

# The Battalion

## Farm Bureau Meet Closes Here Today

Today will draw to a close the final session of the third annual Texas Farm Bureau Institute which has been in progress for four days on the campus. Approximately 200 leaders of the Texas Farm Bureau, representing 110 counties, have been attending the four day classes of the leadership school.

With all classes held in the meeting rooms of the MSC, the leadership school was designed to provide the best information for the county leadership to guide the continued growth and progress of the institution.

### Eight Subjects Taught

Eight subjects have been taught at the school during its four day session. The subjects include farm bureau philosophy, farm bureau membership program, public relations, recreational activities, and farm bureau service program.

## Engineer Group Will Sponsor Essay Contest

A dinner and business meeting was held by the Brazos Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers Monday night in the MSC.

The group voted to again sponsor an essay contest among senior engineering students at A&M. Last school year a total of \$50 was awarded by the Brazos Chapter to winners of the contest. The essay title last year was "The Civic Responsibilities of the Young Engineer."

Another item discussed was the annual essay contest among high school students conducted by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers on a state-wide basis. Three local students won awards in this contest last year.

Oscar Crain is chairman of the High School Contest Committee for the Brazos Chapter. He and other members of his committee will contact high schools in the nine counties included in the Brazos Chapter area, according to J. G. McGuire, chapter president.

The chapter discussed the possibility of sponsoring an Engineers' Club to meet weekly for luncheon and fellowship. Should it be formed, it will be open to all engineers in this area, McGuire said.

The next meeting will be held in the MSC, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.

## At the Grove Tonight

Thursday, Aug. 2—Movie, "Three Little Words" with Red Skelton and Fred Astaire—8 p.m.  
Friday, Aug. 3—Dancing, music by Aggieldand Combo—8 p.m.

This year's courses were made possible through solicited suggestions and advice from Texas Farm Bureau leaders who attended the 1950 Institute.

The program for the Institute consisted of two general assembly sessions each day. A general assembly was held each morning and the last period each afternoon. A&M officials and outstanding persons engaged in Farm Bureau work addressed the general assembly sessions, where an opportunity was given for questions and discussions by the students.

### Classes Arranged

The eight classes were arranged where each student could take four of the eight subjects offered. Each subject was taught to three classes by each instructor, making it possible for two class periods to be held each morning and two each afternoon.

The faculty for this year's session was composed of persons who have made an outstanding success in particular lines of Farm Bureau work and persons whose training and experience in certain work qualified them to make a definite contribution to the Institute.

Entertainment for the Institute students during the week has been a recreational party on the roof patio of the MSC on Monday, a tour of the campus and Experiment Station on Tuesday, and a square dance on the roof patio of the MSC yesterday.

### Certificate Presentation

This afternoon the proceedings of the institute will be assembled by the students and the banquet and certificate presentation will be held tonight at 7:30 in the MSC Ballroom.

Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation will be the principle speaker at the banquet. He will also award the certificates to the students.

## Austin Firm Gets Consolidated Bid

Three firms were awarded contracts Monday by the A&M Consolidated school board for work on new facilities for the school system.

The board accepted the low bid of \$77,464 submitted on the general contracting by B. L. McGee of Austin. Haveron Plumbing Company of Bryan won the plumbing contract with a low bid of \$8,099.99. The electrical contract went to the Bryan Electrical Service Company which submitted the low bid of \$8,058.80.

Andrews-Parker of Bryan was the second low bidder at \$83,000 for general contracting. The highest general contracting bid submitted was for \$122,000.

Work on the new facilities, which include five classrooms and a cafeteria for the elementary school on the main campus and an industrial arts shop at Lincoln High School, will begin soon, according to L. S. Richardson, school superintendent.

## Still 100 Degrees

### Clouds Open For Small Rain Here

It rained in College Station yesterday!

The dark, threatening clouds that have formed over the city almost daily for the past week finally opened up for a few minutes yesterday afternoon to partly quench the growing thirst for rain that has accumulated over this area in past months.

But the short .44 inch downpour was not widespread enough to reach all corners of the city. A baseball game in College Hills was continued after a brief interruption from the precipitation.

As usual, College Station had its share of the hot weather, registering 100 degrees at the Eastwood Airport CAA station.

