

Editorials
Publicity a la Freshmen . . .

In the course of Aggie events, it is seldom that a group of Freshmen are able to be of any great help in upholding the reputation of the school. Last night in Houston, however, and in San Antonio almost two weeks ago, three freshman units—the Drill Team, Band, and Regimental Color Guard—brought just a little more fame to A&M. Representing Aggieland to two of Texas' largest cities, the three groups have made favorable impressions which will not shortly leave the thoughts of the thousands who watched them.

The San Antonio newspapers were quite liberal with their adjectives in describing the Aggie units from the Annex, and the morning Houston papers haven't been received yet that we may read of last night's performances. The Alamo City journalists called the drill team "one of the highlights of the parade" and hailed the band as "a nationally-known one."

Several men of A&M have been instrumental in arranging these trips for the freshmen groups. Colonel H. L. Boatner and Lt. Col. R. L. Melcher, among others, deserve high praise for arranging the trips.

More than that, however, should go to the members of the units themselves, particularly the Drill Team, who have been drilling each afternoon after chow for months to perfect the perfect.

Through the Efforts of A Few . . .

Exactly four weeks from this Saturday the Freshman Regiment will participate in the Final Review. Within this remaining month, many an Aggie freshman may have his entire future decided or changed. For during this month he may make or break himself, in regard to his academic standing.

Throughout the year, little stress has been placed on studying conditions at the Annex, which, we will admit, are not the best in the college. But now, with June just around the corner, good studying conditions would be a very helpful asset to the fellow with the shy grade-points.

Favorite haunts of the more studious cadets are two areas of buildings, in which they study at night. These are the English buildings in the 300 block, and the biology-math rooms south of the mess-hall. This week has been designated by Dr. J. P. Abbott, acting dean of the Annex, as a trial week, after which the Annex authorities will decide upon further use of these rooms as study halls. It has been necessary to make this week a trial, said Dr. Abbott, since so much damage has taken place to the buildings within the past few weeks.

Not unbelieving, but just a little doubtful of the seriousness of the case, we wandered to said areas and came back to the Freshman Batt' office just a bit disappointed. Not disappointed with the truth of Dr. Abbott's statement, but with the students' responsibility. Windows were shattered by the dozens, light fixtures and bulbs missing, heaters dismantled, doors ajar, desks strewn over the rooms. The classrooms were not fit for adequate lecture conditions during the daytime classes.

We feel sure that, after weighing facts and the eventual results against the "pleasures" received from such destruction, the Freshman Class can stop this damage by a few individuals. Perhaps this effort might be the incipency of a chain reaction to halt such misdoings.

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Winners of ED Essay Contest Will Be Named

Freshman winners of the 1949 Engineering Drawing Contest will be announced Friday, at 2 p.m., said B. F. K. Mullins, Annex engineering drawing instructor, and one of the sponsors of the contest. The contest was held Saturday, April 30.

Awards will be given to the winners of the four classes, with prizes of commensurate values being awarded the runner-ups. The ceremonies will take place in the Annex gymnasium.

Freshman winners of the essay contest sponsored by the Engineering Council and The Engineer will be announced at the same time, said Don Brown, editor of The Engineer. The contest was held several weeks ago, with the winners' essays to be printed in The Engineer. Cash prizes will be given to the winners of the essay contest.

Prizes for the Engineering Drawing contest will be, for first place in Class A (shop drawings), a set of drawing instruments; Class B (descriptive geometry problems), large portable drafting machine; Class C (freehand lettering), portable drafting machine; Class D (freehand pictorial sketch), small portable drafting machine.

The ceremonies for awarding the prizes in the gymnasium will be held in conjunction with the last session of the Engineering Drawing Conference, now being held at the campus, said Mullins.



Richard J. Green, engineering major from Brownsville, is drum major of the Freshman Band, which recently paraded in the night illuminated parade in San Antonio, climaxing the "Fiesta de San Jacinto."

