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Senior Cadets Receive Gold Bars Tomorrow

Three hundred and six senior ROTC cadets will be presented with commissions in the Officers Reserve Corps tomorrow afternoon at 1.

The ceremony will be held in Guion Hall, with Lieut. Gen. LeRoy Lutes, commanding general of the Fourth Army, presenting Army commissions. Maj. Gen. Allen R. Crawford will present the Air Force commissions.

All cadets to receive commissions will be present and seated as designated by 12:45 p.m., according to the Military Department.

Cadets Sworn In
Men eligible for the commissions were sworn en masse this morning in the Assembly Hall. The entire group was sworn in, then split to formally sign the oath.

Infantry, Field Artillery, Air Force, Army Security, and Signal Corps men remained at the Assembly Hall for the signing, while the Ordnance, Engineers, Cavalry, Quartermaster, Transportation, and Gnat Artillery went to their respective offices in Ross Hall. The splitting of the group was to ease the pressure of signing such a large number of cadets.

Uniforms Set
Cadets attending the commissioning ceremony are requested by the Military Department to wear

the summer uniform with ties, hoots optional. Air Force cadets may wear the summer uniform, with blue cap, tie, and belt, and black shoes and socks.

The distinguished party will enter Guion's stage at approximately 1 p.m. Cadet Charles H. Aiken will call the Corps to attention when the party reaches the stage. After the group has been seated, Cadet Dean "Buddy" Boyd will lead the audience in the singing of "The Spirit of Aggieland."

Bolton, Bradley Speak

On completion of the song, the assembly will be seated and Col. H. L. Boatner, commandant and PMS&T of the college, will present Cadet Lt. Col. King Egger, corps chaplain, who will give the invocation.

Talks by Dr. F. C. Bolton, retiring president of the college, and

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, will follow the invocation.

Upon completion of the talks, Colonel Boatner will have the Corps rise and the mass Oath of Office will be administered by Lieut. Col. William F. Lewis.

Pinning of Bars

After the commissions have been presented by Gen. Lutes and Gen. Crawford, Colonel Boatner will announce the "Pinning of Bars." At that time each newly-commissioned officer will have his set of second-lieutenant's bars properly attached to his uniform. The pinning will be done by parents, friends, or guests.

Upon completion of the pinning, Egger will give the benediction, after which Boyd will lead the audience in singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Elkins Is Appointed To London Position

R. L. Elkins, administrative assistant to the president of the college, has been named assistant chief of the Food and Agricultural Division of the Special Economics Cooperation Administration, to the United Kingdom. The ECA is a part of the Marshall plan.

Elkins, who has been connected with A&M since 1933 has been granted a leave of absence. His new position is next to the top post in that organization. He will leave for London, his headquarters, June 15, following a 5-day indoctrination in Washington, D.C.

The new ECA official is a native of Palestine, and a graduate of A&M. He served for four and a half years in the Army. He went into the service in 1941 as a first

lieutenant and was mustered out of the service as a lieutenant colonel April 21, 1945.

Elkins served in the North African campaign and in Italy. His division, the First Armored, got tangled up with the wily German general, Rommel, during the early stages of the war, when that general was in his heyday, and 800 of his men, including himself, were captured.

They were not prisoners of war for long—Rommel's air corps bombed their own tanks, and during the bombardment, Elkins and a number of his men escaped.

In Italian Invasion

Later, Elkins' division invaded Italy, landing at Naples. They fought their way to Casimo and from there battled their way to Anzio and then into Rome. From there they went to Pisa and then home for Elkins.

Elkins special field is personnel management, having worked with several business concerns. He is the author of a publication on workers' compensation insurance. He holds membership in the National Management Association, the Dallas Personnel Association, and the Texas Personnel Association. He is a reserve officer, student counselor and a Mason.

His wife and three children, Bobby, Claire and Ann, will accompany him to London. He expects to be in that country for two years.

Bryan City Band Will Meet Tonight

The Bryan City Band will meet Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Carnegie Library in Bryan, according to Tom Sweeney, band director.

"All musicians in Bryan and College Station are invited to join us," Sweeney said. "Bring your instrument and music stand. High school pupils are especially invited to play with the band."



The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines

The Reverend Hines, bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of Texas, will speak at the baccalaureate service to be held in Guion Hall tomorrow morning.



