and secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Seed Improvement Association.

Dr. Lewis has served on many faculty committees of Ohio State University and was chairman of the graduate school committee on training and research in cooperation with the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station and was initiator of the Ohio Field Crop Improvement Endowment Fund in 1945.

Dr. Lewis began his teaching and research activities in 1917 as a student assistant in the soils laboratory of Pennsylvania State College, became an instructor in 1919, and became a University Fellow in Agriculture at Cornell University in 1922, served as assistant in plant breeding at Cornell in 1923 and was from 1924 until 1926 an instructor in plant breeding doing research, teaching and extension work until he became an assistant professor of plant breeding extension at Cornell in 1926.

Research work now underway will prevent Dr. Lewis from assuming his new duties until September 1, President Gilchrist announced, but he plans to visit College Station as often as possible prior to that time.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis have two sons, Charles Milton Lewis now in the U. S. Navy and William Mason Lewis a junior in high school.

### Ag Scholarships Presented to A&M By Jesse Jones

#### \$50,000 Fund Will Provide For Ten or More Students Each Year for Ten Years

A \$50,000 endowment to provide scholarships for agricultural students at A. & M. was presented to the college last week by Jesse Jones of Houston, former R. F. C. head, and his wife. Announcement was made Saturday in Houston at a meeting between Mr. Jones, President Gibb Gilchrist, and G. R. White, president of the board of directors of the college.

Stated Mr. Jones in a letter to the college:

"I have had a feeling for a number of years that too many of our young men were being educated away from the farm, and it is our expectation that scholarships from this fund will be awarded to young men who are interested in the study of agriculture and related fields, and who would expect to return to the farm."

The money will be issued to agriculture students over a period of ten years, and it is expected that more than 10 awards will be made each year. No repayment will be required; however, any repayments that are made will be added to the fund for future students.

Mr. Jones, banker and publisher of the Houston Chronicle, has long been considered a friend of A. & M. College, and has stated that he considered it to be one of the greatest institutions of Texas. He and Mrs. Jones have made two other donations of scholarships recently; \$50,000 to TSCW, A. & M.'s "sister school" at Denton; and \$25,000 to Prairie View, the negro school which is administered by A. & M.

### J. H. Quisenberry Named Head of Poultry Dept.

Dr. John H. Quisenberry, A. & M. graduate in '31, will become head of the college department of poultry husbandry when he returns from Hawaii this fall, according to announcement by C. N. Shepardson, dean of the school of agriculture. Dr. Quisenberry is now on leave from A. & M. as head of the poultry department at the University of Hawaii, is director of poultry research in the Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station, and is building a modern poultry research plant there.

Professor Henry Duncan Reid, head of the poultry department since 1923, has reached the age for modified service, and is being relieved of administrative duties to devote more time to visits over the state with poultry flock owners, hatcherymen and others. His radio program has made his voice well-known throughout the state, and the new arrangement will make it possible for him to expand his broadcasting activities.

Pending Dr. Quisenberry's return (See QUISENBERRY, Page 4)

### ROTC CONTRACT PLAN ANNOUNCED BY WELTY

#### Plan to Go Into Effect In Fall; Air ROTC Under Consideration

Colonel M. D. Welty, Commandant and PMS and T, announced this week that the War Department had approved a postwar policy concerning the Reserve Officers Training Corps which makes provision for military training in two divisions, the Junior ROTC at approximately the secondary school educational level, and the Senior ROTC at the junior college and college level.

The Junior ROTC and the elementary course of the Senior ROTC will provide only general military training. The advanced Senior ROTC will be of a specialized branch type, designed to qualify selected students for reserve commissions in the several branches of the service, such as Infantry, Field Artillery, and others.

#### Air Corps

At present, there are no Air Force ROTC units, establishment of which will require legislative action. Colonel Monro Mac Closky, who accompanied General F. L. Anderson, Jr. here Tuesday and who is a member of the A-3 Staff of the Army Air Forces, stated that Texas A. and M. College was being considered as one of the colleges to be assigned an Air Corps ROTC unit.

#### Advanced Course

The advanced course will consist of a minimum of five hours of formal instruction per week for two

### Smith Resigns As Local City Manager

The resignation of Lloyd D. Smith as city manager of College Station was announced yesterday by Mayor Ernest Langford. Smith, who was formerly a member of the city council, served as city manager since December 1, 1942. He has recently organized the Smith-Turner Company, dealers in hardware hardware and furniture, whose business will be located in the new building now under construction near the north gate of the city of College Station.

The A. & M. College museum was founded seven years ago.

academic years of 32 weeks each. The summer camp period will be of eight weeks duration instead of the present six, if legislation permitting the extension is enacted. The advanced course will be conducted only at civilian and military colleges and universities offering four-year courses or longer leading to a degree.

Land Grant colleges which have required military training may continue this requirement with the War Department encouraging and assisting. However, all students will not necessarily be formally enrolled in the ROTC and eligible for its proposed emoluments unless they meet prescribed requirements. The War Department will seek passage of enabling legislation to grant emoluments to students in the elementary course of the Senior ROTC of 66 cents per day plus uniforms, and to increase the emoluments to students in the advanced course to 86 cents plus \$1.25 per day. The advanced students would be required to buy their own uniforms. Institutions desiring to provide a distinctive type of uniform or individually tailored uniforms for the Junior ROTC or the elementary Senior course may draw commutation in lieu of issuance of Government uniforms in an amount set by the Quartermaster. Students at ROTC summer camps will be furnished the necessary field-type uniforms.

Minimum requirements for a reserve commission will include the successful completion of four years education at the college level and the successful completion of the Senior ROTC course. The student also must have reached the age of 21 before he is granted a commission. For a commission as a First Lieutenant in a professional branch, such as the Medical Corps, the candidate must have received his professional degree.

#### Effective Sept., 1946

The new program will go into effect with the start of the fall term of 1946. The present ROTC program will be absorbed into the new program insofar as practicable. To date there has been no definite assignment of advanced units to the college.

### Vets Plan Free Dance And Membership Drive

A dance at Sbisas Hall, free to active members of the Ex-Servicemen's Club, will be the first part in securing an improved method of registration, and issuance of books, as shown in the new procedure for the first summer term. The club also has committees now working for improvement of mess-hall conditions, hospitalization procedure, and on getting telephone facilities for dormitories that have none. The club was active in setting up and maintaining the veterans' lounge in Sbisas Hall, and is making plans for a larger and better lounge in American Legion Hall when the pre-fab living area is completed.

Several major social events are planned by the club for the summer.

Yates was elected sergeant-at-arms for the club.

Plans were made at the meeting for election of new representatives from dormitories and areas now without representation in the club council. Some of the men previously elected are not in summer school, while other areas have not yet made any selection.

Future summer meetings of the Ex-Servicemen's club will be held in Sbisas Hall rather than in the Assembly Hall. Cooling fans and a loud-speaker system will be available in the new meeting place.

staged by the club. Although many veterans now in school have been registered as active members; it is hoped to raise the total.

Pointing to accomplishments of