Schenk Is Granted One Year Leave

Dr. William E. Schenk, associate professor of economics, has been granted a year's leave of absence to serve as "Visiting Professor of Economics" in the Autonomous University of El Salvador, according to Dr. Walter H. Delaplaine, head of the Economics Department.

The leave becomes effective June 1, 1949, and Dr. Schenk will leave immediately to assume his teaching duties at the new post.

The visiting professorship was arranged under auspices of the U. S. Department of State as part of its general program of inter-American relations. An important part of Dr. Schenk's duties will be unofficial furtherance of friendship between the two nations.

Since joining the local faculty in February, 1948, Dr. Schenk has had charge of courses at the graduate level in economic theory, of thesis work in the department, and of undergraduate courses in his special field, public finance. He expects to gather material while in Central America for research treatment of public finance problems in that area.

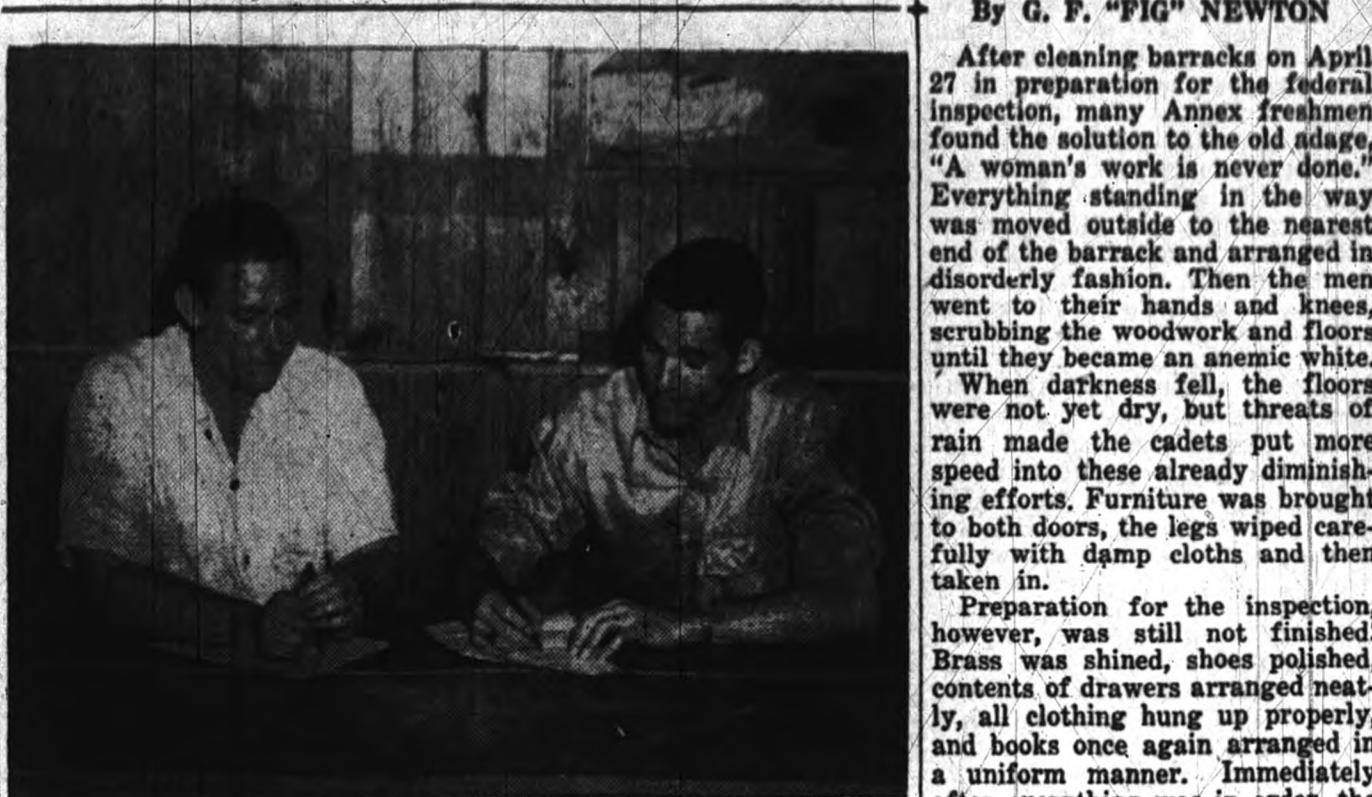
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THE VETERANS, numbering about one-tenth of the Annex student body, nevertheless are well-represented in student affairs. Confering on an important student issue are, left, HAYDON JENKINS, veteran vice-president of the Class of '52, and JOHN GEIGER, veteran student senator from the Annex.

