

## Inspect ROTC Facilities



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## Danish Officers Impressed With A&M's Military Set-Up

"The Danish officers almost ran out of complimentary adjectives by the time they left here Friday," said one of the military men escorting the 14 man inspection team around the campus. The group was on the campus as part of a nationwide inspection tour they are making to see how the United States is handling the National Guard, reserves, and reserve officer training situation. High ranking man on the team

was Assistant Secretary of Defense Erik Lindgren.

He was accompanied by Major Gen. S. E. Johnstad-Moller, chief of home guard; Assistant Inspector general of the home guard, Lt. Col. W. Jacobsen; and assistant chief of staff for the Infantry, Major R. S. Anderson.

### Arrive in Washington

The group arrived in the United States March 1 and spent ten days in Washington, D. C. getting a National Guard and reserve briefing before starting their tour of the nation.

From Washington they were accompanied by the Danish military attaché, Lt. Col. Jans Johansen. Official guide from the US services was Lt. Col. L. W. Shropshire.

They were met at Easterwood Airport Friday morning by Col. E. W. Napier, PAS&T, Col. S. P. Myers, PMS&T, Col. Joe Davis, commandant, and other college officials.

### Freshman Review

Luncheon was in Sbsia Hall for the visiting Danes. Nine of the company grade Danish officers ate in the dining hall with the cadets.

President M. T. Harrington had a dinner in the board of director's dining room for the higher ranking officers.

For the Texas Military District, Col. C. M. Culp welcomed the Danish military men. He was accompanied by Lt. Col. Charles H. Jones, office of Reserve and ROTC Affairs.

An informal review held by the eighth regiment, caused the Danish officers to pass out the compliments of "wonderful, superb."

### Endless Line

Observers said the men were impressed with the seemingly endless line of men marching in the Sbsia Hall.

Friday afternoon, starting at 4 p. m., the Corps held a formal review honoring the men.

After their visit to A&M they went to San Antonio to inspect the military facilities there.

### AF Reserves to Meet

The 9807th Volunteer Air Reserve Training Squadron will hold its regular weekly meeting tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the MSC. Capt. Carl E. Orr will discuss "USAF Communication-Electronics."

## Vigorous Hospital Aid Drive Starts

Merchants and residents of College Station will be contacted personally within the next month in an effort to raise funds necessary for the building of an addition to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.

After receiving the endorsement of various civic organizations in Brazos County, including the College Station Chamber of Commerce, the hospital campaign and advisory committees renewed their plans for an active canvas of the area.

### Deadline May 12

Though most of the \$800,000 needed for the building has been raised or pledged, the remaining \$75,000 must be accounted for by May 12 in order to secure federal aid for the project.

Government aid amounting to \$400,000, half the necessary amount, will be received only if the rest of the money is obtained by the May 12 deadline.

### Three Year Pledge

According to F. C. Bolton, chairman of the Campaign Committee, pledges to pay within three years will be sufficient to secure the federal grant.

Although much of the total will be pledges, work can start as soon as the full amount is accounted for. A bank loan will provide the cash.

Contributions or pledges may be sent to H. E. Burgess, chairman for the College Station area, or to the hospital committee in Bryan, said Bolton.

## Sports-High School Day Brings 750 to Campus

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Nearly 750 High School students were guests of A&M last weekend at the largest High School-Sports Day ever held.

From every corner of the state and many parts of Louisiana, the high school seniors rolled in Saturday morning to view A&M on the sixth Annual Sports Day.

College officials lauded the success of the second high school day program which was held in conjunction with the Athletic Department—T Association Sports Day.

Before the sports activities got underway Saturday, the high school seniors heard talks

on life at Aggieland and were taken on guided tours of the campus by members of the Inter-Council Committee.

"The boys who worked so hard to aid the success of the program by keeping the students in their rooms and showing them around the campus should be highly complimented," said C. G. "Spike" White, assistant to the Dean of Men for activities.

White also praised members of the Former Students Association who brought the high school boys to College Station.