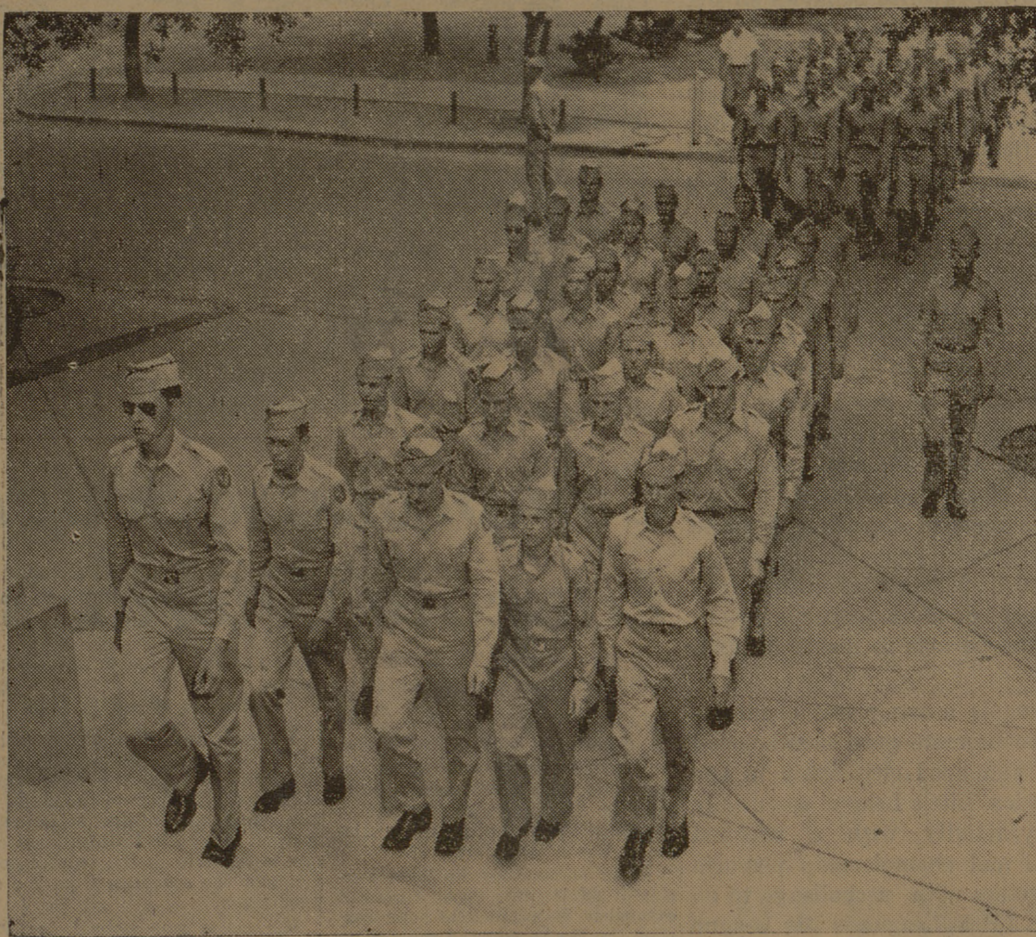
Elsewhere in Texas, the Associated Press reported a hard shower hit cotton fields in the Harlingen area.

There were scattered rains in a number of other sections, including Big Spring, Wink, Midland, Mineral Wells, Brownsville, Beaumont, Galveston, Victoria, and Junction.

Also receiving hundred-degree temperature were Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Waco, Alice, and Corsicana. At Fort Worth, Mineral Wells, and Cotulla, it was 101. Corsicana had found readings 100 or higher for 27 days in July.

Brownsville's 86 degrees was the coolest maximum reported to the U. S. Weather Bureau yesterday.

## Hup, Two, Three, Four



Squadron A freshmen march into the West entrance of Sbis Hall for lunch following the noon formation. These cadets are the first Summer military students A&M has had since a wartime speed-up program several years ago.

## Students Polled on Opinion of Summer Military Plan

### Majority of Freshmen Favor Summer Program

By ALLEN PENGELLY  
Battalion News Staff

Military training for freshmen, plus the long, hot hours in class is quite a problem for many of A&M's Summer cadets. But several of them had some comments that would easily form a representative opinion of the group now living in dorm 14 and 17.

Not since the World War II era of the tri-semester program have

## Camera Club Slates Lufkin Field Trip

Members of the MSC Camera Club will board a chartered bus Saturday at 6 a. m. at the back entrance to the MSC for their first field trip this Summer, according to Henry Cole, Club president.

The trip will include a tour of the Davey Crockett National Park between Crockett and Lufkin. The group will return to A&M Saturday night.

The Camera Club meets in the MSC every Monday night from 7:30 until 9. All members and prospective members are urged to attend these meetings, Cole said.

beginning freshman Summer students had the opportunity to take basic military science along with their regular academic courses.