Dr. M. T. Harrington

This smiling gentleman will become A&M's eleventh president when he takes office Saturday. Dr. Harrington succeeds Dr. Frank C. Bolton, who will retire to modified service as the college's first president emeritus. The inauguration ceremony will be held next October 5 as one of the features of the Diamond Jubilee year.

Harrington Will Be First Aggie Prexy

Saturday, June 3, a member of the class of '22 will do what no other A&M graduate has ever done. Dr. M. T. Harrington, presently dean of the college, will take over the office of president of his alma mater.

Dr. F. C. Bolton, now completing his forty-first year of service to the college, will hand over the reins to his younger assistant and retire to modified service as president emeritus.

There will be little fanfare attached to the change because it is being saved until October 5, when Dr. Harrington's inauguration will be the first official ceremony of the college's seventy-fifth anniversary observance.

Bolton Pleased

Commenting on his successor, Dr. Bolton said, "Dr. Harrington and I have worked together for A&M for almost a quarter of a century and I am pleased that I will be able to relinquish the leadership of the college to such capable and experienced hands."

Dr. Harrington's rise on the academic ladder has been an almost year-to-year affair since 1946. It was in that year that he took over the duties of assistant dean of the college in charge of organizing and directing the A&M Annex.

A year later he came back to the

campus as dean of arts and sciences. The following year, he was named acting dean of the college when Dr. Bolton moved from that position to the presidency. And this year he was elected Dr. Bolton's successor by the Board of Directors after being recommended by Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist.

A Fish in 1918

Dean Harrington first came to the A&M campus as a fish in 1918. Four years later he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He joined the college staff as a chemistry instructor in 1925 and began work on his master's, completing it in 1927.

Taking a leave of absence, he studied at MIT, the University of Michigan, the University of Southern California and received his Ph.D. at Iowa State College.

In his 25 years service here, Dr. Harrington has established an enviable record as a teacher and lecturer in his field, and early established the reputation of being "the student's friend."

He is a member of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi, an honorary research society, and Phi Lambda Epsilon, an honor society for chemists and chemical engineers.

1190 Grads To Hear Bradley Give Address

By JOHN WHITMORE

Four years of college work will reach a climax as 1190 graduating seniors walk down the aisles at Kyle Field Friday night to receive their diplomas, signifying they have completed the work necessary for a bachelor's degree from A&M.

General Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff of the national military establishment, will deliver the commencement address. G. R. White, president of the Board of Directors of the A&M System, will present the diplomas.

Commencement services will end the day's activities, which begin at 9 a.m. with two baccalaureate processions forming. The processions will lead to the Assembly Hall and to Guion Hall. Roll call will be held at 9:15, with the actual

processions into the halls at 9:30.

All candidates for degrees in the School of Agriculture, School of Arts and Sciences, and all advanced degree candidates will form at 9 a.m. on the west side of the Academic Building and south of Sully's statue.

Candidates for Engineering degrees and Veterinary Medicine degrees will form on the west side of the Academic Building and north of the statue.

Both of the baccalaureate sermons will start at the same time.

Baccalaureate Speakers

Dr. W. Boyd Hunt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Houston, will address the group in the Assembly Hall.

The Right Reverend John E. Hines, bishop coadjutor of the

Episcopal Diocese of Texas, will address candidates for degrees who will be in Guion Hall.

Following the presentation of commissions to eligible cadets Friday afternoon, the annual president's reception will be held at the home of Dr. Frank C. Bolton, retiring president of the college. The home will be open from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The reception is for all graduates, their relatives and friends.

Commencement Friday

Commencement will be the last academic affair of the weekend. The commencement procession will form at 5:30 Friday afternoon, with roll call at 5:45. The procession begins at 6 p.m.

Main speaker at the commencement services on Kyle Field will be Gen. Bradley. Dr. Bolton will deliver a greeting to the graduates, preceding Gen. Bradley's talk.

Dr. M. T. Harrington, dean of the college and president-elect, will present the valedictorian of the class, Donald E. Jarvis.

Bolton Confers Degrees

Dr. Bolton will confer the degrees, with board president White presenting the diplomas. Jarvis Miller will deliver the benediction.

In the Grove Friday night at 9, the Final Ball will take place. Dancing will be to the music of the Aggieland Orchestra. In case of inclement weather, the dance will be moved to Shiba Hall.

Saturday the Corps of Cadets will hold its annual Final Review. Seniors will be honored by the men of their units as they pass in review for the graduates.

