

## LSU's ROTC First Among Schools In Fourth Army Area

Followed by OU, Oklahoma A. & M.; Texas A. & M. Places Fifth With 92.6

Louisiana State University's Reserve Officers Training Corps received the highest rating of any corps in the Fourth Army Area, according to the LSU student paper, "The Reveille," and the "Sig-Arty Cadet," bulletin of the Fort Sill summer campers. Second in line was the ROTC unit of Oklahoma University, followed by Oklahoma A. & M. Fourth in the senior ROTC units in the Fourth Army Area was New Mexico College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts. Texas A. & M. rated fifth; and Texas Tech and the University of Arkansas placed sixth and seventh respectively.

## Paper Possibility Of Alaska Forests To Be Considered

Alaskan forests as a source of woodpulp for newsprint for American papers are to be investigated by a special committee of the United States Senate sometime in August.

The shortage of newsprint is a worry to every editor. No decrease in consumption is expected in the foreseeable future, and foreign nations will need more when they resume normal functions.

It sounds like a long haul to get newsprint from Alaska, but the principal forests of this territory are located on the seaboard in the narrow section west of British Columbia and the southern part of the main body of Alaska. Much of the forest area is included in two national forests under the supervision of the U.S. Forest Service.

Tongass National Forest, containing over 15,000,000 acres, is largely along the narrow coastal area between the Pacific Ocean and British Columbia. Chugach National Forest, of 4,800,000 acres, is along the shores of Prince William Sound, a boat half-way between Anchorage and the Canadian line. In addition to these, there are some 80,000,000 acres of forests well scattered in southern areas.

The two national forests together contain an estimated 85,000,000,000 board feet of timber, 75% of which is within three miles of tide-water. Nearly three-fourths of the timber is Western hemlock, chiefly valuable for the manufacture of pulp and paper. Approximately 20% is Sitka spruce, now used in airplane construction and other applications, but valuable also as pulp. The remainder is largely cedar.

The Tongass National Forest alone, scientifically handled, could supply 3,500 tons of newsprint a day forever, Frank Heintzelman, U. S. Regional Forester of Alaska, recently said at a Congressional hearing. Alaska has water power available for development which can supply all the power needs of pulp mills to process the timber. Ocean shipping to West Coast ports is open the year around. The center of the Tongass Forest is only about 1,000 miles from Seattle.

## Local Men Attend Cotton Congress

Attending the annual Cotton Congress in Dallas from College Station last week were J. E. Adams, Agronomy Department; D. T. Killough, Experiment Station; Fritz Liehe, Extension Service; and J. S. Mogford, Agronomy Department.

Commercial cotton handlers from all over the United States gathered in Dallas last Wednesday and Thursday to study the future prospects of cotton.

## To Explore Range From Pole-to-Pole

WOODS HOLE, Mass.—The world's longest mountain range, that extends almost from pole to pole, is about to be systematically explored for the first time—and by boat. Thus far, men have had knowledge of its existence, but no one has actually seen more than its highest peaks.

This range is almost wholly under water, very close to midline of the Atlantic ocean; it is known as the Atlantic ridge. Top peaks are such islands as the Azores and Ascension.

The exploration will be conducted by an expedition in the research ship Atlantis, owned by the Oceanographic Institution of Woods Hole. Prime objective is to learn whether there are deep, eroded canyons in the flanks of the ridge. The expedition will also endeavor to learn the depth of its covering mantle of silt and obtain samples of this bottom material.

# House Passes Army-Navy Unification Bill

## 3 Officials in 'Who's Who'



Gibb Gilchrist



Duncan H. Reid



Charles Shephardson

President Gibb Gilchrist, Dean Charles Shephardson of the School of Agriculture, and Duncan H. Reid of the Department of Poultry Husbandry have been included in the latest edition of the "International World Who's Who". The book, published by the American Universities Medical Research Publications, Inc., New York, was recently received by the college library.

Other names listed were those of President Harry S. Truman, Secretary of State George C. Marshall, General H. H. Arnold, General Douglas MacArthur, and Arturo Toscanini.

## Tentative Plans For Reorganization Of Cadet Corps Released

By J. T. Miller

Tentative plans for the organization of the Corps of Cadets during the coming fall semester were announced by the Military Science department this week. Organiza-

tion of military units on both the main campus and A. & M. Annex were covered by the announcement. Two regiments, each containing two battalions, will be set up at the Annex, according to present plans. Each battalion will be composed of three or more companies, depending on the number of freshmen enrolled at the time of activation. Between 75 and 100 men are to be placed in every company.

"Commissioned and non-commissioned officers will be selected from qualified members of the freshman class," Lt. Col. William B. McElhenny, adjutant, stated Wednesday. Preference will be given ex-servicemen and school ROTC, as advised.

Almost every facility available to the Military Science department on the main campus will be duplicated at the Annex. A branch warehouse with its own custodian will be established, and gun rooms will be a part of every barracks. The rifle range used by aviation trainees during the war will be utilized in the new set up.