Sixteen to Receive Awards At Annex Ceremonies Sunday

Sixteen awards will be presented to Freshman Cadets Sunday morning during the review to be held by the Freshman Regiment in honor of parents of the cadets. Twelve awards will be given to outstanding members of the companies and flights, an award to the outstanding members of each battalion and squadron, and another to the outstanding cadet of the regiment.

Also to be named is the honor company of the Freshman Regiment. A committee, consisting of Lt. Col. Robert L. Melcher, commandant at the Annex; Major H. B. Greer, PMS&T for the Annex; Major W. B. Wood, tactical officer of the first battalion; Captain Charles M. Taylor, tactical officer of the second battalion; and Captain Gay Campbell, Military Science instructor at the Annex, has just finished compiling records of the companies and of each cadet at the Annex. Their choices for the outstanding cadets and company will not be made public until the review Sunday morning.

To be awarded the honor company of the regiment will be a streamer for their guidon. To the outstanding cadet of the regiment, a large gold medal with a blue ribbon will be presented. Another gold medal will be presented to the outstanding cadets of each battalion and of the squadron. Silver medals will be presented to the outstanding cadets of each company.

The honor company will be chosen on several bases, among them scholastic averages, conduct averages, military ratings, intramural participation and points received, and other factors. Awards for the outstanding cadets will be based somewhat on the same line, with leadership also being counted.

Departments Set For Exhibitions, Says Dr. Dobson

"All participating departments at the Annex are ready for the Departmental Exhibitions to be held the Parents' Day Weekend," reported Dr. W. J. Dobson, Annex Biology instructor and head of the Faculty Committee for Arrangements.

"Displays by the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Agriculture, and the School of Engineering are to be much larger and present a much more complete scope of student activities than did our exhibit last year," said Dobson.

The Student Center will be used for the displays of all exhibits, he said. Various clubs, such as the Biology Club, Camera Club, A.S.M.E., and the Model Airplane Club, will participate in exhibitions. The Model Airplane Club will also present a flying exhibit Sunday afternoon at the Intramural Athletic field, weather permitting, at 2:45 p.m.

"Although the Annex exhibit will not be as elaborate as the one planned for the Main Campus, it will reveal to the parents the type of work done by their sons," said Dr. Dobson. The display will open May 7, Saturday, and will continue until the end of May 8, Mother's Day.

At each display there will be some student, said Dobson, to show and explain the exhibits to the visitors. Work for the exhibits has been going on since March, and all should be in "tip-top" shape, said Dobson.

