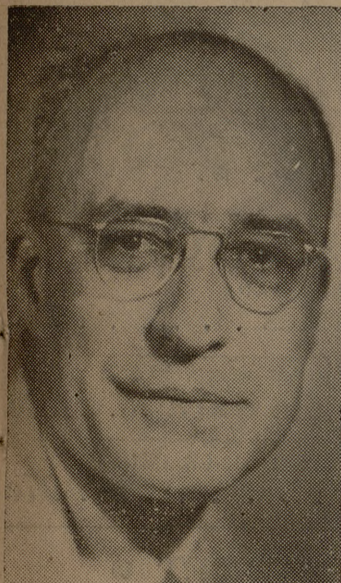


Dean C. C. French Given Presidency Washington State

Dr. C. Clement French, dean of the college, has been named president of Washington State College, it was announced this morning. He accepted the offer by telephone at noon today. Washington State College officials have been negotiating with Dr. French since December.

French has been in constant contact with the President of the WSC Board of Regents, James McCluskey since Sunday, official sources added.

In an early February meeting of



Dean C. C. French

the regents, Dr. French was named as the probable man for the job. Approval from A&M's dean who has been at his position for a year

"It is with sincere regret that we are to lose the services of Dr. French as dean of the college," Dr. M. T. Harrington, president of A&M said today. "He has been an outstanding member of our staff and his work has been of the highest caliber. I know that members of the faculty and staff and his host of friends in this community join me in wishing him success in his new position. State College of Washington is to be congratulated upon securing Dr. French as the president of their institution. He is an able administrator and is recognized as an outstanding educator," Dr. Harrington said.

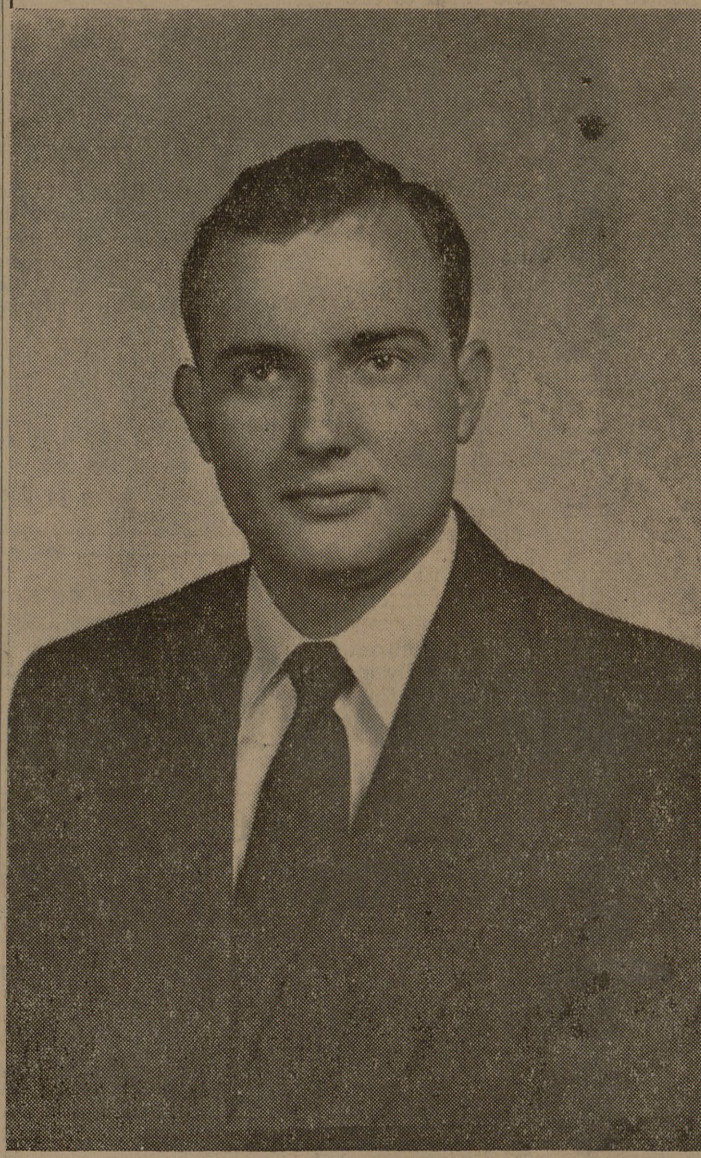
Dr. French said upon accepting the presidency of State College of Washington that "I have enjoyed every minute of my stay at Texas A&M College. It is serving the people of Texas and the nation and I see a greater future for the institution. I shall remember my stay here as some of the happiest days of my life and shall never forget Texas A&M College."

and a half is all that separates the closing of the agreement.

