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## General Clarke Here; Speaks To RV's, ROTC Over Manhattan In MSG Tonite

Maj. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, commander of the First Armored Division and the army's top authority on tank warfare, will speak to ROTC students this afternoon and will also be principal speaker at the Ross Volunteer Initiation Banquet tonight.

The commander of the First Armored Division will conduct a conference on armor for Army seniors and juniors from 3 to 5 p.m. today in Guion Hall.

Purpose of the general's talk will be to acquaint them with the operation of the armored division. He will speak on "The Development, Organization, and Combat Employment of the American Armored Division."

The Thursday afternoon drill period will be dismissed for Army ROTC students in order to hear the talk.

General Clarke will be the featured speaker at the banquet tonight where seventy-eight new RV members will be initiated.

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 and RV Commander Richard Ingles will administer the oath to the new members.

### Question Period

The Guion Hall conference will last two hours with a question period concluding the program.

General Clarke served as a private in the Army in 1918 and in the New York National Guard in 1920. A West Point graduate of 1925, he was commissioned in the Engineers. During World War II, General Clarke served with General Patton's Third Army in Europe as commander of an armored combat unit and later as commanding general of the Fourth Armored Division.

### 22 Decorations

He has received 22 decorations and awards, among them the Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Service Medal.

Prior to World War II, General Clarke was connected with ROTC work at the University of Tennessee. After the war, he became assistant commandant of the Armored School at Fort Knox, Ky. During this time General Clarke played a major role in crystallizing American armored doctrine.

Later, while on the Army Ground Forces staff, the general was largely responsible for formulating the organizational and equipment changes in the present Armored Division. More recently he commanded a major portion of the

United States Constabulary in Germany.

Arrived at 11:30 A.M.

General Clarke and his party arrived in College Station at 11:30 this morning and were met at Easterwood Field by members of the Military Science Department. General Clarke had lunch today with Col. Shelly P. Myers, PMS&T. Lt. Charles R. Ruble, a graduate of the class of '51, is a member of the General's party. Ruble is now on duty with the First Armored Division.

## New Directors Elected to Posts On CS Chamber

Ten new directors of the College Station Development Association and Chamber of Commerce have been elected. Votes were canvassed Tuesday at the annual meeting of the organization.

The directors elected include: C. W. Price, 302 Fidelity; Dr. C. C. French, 410 Throckmorton; Dr. F. C. Bolton, 125 Lee; Mrs. C. B. Godbey, 210 Lee; K. A. Manning, 1208 Marsteller, and J. B. Baty, 505 Jersey.

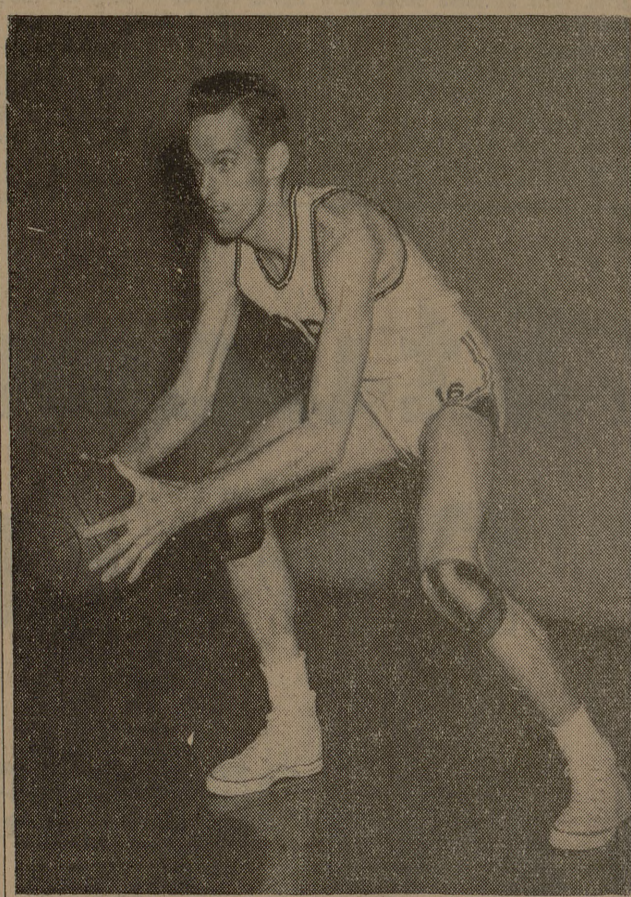
Other directors elected were Mrs. H. E. Burgess, 124 Lee; J. H. Pruitt, 1003 Foster; Harold Sullivan, 2101 College Rd; and G. E. Madeley, College View at 5th.