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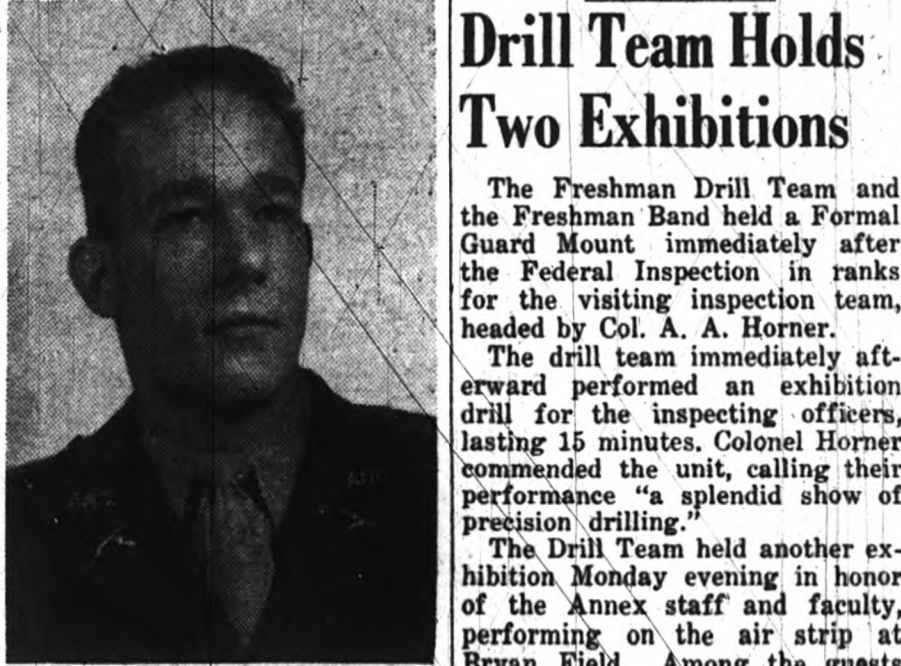
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Drill Team Holds Two Exhibitions

The Freshman Drill Team and the Freshman Band held a Formal Guard Mount immediately after the Federal Inspection in ranks for the visiting inspection team, headed by Col. A. A. Horner.

The drill team immediately afterward performed an exhibition drill for the inspecting officers, lasting 15 minutes. Colonel Horner commended the unit, calling their performance "a splendid show of precision drilling."

The Drill Team held another exhibition Monday evening in honor of the Annex staff and faculty, performing on the air strip at Bryan Field. Among the guests and receiving the salute of Cadet Richard L. Ingles, drill team commander, was Dr. F. C. Bolton, president of the college. President Bolton expressed the pleasure of the faculty in being thus honored and commended the team for their "fine performance."



Commander of the Freshman Drill Team is Richard L. Ingles, business and accounting major from Dallas. Ingles led the group in San Antonio last week in the Saturday night parade and then in an exhibition in Municipal Auditorium.

