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## Robert McClure Named Colonel of Cadet Corps

### Colonel Boatner, New Commandant, Arrives; Says He Plans to Continue Meloy's Policies

By C. C. MUNROE

"I have served with many officers and men from A&M throughout my army career, and can say that I hold them all in the highest regard," Colonel H. L. Boatner, new commandant of cadets and professor of military science and tactics said yesterday.

The new commandant, who replaces Colonel Guy S. Meloy, came from Fort Sam Houston Wednesday where he served until recently as Assistant Chief of Staff in charge of personnel for the Fourth Army.

"This is my first assignment to an ROTC unit," Colonel Boatner said. "I have always heard good reports from A&M, and was glad to have the opportunity to come here."

"I plan to continue the policies set up by Colonel Meloy, for whom I have great respect," Colonel Boatner said in answer to a question regarding his future plans for the cadet corps. "Colonel Meloy helped make possible the high score made by the cadet corps during the last annual inspection, and I hope to see that score equalled, and if possible, bettered this next year."

Colonel Boatner first met Col. Meloy at West Point and later served with him at the Army Command and General Staff School in Fort Leavenworth.

The new commandant joined the Marine Corps during the first world war at the age of 18, and served as a private.

After the armistice he entered Tulane University in New Orleans his home town, but soon left to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point.

In 1924 he graduated as a second lieutenant, and from there progressed through all grades to Brigadier General on November 1, 1942. He reverted to his permanent rank of colonel December 31, 1946.

Colonel Boatner is a graduate of the Infantry School, Command and General Staff School, and was a language student at Peking, China where he was awarded the degree of Master of Arts from the California College in China.

He served continuously in the Far East from 1928 until 1934.

In 1941 he became a member of the Military Mission to China with headquarters in Washington. In December of that year he became assistant to the Chief of Training, Third Army, and in February, 1942 went to Burma, serving as Chief of the Stillwell Group at Lashio.

After the fall of Burma he was made acting Chief of Staff of the China-Burma-India Theater and later Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence.

In October of 1942, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Chinese army at Ramgarh, India, and later as Commanding General, Myitkya Task Force, and in 1945 Chief of Staff, Chinese Combat Command and later Deputy Commander.

Colonel and Mrs. Boatner, together with their 13-year-old daughter, Helene, plan to move into the Commandant's House on the campus in the near future. Their son, James, who attended A&M in 1946, is a member of the class of 1951 at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

### Weekend Activities Feature Dance, Water Carnival, Movie

By H. T. WRIGHT

The Modern Downbeats will play for their last dance Saturday night at the Grove from 8 until 11.

This popular group will play all the hit tunes of the week, and will feature the voice of Herb Beetle.

A Water Carnival will also be presented on Saturday night in Downs Natatorium by the College Station Recreational Council under the direction of Mrs. R. W. Steen.

There will be free skating at the Grove Friday night. Monday night the Grove will feature the last free movie of the summer by presenting "The Two Mrs. Carralls" with Humphrey Bogart and Barbara Stanwyck. This will complete all of the activities for the Grove this summer.

The Modern Downbeats were organized by Bill Turner at the beginning of the summer from members of the Aggeland Orchestra for the benefit of those students who decided to remain on the campus throughout the summer. The Downbeats started with only a seven piece aggregation but soon expanded to a ten piece orchestra and vocalist.

However, as the summer draws to a close, the Downbeats are preparing to return to their respective positions with the Aggeland Orchestra.

### Symphony on Wax Presents Final Record Concert

The "Symphony on Wax", a record program of symphonic music will present its last concert of the summer Sunday at 6 p. m.

Through the courtesy of an interested listener, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony (Victory Symphony) and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony have been secured for this final program.

Schubert's Unfinished Symphony is technically incomplete, for the plan of a symphony consists of not two, but four movements. Yet some maintain that the composer said all that was necessary in these two movements, while others claim that he died before he had a chance to finish it.