The new directors will be installed Jan. 8, next meeting date for the chamber of commerce. Ten new directors were chosen this year to bring the total to 15, as provided for in the amended constitution.

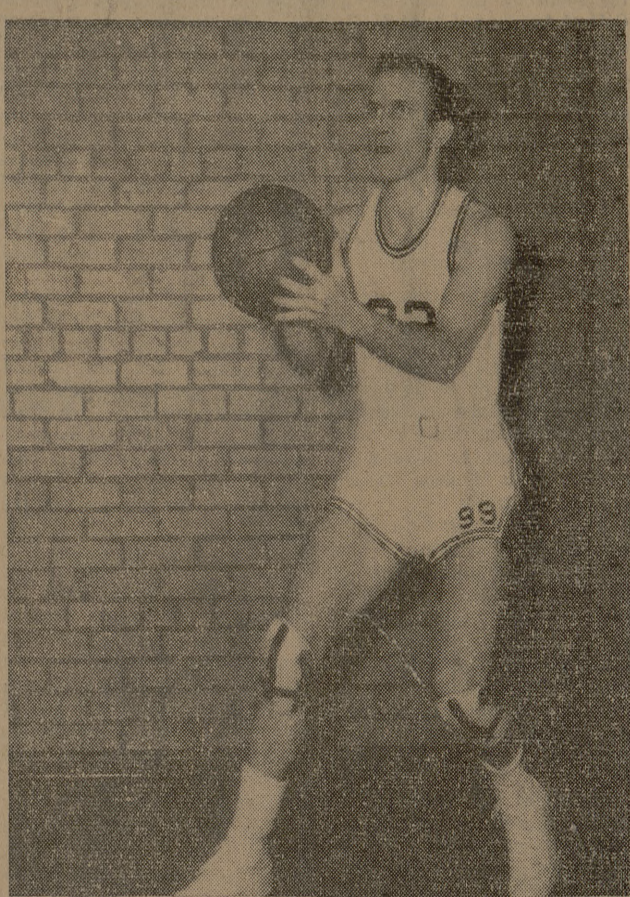
Before November, 1950, the constitution required nine directors to serve staggered terms of three years. At the annual meeting last year, it was decided to increase the number to 15.

The ten directors chosen include six new people, bringing the total to 15. Three take the place of the outgoing directors, and one takes the place of a director who resigned during the year.

Voting in the election was by absentee ballot. A rider on the ballot containing the names of 20 nominees, was a proposed amendment to the constitution permitting all-mail ballots in future elections. The amendment passed with 117 for and two against.



Buddy Davis  
All-Conference center and top Aggie scorer.



Woody Walker  
Smallest squadman with "good eye" for basket.

## Jaspers Favored In Garden Debut

By BOB SELLECK  
Battalion Sports Editor

A&M will step in to "big time" basketball tonight when they tackle Manhattan College Jaspers in Madison Square Garden, New York.

The Cadets will also be searching for their first conquest of the 1951 season. However, in losing their third straight game against Marshall College, 46-40, the Aggie basketballers showed a slight improvement in their offensive attack. Dropping their season opener to North Texas State College and losing again to the University of

Houston, one week later, the A&M squad has yet to produce a winning five.

Manhattan College is rated as one of the top teams in the nation. The powerful eastern team has been strengthened even more by the return of Junius Kellogg, 6' 8" center, from Portsmouth, Va.

Kellogg returned to Manhattan this fall upon receiving his discharge from the Army at Fort Meade, Md. As a sophomore, this tall lad was the scoring leader in 1950-51 for the Jaspers with 270 points in 22 games and is counted on to pace Manhattan five this year.

### Nine Lettermen Return

Among those reporting to Coach Ken Norton are nine lettermen from last year's squad which won 16 games while losing only six against some of the stiffest competition in the nation.

Included in this group are team captain Regis King, Bob Field, Jim Garvey, Tom Hunt, Joe Loprete, Andy McGowan, Ed O'Haire and Tom Carroll.