"I believe the boys were highly impressed with A&M, its students, and most of all the friendliness found on our campus," White said. "I hope that all A&M students who

have suggestions for the program Saturday will pass on any consecutive criticism while it is still fresh on their minds. We want to make this operation even better next year," White added.

Athletic Director Barlow "Bones" Irvin said the coaches were very pleased with the way Sports Day took place. In addition to the regular high school day program, the Athletic Department had approximately 150 athletes as their special guests on the campus.

The Athletic Department treated the athletes at an informal get-together Saturday night in the Assembly Room of the MSC after the inter-squad football game. Members of the football team were also present.

### Talks Saturday Morning

The high school boys heard talks Saturday morning by students and members of the faculty on campus life and what it means to be an Aggie. After tours of the campus they had dinner in Duncan or Sbsia Mess Hall.

At 1:30 p. m. a swimming meet between A&M and Texas Tech was held in P. L. Downs, Jr. Natatorium. Also at 1:30 were tennis and golf matches with the University of Houston.

The Aggie track squad squared away against Texas and Rice on Kyle Field at 2:30 p. m., while the baseball team met Brooke Army Medics on the Kyle Field diamond.

Maroon and White football players met on Kyle Field at 7:30 p. m. Saturday night in the finale of Sports Day.

### Harrington Speaks To Range, Forestry Club

President M. T. Harrington addressed a regular meeting of the Range and Forestry Club March 11 on the "History of Agriculture in Texas."

Dean C. N. Shepardson of the School of Agriculture, also spoke briefly to the club.

## Singing Cadets In Weekend Concert Tour

The A&M Singing Cadets returned to the campus Sunday after a three day tour of North and West Texas.

The choral group left in chartered buses Thursday morning for Abilene where they sang Thursday at the Abilene Christian College Auditorium. The cadets also sang at a 30 minute program at Abilene High School Friday morning.

The Singing Cadets moved on to Brownwood Friday for a concert there that evening.

Adding a little color to the trip for the 60 students, the choristers made their annual visit to TSCW in Denton Saturday. They gave a concert in the TSCW Auditorium at 8 p. m., and were then honored at a Leap Year dance scheduled after the concert.

Sunday morning the men journeyed from Denton to McKinney, where they sang at the First Methodist Church at the regular morning service, followed by a concert in McKinney at 2 p. m. yesterday.

The Singing Cadets, directed by Bill "Pop" Turner and accompanied on the piano by Miss Betty Bolander, returned to College Station last night.

## Gilchrist Honored by Texas Masons at Banquet Friday

"Gibb Gilchrist is the old fashioned type of public servant who honestly believes a public office to be a public trust," said Lee Lockwood of Waco, past grand master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, at a special banquet Friday night honoring the A&M System Chancellor who is Grand Master of Texas Masons.

### Respect More Important

"He operates on the basis that the respect of those with whom he works, as well as of the public for whom he works, is much more important than popularity. He has always followed the course which he believed to be right in public matters regardless of public opinion at the time," stated Lockwood. He spoke on Gilchrist as "The Public Servant."

### Dinner in MSC

Dining in the MSC Ballroom, hundreds of Masons from the College Station Sul Ross chapter and from the surrounding area, met to honor the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM.

Other speakers at the banquet included past grand masters of Texas Albert J. DeLange of Houston, Horace K. Jackson of Gatesville, R. Bruce Brannon of Marshall. Members of the local lodge on the program were Dr. J. J. Woolket, J. H. Sorrels, and Dr. Ralph W. Steen.

Jackson gave a brief history of

Gilchrist's history as a member of the Masonic Lodge. The Honoree became a member of Tucker Lodge No. 297 at Galveston in 1916. Later Gilchrist became a member of Sul Ross Lodge and held all the posts in the Lodge.

The A&M System chancellor was a member of the Engineer Corps in World War I. Gilchrist joined the Texas Highway Department as a resident engineer and was later named state highway en-

gineer. DeLange pointed out that the state saw its greatest period of growth during Gilchrist's administration.