No plans have been made to continue the concert in the park, but if enough interest is shown this fall, they may be resumed.

### 1000 Aggies Applaud Scott's Varied Performance in Grove

By VICK LINDLEY

Henry Scott, concert pianist and comedian brought the A&M summer concert series to a close Wednesday night before a large audience, including hundreds who brought their own chairs. The Grove's largest audience of the summer, estimated at well over 1,000, vigorously applauded Scott, for his classical numbers, his jazz, and comic impersonations.

In the classical field Scott proved himself the equal of any of the great pianists who have appeared on the winter Town Hall series. Numbers in this category included Liszt's "Second Hungarian Rhapsody," "Juba Dance," Scarlatti's "Pastorale," Chopin's "Polonaise" (with a dash of Gershwin thrown in), and "Prelude in C Sharp Minor."

Scott's jazz numbers included "Kittie and the Keys" in counterpoint with "Boogie Woogie," "All the Things You Are," "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and "Tiger Rag," the last being played, incredibly, with mittens on his hands.

Scott, after impersonating the piano mannerisms of Vincent Lopez, Eddy Duchin, and Frankie Carle, gave burlesques showing a piano "prodigy" at ages 5, 17 and 22; a boy asking for a dance, as a grammar school student; a high school student, and an A&M cadet; a great concert pianist (a red wig); Johann Sebastian Bach trying to play four themes at once in counterpoint; and an old fashioned player-piano in poor repair.

The bright train that has plagues all our outdoor concerts this year, lost its seat with Scott, who proceeded to use the train as a stool for comedy. Scott puckered up his lips to whistle in one number, but lo, the sound came from an engine down the tracks.

From that time on until the train pulled away, there was a running fire of cracks between Scott and the engineer, who used his whistle to reply. It couldn't have been arranged better if the engineer had been in on the act.

The summer concert series has been a decided asset to life in the Brazos Valley this year. Other artists heard were Earle Spicer, balladist; Doraine and Ellis, light opera singers, and of course the one and only Grandpa Jones, whose performance was moved to the Assembly Hall because of rain that day. So many people turned out for performances that it was necessary to limit seating to holders of yellow slips, except for those who brought their own chairs.

### Petrides Named Texas Wildlife Unit Assistant

George A. Petrides, assistant leader Wildlife Research Unit, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, has been appointed leader of the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Unit, it was announced today by Dr. W. B. Davis, head of the Department of Wildlife Management. He will take over active leadership of the unit on Sept. 15, 1948.

The Texas Cooperative Wildlife Unit is a cooperative research agency sponsored by A&M College, the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission, the Wildlife Management Institute, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

It is administered by a coordinating committee composed of Dr. W. B. Davis, chairman, Howard D. Dodger, Executive Secretary of the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission, and the unit leader. The leader is an employee of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is paid from federal funds. The local unit was established in December 1935 by Dr. W. P. Taylor who served as leader until transferred February 1, 1948, to the leadership of the Oklahoma Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit.

Under the reorganization plan put into effect last October, the Department of Wildlife Management was expanded to take in the activities of the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Unit, the Division of Wildlife Research of the Experiment Station, and the Extension Specialists in Wildlife Conservation.

Petrides received the B. S. degree from George Washington University in 1938. He received the M. S. from Cornell in 1940 and will receive a Ph.D. from Ohio State later this month. Among other things Petrides has served as Instructor in Wildlife at The American University, Washington, D. C. and as Ranger-Naturalist in the Glacier National Park, Montana. He has published numerous papers dealing with Wildlife Management.

### Dean Kyle Returns From Guatemala

Edwin J. Kyle, United States ambassador to Guatemala, and Mrs. Kyle will arrive in New Orleans by Pan American Clipper Sunday from Guatemala City.

The 72 year old diplomat and former educator was appointed ambassador to Guatemala in 1945, and is now on his way to College Station after tendering his resignation.