Visiting the Washington College last December with his wife, Dean

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King Cotton



Bill Lewis

Lewis Chosen Cotton King for Pageant, Ball

By BILL STREICH
Battalion Managing Editor

King of Cotton for 1952 is Bill Lewis, senior agronomy major from College Station.

The announcement of Lewis' selection was made at a meeting of the Agronomy Society Tuesday night. At the same time, eight members of the king's court were also picked.

Four seniors, three juniors and one sophomore will be included in the regal court for the 18th Annual Cotton Pageant, scheduled April 25 in DeWare Field House. They are: Bibb Underwood, Don Tschirhart, John Burke, and Don Hegi, all seniors; Glenn Black, W. E. Floyd, M. E. Scaief, juniors; and Kert Goode, sophomore.

The Cotton King and his court will go to Denton March 8 to interview TSCW coeds and choose the queen, who will reign over the pageant with Lewis.

Queen Selection

Selection of the Queen of Cotton will be announced March 9, according to Lewis. During the weekend stay in Denton, the court will be honored with a supper and dance the night of March 8.

Following the pageant, which

will be held at 7:30 p. m., the Cotton Ball will get underway at 9:30 p. m. Although no definite decision has been reached, the dance will probably be held in The Grove, Lewis said.

Assisting the Agronomy Society members in planning the show is Prof. H. E. Hampton of the agronomy department. Professor Hampton is the faculty sponsor for the group.

Direction of this year's pageant will again be under the supervision of Mrs. Bill Turner.

First Cotton Ball in 1932

The first Cotton Ball and Pageant was held in 1932 and was brought into being through a suggestion made by "Cotton" Joe Mogford and three of his students. The original idea of the pageant was to raise money for sending agronomy students to study agricultural methods in other nations.

Since its beginning the annual Cotton Ball has been one of the highlights of the A&M social season and proceeds from the affair have been used to send students throughout the United States and to countries in Europe, Asia, and South America.

Space Too Small

The first Cotton Ball was held in the Sbsa Hall Annex, but this space soon became too small to accommodate the people attending the spring dance.

The royal dance was moved to DeWare Field House, site of the pageant this year. But, the increasing crowds each year forced the annual spring affair to move again. This time, the location was the main wing of Sbsa Hall.

Two years ago, the Cotton Ball was held in The Grove for the first time. It was also staged in the same location last year.

Big Style Show

The Cotton Pageant, annually one of the biggest style shows in Texas, was held last year in Kyle Field Stadium. DeWare Field House was selected for this year's Pageant because of the possibility of inclement weather, which has threatened the success of the show for the past several years, Lewis said.

Sponsors for the pageant program for the past several years has been Sanger Brothers of Dallas. However, no announcement has been made naming the sponsor for this year's show, Lewis said.

Officers and committee members of the Agronomy Society who are in the process of planning the spring program are: Alton Enloe, president; Lewis, vice-president

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Office Machines In Ad Building Ready Monday

Personnel in the new Administration Building, which is now a beehive of activity, should have their office equipment installed and be ready for operation by Monday, said H. L. Heaton, registrar.

Almost all the equipment and records have been moved from the System Administration Building and will soon be ready for use, according to Heaton. He also said the more convenient location of the building would be a major factor in bettering service to students.

"We feel that we will be in a much better position to serve the students than ever before. Formally, we were too far away for students to make the best use of our services. Now that we are more compact, better arranged, and able to operate more efficiently, we hope the students will take advantage of our new location and let us help solve any problems they might have concerning school work," Heaton added.