### Chance For Early Contract

It was the idea of the Military Science Department to offer the Summer in order to give the new students a chance to qualify for Army and Air Force contracts sooner, and thus enable them to enroll in advanced ROTC work before being drafted.

At the beginning of Summer school, 234 new college students registered to take this accelerated program. Under the same program of the Basic Division which was initiated last Fall, the students carry an average course load of 16 hours for the three month period.

The first query was, "Do you like A&M as well as you thought you would when you first registered?" Next question asked was "Do you like the idea of beginning your college career in the Summer, or would you rather have waited until September to start?" And last, "Are you in favor of the Basic Division program or would you rather have simply begun your college work taking the prescribed courses for your curricula?"

The first student questioned was Max Scott, chemical engineering major from Sweetwater. Said Max, "College life at A&M is rougher than I had expected, but I'm glad I came here. I think the Summer program might scare some students away because of the hurried curriculum, however, it will give us a decided jump on September students toward getting Army contracts."

### Doesn't Like Late Hours

James Southern, a Homer, La. geology student, had this to say about the Summer program. "I like going to A&M during the Summer except that I sometimes stay up late studying and revolve sounds at 5:30 a. m. By going this Summer, I'm just that much ahead of the regular Fall semester students." In regard to the required freshman orientation course, James said, "It helps a little, but

## Museum Gets War Relics

A Japanese two handed sabre and scabbard, a Japanese 31 calibre rifle, and a Russian carbine with a bayonet have been presented to the College Museum, according to Dr. W. F. Gould, director of the College Museum.

The three piece collection was given to the museum by Capt. M. R. Thompson, '43 of Dallas, who recently returned from active service in Korea.

The Japanese sabre, which is made of fine steel with a handle trimmed in silver, and the Japanese rifle are World War II relics which were captured in the Philippine Islands.

Captured in the Hwachon Dam area in Korea, the Russian carbine is the type of gun now being used by North Korean and Chinese troops in the Korean war.

I'd just as soon have that extra hour for study for I think I'd do much better."

Houston architecture student Clifford Chatham said "I like it much better than I thought I would. I almost enrolled at the University of Houston this Summer but I changed my mind after learning of the program offered here. I'm not sorry either. I'm taking the remedial reading course now and I find that I've already increased my reading and comprehension speed by approximately 120 words. I think that one factor will aid me throughout the rest of my college career."

## Student, Professor, Employee Hop Set

Students, instructors, and College employees will have a "dance under the stars" at the Grove tomorrow night from 8 till 11. Music will be furnished by the Aggieldand Combo. "Come stag, or drag a hag" is the theme for this informal affair. Students will be hosts to the Employees Dinner Club, Bennie A. Zinn, chairman of the Club, announced that this is an added attraction to the regular summer schedule for the group.

## Artillery Aggies Paid First, Head Home From Fort Sill

By FRANK MANITAS  
Artillery Camp Correspondent

Ft. Sill, Okla., July 27—(Delayed)—The Texas Aggies were the first to get paid today and the first to leave this huge military reservation as the summer ROTC camp closed shop for the Summer.

For the Maroon and White cadets, it had been quite a six weeks, mixed with hurricanes, demonstrations, firing, and heat exhaustion. But one thing that the Aggies will always remember is the party thrown for them by the Ft. Sill-Lawton A&M Club.

These former students, under the direction of their President Lee Woods and Capt. Thomas Wesson of Fort Sill, gave a picnic for the 109 Aggies who consumed 20 cases of pop and 35 pounds of hot dogs.

Among other events which will be well remembered by the Cadets were the four demonstrations put on by the Artillery School.

One demonstration, the final one, combined the talents of both the Air Force and the Field Artillery as each showed what it can do to an enemy. The total cost of this demonstration was estimated at well over the \$100,000 mark.

"Time-on-Target," (TOT) use of "jelly" bombs, strafing, and other types of observed fire kept the 900 ROTC students on their toes during the last demonstration. The TOT demonstration made use of 60 artillery pieces, with power ranging from the 105 howitzer to

"I didn't know too much about A&M before I came down here, but I really like it now," said Jerry Sonnier, electrical engineering student from Port Arthur. "I didn't have a summer job so I decided to come here and begin college this Summer. I'm not too much in favor of the Basic Division, however, I still don't know too much about it. So far, they have taught me how to study better."

Charles White, a Dallas basic engineering student, is pleased with A&M. "It's rougher than I thought it would be but I'm glad I came. Most of us freshmen don't have too good an idea about the college's curricula, so I'm glad they offer us such a course to acquaint us with the various curricula. As for beginning college in the Summer, I think it is a lot easier."