Although students will be allowed to select their own branches of service on the completion of their freshman year, cadets living at the Annex will live with units designated as training regiments, training battalions, and training

companies. No names have as yet been applied to these organizations, but tentative plans call for their designation by number, as opposed to the present system of lettering.

Due to an existing shortage of personnel for certain branches of the service, cadets on the main campus will witness one innovation: certain companies will consist of two platoons, each representing a different branch of service. For example, Company A, First Battalion, Third Regiment, will be made up of one platoon of Signal Corps personnel; the second platoon calls for an Army Security Agency detachment.

The following is a complete list of the contemplated organization of the corps this fall:

**First Regiment**  
First Battalion, Infantry.  
Second Battalion, Artillery.

**Second Regiment**  
First Squadron, Cavalry.  
Second Squadron, Air Corps.

**Third Regiment**  
First Battalion.  
Company A: One Signal Corps platoon; one Army Security Agency platoon.

Company B: One platoon of Ordnance; one Chemical Corps platoon.  
Company C: One platoon of the Quartermaster Corps; one Transportation Corps platoon.

**Second Battalion.**  
Two Corps of Engineer companies.

**Fourth Regiment**  
First Battalion—Three Veteran Companies.  
Second Battalion—Two Senior companies.

## Skiles Accepts Position With North Texas State College

Joe Skiles, director of student activities at A. & M. will become business manager at North Texas State College effective September 1. In accepting the position he once again associates himself with Denton County.

He received a B. A. degree from North Texas in 1933; in 1940 that school awarded him a Master of Arts degree. Mr. Skiles was admitted to the bar in 1935 after attending the University of Texas Law School. He represented Denton County in the state legislature from 1937 to 1941.

Appointed Director of Student Activities in 1941, he left that position early in 1942 for the armed forces. After being released from the Army Air Forces with the rank of captain, he was appointed executive assistant in the Attorney-General's office in January of this year. In May, 1947, he was reappointed to his present office.

No one has as yet been named to replace Mr. Skiles. It is likely that the A. & M. Board of Directors will consider applicants for the position at its next meeting on August 9.



JOE SKILES, director of Student Activities, resigned effective September 1 to become business manager at North Texas State Teachers College.

## VSA To Sponsor All-College Dance

An All-College Dance sponsored by the Veteran Student's Association will be held at the Grove August 23. According to E. O. Courade, treasurer of the VSA, Johnny Sullivan of Houston, Plantation, who played for the 1947 Senior Ring Dance, has contacted to furnish the music. Admission, stag or drag, will be \$1 for VSA members and \$1.50 for non-members. The first down-beat will be at 8 o'clock and the last strains of "Good-night Sweetheart" will fade into the night at twelve.

A dormitory will be opened to accommodate week-end guests. Courade stated, the number of which will be announced at a later date.

## Wedding Bells Clinging Less

Wedding bells are not ringing as frequently this year as last. Statistics of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company find that in each of the first four months fewer couples went down the aisle in the United States than did in the corresponding month of last year. It looks as if the great post-war boom in marriage is dropping off.

The only other countries for which figures are available for 1947 also show a marked downward trend. These are Canada, France, and Belgium.

The United States marriage rate last year was an all-time high. It went up to 16.4 per 1,000 of population. Previous high was 13.2 per 1,000 reached in our first year of World War II.

## Students Serve As Cadet Officers

Raymond A. Hennig, Richard K. Epps, Arthur N. Hartman, and William C. Longquist, Jr., A. & M. students, were appointed to serve as cadet officers in the R.O.T.C. battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas for the fourth week of the summer training session now in progress. Hennig, naval veteran from Tyler, Texas was appointed cadet major to serve as battalion executive officer; Epps, from Lufkin, Texas, was appointed cadet 1st lieutenant to serve as Battery B executive officer; Hartman, from Victoria, Texas, was appointed cadet 1st lieutenant to serve as a Battery B platoon leader; and Longquist, naval veteran from Dallas, Texas, was appointed cadet 2nd lieutenant to serve as platoon executive officer of Battery B.

## WTAW Auditions To Be Thursday

Again college-operated radio station WTAW is offering students of A. & M. an opportunity to gain radio experience. Auditions for students interested in radio announcing will be held Thursday, July 24, at 8:30 p.m. in the studios on the third floor of the Administration Building.

## Measure Links Military Power, Foreign Affairs

An army-navy unification bill, designed to strengthen the military power of the nation and its position in foreign affairs, was passed by the House late Saturday by voice vote. A similar bill has already been passed by the Senate, and the two measures will now go to an adjustment conference committee.

## Senate Okays Terminal Leave Bond Cashing Subsistence For Veterans Raised To \$75 and \$105

Voting 85 to 0, the Senate Saturday passed and dispatched to President Truman legislation authorizing 9,000,000 veterans to cash terminal leave bonds amounting to \$1,800,000,000. Earlier the Senate passed by voice vote upping living allowance for veterans attending school under the GI Bill of Rights.

