

State Investigation Opens Meeting Tonight in Austin

A & M Army Day Observed Tomorrow With Cadet Review, Military Show at Goodwin Hall

In observance of Army Day, the Cadet Corps will hold a mounted review at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon, Co. G. S. Meloy, Jr., PMS&T and Commandant, has announced. Army Day, which was observed throughout the United States yesterday, was scheduled tomorrow at A. & M. to avoid a conflict with the Easter holidays.

The review will consist of tanks, armored cars, truck-drawn heavy weapons, and other modern field pieces, all of which will be manned by cadets under the supervision of members of the Military Department. These mounted elements will pass in review immediately to the rear of the foot elements.

The Infantry section of the mounted review will include: one truck mounting a .30 caliber heavy machine gun; one truck mounting a 60 mm mortar; and one truck mounting a 75 mm recoilless rifle. Each truck will be manned by cadet drivers and assistant drivers, armed with M-1 rifles.

The Chemical section will include: two 3/4-ton trucks with 4.2-inch chemical mortars mounted in the body of the vehicles. Mortar crews will be composed of cadets, with the exception of regular army personnel as drivers.

The Field Artillery section will include: two 2 1/2-ton trucks towing 105mm howitzers; one M-5 tractor towing a 155mm howitzer; and an M-4 tractor towing a 155mm rifle. The cadet gun crews for these weapons will be mounted in the prime movers and will be armed with M-1 rifles. Regular army personnel will be drivers for the prime movers.

The Armored Cavalry section will include: two light armored cars, M18's; two assault guns, M-8's; and two light tanks, M-24's. The crews of these vehicles will be cadets, with the exception of regular army personnel as drivers.

Guests of Honor
Honor guests for this occasion will be, Dr. Gibb Gilchrist, president of the college; Dr. Frank C. Bolton, executive vice-president and dean of the college; Dr. Thomas D. Brooks, dean of the graduate School and of the School of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Ross P. Marshall, dean of the school of Veterinary Medicine; Charles N. Chaperon, dean of the School of Agriculture; Ivan Langford, mayor of Bryan; and Ernest Langford, mayor of College Station.

Review Highlight
The cadet review will be highlighted by the awarding of the La Belgique Croix de Guerre 1940 Avec Palme to Cadet Major Michael P. Williams.

There will also be displays of all the latest Army equipment on the drill field in front of Goodwin Hall; this will be the first time that most of this equipment has been displayed in this section. The display will be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. tomorrow and will be manned by cadets who will explain the various equipment.

The public is cordially invited to attend A&M's observance of Army Day and to become better acquainted with the Army's new peace-time equipment and methods.

Faculty Backs Vets, Cadets, Dr. Clark Says

New flame was added to the Aggie fire Friday when Dr. F. B. Clark, head of the A. & M. economics department, told a meeting of educators in Dallas that, in his opinion, a majority of the college faculty sided with the students in the controversy with President Gibb Gilchrist.

Dr. Clark amplified his remarks in an interview with a Dallas Morning News reporter, and announced that he was the faculty member referred to by the Veterans Association in their charge of intimidation. Clark also said that he expects to be called to testify before the house-senate investigating committee this week.

Dr. Clark stated, "Hazing is a minor issue." If the board wanted to stop hazing at this school, he said, they should have acted through the faculty which Clark believes still has the "respect and confidence of the students." Dr. Clark made it clear that he does not believe hazing is necessary and that he does not endorse it.

All students who have been demoted or dismissed from the corps should be decorated, Clark told the News reporter. Clark has been a member of the A. & M. faculty since 1916.

Cotton Show Tickets Go On Sale Thursday

Tickets for the thirteenth annual Cotton Style Show Pageant at DeWare Field House will go on sale at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 10. These tickets may be purchased at the Agronomy Department, Aggieland Inn, Luke's Grocery, and Lipscomb's Pharmacy at College Station, and at W.S.D. Clothier's in Bryan. General admission price is set at \$1 and the reserved seat tickets may be bought for \$1.25.