Aggie hopes will rest on the leadership of Jewell McDowell, All-SWC guard, and the shooting of Buddy Davis, all-conference center.

### Top Aggie Scorer

Davis tops the Cadet scoring efforts so far this season with a 11.5 point average. Davis scored 12 points against NTSC and 11 against U of H.

A lot is expected of Don Binford, only out-of-state player on the team. Binford hails from Wellington, Kans., and has shown up exceptionally well. He is calm and works best under pressure.

Binford is well coached in the Floyd style of basketball, having played under the Aggie coach while attending high school in Wellington.

### Added Height

LeRoy Miksch gives the Cadets added height and should hit his stride by the time the Aggies return home. He scored 118 points last season, seeing action in 26 games.

The other guard slot is scheduled to be handled by "Woody" Walker, who has the distinction of being the smallest man on the squad. Walker stands 5' 8", but tips the scales at a stocky 160-pounds.

## Britisher's Talk

# Egypt Important Defense Link

By FRANK DAVIS  
Battalion City Editor

British occupation of Egypt is necessary to protect the outer surface of the West's defenses against a possible Communist onslaught. This statement was made last night by British Consul-General James T. Henderson in a speech defending the position taken by his country in recent Anglo-Egyptian trials.

Speaking in a deliberate, typically British style, Henderson said: "The West is building a defense line from the Arctic to the Indian Ocean. We have just taken in Greece and Turkey as full members of the North Atlantic Defense Organization.

### Both Ends

"Even though there is still no hot war, we see the Soviets nibbling at both ends of the line. Why

are they bullying the inoffensive Norwegians? In the south, who is causing trouble in Persia?"

"The Egyptians seem to rely on their distance from the Russian Frontier, but the military record is not such as to inspire the confidence of the United States and Britain in leaving an unprotected flank in the hands of such people."

"Unless some appropriation is made, all the work, effort, expense and blood put into the defense of the rest of the line will be completely wasted. Our oil-fields would be gone, our line of communications would be cut and what Churchill called "the soft underbelly" of Europe would be exposed.

"I say I am sorry the Egyptians happen to live there, but they do, and as they appear to have been beaten in every war which they undertook in the last 3,000 years, it cannot inspire one with much confidence in leaving the gateway of Africa in their hands."

Henderson is assigned to the consul office in Houston where he has his office. He is in charge of British affairs in the Texas and New Mexico areas.

He has been in this country since 1949. Before coming to this country he served as consul at Stockholm, Sweden.

This was the finale of a series of talks on the Anglo-Egyptian situation. Both Henderson's talk and Colonel Ghaleb's talk were sponsored by The Battalion, the

history department, the UN Club, and the MSC directorate.

A question and answer session followed Henderson's speech. The consul-general said he felt the audience was divided into pro British and anti-British groups. The speaker said he was not shown respect.

Questions ranged from details concerning Egyptian history to the problems of defense of the Suez Canal.

During his speech he explained to the audience where the idea for the present policy in the middle east came from.

It was his contention it was a joint allied policy, in which the responsibilities and benefits are shared by the Allies. However, he pointed out, England is probably more experienced in that part of the world than the United States.

## Battalion's Annual Safety Edition in Monday's Paper

Again this year, The Battalion will publish its annual Christmas Safety Edition, in Monday's paper a special six page section will be devoted to nothing but highway safety.

With the thousands of cars on the campus now and the many thousands of miles students will travel after classes are dismissed Wednesday, a few good hints on highway courtesy and safety should be of interest to most readers.

It is with this purpose in mind that the editors of the paper first published the Christmas Safety edition. This will be the largest safety supplement since the annual publication was begun.

## Judges for Christmas Contest Appointed

Judges for The Battalion 1951 Christmas Decoration Contest have been selected, and two committees formed.

Five members of the College Station Garden Club have been selected to choose the most attractive decorations in the city. These judges will be Mrs. W. W. Armistead, Mrs. Armstrong Price, Mrs. Marion Pugh, Mrs. Al B. Nelson and Mrs. S. L. Loveless.

This committee, accompanied by a representative of The Battalion, will judge the four sections of Division I, which is the classification for all local residents other than students. The group will recommend a prize for the decorator of the most beautiful doorway, the most attractive window, the best decorated outside tree, and a miscellaneous holiday display.