A graduate of Cornell University and of the University of Arkansas, Ambassador Kyle is Dean Emeritus of the School of Agriculture at A&M.

He pioneered in the teaching of agricultural economy in land grant colleges and in 1941 toured Central and South America surveying agricultural resources.

### Lt. Ware's Body Returns to Bryan

The body of Lieutenant A. S. Ware, Jr., who was killed in Europe, has reached the United States and will be returned to Bryan within the next month.



COLONEL H. L. BOATNER, Class of '24 at US Military Academy, has arrived at A&M to assume command of the School of Military Science. Colonel Boatner was assigned to headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, prior to this assignment.

### A&M Board Meets Tomorrow To Study Student Center Bids

By PHIL KOONCE

A&M's Board of Directors will meet on the campus tomorrow at 9 a. m. to consider all bids for the Memorial Student Center. Officials of the college will meet with them and submit their recommendations.

Bids for general construction; heating and ventilation, refrigeration and air conditioning, plumbing and gas fitting, elevator and dumbwaiter installation, and electrical work of the Center will be discussed by the Board.

In addition to these the Board will decide on bids received August 16 for the seven college-owned buildings.

For the general construction of 3 units of the Center, the bid, \$1,027,018, by the Robert McKee Company of Dallas is lowest. Other bids submitted range as high as \$1,232,301. McKee Company is also the lowest bidder for construction of the separate units and combinations of units.

Many bids and combinations of bids for heating, ventilating, refrigeration, air conditioning, plumbing, and gas fitting of the Center and units of it will be presented to the Board for deliberation. Some of these bids might possibly be disqualified automatically by reason of conditional "riders" attached to them or by reason of not conforming to bid specifications.

### Code of Ethics for Students and Faculty

Profs Asked for Opinions On Proposed Honor System Here

By CARROLL TRAIL

In previous articles in The Battalion, the present exam system has been attacked by pointing out the effects it has upon the students.

With so much quiz-stealing and cheating, it is apparent to the Battalion staff that the present system falls far short of what it should do. Whether or not an honor system is the answer remains to be seen.

In an effort to get other views on the honor system several instructors, professors, and department heads were consulted.

Several of them were of the opinion that an honor system will not work here. T. F. Mayo, head of the English Department, believes that as long as the Corps continues to function as such, an honor system will not work.

Mayo pointed out that the corps forms a "crowd mind" which is below that of the average student. And since there is such a spirit of unity in the corps, Mayo said, "I don't think that the individual students would report cheating. This would mean, presumably that an honor system would not work."

C. W. Randle, head of the Economics Department, is of the

### Colonel Boatner Names Cadet Corps Officers For 1948-49; Orr Will Be Corps Executive

Marvin R. McClure was appointed Colonel of the Corps, and John E. Orr was named Corps Executive Officer in special orders released by Colonel H. L. Boatner, Commandant, yesterday.

John E. Dieb was appointed a cadet colonel and Commander of Headquarters Infantry Regiment, and J. F. Davis, Jr. was named cadet colonel and Commander of Headquarters Regiment.

### Room Reservations for Fall May Be Made on August 23

Room reservations for the fall semester may be made beginning Monday, Bennie A. Zinn, Assistant Dean of Men, has announced.

In order to retain the rooms they now occupy, students now enrolled who expect to attend school the fall semester should pay their fees and register for their rooms beginning at 8 a. m. Monday, August 23.

Veterans must secure their fee waiver slips from the Veteran Advisor's office, Room 104, Goodwin Hall, before paying their fees. Representatives from the Fiscal Office will be in Room 100, Goodwin Hall, on Monday and Tuesday. After Tuesday, students must pay their fees in the Administration Building.

Students who wish to reserve the room they now occupy or the room they occupied during the spring semester in dormitories now closed, may register between 8 a. m. Monday, and 5 p. m. Wednesday August 25, Zinn said.