Governor Beauford Jester has been invited to crown Eugene J. Vacek of Wiemar, who will reign as King Cotton. Miss Joann Dobbs of Menard has been picked as queen of the Cotton Style Show Pageant. Miss Joan Jester, daughter of the governor, has been chosen as the duchess of the Agronomy Society.

Sanger Brothers of Dallas will present 20 professional models who will feature the coming spring and summer styles in cotton, including the latest fashions in everything from evening gowns to bathing beach wear. The TSCW Caperettes and Magician Christy, The Great, are also added attractions of the thirteenth Cotton Style Show Pageant.

Music for the Cotton Ball following the Style Show Pageant will be furnished by the Aggieland Orchestra in Sbisla Hall from 10 til 2 a.m. Scrip for the dance is \$1.50.

A-E Day Slates Follies, Dance, Military Show

This year's show on Agriculture-Engineers Day will be the fourteenth annual show for the Engineering Department. Their first was held on May 10, 1930, and the last previous one was the day before Mother's Day, 1942. Heretofore, A-E Day was known as Engineers Day, but this year the Engineering Department has been joined by the Department of Agriculture to produce the show which has attracted scores of visitors in the past.

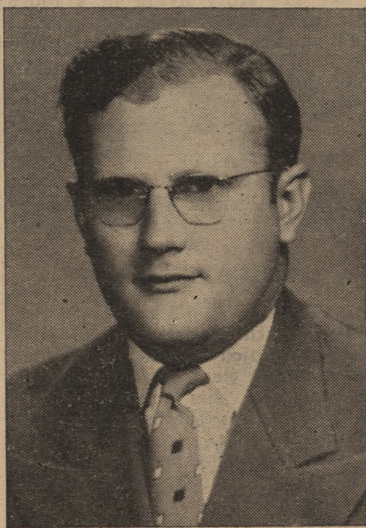
Chairman of the committees for the production of the A-E show have been selected and Terry A. Clark has been appointed overall chairman of the many Engineering committees, and LeRoy Norvell the overall chairman of the various agricultural committees.

A display of military equipment has been offered by Colonel Meloy, PMS&T of the college, which should be especially interesting what with the new equipment received by the Military Department since the close of the last war.

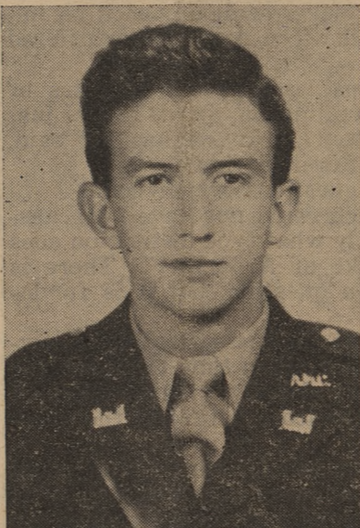
In addition to the show in the field, the different clubs representing the two departments will stage a follies in Guion Hall, under the direction of John M. Huddleston of the Architecture Department.

Huddleston has announced that he would appreciate being contacted by any talented student or students interested in stage production, or joke artists. Comedy acts and skits are also to be presented on the follies show and there are still vacancies in the program for any comedians or skit workers who would like to participate. All interested students are urged to contact the Student Committees in their respective departments.

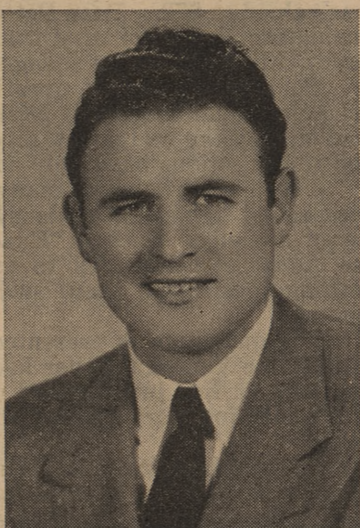
The follies presentation will be followed by a free A-E Day dance to be held in Sbisla Hall, the orchestra for which will be announced at a later date. The public is invited to attend.



