

## Ross Volunteers To Hold Initiation, Banquet Thursday

Seventy-eight new members will be initiated to the Ross Volunteers, A&M's honor military drill unit, at a formal banquet Thursday night.

Maj. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, commanding general of the First Armored Division, will make the principal address at the meeting in the MSC Ballroom which gets underway at 7:30 p. m.

### Formal Initiation

After the dinner the formal initiation ceremony will begin with RV First Sergeant J. C. Fletcher reading the roll call. RV Lt. J. G. Anderson will read the RV constitution. A history of the organization will be read by RV Lt. Lynn Stuart, RV commander Richard Ingles will administer the oath to the new members.

A crack drill team and honor guard, the Ross Volunteers is the oldest student organization on the campus. It is named in honor of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, former governor of Texas and president of A&M.

### Honor Guard

The RV's serve as honor guard for the governor of Texas at his inauguration and during his visits to the campus. The unit also escorts all important visitors to the campus.

## Kiwanis Hears Prairie View Choral Group

Thirty-three students from the Prairie View College choral group presented a musical program Monday night at the installation banquet of the College Station Kiwanis Club.

Directed by Dr. R. Von Charlton, director of music at Prairie View College, the group sang 10 selections and one encore. They were accompanied by a pianist and a violinist.

The Prairie View College Choir is composed of 150 voices, according to Dr. Von Charlton. Approximately 50 per cent of these plan to teach music.

### Columbia Graduate

Dr. Von Charlton studied music at Hampton Institute, The University of Michigan, Columbia University, and the Royal Academy of Music in London. He received his degree of Doctor of Music from Columbia University.

A medley entitled "Old South" (See KIWANIS, Page 2)

## Draft Exams Set For 12:30 Thursday

Selective Service examinations will be held from 8:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Ballroom of the MSC, announced W. A. Varvel of the Education and Psychology Department.

"Fifty students were notified by a Washington order to report at 8:30 a. m. Thursday to the EE Lecture Room, but this order to report to the Ballroom rescinds their previous notification," added Varvel.

## Ag Experiment Station Gets Grants of \$16,842

Grants-in-aid totaling \$16,842 have been received by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station recently to aid various research projects it has underway.

A check of \$3,000 came from Robert J. Kleberg, president of the King Ranch, to support research on control of Rhodes grass scale, being carried on at the Weslaco substation under P. T. Rihard.

S. B. Penick & Company of New York contributed \$3,000 to be used in the Poultry Husbandry and Biochemistry and Nutrition Departments in determining the value of certain antibiotics in promoting growth of chicks and poulets.

The American Potash Institute renewed a grant of \$1,500 to aid

## Negotiators Tangle On POW Talks

Munsan, Korea, Dec. 11 — (AP) — Truce negotiators discussed exchange of war prisoners today for the first time and immediately tangled on how to do it.

The Communists proposed all prisoners be released by both sides when an armistice is reached. The United Nations insisted on a "fair and equitable" exchange, which was interpreted as a man-for-man swap.

The prisoner question was taken up by a two-man subcommittee (one from each side) a few minutes after the Communists capitulated to Allied insistence that the subject be tackled now.

### Continue Rotation

Simultaneously the Red negotiators intimated they would agree to continued rotation of troops and to two other Allied demands if the United Nations command would agree to neutral behind-the-lines inspection during a Korean armistice.

The Red concessions rekindled hopes of a possible truce by Christmas.

The Reds complained that a U.N. plane bombed and strafed the security area surrounding their Kaesong headquarters. But it appeared the incident would be smoothed over. Neither side seemed desirous of making it a major issue.

There has been no official word on how many prisoners the Reds hold. But Lt. Col. Howard M. LeVie, U.N. spokesman, said Communist broadcasts reported 139,000 U.N. and South Korean troops were held by the Reds.

"Roughly I'd say we hold 100,000 North Koreans and between 15,000 and 20,000 Chinese," LeVie said.

## Community Exchange



Mary Parker (center) is one of the many student wives who has admired handmade articles in the handicraft room of the Community Exchange, 400 Montclair South. Mrs. T. W. Hughes, left, and Mrs. L. M. Haupt, are two members of the Campus Study Club who have donated

their services as clerks to help the study group maintain the Exchange. Profits from the store, open each Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., will be used by the club for civic projects.

## Houston Symphony in Two Concerts at Guion Today

The Houston Symphony, directed and conducted by Efreim Kurtz, will present two performances in Guion Hall today. The orchestra will present a special children's concert at 5 p. m. and will play the regular program at 8 p. m. for Town Hall members.

The program for the matinee

performance has been especially chosen by the Houston Symphony staff for the understanding and appreciation of school children from both elementary and high school grades.

### Toth Conducts

Conducting the children's concert will be Andor Toth, a noted symphony conductor. Alfred Urbach will be master of ceremonies.