Those who wish to change rooms within the dormitory they now occupy may do so by presenting a room change slip signed by the housemaster prior to 5 p. m. Wednesday.

There will be no registration conducted on Thursday, August 26, as that day will be used to make advanced room reservation assignments on students not in school who signed up for the rooms they occupied during the spring semester.

Cadet corps students may also sign for their rooms on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Zinn explained.

Students whose conditions are not covered by the procedure above may sign for rooms on a first-come-first-served basis beginning at 8 a. m. Friday, August 27.

The Athletic Department will have representatives in Room 100 Goodwin Hall, during the week of August 23-27, to issue coupon books to students who have paid their fees.

All students must be moved into their newly assigned rooms by 12 noon Saturday, August 28, including those students moving to a dormitory now closed. Dormitories now closed will be unlocked from 1 to 5 p. m. August 26 and 27, and from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, August 28, to accommodate students who must move.

Students, including those living in college operated apartments, are reminded that they also may save considerable time during registration by paying their fees early and getting their receipts stamped at the housing office. Day students must secure day student permits before paying their fees.

### Six to Leave For Agronomy Meeting

Six men from the Agronomy Department will leave Sunday, August 22, for Fort Collins, Colo., to attend a meeting of the senior section of the American Society of Agronomy, which is to be held August 24-27, according to R. C. Potts of the agronomy department.

Those attending the meeting from the main station at College Station are: Dr. R. D. Lewis, director; Dr. J. E. Adams, head of the Agronomy Department; Dr. R. L. Donahue, extension service; Dr. Carl Ferguson, H. E. Ray, and R. C. Potts.

The sub-stations at Weslaco Temple, Denton, Lubbock, and Chillicothe will also be represented.

The Electrical Engineering Department, thinks that the honor system is not only practical, but necessary. He emphasized the necessity of a code of ethics. This code, which would apply jointly to teachers and students, would be drawn up by the students themselves, and violators would be judged by a student court.

"A faculty panel," Hughes said, "would have nothing to do with it. The students should run the entire show."

"The main trouble as I see it," Hughes said, "is that the student doesn't realize the full purpose of a quiz. Before I give a quiz, I know which students are poor and which ones are good. The test is solely for the purpose of showing the student where he stands. If he cheats and makes a hundred on the quiz, he doesn't fool anyone—neither me nor himself."

### Flight Students Must See Smith Before Enrolling

Students desiring flight training during the fall semester must see H. G. Smith at Eastwood Airport before enrolling for the course.

Smith is in a position to advise veterans as to the requirements for the course.

### Wednesday Paper Last for Summer

Next Wednesday's Battalion will be the last copy published until September 5, Kenneth Bond, Batt co-editor, has announced.

Everyone desiring to make announcements or place advertisements are requested to do so before Tuesday afternoon.

Since large sections of the September 5 and September 11 pre-registration issues will be printed next week, Bond asked that advertisers make reservations for advertising space in those issues as soon as possible.

Theodore L. Copeland was appointed cadet colonel and Commander of Headquarters Air Group and Joe H. Morris was named colonel and Commander of Headquarters Cavalry and Engineer Regiment.

Staff Lt. Colonels include Donald E. Jarvis, S-1; James F. Gregory, S-2; Don G. Kasper, S-3; and Charles D. Glass, S-4.

Tom G. Carter was named a Lt. colonel and designated as public relations officer. Carter is also co-editor of the Battalion this coming year.

A list of appointments follows.

**Corps Staff**  
Colonel of the Corps, Marvin R. McClure, Corps Commander; Colonel, John E. Orr, Corps Executive Officer; Lt. Colonel, Donald E. Jarvis, S-1; Lt. Colonel, James F. Gregory, Intelligence Officer (S-2); Lt. Colonel, Don G. Kasper, Operations Officer (S13); Lt. Colonel, Charles D. Glass, Supply Officer (S-4); Lt. Colonel, George R. Edwards, Commander Consolidated Band; Lt. Colonel, George H. Rice, Jr., Corps Chaplain; Lt. Colonel, Tom G. Carter, Public Information Officer; Lt. Colonel, Frances R. Bengel, Communications Officer; Lt. Colonel, John H. Remington, Air Force Group Liaison; Master Sergeant, William F. Thompson, Consolidated Band Liaison.

