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Bill Brown Appointed Corps Cadet Colonel

Sullivan to Play For VSA Dance Aug. 23

Five Winners in Key Design Contest To Be Announced in Tuesday's Batt

Johnny Sullivan and his Houston orchestra have accepted the invitation to play at the All-College Dance Saturday evening, August 23, it was announced early this week. The dance, under the sponsorship of the Veteran Students Association, will be held in the Grove from 8 'till midnight.

Sullivan, who has been playing at the Houston Plantation, received such an ovation at the Senior Ring Dance in May that he was asked to make a return engagement.

Tickets, selling for \$1 and \$1.50, stag or drag, may be purchased from any officer of the Veteran Students Association or from any dormitory representative. Students holding social assessment cards will be charged \$1, whereas tickets for non-paid members will cost \$1.50.

In Next Issue

Winners in the Veteran Students Association key design contest will be announced in the next issue of The Battalion. The five winning designs will also be printed at that time.

Teague To Visit Greece And Turkey on Inspection Tour

By F. F. Block

Representative Olin E. Teague announced Tuesday in an interview that he would leave next month with a group of congressmen on an inspection of Greece and Turkey. The purpose of the trip is to see how money borrowed from the

United States is being used for Greek and Turkish aid.

Before flying to London on the first leg of the trip the group will spend a few days in Washington and New York City, visiting the General Assembly of the U. N. O. and making final preparations.

Teague thought the group would be abroad for about 6 weeks, spending 3 weeks in Greece, 2 weeks in Turkey, and a week in other parts of Europe. Teague added that he hoped to visit some of the foreign universities where veterans are attending under the G. I. Bill and observe conditions at those places. Teague considered being a member of the inspecting committee an honor, and said that Charles A. Eaton, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, was responsible for his appointment.

When asked about the success or failure of the recently adjourned 80th Congress, Teague stated he was unable to judge because this had been his first term, but he thought our having a Democratic President and a Republican congress was a healthy situation. "This gives the Government a much needed balance of power", Teague continued.

Concerning Veteran legislation, Teague, a member of the House Veteran Affairs Committee, granted that congress did some credible work; however, he was disappointed in their not doing more. He mentioned in particular the failure of congress to pass an increased subsistence, a suitable bill for veteran housing, a bill to establish a higher ceiling of wages for orphans and widows of veterans. Teague stated he had introduced a bill to aid orphans and widows, but it failed to get favorable backing.

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Fish-Game Prof To Assist With Utah Antelope Research

Helmut K. Buechner of the Department of Fish and Game and the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at A. & M. has been requested to assist and advise in an extensive study of the restoration of pronghorn antelope in the desert west of Great Salt Lake, Utah. The request came from Utah game authorities, W. B. Davis, head of the A. & M. department, stated.

Buechner, who now holds the Wildlife Management Institute Game Fellowship at A. & M., has been doing research work on the pronghorn antelope for more than a year. With headquarters at Marfa Army Air Field, he has studied throughout the Trans-Pecos region.

In his study of antelopes, Buechner has found that they eat very little grass, evidently preferring weeds, which explains why antelopes do well in cow pastures, but do not thrive in competition with sheep, which also consume weeds.

While in Utah, Buechner will work with Dr. Jessop B. Low, leader of the Utah Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Logan, to make a field examination of the proposed antelope range.

Let's Make This Dream Come True



A Message to Every A&M Man in Texas

On August 23rd the citizens of Texas will vote upon the College Building Constitutional Amendment. The Amendment carries the endorsement and support of all sixteen Texas State colleges and universities. It was overwhelmingly approved by the Legislature.

A five-million-dollar building program for Texas A. & M. will be made possible if the Amendment is passed on August 23rd. Like the other schools, we need these added facilities badly. Lack of classrooms and laboratory facilities on the campus is one of the big reasons A. & M. is teaching and housing students at the Bryan Air Base Annex, 12 miles from the campus.

So far as I know, there is no general or organized opposition to the Amendment. But it is in grave danger because of indifference and lack of information on the part of the voters of the state.

A. & M. men, the ex-students of the other state schools, and friends of education in Texas must take the lead and do the work if the Amendment is to be passed.

I am asking you to do the following:

1. Discuss and promote favorable votes for the Amendment with every person you see
2. Vote yourself, your family and your friends on August 23rd.
3. Devote a few hours on August 23rd to encourage others to vote for the Amendment. The biggest job we face is getting out the vote.

I know we can count on every A. & M. man to do his part. With your help, August 23rd will be an important date in the history of our College and of higher education in Texas.

Sincerely,
A. E. "Red" HINMAN, '25
President
Association of Former Students

Ag Field Trippers Visit Stockyards

Twelve agricultural students enrolled in livestock marketing and J. K. Riggs, instructor, visited Fort Worth Monday on a field trip to the market.

Wallace L. Giles, a member of the Packers and Stockyards Administration staff, addressed the group on the enforcement of USDA marketing rules; Walter Rice, field man of the stockyards, related the yards' function; Odus Smith, manager of John Clay and Company, talked on the functions of a commission house; and Ted Gouldy discussed newspaper and radio market news coverage.