Included on the afternoon program will be such numbers as "Prelude to Act III of Lohengrin" by Wagner, "Overture to the Bartered Bride" by Smetana, "Waltz from the Nutcracker Suite," by Tchaikovsky, and "The King and I" by Rodgers.

The concert will begin promptly at 3 p. m. and last just over an hour, according to C. G. "Spike" White, assistant dean of men for student activities.

### Student Admission

Admission for students will be 50 cents and \$1 for adults. All teachers and school administrators are invited free of charge. Tickets will be on sale at the Guion Hall box office before the performance, White said.

The first half of the Town Hall performance tonight will consist of Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64."

The orchestra will play the complete symphony of four parts which Tchaikovsky rapidly sketched, completed and orchestrated within the space of a few weeks.

The public's fondness for Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony remains today, in the face of the best efforts of some critics, both professional and otherwise, who would degrade the work as sentimental and superficial.

After an intermission, the orchestra will play "Suite for Flute

and Strings" by Teleman and "Suite from Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss.

"Die Fledermaus" has been credited by musical critics over the world as Strauss's most popular operatic work. It gained additional (See SYMPHONY, Page 2)

## Phi Eta Sigma Adds 25 New Members

Twenty-five new members were initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman honor society, at its annual fall initiation ceremony last night in the MSC Assembly Room.

The new members have met the requirements for membership with a grade point ratio of 2.5 or better for one semester.

### Nineteen Invited

Nineteen students were invited to membership for last year's spring term grades. Six were eligible after the fall term, but were unable to attend the spring initiation ceremony.

One hundred and ninety freshmen who made a 2.0 grade point ratio or over at mid-semester were special guests at a social after the ceremony last night. The program was planned to acquaint prospective initiates with Phi Eta Sigma.

Ide Trotter, president of the local Phi Eta Sigma Chapter, announced the following new members: Stanley Angrist, James Ard, Charles Baker, Jerrell Bennett, Colquitt Bramblett, James DeLee, James Dowell, Richard French, Perry Hector, Robert Holand, Her-

## Bankers Meet In Farm Credit School Here

Bankers from Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas arrived on the campus yesterday for the first annual Texas Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers.

The first session opened Monday with C. N. Shepardson, dean of the school of Agriculture, introducing Dr. Tyrus R. Timm who spoke on "Significant Trends in National Agricultural Policies."

The meetings are being held in the MSC Ballroom where tables are set up in a conference style. After each talk, the entire group holds an informal discussion, allowing the bankers to express their views on the subject at hand.

### Top Authorities

Many top authorities have been selected to speak on the topics. Dr. Joe Motheral, associate professor in the Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department, spoke on "Useful Provisions for Landlord-Tenant Agreements." Dr. J. E. Adams, head of the Agronomy Department spoke on "How to Size Up Cotton and Other Cash Crops."

Monday afternoon where tables are set up in a conference style. After each talk, the entire group holds an informal discussion, allowing the bankers to express their views on the subject at hand.

Dr. Moore told the group that in cash crop loans a bank can't collect the money by collecting the collateral. He told the group that a method has to be devised whereby the farmer can have the best possible chance to pay the loan.

This approval is subject to the approval of the director of the center. If the president feels he should have more backing in his approval, of the expenditure, he will take the question to the council.

Davis explained the request will be submitted to the council president three weeks before the planned event.

A statement of the amount in the revolving fund will be announced at each meeting of the council. At this time, any controversial items on the fund will be discussed by the council.

## Britain's Consul Speaks Wednesday

British Consul-General James T. Henderson will discuss the Anglo-Egyptian crisis from the British viewpoint at 7 p. m. Wednesday in the MSC Assembly Room.

Henderson's speech will be followed by a question and answer period similar to that which followed the talk by Col. Abdel Ghaleb, Egyptian Military Attaché last Friday night. During this period the English Consul will attempt to answer some of the charges that the Attaché made.

Henderson, who was invited to the campus by the MSC Directorate, the History Department, The Battalion, and the A&M United Nations Club, attended Sebergh School and was graduated from Oxford University in England. In 1925 he joined the Foreign Service and was attached to the legation in Teheran, Persia, then Athens, Greece, and Helsinki, Finland.

In 1925 he was made a First Secretary in the Far Eastern Department and later attached to the Finland legation in May 1937. In 1938 the Consul-General was sent to Tokyo, Japan and then in 1941 he went to Chile. He served in Chile until 1944 when he was recalled by the Foreign Office and assigned duty in the Near Eastern Department.

Consul to Sweden

After serving as consular at Stockholm, Sweden from 1946 until 1949, he was named the Consul-General for the state of Texas and New Mexico. This is his present position with offices at Houston.

The men responsible for the arrangements during the Consul-General's stay on the campus are Dr. S. R. Gammon, head of the History Department, Dan Davis, MSC Council; President Charles Beagle of the United Nation Club, and John Whitmore, editor of The Battalion, announced Tom Rountree, MSC House Committee Chairman who is co-ordinator for the four organizations.