Army Units to Stop At Easterwood Friday

The 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment and the engineer detachment of the 82nd Airborne Division will bivouac at Easterwood Airport Friday night. Another column, consisting of the artillery section of the division will pass through College Station but will not stop.

Two 500 vehicle convoys will transport sections of the 82nd Airborne Division from its home station at Fort Bragg, N. C., to Fort Hood, where it will participate in "Exercise Long Horn," joint Army-Air Force training maneuver to be held during March and April. By splitting the division into two columns and using two routes over a two day period, interference with civilian traffic will be minimized.

325th Airborne Infantry
The two columns passing through College Station are: Column One, consisting mainly of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment under the direction of Colonel Stanley R. Larsen, 325th Regimental Commander; and Column Three, composed mainly of division artillery personnel. This convoy is under command of Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Sherburne, division artillery commanding general.

Columns going by the other route are: Column Two, primarily made up of the 504th Airborne Infantry Regiment directed by Col. Teddy H. Sanford, 504th Regimental Commander of Pawnee, Okla., and Column Four, consisting mainly of the 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment, directed by Lt. Col. Jack G. Cornett, 505th Regimental Commander of Fayetteville, Ark.

Over-all control authority of all columns will reside with Maj. Gen. Charles D. W. Canham, commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Mythical Lumberjack

Washington Takes Friday Curtain Call

By JERRY BENNETT
Battalion Staff Writer

Whether remembered as the father of our country or as America's most famous lumberjack, George Washington's name creeps up for its curtain call once more Friday. Regardless of the billing given him by historians or the public, Washington is a top star in the colorful story known as American History.

Ernest Langford, mayor of College Station and head of the architecture department, explained this when he said, "More is the pity that in our national government, we are totally without men of Washington's vision and stature."

Long Debated Question

Whether Washington was our greatest president is a question

that has long been debated by historians.

It is difficult to say that George Washington was our greatest president, but he was definitely the greatest man to become president," said S. R. Gammon, head of the history department.

The significance of Washington's birthday was explained by Colonel Joe E. Davis, commandant of the college.

"Observance of Washington's birthday is symbolic of the respect of the American people as a whole and the Corps of Cadets as a segment for a man of great courage and ability who was willing to sacrifice much for the preservation of our country and for his own convictions of freedom and liberty."

"Traditions, as the observance of

Washington's birthday, even though tinged with myth or legend, tend to bind us a little closer with a common heritage and background," he added.

Cadets Should Follow Example

Colonel Davis also told why cadets should follow the example set by Washington.

"George Washington's type of leadership caused men to have a feeling of security and confidence. He made them feel that he was one of them." He explained this statement by giving the following example: "One day Washington came upon some men who were trying to displace a cannon. A sergeant was in command and was using profanity and trying to force his men to move it with verbal abuse. General Washington ap-

peared on the scene and stepped into the bog, put his shoulder to the wheel and helped the men move the cannon. Then he said to the sergeant: 'Sergeant, if you will assume an attitude of helpfulness and lead your men instead of driving them, you will accomplish greater results.'"

Not Dignified or Cold

Dr. Gammon pointed out that although Washington was a great man, he was not as dignified or cold natured as many believe. These misconceptions were brought about by three men, Gilbert Stuart, Mason Weems and Jahared Sparks.

Stuart painted several portraits of Washington which depicted him as a stern individual with a long hard jaw. The pictures were done during Washington's later life when he wore false teeth, made from ivory.

Cherry Tree Myth

Mason Weems, a traveling parson, was the man who started the cherry tree myth. When writing his "Child's Life of Washington" Weems used this story to tell a moral.

Jahred Sparks, one time president of Harvard, was responsible for changing some of Washington's speeches. Since George didn't always use the nicest language, Sparks made his speeches and letters more dignified.

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Corps Sgt. Major Still Undecided

No selection of a sergeant-major for the Corps of Cadets has been made, Lt. Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant said today.

A special panel, composed of ranking corps officers and representatives from offices of the commandant, PAS&T, and PMS&T, has interviewed selected juniors for the position, and are now in the process of making a decision.

Dr. Denham Answers Communist Menace

"Is There a Christian Answer to Communism?" was the topic discussed by Dr. W. E. Denham Jr. pastor of the River Oaks Baptist Church of Houston in his sermon today at Guion Hall.