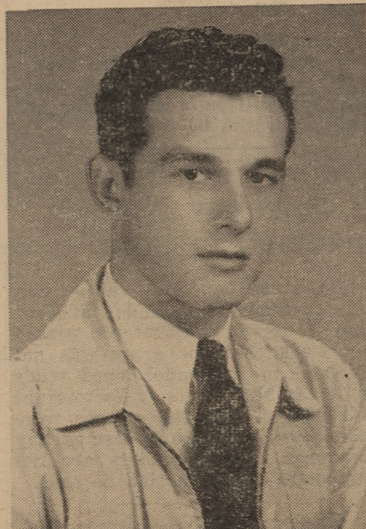
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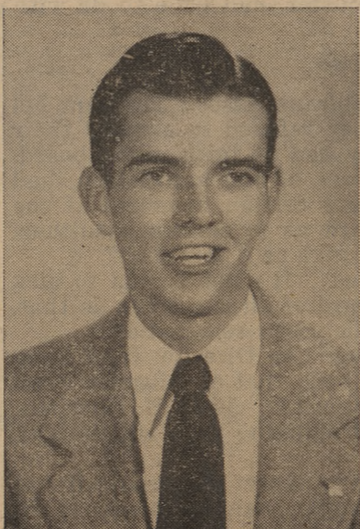
Wm. J. "Bill" McCormick President, Senior Class



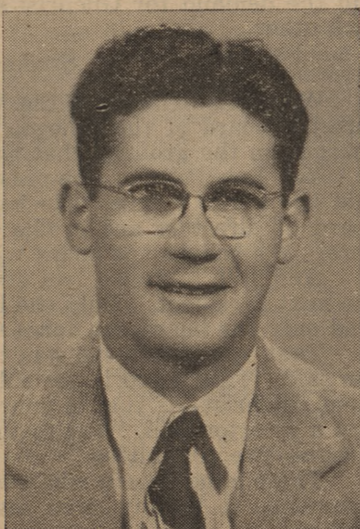
W. S. "Bill" Andrews President, VSA



Karl Wallace Parliamentarian, VSA



David N. "Ish" Elliott Sergeant-at-arms, VSA



Ed Fisher Secretary, VSA

Not pictured are Sam S. Williams, treasurer of the VSA, and Ed Brandt, both of whom will also appear before the investigation committee tonight.

Hop Aboard Brazos River Showboat!

By W. K. Colville

Dis am omnnly da beginnin', folks . . . climb on dat ol' Brazos Ribber Showboat and les all jine in de Cotton jubilee!

Water or no water, all acts of the annual Cotton Pageant and Ball, to be held April 18, will originate from the deck of an old-fashioned showboat. Typical of the Mississippi River days, a magician from Dallas will perform his magical feats as an additional feature of the Style Show.

The dancing Caperettes, a ten-member tapping team from TSCW, will uphold southern tradition at the Pageant to the tunes of "Swanee River" and "Dinah", with an additional twist—the can-can. During the war the group performed in hospitals over the State and Oklahoma, and for the past four years has danced for the Kivans Minstrel at Denton. This year they presented a dance entitled, "Cady Caparettes of CIA."

Two ex-members of the dancing team are now performing on Broadway. Mrs. Manning Smith of College Station, director of the Pageant, explained that invitations have been sent out to more than 200 A. & M. clubs in the state to send duchesses, and from all indications this year's Pageant will be the largest in A. & M.'s history. Sweethearts representing the different Southwest Conference colleges also will be featured.

(Editor's Note: The "Showboat" will be a backdrop in DeWare Field House.)

Reserve Officers Meet Wednesday In AH Lecture Room

Brazos County Reserve Officers Association will meet Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Animal Husbandry Lecture Room.

Plans for the Association's activities for the coming year will be presented at the meeting, and standing committees will report. Included on the program will be an Army film on compulsory military training.

Association President Sid Lovless stressed that all former Army, Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard officers are eligible for membership in the organization and are cordially invited to all meetings. Lovless stated further that under a recent ruling membership dues for veterans attending school under the GI bill have been reduced.