### Judging in Two Sections

Decorations of entries in Division II, for students living outside dormitories, will be judged by the committee in two sections. They will recommend first, second, and third prize winners in Section I, the best decorated window, and a prize for the best miscellaneous decoration, Section 2.

All entries in these two divisions must be in by 6 p.m. Tuesday, to be eligible for judging.

Judging for Division I, corps dormitory units will be handled by Corps Commander Eric Carlson, Corps Chaplain C. L. Ray, and the eight regimental executive officers.

## Experiment Service Sponsors Annual Texas Turf Conference

Fifty-five persons registered for the sixth annual Texas Turf Conference being held here.

Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, welcomed the turf men to the meeting. He pointed out that the first conference was held in January, 1947, at which the Texas Turf Association was formed.

These annual conferences are sponsored jointly by the Texas Turf Association and A&M College.

### Praised Work

Dr. Lewis praised the work of Dr. J. R. Watson, Jr., who is in charge of turf teaching and research. He mentioned the fact that Dr. Watson has had a number of opportunities to go elsewhere at much higher salaries, but has loyally continued working on the Texas turf program.

The development of a new turf grass was discussed by Dr. E. C. Holt, agronomist in charge of grass breeding work for the Experiment Station.

Dr. Holt talked on the strain evaluation phase of developing a new grass. He pointed out that grass strains differ greatly in color, texture, disease resistance, ability to compete with weeds,

rapidity of growth and resistance to chemicals.

### Development Takes Time

"Development of a turf strain takes time—sometimes many years," Dr. Holt emphasized. He pointed out that strains superior in one area may not be superior in another.

Texas turf men can write their own specifications for a type of Bermuda grass, declared Dr. R. C. Potts, agronomist in charge of the forage program for the A&M System.

He said, "With the time and facilities, we can produce the type of grass you desire. We have the know how for the development of this grass."

## Harrison Plays For Lions Club

Jimmy Harrison, sophomore Ag Engineering major from San Antonio played and sang several western ballads for members of the College Station Lions Club at its weekly luncheon in the MSC.

Using a guitar with an amplifier attachment, he gave renditions of "Smoke, Smoke That Cigarette," and other numbers.

## Southwest Bankers Conclude Farm Credit School Sessions

By PAUL CROSSLAND  
Battalion Staff Writer

The first annual Texas Farm and Ranch Credit School for commercial Bankers came to a close here at noon Wednesday. "The meeting's success was beyond expectations," said C. N. Sheppardson, dean of agriculture. Some 175 leading Southwestern bank executives voted unanimously to make the meeting an annual affair at the conclusion of this first school.

Purpose of the school was to acquaint Southwestern bankers with changes in modern agriculture and the need for modern financing, if agriculture is to meet its responsibility providing food and clothes for the nation. This school has been underway for three days in the MSC Ballroom.

### Sheppardson Originated Idea

A&M School of Agriculture originated the idea under chairmanship of C. N. Sheppardson along with advice from leading bankers in the Southwest. The idea was based on the fact that more capital had to be invested in the southern farmers in order to build a sound agricultural system.

the Southwest endorsed the school and several of them have served on the Planning Committee. These men recognize and appreciate that the swiftly changing nature of agriculture is bringing many important problems to the fore-front, said Sheppardson. Practical down-to-earth problems facing the average banker on agricultural loans formed the core of the program.

Bank presidents and vice-presidents, economists, agriculture professors, and agricultural advisors attended the school and also made up the program. They spoke on loans for cotton, cash crops, cattle, swine, farm mortgage, poultry, and dairy.

After each lecture a floor discussion was held for 30 minutes where the members interchanged ideas on the subject. Every member sometime or other participated in exchanging his ideas on a given topic with which he was familiar. Dean Sheppardson said, "The real success was due not only to the scheduled speakers, but to participation of changing ideas during floor discussions by the members."

### Increased Awareness

An issue the school brought out was that the increasing awareness of the importance of conservation, expansion of grassland and livestock farming, mechanization and electrification of farms and farm homes are resulting in a new type of agriculture with many new problems. Among the most important of these is the change in capital and credit requirements. (See BANKERS, Page 3)

## MSC Midnite Mail Service Resumed

Midnight mail service of the MSC, discontinued for two weeks is available again, according to Mrs. Mozelle Holland, Guest Room manager.

Mail brought to the main desk after regular post office hours will again be collected at midnight, and put directly on the train, reported Mrs. Holland.