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## Doyle Avant Named Cadet Colonel of Corps



A. C. and Ann English, one of the six couples receiving prizes for most original costumes at Saturday evening's Shipwreck Party, are being introduced to the crowd at the Grove by dance chairman Charles Kirkham.

### Six Couples Sweep 'Shipwreck' Prizes

Six married couples made a clean sweep of the twelve prizes awarded Saturday night at the Grove's Shipwreck Party. They were chosen for the most original costumes at the dance.

Joe and Beth Denman (she in a large towel, he in the upper portions of his naval uniform), James and Virginia Lennorm (grass skirt, and count-pajamas), Ace and Ann English (upper Navy uniform without pants, sweater and shorts), Jim and Marie Farrell (one pair of pajamas—she in the uppers, he in the bottoms), Jim and Pat Gregory (dressed like the Farrells, but Jim half shaved), and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eaton (he in shirt, tie, shoes and garters, she in a sheet)—these were the winners. Each couple received two prizes in addition to candy suckers.

### Oklahoman Wins A&M Fellowship

Charles D. Olsen, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, has been awarded a Tennessee Gas Transmission Fellowship, to A&M for the school year 1949-50.

Olsen, a native of Quay, Oklahoma, saw service in the last war and is married.

Candidates for the Fellowship may be graduates of any accredited college or university who wish to pursue work on either master or doctorate degrees in petroleum engineering.

The Fellowship pays \$2,000 for a 10-month period and an additional \$500 is made available to expedite the purchase of necessary research equipment.

### GROVE SCHEDULE

Monday, August 15—Bingo.  
Tuesday, August 16—Free movie, "Thunder in the Valley," Technicolor.  
Wednesday, August 17—Juke box dance.

### Author of 'Gone With the Wind' Hurt Critically

Atlanta, Aug. 15—(AP)—Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind," partially regained consciousness today and recognized friends.

She was struck down Thursday night by a speeding car driven by an off-duty taxi driver.

Miss Mitchell, in private life Mrs. John Marsh, aroused from a coma today and got mad over being fed intravenously. She asked a relative to remove a tube from her arm through which a saline solution was being administered.

"When Peggy gets mad it's a good sign," said a physician and family friend. "The chances for her recovery look better today than we thought they would when she was brought in here."

Once when being given a drink of water, Miss Mitchell said she "hurt all over."

Though she was reported earlier to be rallying, a hospital spokesman said the creator of Scarlett O'Hara is "not out of the woods yet by any means."

Throughout the day the hospital was flooded with telegrams and telephone calls from well wishers. President Truman wired: "Hope you get well soon."

The extent of her injuries has yet to be determined. Physicians have said she is too critically ill to be moved even for x-rays.

### Quisenberry Is Back from Trip

Dr. John H. Quisenberry, head of the Poultry Husbandry Department, returned to the campus Thursday after an extensive business and pleasure trip.

Dr. Quisenberry left College Station with his family on July 16 and drove to Chicago; then he returned to St. Louis to attend the International Baby Chick Association convention from July 19 through July 22.

He said that to his knowledge the banquet given at the close of this convention was the largest of its kind ever given in the United States—4,000 were in attendance.

After his return to Chicago, Dr. Quisenberry began what he described as a very successful fishing trip. He and his father-in-law caught seventy game fish while roughing it in the Iron Mountain area of Michigan.

Dr. Quisenberry joined other members of the A&M Poultry Husbandry Department at Guelph, Ontario, to attend the Poultry Science Association's convention. He praised the friendliness and hospitality of their Canadian hosts.

After leaving Guelph, Dr. Quisenberry rejoined his family in Chicago, and they motored to Dallas where he attended the Texas Poultry Improvement Association convention.



"Cold Water." This 300S man climbing an embankment to get to his water jug depicts the ruggedness of A&M's summer surveying course as seen by a Batt reporter.

### Woolket, Tishler and Families Visit Mexico City Newspaper

J. J. Woolket, head of the Modern Languages Department; C. E. Tishler, head of the Physical Education Department; their wives, and Ward Tishler, son of the Tishlers, visited the Excelsior newspaper office in Mexico City, August 7.

The two families are on vacation in Mexico City. Mr. and Mrs. Woolket have been visiting Mexico regularly for the past 25 years.

The morning after the five visited the newspaper office, the following story, as translated by Allen Moore of the Modern Languages Department, appeared in the newspaper:

"Professor J. J. Woolket of A&M who at the present time is in this Capital, is surely one of the most sincere friends which Mexico has in Texas. He visited Excelsior last night with his wife and other persons. Mr. Thomas Martenes of the National Lottery accompanied them.

"The affection which Professor Woolket feels for our country is not recent but dates back many years during which he has vigorously defended our countrymen as often as it has been in his power to do so.