Town Hall Presents Houston Symphony Tomorrow Night

Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony", made famous during the war as the "V-Symphony", will be the featured number of the Houston Symphony Orchestra tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. This Town Hall program will be one of Ernst Hoffmann's last appearances as director of the orchestra, since he has resigned his leadership effective April 14.

Hoffmann will bring with him 60 musicians and a guest vocalist, Miriam Forman, wife of former Aggie Jack Forman of Houston.

Having directed the group for the past eleven years, Hoffmann has brought them within the first-20-in-America category. Past performances of the orchestra during the last few years have been well received on the campus.

Also included on the Guion Hall show tomorrow evening will be "Voices of Spring" by Strauss and the "William Tell Overture".

General admission tickets will be on sale at the door for 60 cents and \$1, students and adults, respectively, who do not possess season tickets.

Rollins Appointed Acting Director of Athletics April 1

Dean of Men J. W. "Dough" Rollins was appointed temporary Director of Athletics by President Gibb Gilchrist, E. L. Angell, vice-president, stated April 1.

The Board of Directors, in its last session, was so engaged with other matters that they had very little time to give to the matter of a Director of Athletics. They did feel that the Athletic Council perhaps had not had sufficient time to canvass the field fully, and they requested that this be done before any final action is taken.

Such temporary appointment of Dean Rollins was not intended in any way to detract from any of the men who have been considered.

President Gilchrist was authorized to make temporary arrangements, and he asked Rollins to serve as Acting Director of Athletics in addition to his other duties.

In view of the fact that the Athletic Council will be reorganized in May with the membership increased by two and some terms expiring, it is quite unlikely that the present Council will have time to do more than gather information on other prospects. While the present organization is temporary, it will move aggressively and make all the plans for the athletic year 1947-48," Angell, board secretary, stated.

Rollins, who captained the Aggie football team in 1916, was graduated from A. & M. in 1917. He returned to A. & M. in 1935, serving as business manager of athletics, varsity track coach, and end coach in football.

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Two Cadets, Six Veterans Are Subpoenaed to Appear

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Senate chamber at Austin a special senate-house committee will begin its investigation of recent disturbances at A. & M. The committee has subpoenaed eight Aggie students. They are:

W. J. McCormick, president of the Senior Class; Ed Brandt; W. S. Andrews, president of the Veteran Students Association; R. A. Polson, vice-president; Sam Williams, treasurer; Ed Fisher, secretary; Karl Wallace, parliamentarian; and David Elliott, sergeant-at-arms.

Veterans Open Cleanup Fund, Get Attorneys

The Veteran Students Association is establishing a "clean-up fund" and has retained attorneys, according to announcement by W. S. (Bill) Andrews, president.

The attorneys are Herman Jones and Homer Thornberry of Austin, who will represent the association at the house-senate investigation in Austin starting tonight.

In announcing the fund, Andrews stated: "The association has received no financial aid from outsiders anywhere and we do not contemplate soliciting such aid.

"However, the association will need financial support in order to hire a legal advisor and pay for all the expenditures which will be incurred in our fight to give Texas A. & M. College an upright administration. Such expenditures will include telegrams, telephone calls, official correspondence and traveling expenses.

"Donations will be accepted only from A. & M. Clubs, the parents of students, students, (and the faculty if they care to contribute.)

"Contributions should be sent to the treasurer, Veteran Students Association, Box 22, College Station.

"A receipt will be given after each donation. It is essential that all contributions be endorsed. Upon request names will be withheld from publication. Anonymous contribution will be turned over to the YMCA and the Red Cross.

"The amount left in the fund after the 'clean-up' campaign is over can either be put in the association treasury or else be used for some worthy cause such as offering A. & M. scholarships to high school graduates."

Ag Engineers' Barn Dance Set April 26

Pull out your old blue jeans and plaid shirts from the dark corners and get them all ready, H. C. "Brock" Bradford, chairman of the dance committee, announced. Ready for what?