The bill for GI education provided for the increase of subsistence grants for single veteran students from \$65 a month to \$75, and for married veterans to receive \$105 instead of \$90. For married veteran students with children, the legislation provided for \$120. This bill now goes to the House. According to Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio these 15 per cent increases are designed to compensate for higher living costs.

The terminal leave bond measure, having received unanimous House approval two weeks ago, would permit, but not require, former enlisted men to cash bonds issued to them starting last year in lieu of cash terminal pay.

After September 1, the bonds could be turned in for cash at local banks. Under existing legislation, the maturity date is five years after the date of issue.

The bill also extended for one year beyond September 1 the deadline for application for terminal bonds by veterans.

In urging the adoption of the terminal leave cashing bill, Sen. Taft stated that it would give World War II veterans an average of approximately \$180 each. Sen. Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut estimated the average at about \$214.

A bill proposed by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin to purchase specially-designed houses for totally, permanently disabled veterans who must remain in wheel chairs was rejected by the Senate. Instead, a motion by Sen. Taft sent the measure back to the banking committee for further study.

## Study by Mail Now Authorized by VA

The Veterans Administration has negotiated contracts with about 130 correspondence schools in the United States to furnish veterans instruction under the GI Bill. Veterans are eligible for these "mail order" courses if they meet the qualifications for GI Bill education or training.

A veteran may get up to a total of \$500 worth of correspondence courses; no subsistence allowance is paid for the courses.

Only schools which have a contract with the Veterans Administration and which are approved by the state in which they operate may be paid for veterans' courses under the GI Bill.

## Molasses Added To Diet of A & M Cows

Citrus molasses is now being fed to college cattle in a feeding trial according to reports from the A. H. Department. The molasses is being furnished by the Tex-Sun Company, citrus growers at Weslaco, Texas.

Both the college and the Tex-Sun Company are interested in determining the chemical composition and nutritive value of this product. The Tex-Sun citrus growers plan to harvest 800,000 gallons of citrus molasses next year.

## Scouts Meet Thursday

Pack 102 of the Cub Scouts will hold their regular pack meeting, Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Music Room of the Consolidated School.

Sponsors of the legislation believed that there would be little difficulty in reaching agreement, and that the bill would be approved before adjournment. Advocates of the proposal stressed that the military departments will be under civilian chiefs and scoffed at ideas that it would encourage a military dictatorship.

Actual merger of the army and navy originally was urged, but the measure now approved only unifies the military branches, placing them under a Secretary of National Defense who must be a civilian.

Some members of Congress opposed the bill as neither a merger nor a unification, claiming that it simply builds a superstructure over the army and navy and adds a new military department, the Department of Air, resulting in more expense.

Proponents assured Congress that the Marine Corps is amply protected and provision was made for the Naval Air Corps to remain under the Navy Department. The new department of air will take over the army air force as now constituted, and the secretaries of army, navy, and air will not have Cabinet status.

The unification plan links the military with foreign policy, Rep. John W. Wadsworth of New York explained. The system would assist the President in the conduct of foreign relations and his duties as Commander in Chief of the armed forces, Wadsworth claimed.

Rep. J. Frank Wilson of Texas, member of the House committee on expenditures in the Executive Department, which group handled the bill declared that the plan would effect a huge financial saving in the event of war. Advocates of the bill agreed that the savings would be considerable over a period of years and that improvement in the military services would become noticeable.

The establishment of a central intelligence service drew criticism on the grounds that it might lead to a superagency. Supporters of the proposed new agency contended it was highly essential to have information on the military strength and political intents of other nations.

## Auditor Appointed Dean of Men Aide

George Long, for twenty-one years branch college auditor of A. & M., has been named administrative assistant in the office of the Dean of Men, in charge of accounting and inventories. He will be in charge of all dormitory properties and will administer the student labor office.

Long has been with A. & M. for thirty years. He began as assistant county agent for Hunt County, and was for a time on the staff of the Texas Extension Service as director of exhibits and demonstrations.

## Hanging Rises In Suicide Fashions

By Science Service  
NEW YORK—Fashions in suicide are changing.

Poison as a means of self-destruction is not nearly so popular as it used to be, reports the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's Statistical Bulletin. But hanging is on the upswing.

Only four methods of suicide account for practically 80% of the self-inflicted deaths. Men shoot themselves; women hang themselves. Taking gas and taking poison are the other two most common methods.

But in the 1920's and 1930's more women killed themselves with poison than by any other method. Now the more violent and disfiguring hanging is the favored method.

Among men, firearms have long been the most common method of suicide. But the latest statistics show the proportion hanging themselves is on the increase and those taking gas is dropping off.

In spite of the sensational accounts of people jumping out of skyscraper windows or off bridges, this form of suicide is not often chosen; it is used by only 3.5% of men and 8% women suicides.