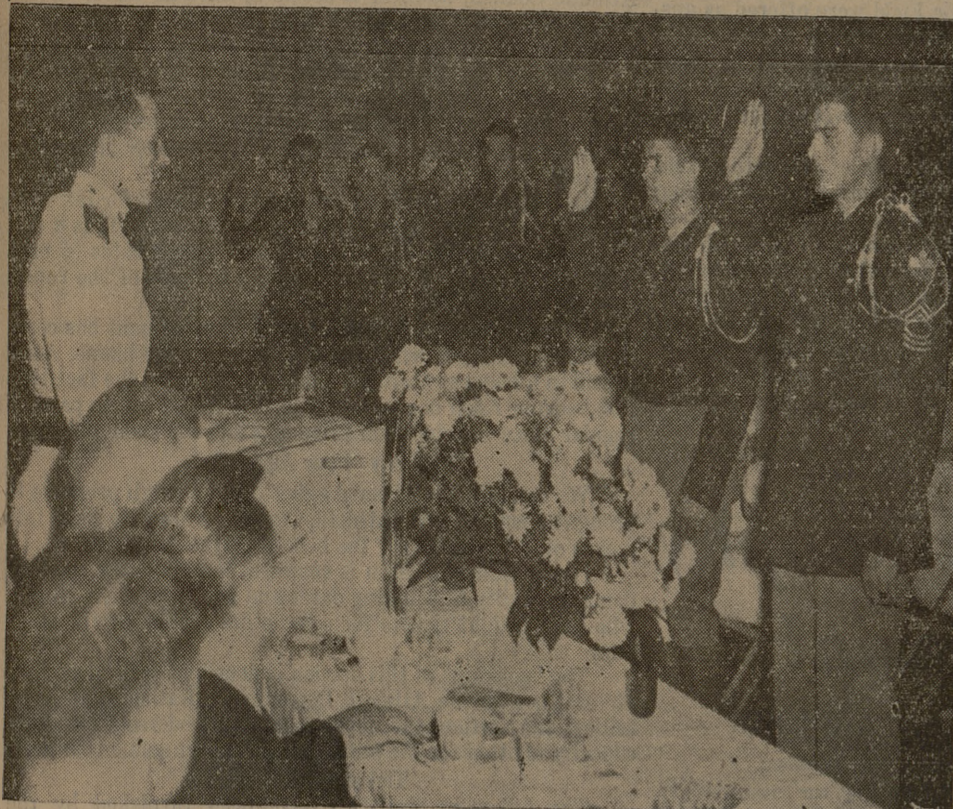


# The Battalion

## RVs Sworn In



As representatives of the new initiates Robert Shaeffer and Joe Wallace take the RV oath. Commander of the unit, Dick Ingles administers the oath.

## A Coffin for Christmas? 222 Texans Will Need One

Austin, Dec. 17—(AP)—Want a coffin under your Christmas tree?

That will be the only gift needed by 222 Texans who will die violently during the Christmas holidays unless more care is taken, warns the Texas Department of Public Safety.

N. K. Woerner, chief of the Department's statistical division, predicts this tabulation between midnight Dec. 21, and midnight Jan. 1:

- 115 Traffic deaths.
- 42 Homicide victims.
- 65 Victims of other accidents such as fires, drowning and the like.

Department director Homer Garrison recalled that Woerner's predictions have consistently hit close to the mark. He urged Texans to prove the expert wrong this year.

## Hospital Has 'Lots of Room'

### SAFETY EDITION IN BATT TODAY

As most of our readers know, the largest number of holiday traffic deaths occur during the Yuletide season.

For that reason, The Battalion today publishes a special safety edition to warn our readers of the many traffic hazards which exist. We hope it will help you.

—The Editors.

Rumors of a large scale influenza epidemic on the campus which had jammed the College Hospital to capacity were dismissed yesterday by Mrs. Irene "Mom" Claghorn, assistant hospital superintendent.

She said the hospital had approximately 92 patients at noon today and could easily take care of more than 300 students.

A total of 120 students were in the hospital at one time Friday, she said, but there was still ample room for many other patients to go to bed if they are ill, the long-time hospital attendant said.

Rumors were circulating thick and fast around the dormitory areas over the weekend about the large number of patients in the hospital, "... many more than they can take care of."

Students were observing the rumored influenza epidemic as a possible means of school being dismissed early because there was no hospital space available to take care of the "sick" people.