Why, heck, fellers, there's going to be a Barnyard Frolic on April 26. It's a frolic where you can come in most any kinda garment. Yes sir, and it may mean money in your pocket, for a cash prize will be given to the "country's lookin' couple". And plan on bringing May Bell or Daisy June down for the weekend.

All of us Agricultural Engineers, are sponsoring it and you heck we'll sure be expecting you all, says Bradford. Don't forget the date, Saturday night, April 26, in the ole hayloft, Sbisla Hall, or out in The Grove if weather permits. Music will be furnished by the Aggieland Orchestra.

10 Aggies Needed To Escort 10 Tessies!

Miss Mary Anna Grimes, textile and clothing specialist of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, has announced that the Textile Class from TSCW which consists of ten girls will visit the campus on April 18-19.

The girls are going to be housed in PG Hall, but are in need of dates for the two nights while on the campus.

Any one desiring more information about them is requested to contact Grady Elms in the Student Activities Office. Such data as the name, height, and color of hair is available.

LAUNDRY NOTICE!

All day students, "A" through "L", will turn in their laundry at PG Hall on Friday instead of Saturday, W. G. Breazeale, acting assistant dean of men, announced April 1.

Presumably the committee will quiz McCormick and Brandt about the senior class action in voting "no confidence" in Brandt as cadet colonel. The VSA officers will no doubt be asked about the vote to oust President Gilchrist, taken at the recent mass meeting of veterans.

No word had been received as to whether or not the committee would subpoena Dr. F. B. Clark, head of the economics department, who last week stated in Dallas that he was the faculty member quoted by the VSA as having been intimidated.

Senate members of the committee are Fred Harris, George A. Moffett, Dorsey Hardeman, Ben Ramsey, and Walter Tynan. House members are Searcy Bracwell, Ed Hughes, Cecil Storey, Claude Gilmer and Jack Cox.

Moffett, Bracwell and Hughes are Aggie-exes. Harris is chairman of the committee. Gilmer is vice-chairman. Many Aggie students are expected to travel to Austin to be present at the opening night of the hearing. Among these will be members of the Battalion staff, who will report the event.

Senator Harris, chairman of the committee, told the Dallas News that if the situation is "just a case of school boys sticking their tongues out at the teacher" the legislature ought to stay out of it. He indicated that if, when the investigation starts, the legislature is not directly involved, he would move to stop the investigation.

TSPE Chapter Meets Thursday; to Hear Library Addresses

Paul Ballance, college librarian, and J. S. Hudnall, chairman of the library committee of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, will speak to the Brazos County Chapter of the TSPE Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the CE Lecture room on the various aspects of the Texas Engineers Library.

Ballance will discuss the engineers library and its value to the librarian. Hudnall, a professional engineer from Tyler and chairman of the board of registration and the library committee of the TSPE, will consider the library from the standpoint of graduate engineers and the board of registration.

trampling out the vintage . . .

By Mack T. Nolen

All too often the only defense raised for an issue at A&M is Tradition. The question logically follows, "What is Tradition?"

Once upon a time a king was preparing for his coronation. Calling before him all the tailors of the kingdom, the king commanded them to weave the sheerest, finest cloth that could be woven for his coronation robes.

The tailors had a union meeting after which they all got effectively drunk. When the king's chamberlain came the next day to inspect the cloth, two wily weavers hit on a plan to cover their embarrassment. Holding up empty hands and purring proudly, they asked the chamberlain did he not think this fine cloth they had woven.

The chamberlain was a vain man, and not wishing to appear stupid, he agreed that the cloth was as beautiful as any he had ever seen. The same hoodwinking process continued right up to the king, each official praising the cloth so as not to expose his own ignorance. The king thought the cloth strange as he could not see it, but he was as vain as the rest, and ordered his coronation robes to be cut from that material.

The tailors cut and sewed and produced a robe of the same non-existent cloth.

In the coronation procession the king wore his invisible robes which the multitude praised for their beauty.

A child on the curb blurted to his father, "Why the king has no clothes on!" Tradition is a wonderful thing!