"But the book says there are buffalo in Texas," said a man in the office of the state game and fish commission this week.

It all started a few months ago when a man in Wisconsin read a digest of the game and fish laws of Texas. The book states there is no closed season on buffalo in Texas.

C. H. Chick of Madison, Wis. came down to Texas loaded with hunting equipment and with the desire to eliminate the meat shortage at his house.

In Amarillo he stopped to ask where the best buffalo hunting grounds were. Some helpful Texans sent him to the state fish and game commission in Austin.

Upon learning of the non-existent Texas buffalo, the indignant would-be buffalo hunter let them have both barrels at the fish and game commission office.

But he is happy now. Following the fish and game boys' recipe for excitement the Wisconsin hunter went to east Texas to hunt Javalina.

## Editors Exchange Reviews

### Agriculturist Editor Reviews Latest Engineer Publication

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of two articles by Editors Bob Brown and Jim Lehmann of the Engineer and Agriculturist magazines respectively. They will review each other's latest publication.)

By JIM LEHMANN  
Agriculturist Editor

Sometime ago Engineer Editor Bob Brown and I of the Agriculturist agreed to review our forthcoming issues. Bob seems to have beat me off the press with his latest issue and the first of the two critiques falls to me.

For picking the cover, the staff did a good job—what could look more grotesque than the cold test for jet accessories. Opposite the editorial page the new helical type of television antenna stares at the reader like a huge spiked telephone post.

### Humor Left Out?

In the editorial you are lead to believe that humor is left out in this issue. But quite to the contrary, there are some amusing bits of laughter in this Engineer.

"Eggsbeatrs Extraordinary" by A. J. Craig gives a brief history and theory behind the helicopter.

Aero-major Craig goes to elaborate on the importance in civilian and military uses.

To a struggling dairy husbandry major who has been familiar with tractors and milking machines the story, "Making a Mole Hill Out of a Mountain" by William R. Harris offers an insight to mechanization on the big scale.

An interesting sidelight is the character sketch of Professor James H. Cadness of the Mechanical Engineering Department. This feature is ably written by Gene Sparks.

### Interesting Study

"Prolonging the Life of Oil Fields" by John L. Clanton offers an interesting study in injecting water into oil-producing sands to increase recovery of the "black gold."

"Q-V Curve" by C. H. LeBlanc leaves me speechless. Goodness knows, I had enough trouble passing physics, much less problems in hydraulics.

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(See ENGINEER, Page 2)

## Battalion Sponsors Contest

# Over \$100 for Best Decorations

The Battalion is sponsoring a Christmas Decorations contest for College Station residents, dormitory students, and people living in student apartment areas.

Local businessmen have donated merchandise and cash certificates which total more than \$100 for the contest.

Free groceries, personal portraits, barber and beauty shop service, merchandise from a fabric shop, hardware, launderette service, as well as free tailorin, and free merchandise from a lumber company are some of the prizes.

### Money for Companies

Five winners will have dinner free at local restaurants and cash prizes have been received for company funds to dormitory winners of sign and hall decorations.

Entries of local residents will be

placed in three divisions in order that married students will not be competing with non-student residents.

• The city-wide division, for non-students, has four sections: 1) the most beautiful doorway, 2) the most attractive window, 3) the best decorated outside tree, and 4) a miscellaneous classification for displays not included in the other three sections. One prize will be given in each of the four sections.

• Division II, for married students or any student not living in a dormitory, has only two sections: 1) most beautiful window, and 2) miscellaneous. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded the three prettiest window decorations, and one prize will be given the best decoration of something other than a window.

• Division III, for dormitory

students, will be judged on a company or dormitory basis, with cash prizes for company funds for the two best Christmas signs, and similar prizes for the two best decorated dormitory floors.

All decorations in divisions I and II must be visible to the street from which they will be judged both during the day and on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 18.

### Everyone Included

Everyone in College Station is included in one of the three divisions. Formal entry blanks will be printed in Wednesday's issue of The Battalion. An entry list will be available in The Battalion office to those desiring to enter the rivalry.

No display will be eligible for judging until it is formally entered, either on a Battalion entry blank mailed or brought to the of-

ice, second floor Goodwin, or written on the entry list now in The Battalion office.

Anyone may enter all sections of his division, and is eligible for prizes in each section for which he has officially entered. Any resident entering more than one section for his division must fill out a separate entry blank for each section.

### Entries Due Dec. 17

All entries must be turned in to The Battalion before 5 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, to be judged the following day.

The revival of the old fashioned spirit of Christmas is the goal of the decoration contest.

If the interest of local residents in decorating equals the enthusiasm of businessmen who are offering the prizes for the most beautiful displays, the contest may become an annual affair.