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## Dorothy Mangum Is Queen Of Cotton Ball

### Directors To Hold Meeting Thursday

The A&M Board of Directors will meet in Stephenville, March 10, at 7 p. m. for the executive session, according to R. Henderson Shuffler, director of information of the A&M System.

The board will continue with the regular session at 9 a. m. Friday morning and will be the guests of the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce at a dinner Friday evening.

Issues on the agenda for this meeting are the following items of special interest to the Aggies, Shuffler said.

The board will recommend allotment of fees to Student Activities and decide upon the distribution of the profits of the Exchange Store. They will probably approve the Student Life Committee's recommendations in respect to the latter, Shuffler said.

In addition, the board will consider installation of drinking fountains in the dormitories, re-roofing of the project houses, and street improvements in the College View area.

The board also plans to consider additional appropriations for departmental fees and maintenance of laboratories, as well as re-wiring the underground lines to the ME Shops, and building a new milking barn for the Dairy Husbandry Department.

The board will make arrangements for receiving bids on the new Science Building to be constructed and will hear a report on the water supply for the various institutions in the system.

Other than the routine details, the board will discuss moving the wool scouring plant from the A&M Campus to the Bluebonnet Farm and in this way increase the available space on the campus, Shuffler concluded.

### Lindley Named To Head Press Group

Vick Lindley of the Information Office, was elected president of the Professional Press Club at its organizational meeting Thursday. D. D. Burchard, head of the Journalism Department, was elected secretary.

Membership in the club is open to present and former newspaper, radio, and photography people of College Station and Bryan, including members of all departments of the college.

Otis Miller of the Journalism Department, led a panel discussion on readability formulas. The consensus of opinion was that improvement of readability is an important step being taken by most newspapers, but most readability formulas were merely mathematical expressions of good writing practice.

Twenty-three members were present at the initial meeting with most of the departments being represented.



Queen Dorothy Mangum and King Bob Smith, who will head the royalty of the 15th Annual Cotton Ball and Pageant.

### So You Know A & M?



### Clinkers Prepared . . .

## Pictorial Contest Backfires For Aggies Too Observant

By FRANK CUSHING

The spirited upholder of truth and knowledge known far and wide as "The Battalion" is now confronted with a dilemma. It all started some days ago when a broke photographer shuffled into the office of the editors and asked if anyone wanted to buy some pictures.

As soon as the fact came out that his pictures were not of the French post card variety, the rush subsided and the staff went back to work.

The seedy-looking individual admitted that the photos were pointed. They had merely been snapped at random upon the campus. He didn't think they would do anyone any good, but he was desperate, and there was no harm in trying to sell them.

As the editors put their hands upon the interloper, in preparation for a bum's rush, one of them was struck with an idea. "Eureka!" exclaimed the smitten-one in the tone customarily employed by fiction heroes when they see the light, "I have it."

"We shall take these over-developed and under-exposed monstrosities and use them for a contest," he said. "Prizes will be donated by The Cave and Campus Corner. Two fat birds will be exterminated (He hated to use cliché's verbatim.) with one fragment of metamorphic sedimentation."

First, since no one will be interested enough to enter the contest, the prizes will have to be split up among the members of the staff here. Next, we'll be able to take up all sorts of space in the paper running the fool things. That'll take some of the pressure off us by people who object to too many advertisements."

All agreed that the smitten-one indeed "had it"—an inspired idea! All was glee. Happiness abounded. This was born the "So You Know A&M" contest—and thus too was born the dilemma now facing The Battalion.

All is not joy among the staff now. In fact, all is glum. Not only have the un-expected entries flocked in, but at the present time 30 contestants are tied for first place. Each has a perfect score.

If that news is not disheartening enough to the Batt workers who are eying the "Boog" lighter, camera and pocket lighter prizes, more discouraging facts face them. Second place is being fought over by 17 individuals who have only one miss against them.

The pictures featured last week helped only slightly. Too many people again arrived at the correct answers as to the location of the items. The sad-looking bovine in Monday's Batt was tagged correctly as an ornament on the roof of the Vet Hospital.

The bit of a roof run Tuesday was readily identified too, as Fernier Hall, or the Mechanical Engineering Building. The contest judges weren't too discouraged over the fact or that most everyone knew the location of Von Liebig's quotation—The Chemistry Building.

Frowns appeared, though when Thursday's airplane on the North Gate Post Office proved no problem to the contest competitors. And when most of the entries calmly stated that the pictured numeral three in Friday's paper could be seen at Kyle Field where it was a section marker—tears flowed.

A hurried meeting of the editors was called. Perhaps the problem has been solved. New pictures have been taken. The staff affectionately refers to the recently snapped photos as "clinkers."

The clinkers are guaranteed to cut down the field. The general opinion around The Batt office is that Pinky Downs, following a map of A&M drawn up by Sully Ross, couldn't find these subjects.

Sunshine is once more the keynote of the Batt office. No longer will there be any danger of numerous winners. In fact, the editors at the present time are drawing straws to see who gets which prize.

### Short Course For Engineers Begins

Thirty state and city highway engineers will address the annual highway engineering short course here March 9 and 10, according to Fred J. Benson of the Civil Engineering Department.

Chairman of the first session will be Dr. S. R. Wright, head of the Civil Engineering Department. Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist will give the address of welcome. Response will be made by D. C. Greer of Austin, state highway engineer. The session will also hear three members of the Texas Highway Commission, chairman, Fred A. Wemple, A. F. Mitchell and R. J. Potts.

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## Eight Court Duchesses Chosen by Agronomists

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

Miss Dorothy Mangum, a petite, brown-eyed, brunette from Cotulla, Texas, will reign as Queen Cotton at the 15th annual Cotton Pageant and Ball on April 29.