"At A&M," Mr. Woolket told us, "the word discrimination is not known. All students are treated with equal consideration. If any favoritism exists, it would surely be toward the Mexicans."

"Professor Woolket has in his office the most recent records of Mexican music which he frequently offers to Mexican students. He is an admirer of President Aleman and an old personal friend of his. Our President offered him his yacht when he goes to the port of Acapulco next Monday.

"Accompanying the professor are Mrs. Woolket, Professor C. E. Tishler, head of the Physical Education Department, and his wife and son, as well as young Tomas Martenes who is studying at A&M."

### Martin Leaves To Attend Program

E. C. Martin, assistant state agent, and four extension service specialists from A&M left Wednesday for Lake Texoma, Oklahoma, to attend a two-state meeting there dealing with the Rural Neighborhood Progress Program.

This is a joint meeting with the group from Oklahoma that has charge of the Rural Neighborhood Progress Program in that state.

The four extension specialists from Texas are Miss Gena Thomas, Mrs. Florence Low, Roy L. Donahoe and C. H. Bates.

### In the Valley of Death...

### Batt Reporter Dedicates His 'Memoirs' to Troops in 300S

By W. K. COLVILLE

Half a league, half a league, half a league onward, into the valley of Death strode S-300. Flashed all their transits bare, flashed all their range poles there, surveying with alidades, charging tick armies, while Aggield wondered.

And was there a man dismayed? Damn right! . . . roughly 45 sun-baked 300-S students who for the past four weeks have bush-knifed their prostrate bodies through territory that would make Big Bend look like a pool table.

So to those unfortunates, who have tracked their way through treckless wastes and trecked their way through trackless wastes, consuming much to their distaste infinite amounts of water, this article is dedicated.

Like Stanley after Livingston, Ali after Rita, and Lemon after Tequila, my trusted photographer and I went to seek out the lost sufferers of diabolical 300-S. These are our memories, jotted hastily on birch-bark and poison sumac leaves. Pass the Calamine, pal o' mine.

Entry: At Uncle Ed's jumping off place, gathering safari and necessary provisions. After 4 quick provisions photographer would have willingly jumped off water-tower. A healthy bromo quieted him and we started bravely into the land of "whatthellwashtatlastreading."

Entry: First day on safari. Ha got tired and I carried him a while. No sign of life, except in photographer, who still insisted on jumping off water-tower. Subdued him with a quick shot of Aqua Velva and flash-bulb frappe.

During late afternoon came across traces of 300-S group. Three skeletons bleached white, clinging grotesquely to rotten range pole. One cro-magnon, one neanderthal, one homo sapien. All obviously A&M 300-S students.

Photographer taught me basic principles of mirimba playing. Sat around all night eating negatives and singing in loud nasal voices, "Oh Dem Bones." Rest of safari went back to Uncle Ed's—touchy beggars, they.

Entry: Second day out. Encountered Brazos native who gave us first real clue as to whereabouts of patrol S-300. Reported that three days before he'd seen a bedraggled bunch of men in varying stages of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree burns struggling down the road with bent and blistered transits.

They scratched themselves intermittently and mouthed dry phrases like "Get the one out of my ear, Joe, before he goes in for the kill!"

"Yes, Bwana," said my photographer wisely, "We on right track."

Entry: And we were! Three flasks of Aqua Velva later we stumbled upon the pitiful remnants of the S-troop. Oh, path-

### Zimmerman to Be Executive; Six Other Colonels Named

#### Potter Reads Paper at Meet

Dr. J. G. Potter, head of the Physics Department, has attended two society meetings in the East during the summer.

The first of the meetings was with the American Physical Society in Cambridge, Mass. At the meeting he delivered a paper entitled "X-Ray Analysis of Clays for Quality of Montmorillonite," which was written by L. H. Simons, D. F. Weekes, and Dr. Potter.

The paper reported work done by the authors which should be of value experimentally in better predicting the problems to be encountered in laying of foundations on local clays.

The second meeting was the national annual meeting of the American Society of Engineering Education in Troy, N. Y., in conjunction with the American Society of Physics Teachers. At the meeting Dr. Potter served for the second year on the National Council of ASEE, the governing body of that organization, as well as on the executive nominating committee for the nomination of national officers of the ASEE for the coming year.

Mrs. Potter accompanied Dr. Potter on the trip. They stopped in Indiana and Chicago for a brief vacation on their way back to College Station.

#### Ag Ed Department Checked By State

The staff and equipment of the Agricultural Education Department, as well as the instructional facilities of other agricultural departments, were inspected last week by a committee of the State Board of Education, C. N. Sheppard, dean of the School of Agriculture, announced.