Dr. Denham stated Communism is a religion determined to build a new world. It is a classless society according to the Marxist idea: "Philosophers have explained the world; it is necessary to change the world."

Challenge of Communism

"The specific challenge of Communism," said Dr. Denham, "lies in its ability to convince people that it is their best hope for the future."

He added the Christian answer was recognizing failure as Christians "practice what we preach" and "come to God admitting our guilt." Dr. Denham also said people should "seek to explore and extend the insights already gained in the social application of the gospel and to live in the confidence that God is not dead nor does He sleep." Quoting John C. Bennett, he said, "Let us confront Communism as a faith that wins the souls of men."

Tuesday Sermon

Tuesday Dr. Denham spoke on "What Girl Will You Marry?" He cautioned that a man will marry someone he knows; therefore he should meet the right girl. Since a man will be the son-in-law of the girl's parents, he should not minimize her parents.

RV's Mardi Gras Trip Begins Friday

About 125 Ross Volunteers will begin leaving Friday and Saturday to attend the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

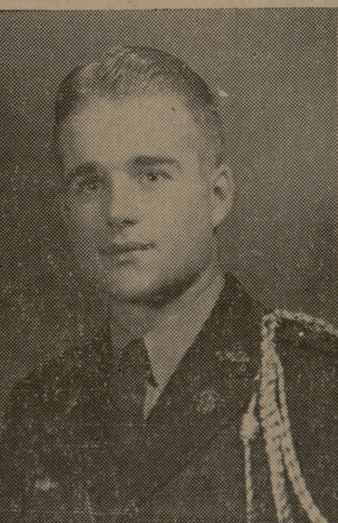
The company, chosen by Governor Shivers to represent the state of Texas, will escort King Rex's float in the last of the ten festival parades. While marching, the company will perform the marching manual of arms and the singing cadences.

Private cars will take the students to the Louisiana city for the pre-Lent celebration. Three hundred dollars has been made available by the College to help defray the expenses of the trip.

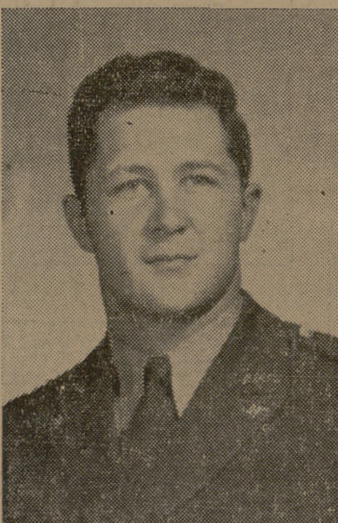
The RV's will be housed at the New Orleans Port of Embarkation. Meals will be served at the Officers' Mess Hall there.

The Aggie-exes and the New Orleans A&M Club of that city will provide entertainment for the students.

Who's Who at A&M



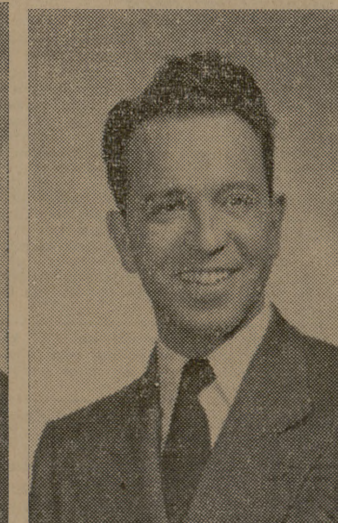
Ken Wiggins
Senior history major from San Augustine, Wiggins is a cadet colonel, executive officer of corps; chaplain of Student Senate, and Student Entertainment Manager.



Elo Nohavitz
Senior business major from El Campo, Nohavitz is commander of A Athletics, and distinguished student, winning "Best Blocking" award in 1951.



Jaro Netardus
Senior business major from El Campo, Netardus is Athletic Battalion commander, distinguished student for seven semesters and holds two major T's in football.



Bill Ellsworth
Senior vet med major from Dallas, Ellsworth is editor of Southwestern Veterinarian and outstanding vet student; Borden Award Winner.