She was chosen this weekend, along with eight other members of her court, by a 9 man committee from the A&M Agronomy Society, sponsor of the Annual Cotton Ball. The girls were chosen from a field of 32 nominees, selected by their own TSCW classmates.

The eight duchesses of the court, with their home towns and escorts, are Charlotte Williams of Munday, escorted by Roy Cook; Joanne Billingsley of Fort Worth, escorted by Bill Townsend; Barbara Griffith of Grand Cane, Louisiana, escorted by Don Decker; and Maudine Huckaby of Pasadena escorted by Ray Kuzze. King Cotton Bob Smith will escort the Queen. All of the duchesses, except Miss Williams, are members of the Sophomore class, as is the Queen.

From the Junior Class there are Nancy Butler of Greenville, escorted by J. E. Troublefield; and Mary Lou Ficke of San Marcos, escorted by Conrad Ohendorf. The two seniors are Diana Hofmeister of Aransas Pass, escorted by Arch Jacobson; and Rosemarie Kleypas of Temple, escorted by Willie Kelling.

The Royal Court of Cotton was chosen by the selection committee after a weekend of dining and dancing with the 32 nominees.

Three cars, carrying the committee and their sponsors, left College Station Saturday morning and after a two hour stop-over at Dallas' Sanger Brothers, arrived in Denton at 4 o'clock that afternoon. Sangers, following their yearly custom, is sponsoring a carly custom show during the Pageant.

This years Cotton Pageant is to follow a Mardi Gras theme and will be held on Kyle Field; the first outdoor show of the long and colorful series.

In addition to their regular models, the Dallas store will use 60 girls from several other Southwestern schools; principally TSCW and SMU.

When the Agronomy Society judges arrived at TSCW and were shown to their rooms, they assembled in the Stoddard Dormitory living room and were introduced to the 32 beauties. After dinner in Brackenridge dining hall the group went into the Stoddard Recreation Room for an informal, record, dancing and "acquaintance polishing" session.

The dance was something most Aggies dream about. Three hours of almost non-stop dancing, with 32 beautiful women trying to charm 9 Aggies off their feet. By midnight the judges were both charmed, and danced, off their feet and retired to their quarters to make their selections. This year's nominees were so beautiful as to require a second conference after breakfast Sunday morning, at the conclusion of which the winners were announced.

The remaining 23 contestants were consoled by the announcement that Sangers would bring all of them to A&M as models in the Cotton Pageant.

After lunch in Brackenridge Hall the group returned to College Station. Sponsors for this years trip were Professor J. S. Mogford, of the Agronomy Department, and Mrs. Mogford; and Mrs. Manning Smith a former Cotton Duchess and annual advisor to the group.

The Cotton Queen is a speech major and member of Zeta Phi Eta the professional speech fraternity. She was a Red Bud princess in her freshman year and is a nominee for this years Red Bud Ball. She was a duchess in last years Cotton Pageant and Ball and is one of the four Sophomore beauty nominees at TSCW this year. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mangum of Cotulla.

## Art Club Meeting Tonight in Bizzell

The Art Club will meet at 7 p. m. tonight in Room 157, West Wing, Bizzell Hall, according to Boyce M. Bennett, senior chemistry major.

Art enthusiasts interested in painting with oil, pencil, pastel or charcoal are invited to attend the meeting.

J. W. Stark, director of the student memorial center, said that Art Clubs are usually a part of Student Centers.

Even though A&M's student center is not yet completed, the art club is being organized.

The group plans to draw landscapes, still life and real life paintings.

## Telephone Problem Discussed By Student Senate Committee

Telephone facilities of the College were discussed Friday at a meeting of the Student Senate Telephone Committee. The group met with W. L. Penberthy, Dean of Men, and M. C. Akkins, division manager of the Southwestern States Telephone Company.

The present facilities include, 10 lines to Houston, 9 lines to Dallas, 2 lines to San Antonio, and 3 lines to both Austin and Waco. There are a total of 15 toll trunks between College Station and Bryan. Twenty more are to be added in the near future, according to Akkins.

The inadequacy of telephone accommodations of the College were also discussed. Akkins said that 2 additional phones are to be installed at the A&M Annex where one phone now serves approximately 1200 students. Also two phones are to be placed in Room 100, Goodwin Hall.

Akins commended students for the noticeable absence of slugs used in the local telephone boxes. However, he did recommend that when a long distance call is made, it is advisable to hang up the receiver when the operator asks the person to wait. This prevents one person from monopolizing a booth for a long period of time, he said.

The Senate Telephone Committee is composed of Keith Allsup, senator of Dorm 3 and Bob Weynand, senator of Dorm 17.

## Extension Service Names J. A. Deer New Entomologist

The appointment of James A. Deer as assistant entomologist for the A&M Extension Service was recently announced by Dr. H. G. Johnson, head of the Department of Entomology.

Deer will work with county agents throughout the state. His work will deal with animal parasites and fruit and vegetable insects.

He was born at Lott in Falls County. He graduated from high school at Beeville and received B.S. and M. S. degrees from A&M in 1948 and 1949. He entered the Army in November 1940 as a sergeant, and was discharged as a first lieutenant in December 1945.

Deer was employed by the Goodland Farms, Hearne as an infestation counter during the summer of 1947. He was a graduate assistant in the Department of Entomology at A&M from February to June 1948 and from June to September he served as research assistant for the USDA at Kerrville and specialized on the Gulf Coast ear tick.

## Quiram Named Commander . . .

New Regiment Holds Dance, Picks Cotton Ball Duchess

By C. C. MUNROE

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