### Glad He Stayed

Said James W. Miller, mechanical engineering major from New London, "I didn't exactly know what to think about A&M when I first began, but now I'm glad I stayed during the Summer. It sort of puts you off balance, that is, puts you between two classes, but it does give you a better chance toward getting a contract. Like Chatham, I'm taking the remedial reading course and I've found out it helps a lot."

## Joy Tells Reds UN Will Leave Men in Korea

U. N. Advance Headquarters, Korea, Aug. 2—(AP)—United Nations negotiators told the Reds today that a truce in Korea must leave allied troops in positions they can defend "in the event of an armistice violation by the other side."

Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy made that unequivocal statement in again rejecting the Communist demand that a cease-fire buffer zone be created along the 38th Parallel.

### Seventh Session

It was the seventh successive session in which negotiators remained deadlocked on where to draw the armistice line.

They will try again tomorrow despite unswerving positions expressed in Washington and Pyongyang, the North Korean capital. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday (8 p.m. Thursday, EST.)

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, U. N. spokesman, quoted Admiral Joy as telling Red negotiators at Kaesong:

"The United Nations command has no intention of violating the military armistice agreed upon, but neither will the U. N. command place itself in an indefensible position in the event of an armistice violation by the other side."

Nuckols said Joy read this prepared statement in response to "a final question" by North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il, head of the Red delegation.

Nuckols did not disclose the nature of this final question. But it was presumed here that the North Korean had asked something like the following question:

"If you sincerely desire peace, and intend to observe the armistice, why are you talking about defensible positions?"

Nuckols said the question had been anticipated, and the answer prepared in advance.

After making his statement Joy asked: "Do you or do you not agree that the security of his forces is a responsibility of each commander during a military armistice?"

### Evaded Direct Answer

Naw Il evaded a direct answer. Joy repeated his question a second and then a third time. Each time General Nam avoided a direct answer.

When Joy put the question for the third time, Nuckols said, it caused a flurry on the Communist side. The two Chinese in the five-man Red delegation conferred with each other, apparently attempting to find an answer for Nam.

"The question was becoming something of a dilemma to him," Nuckols said.

For his part, Nam asked Joy five times during the day whether he had anything further to say. The first time he asked it somewhat hopefully, Nuckols said. Each time the Admiral said no.

All evidence indicated that Nam's mission at the moment is to keep the conference going while he awaits instructions from higher authorities.

It was believed here that the Russian-trained 38-year-old Korean has received no instructions to change his demand for a buffer (See JOY, Page 4)

## Congressmen Ask Salary Increases

Washington, Aug. 2—(AP)—There's a new move afoot to raise the salaries of congressmen since one of them quit this week in order to make some money for his wife and kids.

Don't look for much to come of it though. Members of Congress would like more take-home pay—as would you. But they're a mighty cagey about voting themselves an increase. For one thing, the voters might not like it. And there's an election next year.

Every now and then a congressman gives up his job to make more money in private industry. But few have been as frank about their reasons as Texas' Ed Gossett, who stood before the House Tuesday and announced:

"It has become absolutely impossible for a man to do his full duty as a congressman and to do his full duty to his family, especially if he has five small children. It is for the Gossett family, and not for myself, that we return to Texas."

Then after six terms and a part of a seventh, off Gossett went to a \$25,000-a-year job as general counsel for a utility company.

Some of his neighbors in the plain-spoken Texas delegation thought Gossett had a point there. "It is a sad commentary on public service that officials like Ed Gossett must be lost to the people because the salary which is offered for this position is inadequate for the raising of a family," declared Rep. Lucas (D-Tex).

### Others Consider Quitting

And Rep. Thompson (D-Tex) said he knew of other congressmen who were thinking of following Gossett's example.

"Let us hope," Thompson told the House, "that those of us who remain behind him in the Congress may have the courage to take the obvious course to eliminate the financial aspects of the problem."

That's congressional English for: "That's vote ourselves a raise."

Congressmen already make considerably more money than most people. Their salary is \$12,500 a year. Then there's a tax-free expense allowance of \$2,500. Plus a 20-cents-a-mile travel allowance (once each way per session) to get them from home to Washington and back.

In addition to stationary, telephone and similar allowances, there's around \$20,000 a year for office help—and some members devote part of this to a wife-secretary.

Another Story

But there's another side of the story: With few exceptions, your congressman has to maintain two homes—one in his district, the other in or around Washington. Elections being the uncertain things they are, he hesitates to buy a home in Washington, so he winds up renting a place for \$150 to \$250 a month.