The purpose of the investigation, requested by a number of educational institutions in Texas, was to establish a standard for vocational agriculture teacher training programs.

The committee was composed of W. E. Lowry, executive director of vocational education in agriculture; George Hurt, assistant state supervisor of agricultural education; and Dr. G. A. Swanson, supervisor of teacher training in vocational agriculture for the U. S. Office of Education.

Doyle R. Avant, petroleum engineering senior from Laredo, has been named Cadet Colonel of the Corps, according to Colonel H. L. Boatner, commandant and PMS&T.

Second in command will be Walter W. Zimmerman, petroleum engineering major from McAllen. Zimmerman was corps supply sergeant last year.

Sam G. Pate, J. T. Dotsen, Louis A. Eubank, Franklin A. Cleland, and W. F. Bohmann Jr., will head the five Army ROTC regiments. The Air ROTC Group will be commanded by Jimmy G. McGruder.

Corps Staff  
Assignments on the corps staff announced by Boatner were Lt. Colonels, Robert Mitchell, S-1; Herbert W. Beutel Jr., S-2; Herman Dietrich Jr., S-3; William Thompson, commander consolidated band, Clark Munroe, public information.

Rowland Egger, corps chaplain; officer; Curtis Schroeder, communications; John Templeton, I&E officer. Major Martell Moore, drum major consolidated band.

Master Sergeants, David Haines, I&E; Wayne Ball, communications; Richard Goodwin, band liaison; LaVon Massengale Jr., infantry liaison; A. D. Martin, artillery liaison; John Gossett, air liaison; Herbert Mills, cavalry-engineer liaison; R. F. Brown Jr., composite liaison.

Consolidated Band HQ  
Captains, Ted Lokey, S-2; Ben Bickham, S-3; Grayson Wyby, S-4; Master Sergeants, Robert Jack, sergeant major; Charles Neeley, supply.

Maroon Band  
Captain Willie Hollar, drum major; First Lieutenants, John Mortenson, platoon leader; James Slayton, athletic officer; First Sergeant Joe Rutherford; Tech Sergeants, Charles Wyatt, Bertram Becroft, platoon sergeants.

White Band  
Captains, Charles Lundelius, commander; Alan Wallie, drum major; First Lieutenants, Johnny Simarc, executive; Elden Golden, Frank Davidson Jr., platoon leaders; Henry Bass, scholastic officer; Tech Sergeants, Stanley Thompson, Edward Rodriguez Jr., Mike Adkisson, platoon sergeants.

Infantry Regiment HQ  
Colonel Sam Pate, commander; Lt. Col. Glenn Kothmann, executive; Majors, Robert Gregg, S-1; William Mackey, S-2; Arthur Hengst, S-3; Jimmy Heister, S-4; Master Sergeant Jack Holloway, sergeant major.

First Battalion HQ  
Lt. Col. Arthur Gorman, commander; Major Bobby Skidmore, executive; Captains, Ross Curtis, S-1; Charles Hamilton, S-2; William Beatty, S-3; Tech Sergeants, Paul Coffin, sergeant major; Mackey Trickey, supply.

Infantry  
Captain Donald McClure, commander; First Lieutenants, John Turcotte, executive; Patrick Ramsey, platoon leader; Grant Judge Jr., scholastic officer; First Sergeant Arthur Nell.

Infantry  
Captain Henry O'Neal, commander; First Lieutenants, Robert Patrick, executive; Charles Price, platoon leader; First Sergeant Kenneth Schaake; Tech Sergeant Donald Pittman, platoon sergeant.

Infantry  
Captain Lance Chase, commander; First Lieutenants, Merton Skaggs, executive; James Rackel, Robert McGlasson, platoon leaders; Riley Epps, athletic officer; First Sergeant Robert Naler, Tech Sergeants, Jim Steen, Alvin Deck, platoon sergeants.

Second Battalion HQ  
Lt. Col. Bryan Mills, commander; Major John Harrison, executive; Captains, T. F. Dalley, S-1; Robert Latson, S-2; Edward Simpson, S-3; Tech Sergeants, Billy Brabham, sergeant major; Howard Karren, supply.

Infantry  
Captain Jimmy Woodall, commander; First Lieutenant William Menger, executive; First Sergeant Henry Atchison; Tech Sergeant, Thomas Collins, platoon sergeant.

Infantry  
Captain Charles Bailey, commander; First Lieutenant Hugh (See 1949-50, Page 4)

### WEATHER

East Texas: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday; a few thundershowers in extreme east portion Tuesday afternoon; not much change in temperatures. Moderate southerly winds on the coast.

### SHOWERS

West Texas: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperatures.



Hold or OK as signaled by the man behind the transit is just a small part of the day's work for the 45 boys taking surveying 300S here this summer. The man at the left is recording the reading in a standard field book.