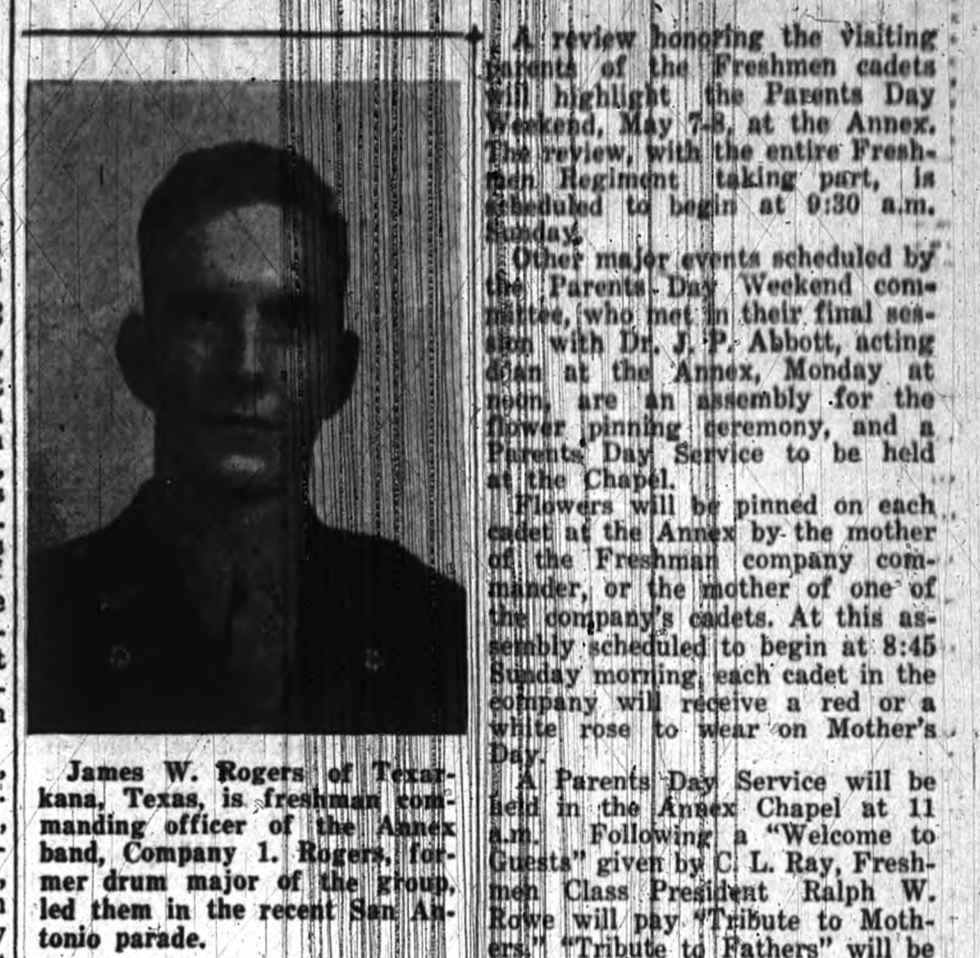
Dance to Be Held Saturday Night

An informal dance, with music to be supplied by the Little Aggieland Orchestra, will be held Saturday night, May 7, announced Luke Harrison, dean of men at the Annex. The dance will be held on the slab between the Snack Bar and the Student Center, weather permitting, said Mrs. Ann Hilliard, Student Center hostess at the Annex. If weather is unfavorable, the dance will be moved inside the Center.

Hours for the dance will be from 9 p. m. to midnight. All guests who are on the Annex that night for the Mother's Day ceremonies are invited to attend, said Harrison.

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James W. Rogers of Texas, Texas, is freshman commanding officer of the Annex band, Company 1. Rogers, former drum major of the group, led them in the recent San Antonio parade.

Improvements Named by Fish For Next Year

The Freshman Batt staff is still at the job of obtaining "Fish" opinions about the facilities of the Annex and how they can be improved for the Freshmen next year. We all realize that the College is working under a handicap with the Annex, and all criticisms are intended to be constructive. This department sincerely hopes that it will be of some aid as a spokesman for the students.

We have found from our inquiries that the students think that the study supervision and facilities are inadequate to insure the best use of the time spent studying.

Cadet C. B. Perkins, Rts. 12, said, "The present laboratories are not what they should be even for survey courses. I realize that the College cannot provide us with labs equal to the ones on the campus, but perhaps they could improve the equipment some; every little bit would help."

Cadet G. S. Neinst, Rts. 10, offered this statement: "The only thing that I can think of right now is the problem of study conditions. There have been many rooms that could have been made available to the students as study halls, but which have been kept locked up at night except for a short time before the mid-term finals. I think it would be a great help to the Freshmen next year to have access to these rooms, as well as the chalk and erasers for practice and homework."

"The biggest problem that I have found," said Frank Cheney, of the Band, "is the problem of study hall supervision. There should be a Cadet officer responsible for each study hall every night. On the Campus they have Scholastic officers. The Cadet officers here at the Annex should be similar. With this set-up, I believe that Fish will be able to learn more in the same amount of study time."

Range & Forestry Men Go on Trip

Approximately 375 students will participate in field trips during this week to study range management and forestry practices throughout the state. Out-of-door classrooms will be the order of the day for students in 6 courses.

Tickets on Sale For 'Roaring 20's'

Tickets for "The Roaring Twenties," produced twenty years later, are now on sale at the Exchange Store at the Annex, announced Mrs. Ann Hilliard, Student Center hostess at the Annex. "The Roaring Twenties" is presented by the Aggie Players and will be held in Gilton Hall on May 6-7, at 8 p.m. Tickets are 50c.

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