

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

104 Years of Progress at the 'Y'...

On June 6, 1844, a little group of drapers and clerks in London organized the Young Men's Christian Association. That makes the Y.M.C.A. movement 104 years old.

Superficially, it might seem that that the 'Y' should keep silent about its birthdays, as accumulated years hold little in the way of popular appeal. Thinking persons will realize, however, that it is quite possible for an organization to endure for many years and still keep young—particularly one in which youth is "of the essence."

Vast changes have taken place since 1844, but through peace and war, prosperity and depression, the need of youth for encouragement, counsel and wholesome activities has remained constant. That is why the YMCA has spread to 74 countries and continued to grow.

Out of its ceaseless devotion to the needs of youth over the years have come many important social developments. In America the YMCA has pioneered in organized work for city youth, for young men in the armed services, for railroad men, and for students of universities and high schools.

It has given us the games of basketball and volleyball, pioneered in boys' camps, launched father-and-son campaigns. Still more items could be added to this impressive list.

Solidly rooted in the life of thousands of communities around the world and kept young by a continuous influx of new generations, the YMCA wears its burden lightly and promises to add many more decades of increasingly fruitful service.

Statement of Policy...

While the retiring editors for the 1947-1948 school year cleaned the last of their debris from the Battalion office, we, as the new editorial staff, entered to assume our posts.

We found that the former editors had left us with a sound foundation on which to base our policies.

In the past there have been differences between *The Battalion* and its readers. We will endeavor to correct these differences in the future with our objective—a better A&M—in view at all times.

We invite all our readers who disagree with our policies to make constructive criticism for our benefit and guidance. There are three ways to do this—voicing your opinion through the Letters to the Editor column, coming by our offices and talking with any of the staff members, or

coming by the offices to take a position on the staff and improve the paper by working on it.

We will not curry favor. We will endeavor to represent fairly all those whom our paper serves. This policy will be applied to editorials as well as coverage of news.

We members of the editorial board, will determine and assume full responsibility for the editorial policy.

We realize the responsibility of our task and will do our best to fulfill that responsibility.

Signed: Louis Morgan
Kenneth Bond
C. C. Munroe
Harvey Cherry
John Singletary
C. C. Trail

A&M Rates Superior...

Members of the Cadet Corps, their leaders, and college officials heard the Corps' fondest dream realized Thursday night when General T. J. Hardy announced that A&M had won the "superior ROTC Unit rating." This is the highest rating the Army can award an ROTC unit.

The Battalion extends congratulations to the entire Cadet Corps on a job well done. All Aggies, cadets and veterans alike, can be justly proud of this accomplishment.

Gleaned from the inside back cover of the Bryan-College Station telephone directory is this little quip worthy of reprinting:

"FACTS... About Bryan and College Station... Home of the AGRICULTURAL and COLLEGE of Texas."

(And it was part of the Chamber of Commerce ad, too!)

We want all widows of World War I veterans and those who plan to become widows soon, to know that we have a supply of forms 534 on hand.—*Troy* (N. C.) *Montgomery Herald*.



Cadets Rated 'Superior' By Federal Inspecting Party

145 ROTC Commissions Presented Cadets by Fourth Army Commander

The Cadet Corps has received the highest rating that the army can award an ROTC unit—superior, it was announced Thursday night by Gen. Thomas T. Handy, commander of the Fourth Army.

Gen. Handy and Brig. Gen. Harry Johnson, commander of the 10th Air Force, presented 145 commissions as second lieutenants to cadets completing their ROTC work. About twenty of the commissions were in the Air Force.

What sleeve emblem will be worn to indicate "superior" rank has not yet been announced. The rating is new and one step higher than the former top, "excellent," which was shown by a blue star on the sleeve.

Gen. Handy congratulated the corps, its commandant, Col. Guy

ter which career you choose—military or civilian—this country's task of maintaining the peace will be shared equally among you. "Be a leader—not a driver," he advised. "Surveys of soldier opinion show they rate as the two prime requisites of a good officer: First—ability or competence; Second—interest in the welfare of his men."

"Aggressive and determined leadership is the priceless factor which inspires a command and upon which all success depends. When battles are won, leadership has triumphed. When reverses are suffered command has failed."

Brig. Gen. Johnson pointed out that the Air Force cadets were the first to receive commissions as a result of training in the Air Force ROTC. "It is to you younger men that all of us now in the Air Force look forward," he remarked.

Largest Class In History Of A&M Graduate on Kyle Field

Eight hundred and seventy-one graduates received diplomas Friday night at A&M's 72nd annual commencement on Kyle Field.

Two generals and two civilians received honorary doctorates from the hands of President Gibb Gilchrist and Dean of the College F. C. BOLTON.