Mrs. Claghorn said that at no time had there been any where near a capacity number of patients in the College Hospital this year.

### Quick To Speak Up

She was quick to speak up against the rumor that it took 103 degrees temperature to be admitted to the hospital. "I will personally see to it that any Aggie, whether he has fever or not, will be put to bed if he feels that he is sick and needs hospital attention," said the assistant superintendent.

She also asked that if any student had been turned away from the hospital because his temperature wasn't "high" enough, she would like for him to pay her a personal visit so that she might investigate the matter.

Amid the many rumors circulated were stories about students who had purposely caused their temperature to rise so they would have to be put in the hospital. Students reported to be doing this to "fill the hospital and then they will have to let us go home early."

### Nurses Complained

The hospital attendant said several nurses had complained to her that many students seeking admittance had nothing wrong with them, but strict orders were issued to take care of those who claimed to be ill.

"It is absolutely foolish for the Aggies to do this," she said. "They come in here with nothing wrong at all and then go to bed in wards with boys who have had cases of flu. It isn't long until they are really sick."

She cited the case of one boy who admitted he didn't have anything wrong when he went to the hospital. "I just didn't want to go to class" he told her later after getting a bad case of flu and registering.

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## Korean Front Remains Quiet

Seoul, Dec. 17—(AP)—The Korean war was relatively quiet today. Only minor patrol clashes were reported. Hazy weather reduced aerial activity.

On the battle front, the U. S. Eighth Army reported that a single American was killed in a 24-hour period ended Sunday evening. It was the first time since August a "deathless day" was reported at the front.

There were other Allied casualties Sunday, but they were light. Fifth Air Force fighter-bombers struck at Communist rail lines. Most of the Fifth's jet fighter-interceptors stayed home because of the overcast.

The air force was busy Sunday. Some 925 sorties—individual missions—were flown. Although Russian-built MIG-15s were sighted there were no major dogfights.

## Tickets Off Sale Tuesday for Party

Tickets for the annual employees Christmas Party will be taken off sale at 12 noon Tuesday, according to J. G. Penniston, Supervisor of Subsistence.

The party will be held Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in Shiba Hall in honor of employees who have worked for the college 25 years.

## Army Opens New Program of OCS

The Army started a new officers candidate school program this month which will give warrant officers and enlisted men of all branches of the armed forces, as well as civilians, an opportunity to earn second lieutenant commissions.

The program will allow immediate active service, Col. C. M. Culp, chief of the Texas Military District, said yesterday.

The opportunity is open to both men and women. Enlisted members of the organized Reserve and members of the National Guard, in a civilian status, may apply for a two year active duty tour especially for the purpose of being selected to attend one of the schools, he said. Civilians can now enlist for a two year period for this purpose.

All applicants will be required to pass tests which will be conducted by the Army and Air Force recruiting stations. Those receiving the highest grades will be selected first on a monthly quota basis.

Applicants not selected during the first three months after entry on active duty will be notified of their non-selection officially and informed that they may apply again in six months, Colonel Culp said.

## Rounds to Speak At ASCE Meeting

Problems of the land engineer and the surveyor in the oil industry will be discussed by W. A. Rounds, Fort Worth, area land engineer for Continental Oil Company, when he addresses the A&M Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers Tuesday.

Rounds, prominent in Texas land engineering circles, is a graduate of A&M.

## Guest Speaker



The RV's rise to applaud Major Gen. Bruce Clark at the conclusion of his address to the RV initiate and members. At the initiation of new members he talked on the attributes of a leader.

## Murphy Named To Clean House

New York, Dec. 17—(AP)—Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, an old hand at investigations, has accepted an assignment from President Truman to sweep wrongdoers out of the Federal government.

The jurist, who prosecuted the government's perjury case against Alger Hiss, will direct a non-partisan commission designed to take action against public officials who betray their trusts.

Protections for honest office holders also will be set up by the commission.

### Free Hand

Murphy, a Democrat, will be given a free hand to direct the job as he sees fit. He will be responsible only to the chief executive.

No formal announcement of the judge's selection has been made by the White House in Washington. However, it was learned here last night that Murphy will take the job.

## King Named Turf Association President in Closing Session

Dick King, director of the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Fort Worth, was reelected president of the Texas Turf Association which ended a conference here last weekend.

Association vice president for 1952 will be Jim Jennings, greenkeeping superintendent, River Oaks Country Club, Houston.

Bob Shelton, director of city parks, Tyler, will serve as secretary treasurer.