### Former A&M President

"Both as college president and as chancellor of the A&M System, a post he moved into after being president of A&M, Gilchrist has applied engineering methods and training to these important jobs," said DeLange.

## Fatigues Strictly Regulation

## Combat Men to Dance Friday

Friday and Saturday will be the big days for members of A&M's Army and Air Force ROTC units, but more especially for the combat arms of the Army.

Friday night the Armor, Engineer, Infantry, Anti-Aircraft Artillery, and Field Artillery will stage the first annual "Combat Ball" with all the trimmings of a real com-batty affair.

There will be a tank—furnished by the armor boys—at the entrance of Fort Sbsia to denote the place where the dance is to be held. Rifle-armed guards will greet the people who try to enter the dance, and only a ticket placed at the

end of their bayonett will allow them to be admitted.

Inside Fort Sbsia will be all kinds of displays set up by the various components of the combat arms. Displays will include everything from side arm equipment to artillery pieces.

Uniform for the dance has been prescribed by the dance committee and the guards have been instructed to allow no one to enter who doesn't dress accordingly. The uniform will of course be that worn by the combat soldier—fatigues, combat boots, and helmet liners. The girls will be asked to wear skirts and peasant blouses.

## Standard Oil Representative Speaks to AIME Tomorrow

Michael L. Haider, president of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and deputy coordinator of world-wide producing activities of Standard Oil Company of N. J., will address members of the A&M student chapter of the AIME Tuesday at 1 p. m. in the Petroleum Engineering lecture room.

His talk will be centered on the affairs of the AIME, with emphasis on the part the petroleum engineer plays in the Institute. Haider arrived in Dallas yesterday and will begin a tour of seven Texas cities today where he will talk to

five local sections and three student chapters of the AIME. Haider received his present appointment with Standard Oil Company March 1. He was previously with Imperial Oil Company, Ltd., in Toronto, Canada. His offices now are in New York City.

The speaker will be accompanied by Harold Decker, president of the Houston Oil Company of Texas; Carl E. Reistle, Jr., director and manager of Humble Oil and Refining Company's production department; W. S. Morris, vice-president and general manager of the East Texas Salt Water Disposal Company; Joe B. Alford, executive secretary of the Petroleum Branch, AIME; and Jess E. Adkins, editor of the "Journal of Petroleum Technology."

Decker, Morris and Reistle are members of the board of directors of AIME.



Michael L. Haider

## BAFB Graduation Is Open to Public

Civilian residents of the Bryan-College Station area have been invited by the Air Force to attend the first graduation program at Bryan Air Force Base Saturday, March 22.

The ceremony will mark the first graduation of jet fighter pilots in Texas and will be attended by several high-ranking Air Force officers, among them will be Brig. Gen. Bradley J. Gaylord (retired), father of one of the cadets.

For most visitors, it will be the first time they have visited

the base since the Reactivation Day ceremonies Oct. 15, 1951. More than 15,000 guests packed the flight line to welcome the first class of aviation cadets and student officers who were beginning their training in jet aircraft.

Now in its final days of training, Class 52-B will climax the six-month period of intense study, both in the classrooms and in the clouds, when the graduates receive their pilots' wings and commissions as second lieutenants in the USAF.

Portions of the program, which will probably contain the most general spectator interest, will be a review of 1,500 officers and airmen, with music by the 515th AF Band, and an aerial review of a jet formation.

The review will begin at 9 a. m. and two element take offs will commence shortly thereafter.

### Displays Slated

Preceding and following the ceremonies, there will be static displays for spectators on the flight line, including jet planes, outaway engines and several training facilities.

Due to limited seating facilities at the base theater, where the wings and commissions will be presented to the graduates at 10:30 a. m., attendance will be limited to the portion of the morning program to cadets and their guests.

The ceremonies will be aired over radio station KORA and will also be filmed by a television crew for rebroadcast over KPRC on the Humble Refining Company's "This Week in Texas" program.

## Weather Today



### RAIN-SHOWERS

WEATHER TODAY: Cloudy with occasional light rain showers. The high yesterday was 68 degrees and the low this morning was 53