**Senior Battalion**  
Lt. Colonel, Nathaniel R. Leath, Second-in-Command.

**Day Student Company**  
Captain, Jacob M. Russell, Commander; First Sergeant, John W. Buchanan, First Sergeant.

**"A" Athletic Company**  
Captain, Edwin Ralph Daniel, Commander; First Lieutenant, James E. Kirkland, Second-in-Command.

**"B" Athletic Company**  
Captain, Jack A. Quirey, Commander; First Lieutenant, Ed F. Kruse, Second-in-Command; First Sergeant, Leroy J. Bodemann, Platoon Leader.

**Headquarters Veteran Battalion**  
Lt. Colonel, Helmut G. Quiram, Jr., Commander; Major, Charles D. Coppinger, Executive Officer; Captain, David W. Sharp, S-1; Captain, Conrad B. Cone, S-3; Captain, Hugh M. Adams, Jr., S-4; Technical Sergeant, William A. Cockburn, Supply Sergeant.

**"A" Veterans**  
Captain, Charles I. McGinnis, Commander; First Lieutenant, Curtis V. Erck, Second-in-Command; First Lieutenant, Henry I. Johnson, Jr., Platoon Leader; First Lieutenant, Jack B. Waide, Athletic Officer.

**Technical Sergeant, David E. Sheffields, Platoon Sergeant, Technical Sergeant, Robert F. White, Platoon Sergeant; Staff Sergeant, Francisco A. Guevara, Athletic Sergeant; Staff Sergeant, Robert L. Casey, Jr., Supply Sergeant.**

**"B" Veterans**  
Captain, James M. Jones, Commander; First Lieutenant, Gerald M. Darby, Platoon Leader; First Sergeant, Willy F. Bohlmann, First Sergeant.

**"C" Veterans**  
Captain, Roy C. Jones, Commander; First Lieutenant, Leonard D. Musick, Second-in-Command; First Lieutenant, Thomas H. Hale, Platoon Leader; First Lieutenant, John G. Clary, Platoon Leader; First Lieutenant, Augustus B. Orr, Scholastic Officer.

**"D" Veterans**  
First Sergeant, Alfred H. Fowler, First Sergeant.

**"E" Veterans**  
Captain, Ramon McKinney, Commander; First Lieutenant, David L. Stiles, Second-in-Command; First Sergeant, Robert F. Mitchell, First Sergeant; Staff Sergeant, Raymond W. Smythe, Supply Sergeant.

**White Band**  
Captain, Larry C. Kinard, Commander; First Lieutenant, William H. Hawes, Second-in-Command; First Lieutenant, Bruce R. Hurley, Drum Major; First Sergeant, Charles R. Lundelius, First Sergeant; Staff Sergeant, Ted Y. Lokeny, Supply Sergeant.

**Maroon Band**  
Captain, William H. Smith, Commander; Staff Sergeant, Martel Moore, Supply Sergeant.

**Headquarters Infantry Regiment**  
Colonel, John E. Dieb, Commander; Lt. Colonel, Phil K. Sheets, Executive Officer; Major, Billie D. Wales, S-4.

**Master Sergeant, Glenn H. Kothmann, Sergeant Major.**

**Headquarters First Battalion, Infantry Regiment**  
Lt. Colonel, Joe H. Nagy, Commander; Major, Tommy R. Spittgerber, Executive Officer.

**"A" Infantry**  
Captain, Gerald R. MacManus, Commander; First Sergeant, Donald P. McClure, First Sergeant; (See CORPS, Page 4)