Generals AUBREY LEE MOORE and WILLIAM DONALD OLD, both former A&M students and native Texans, received doctor of laws degrees. A. B. CONNOR, A&M graduate of 1904 and former director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, was made a doctor of agriculture, while E. W. BOEHNE, Class of 1926, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was named a doctor of engineering.

DR. W. R. WHITE, new president of Baylor University, was principal commencement speaker. He urged the June graduates not to let undue "practicality" kill their idealism.

Dr. White deplored the fact that idealism is being rejected by the world because it isn't "practical."

"There is something very practical about idealism," White insisted. "Idealism takes drudgery out of duty and puts life into it. Lack of idealism produces conditions out of which war comes. It did not take idealism to make the atomic bomb, but it will surely take idealism to make the bomb safe for the world."

NELSON M. DULLER JR. of Houston, army veteran and physics graduate, gave the valedictory for the largest class ever to receive diplomas from A&M.

Diplomas were presented by G. R. WHITE of Brady, president of the A&M Board of Directors. He was assisted by the deans of the respective schools of the college.

SAM B. HILL, A&M College chaplain, delivered the invocation, and O. G. HELVEY, vicar of St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel, College Station, presented the benediction.

W. E. STREET, head of the engineering drawing department, was chairman of the commencement committee and introduced the speakers.

The Aggie Band, under the direction of LT. COL. E. V. ADAMS, played the processional and recessional for the program. Before the principal address, the band presented a medley of Cole Porter selections.

At baccalaureate exercises Friday morning, DR. GEORGE S. BENSON, president of Hardin College, Searcy, Arkansas, told graduates that "lack of religious training in America is causing our high divorce rate, our crime wave, our race problem, and our industrial strife."

"When America was founded, it was by religious men and on a religious basis. Schools and colleges were originally established by religious denominations. Now half the population of America re-

ceives no religious training whatever in school."

President Gilchrist introduced JUDGE AND MRS. JOHN W. GOODWIN of Lubbock. Judge Goodwin was one of the three surviving members of A&M's first class to enter in 1876. Invitations were extended the other two classmates of '76 but they were unable to attend. They are WILLIAM MALONE of Houston and LOUIS A. CERRI SR. of New York City.

A. E. "RED" HINMAN, immediate past president of the Former Students Association, presented a Development Fund Gift to President Gilchrist on behalf of the entire association.

Outstanding graduates of the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Agriculture were presented faculty awards by their respective deans.

REV. JAMES F. JACKSON of the College Station First Methodist Church gave the invocation, and CLIFF HARRIS, cadet corps chaplain, delivered the benediction.

LEONARD PERKINS on the organ played the processional and recessional. BUDDY BOYD was featured soloist in the selection, "Morning."

Commencement activities began Thursday evening with the commissioning exercises in Guion Hall. At that time 145 reserve commissions in the Army and Air Force were presented by GEN. THOMAS HANDY, commanding general of Fourth Army and BRIG. GEN. HARRY JOHNSON, commanding general of the Tenth Air Force. Gen. Handy announced that the cadet corps had received a "superior" rating for the 1947-48 school year.

Friday afternoon a reception for graduates, their guests, and fac-

3 Exes Claim 'Oldest' Title

Three living members of the first class at A&M now share the distinction of "oldest graduate" of the college.

They are Judge John W. Goodwin of Austin, William Malone of Houston, and Louis A. Cerr Sr. of New York City. All entered A&M in 1876 and graduated in 1879.

Oldest graduate in the Bryan-College Station area is Walter Wiprecht Sr., Class of '85. Rev. Malcolm Black of Sterling City, previously recognized as the oldest graduate of the college, died May 20. Black was almost ten years older than most of his classmates, having enter-

ed A&M in 1877 after several years of business experience and college study.

Eighty percent of iron made in the United States is from ores mined in the iron ranges of Minnesota.

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Wednesday, June 9, 7:30 p.m.—"Hymnspiration Social" and Refreshments

Friday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.—Special Topic Discussion.

Saturday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.—Planned Social.

Sunday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.—Special Evening Service.

IN THE YMCA CHAPEL

—SUNDAY, JUNE 13—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class

10:45 a.m.—Worship Service.

(Married students are asked to bring their wives and children to our meetings, and Sunday's services.)

(The New Lutheran Student Center is located at the corner of Main & Cross streets, two blocks north of the North Gate to the A&M campus.)

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During the week of June 10, through June 15, the CAMPUS CORNER fountain (formerly George's) is featuring something NEW in sodas—"SUPERSODA"—a big creamy soda in a tall frosted glass. Beat the heat with one of these delicious tasting, energy-filled...

15c SUPERSODAS 15c

P.S.—Just in case we forgot to tell you—our hours are now from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Saturday and Sunday. We will close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and will be closed all day Sunday. For those who are new at A&M, the Campus Corner is on the campus, and is in the same building as the New Area Post Office, and is operated by the management of the Student Memorial Center.

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