Sixty-seven persons attended this annual three-day conference. It was sponsored by the Texas Turf Association and the A&M System.

Highlight of the meeting was a question session Thursday afternoon. During a one-hour period 18 questions on turf problems were answered by a panel of authorities.

The conference program included sessions on all types of turfs—for athletic fields, golf courses, airfields, parks, and cemeteries.

Friday morning's session opened with a discussion of the care and management of ornamentals by A. F. DeWerth, head of the department of floriculture.

V. L. Rouze, superintendent of the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, pointed out some of the problems in managing cemetery turf.

Results obtained in experimental control of crabgrass during 1951 by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station were reviewed by Dr. J. R. Watson, Jr., agronomist in charge of turf research.

The conference closed out with a discussion of new developments in crabgrass control by Dr. W. E. Zimmerman.

## Deadline Set at 6 p.m. Today For Decorations Contest Entry

Six p. m. today is the deadline for entering The Battalion Christmas Decoration Contest.

For the benefit of those who failed to mail an entry blank, entries will be taken by phone today until 6 p. m. Anyone wishing to

take advantage of this opportunity to share the \$175 in prizes may call 4-6444 and add his or her name and address to the list of homes to be judged.

### All Residents Eligible

All residents within the city limits of College Station are eligible for prizes for the most beautiful doorway, the most attractive window, the best decorated outside tree, and a miscellaneous section for any decoration other than those listed. Everyone in the city who is not a student of A&M may try for one of the four prizes for Division I.

The three most beautiful windows of apartments or houses occupied by students will be awarded prizes. This division, comprised mostly by married students in college housing areas, is Division II. In addition to the first second and third prizes for the best decorated window, a first prize will be awarded the decorators of the most attractive miscellaneous display.

Entries need not be made by dormitory students wishing to have their halls judged; a committee will consider all dormitory floors decorated by companies.

### Cash Prizes

First and second awards for this section of the contest will be cash prizes to be put into the winning company's fund. Company Christmas signs will also be judged.

## Ag Bankers



"Most constructive and worthwhile," said R. R. Gilbert, left, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, as the closing session of the first annual Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers held at A&M College last week. Gilbert and C. N. Shepardson, right, dean of agriculture, got together for a chat during the school.

## Fees May Be Paid After Christmas

In order to hold the rooms they now occupy for the second semester, students must pay fees and reserve rooms at the Housing Office in Goodwin Hall before Jan. 22, announced Bennie A. Zinn, assistant to the Dean of Men.

The Fiscal Office will begin taking fees for the second semester immediately after the Christmas holidays, beginning Jan. 4.

First installment fees for military students for the Second Semester are \$75.20 and for non-military students are \$48.80. Fees for the entire semester are \$244.60 for military students and \$92.85 for non-military men.

## Tau Beta Pi Initiates 24

Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, initiated 24 students into the A&M Texas Delta Chapter, in services held in the Chemistry Lecture Room Friday afternoon.

Six alumni members and one faculty member were also initiated.

### Dr. Mayo Speaks

Approximately 100 guests attended the banquet which followed in the MSC. Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the English Department was principal speaker for the banquet.

Dr. Mayo's talk on "Great Books" was presented after a welcoming address by N. F. Rode,

professor of electrical engineering. Toastmaster for the banquet was Teddy J. Hirsch, president of the Texas Delta Chapter. Dr. W. E. Street, head of the Department of Engineering Drawing, gave the invocation.

### Undergraduate Initiates

Undergraduate initiates included: Glen A. Breaux, Robert F. Brown, John C. Burke, Daniel D. Clinton, Jr., Jimmy E. Curtis, Richard F. Dolan, David J. Engel, James L. Penley, Richard A. Green, Donald B. Hall, Dick M. Jennison, James I. Jordan.

Robert B. Killan, Weldon D.

Kruger, James B. Kyser, Joe B. Mattei, John L. Park, Thomas K. Perkins, Jim B. Russell, Amos J. Ehliver, Harold J. Springfield, Huel C. Tucker, James P. Van Way, and Richard M. Zeek.

### Alumni Members

Alumni members initiated were R. J. Cummings of Houston, J. J. Maurer of Corpus Christi, H. L. Miller of Houston, W. H. Oswald of Midland, J. E. Warren of Midland, and J. B. Winston of Weslaco.

Faculty member initiated was John Gilbert McGuire, professor of engineering drawing.

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