Students making the trip were: Billy E. Hancock, Gilbert C. Jones, Fred L. Collins, Theo E. Price, M. S. Sandell, Shelly E. King, J. T. Raper, B. F. Greer, E. A. Bladok, Angus Dickson, Jr., Bob Moffett, and William Holland.

Dorm 9 News Stand Moves to Dorm 7

The news stand located in Dormitory 9 has been moved to the southwest corner of Dormitory 7. O. L. Martin, manager, has announced. The move is necessary because of the installation of student lounges in Dormitories 9 and 10, now under construction.

Lutheran Pastor At National Meet

Rev. Fred Mgebroff, A&M Lutheran student-chaplain and pastor of the College Station American Lutheran Church, left this week to attend the annual staff meeting of the National Lutheran Council's Student Service Commission. The meeting is scheduled for the De Koven Foundation at Racine, Wisconsin from August 16-21.

On his return trip Rev. Mgebroff will visit the Student Service Commission's office in Chicago to make final arrangements for building a combination student center, chapel, and parsonage near the A. & M. campus.

Two Extensioners Attend 4-H Parley

J. D. Prewitt, vice-director and state agent, and Willie L. Ulrich, farm labor supervisor for the A. & M. Extension Service, attended a 3-day 4-H Tractor Maintenance Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana this week. The conference ended today.

Tractor maintenance work in 4-H Clubs originated in 1946. This conference is designed for members to exchange experiences and successful techniques and to coordinate literature on the subject.

Vaughn Named Executive; Krueger, Jackson, Shannon, Lewis -- Command Regiments

Bill Brown, senior pre-med student from Cleburne, was appointed Cadet Colonel for next year. Colonel G. S. Mejoy, Commandant and PMS&T, announced Thursday. He will command the four regiments on the main campus and the two at Bryan Army Air Field Annex. Brown was first sergeant of D Battery, Field Artillery last year, and winner of the Caldwell Trophy for the outstanding cadet.

Executive Officer of the Corps of Cadets is Billy M. Vaughn, Business and Accounting major from Temple. He was Albert Banta Scholarship winner last spring, and has been a distinguished student for several semesters. He was in D Infantry last year.

Housing Office Conducting Survey For Apartments

The Student Housing Office is repeating their house-to-house telephone canvass for available apartments and rooms for married couples, Harry Boyer, Chief of Housing, announced Wednesday.

Approximately two weeks will be required to complete the survey, Boyer said. Members of the Housing Office staff spend several hours of the day telephoning residents of the Bryan and College Station area requesting their cooperation in reporting all space which can be used for housing.

Last year a similar campaign yielded about 50 rooms with kitchen privileges and over 100 individual rooms for single men. At that time residents of Bryan, Caldwell, Hearne, Navasota and Snook were phoned, but few vacancies were reported.

The first regimental commander, Jack A. Krueger, is a Business and Accounting major from New Braunfels, and is a distinguished student. He was first sergeant of A Battery, Field Artillery, last year.

Jack E. Jackson, second regimental commander, is a veteran student from Farmersville, Texas. He holds the Air Medal with four clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, and the ETO ribbon with two bronze battle stars. Serving in the Army Air Corps during the war, Jackson was an aerial gunner. He is an accounting major, and was in B Squadron, Air Force, last year. He is also a distinguished student.

Ralph L. Shannon, electrical engineering student and a member of Vet Company 1, last year, will head the third regiment this fall. During the war, Shannon served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and was chief technician on an Armed Forces Radio station. His home is Bonita, Texas.

Another electrical engineering student, Gene E. Lewis, has been named fourth regimental commander. He is a distinguished student from Terrell, Texas, and was a member of A Signal Corps last year.

Listed below is a complete roster of promotions:

Band

Capt. David R. Howell, Commander; 1st Lt. William E. LaRoche, Second-in-Command; 1st Sgt. Jas. R. Wilkinson, First Sergeant; and S/Sgt. Carl B. Whyte, Supply Sergeant.

First Regimental Ho.

1st Lt. Col. Jack A. Krueger, Commander; Maj. Henry A. Pace, Executive; and Capt. Dan D. Stedham, Adjutant.

Infantry Battalion Ho.

Maj. John P. McConnell, Commander; and Capt. Norman E. Luker, Executive.

"A" Company Infantry

Capt. Sam C. McKenzie, Jr., Commander; 1st Lt. Guilan C. Ferris, Second-in-Command; 1st Sgt. John E. Dieb, First Sergeant; and S/Sgt. Gerald B. MacManus, Supply Sergeant.

"B" Company Infantry

Capt. James W. Alexander, Commander; 1st Lt. John T. Wier, Second-in-Command; 1st Sgt. Elvis E. Chapman, First Sergeant; and S/Sgt. Aaron Charles, Supply Sergeant.

"C" Company Infantry

1st Lt. James E. Kunkel, Second-in-Command; 1st Sgt. Leland G. Stewart, First Sergeant; and S/Sgt. Billie B. Wales, Supply Sergeant.