Senior Calendar

- Friday
 - 9 a.m. Procession Forms for Baccalaureate Services
 - 9:30 a.m. Procession Moves off for Baccalaureate Services in Guion or the Assembly Hall
 - 1 p.m. Presentation of Reserve Commissions in Guion Hall
 - 2:30-4:30 p.m. President's Reception
 - 5:30 p.m. Processions form for Commencement exercises
 - 6 p.m. Commencement Services begin
 - 9 p.m. Final Ball in the Grove
- Saturday
 - 9:30 p.m. Final Review

Mother of Mogford Buried in Brady

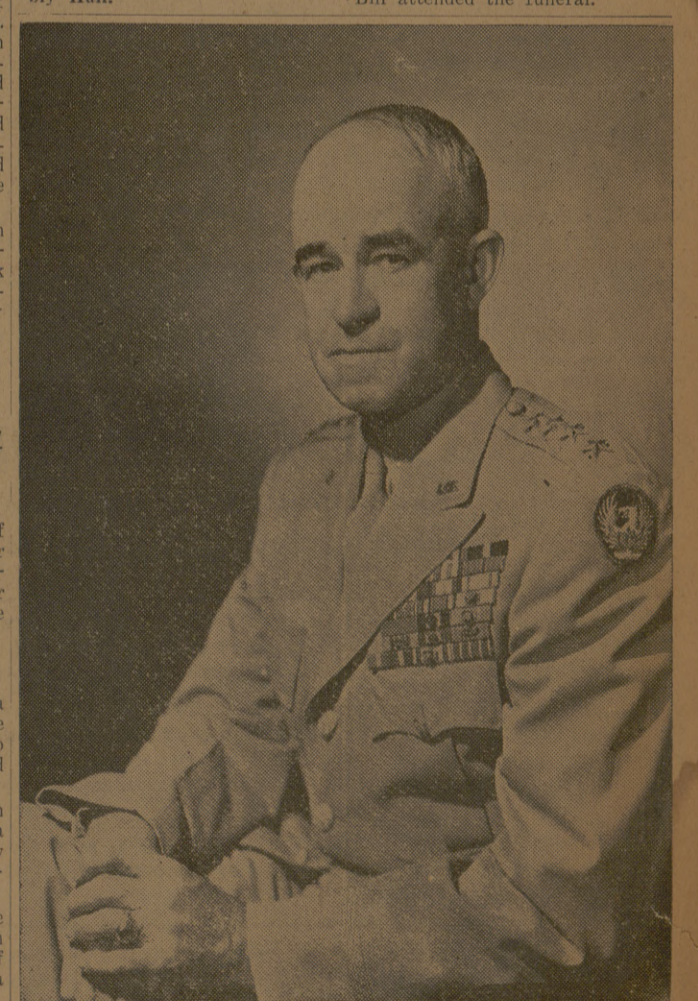
Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Mogford, 92, mother of J. S. Mogford of College Station, were held Wednesday afternoon at Eden. She passed away Monday night at a hospital in Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Mogford and son Bill attended the funeral.



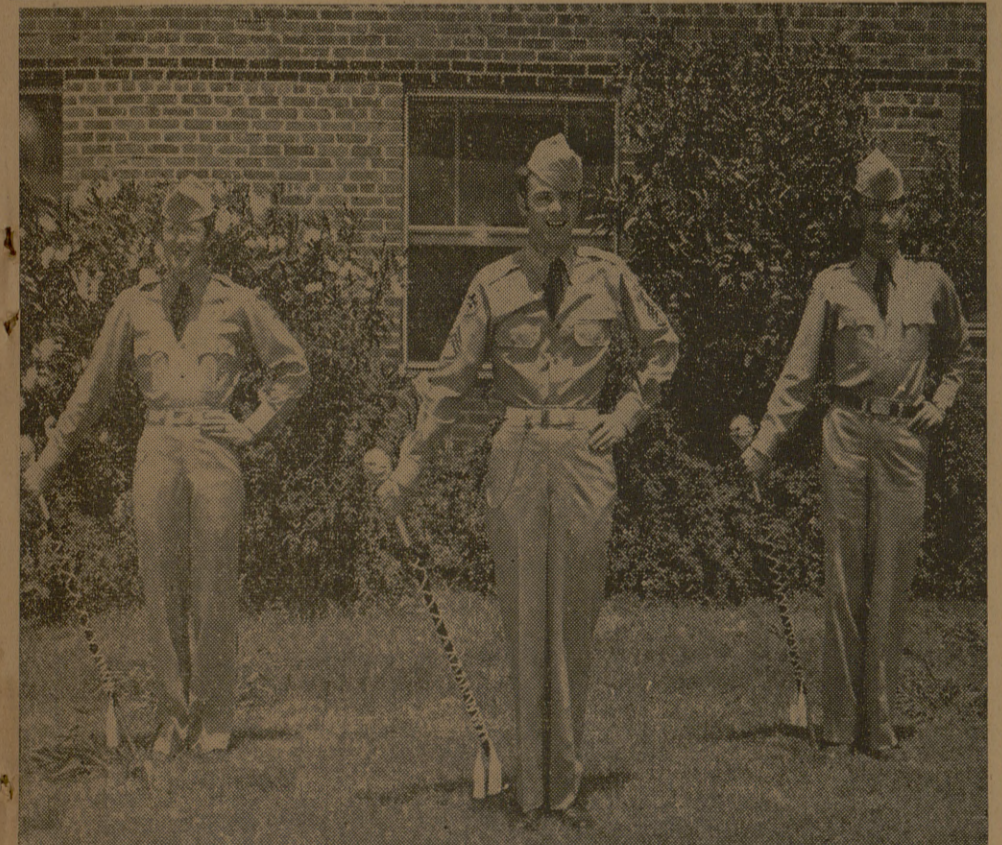
Dr. W. Boyd Hunt

Dr. Hunt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Houston, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon tomorrow morning in the Assembly Hall.



General Omar N. Bradley

General Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, will deliver the principle address tomorrow night at the commencement exercises on Kyle Field. He will also speak at commissioning exercises for senior cadets tomorrow afternoon in Guion Hall.



Leading the Texas Aggie band onto the football fields at half-time next year will be Tommy Alderson, center; Wayne Dunlap, left; and Robert "Buck" Buchanan. Alderson was recently chosen head drum major for next year, Dunlap

drum major of the White Band, with Buchanan to head the Maroon Band. The trio was selected by band members and Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, director.

Japanese Graduate Escapes From Russian Imprisonment

By B. F. ROLAND

From A&M to Japan to Siberia and back to Japan—it's a long way. Yet that same route is one that has been followed by an A&M graduate, Seiichi Sakamoto.

Sakamoto came to A&M from San Antonio. He majored in agronomy here and was a member of the Crops Judging Team. In his senior year he was high-point man in the crops judging contest at Kansas City. He scored the highest number of points ever chalked up by a contestant at that time.

Those who knew him while a student here say that he was a brilliant student and a willing worker. He was a distinguished student, a member of the swimming team, secretary of numerous campus organizations, including his sophomore class.

Active "Y" Worker

He was active in YMCA work and M. L. Cashion, secretary of the "Y," remembers Sakamoto as

one of the most enthusiastic students ever affiliated with the YMCA at A&M.

After graduation in 1938, Sakamoto went to work with his father in 1941. His father was responsible for maintaining the Japanese gardens in San Antonio.

In the summer of 1941, Sakamoto visited Japan. Since he had been born in Japan, he was still a Japanese citizen. As a citizen, he was forced to enlist in the Japanese Army.

Captured by Russians

While in the Army there, he spent a year and a half in Japan, one year in Central China, and two years in north China before he was captured by the invading Russians. After four and one half years in Siberia, Sakamoto escaped and made his way back to Japan.

Shortly after arriving back in Japan, Sakamoto wrote to Cashion about Siberia and Japan.

"I was taken by the Russians to Siberia, where I struggled against

life and death for four and a half years," he wrote. "No church, no moral or spiritual virtues in Russia. How sorry I felt for their people. They only know the police state and human slavery."

Disavows Communism

"Today I ask all men to form a new united front of those people who disavow Communism, who stand for morals and religion and who love freedom."

"I was surprised to find Japan as changed. She is no longer a feudalistic country. She is a new democratic country and she is becoming a Christian nation."

"Japan made a great mistake in entering the war. But I am glad she lost the war, because of American aid she is becoming a new nation."

"I am resting in the summer home of my friend Mitsuo Matsunoko. My ribs were like a washing board when I got back from Siberia, but now I am returning to normal."