Artillery Battalion Ho.

Maj. Nathaniel R. Leatherwood, Commander; Capt. William D. Barnett, Executive; and 1st Lt. Frank R. Hardin, Adjutant.

"A" Battery F.A.

Capt. James C. Winkler, Commander; 1st Lt. Thomas R. Parsons, Second-in-Command; and S/Sgt. Doyce R. Black, Supply Sergeant.

"B" Battery F.A.

Capt. Marvin L. Jones, Commander; 1st Lt. Jack R. James, Second-in-Command; 1st Sgt. Bur See APPOINTMENT, Page 4



William L. Brown
Cadet Colonel

Kawanians Hear Hoover Disc On Un-American Investigation

"Communism and How to Combat It", testimony given by J. Edgar Hoover before the House Committee on Investigation of Un-American Activities last spring, was presented by transcription at the Kiwanians luncheon Tuesday. The transcription was loaned to the group by radio station KTHH of Houston.

Hoover, in testifying before the committee, stated that passing a law against Communism was no way to fight it. Vigorous and intelligent Americanism with eternal vigilance is the only way to combat Communists in the United States. The party has already been outlawed in the minds and hearts of all true Americans, Hoover continued.

"In fighting communism we are not combating a political party but actually a way of life," emphasized Hoover. This way of life has nothing in common with our form of government, and it is the intention of the Communist party to destroy the capitalist system. The F. B. I. is doing everything to prevent their overthrowing the United States by force and violence. However, Hoover reminded the committee that it was not the duty of the F. B. I. to make recommendations, but to present facts and protect confidence.

Many well-meaning liberal and progressive organizations are nothing but tools for the Communist party, Hoover pointed out. This is true of your labor unions, certain youth movements, and a few intellectual and creative organizations. By a process of deceit and misguided emotionalism, they have managed to infiltrate into key positions. In many instances only 5% of the total membership were able to capture the controlling offices in some organization.

There are 74,000 Communist members in the United States, according to the Hoover record most of them residing in the states of New York, California, Illinois, and Ohio. However, the real menace are those who do not officially belong to the party but act in agreement with all their principles.

Hoover thinks that if everyone will become conscious of the threat of the Communist party and actively combat it, we can in the long-run defeat it.

V. J. Day ... 2 Years Ago ...

It seems that wine, women, and song were the order of the day on August 14, 1945 ... V. J. Day. Rex Fox, senior P. E. student from Harper, was on Ward Island, Corpus Christi, Texas, when the sons of Nips surrendered. He was on duty that day so the poor fellow had to remain on the post until V. J. day. However, on that day he made up for lost time. Said Fox, "There were 50,000,000 gals for every sailor that day so we ... well."

V. J. morning was like any other morning for Wilton "Zero" Hammond who was stationed at Curtis Bay, Maryland, with the Coast Guard. Shortly after noon he and several buddies went to Baltimore on liberty. "All of the citizenry were pleasantly mellow," Hammond asserts. "The women were kissing everyone, there was a complete traffic jam, people were riding on top of the cars, and everything seemed tipsy-turvy." While trying to fight his way out of the crowds, Hammond was picked up by two nice(?) girls who had a convertible (believe it or not). He returned to the base early the next morning so the next liberty session could leave.

Bill Hotchkiss, veteran student from Courtland Alabama, was in Lins Austria, with the 20th Infantry Division. They had just completed eight weeks of training in Germany and had returned to occupy the city they had wrested from the hands of the Kruts three and a half months previously. The Austrian Frauleins were as glad to hear of the good news as were Hotchkiss and his buddies. That night the cognac flowed freely.

V. J. Day found Mack J. Webster, an Industrial Education major from San Antonio, on Guam. He had returned from a 42 day war patrol on the U.S.S. Sennet, two days before the news broke. About twelve o'clock that night the Submarine Rest Camp Commandant gave each man three cans of beer, some "pink lady" (gyzo alcohol) to the uninformed, and torpedos alcohol to celebrate with. Webster declares that of wine and song they had plenty, women ... none, but he had a wonderful time just the same.

The Fifth Infantry Division was being redeployed to the Pacific so Gus Gullis, Economics senior from Houston, was overjoyed when he heard of the surrender. He was home on what would have been his

last furlough before going overseas for the second time. Houston was in a turmoil. "It was exactly like Halloween," said the ex-front line medic. "It took 30 minutes to drive one block." That night Gullis and several friends had a party at his sisters home. The next day was spent in recuperating.

There is one man on the campus of A. & M. who will never forget V. J. Day. Bob Tuley, a senior in Marketing and Finance from Chillicothe, was serving on the aircraft carrier, CVE 107 with the 3rd fleet. The Captain of his ship called them all "gentlemen" instead of the usual "boys", when he notified the ships compliment of the victory. The remainder of the day was routine with two general quarters calls, and continued flight operations.

Yes, that was a memorable occasion. Every one let his hair down and released the pent up emotions of three and a half long, grueling years of war, shortages, and hardships. The entire world was joyously greeting the advent of a new period. Peace, prosperity, and happiness were just around the corner.