

## Famed Gen. Boatner Visits A&M Today

Maj. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner, deputy commander of the Fourth Army, is inspecting ROTC facilities at A&M today.

The former A&M commandant who gained fame while dealing with Communist uprisings in Kojie Island Prison Camp in Korea, spent the morning inspecting classrooms and talking with local Army ROTC officials.

He will speak to all Army juniors and seniors at Guion Hall this afternoon at 2:15 p.m. Subject of his talk had not been announced this morning.



Gen. Haydon L. Boatner

## 'Stalag 17' Is Next Ag Player Presentation

The Aggie Players begin rehearsals Jan. 5 for their next production, "Stalag 17," said C. K. Esten, director.

Casting for the play is by no means completed, said Esten, and all interested persons should report for tryouts at 7:30 p. m. in the Music Hall.

Try-outs also will take place Dec. 17 and 19. Anyone who cannot attend on any of these dates should contact him at his office in Room 302 of the Academic Building, Esten said.

The Players will revert from the theatre-in-round to the conventional type stage for the play, Esten said. Their last play, "All My Sons" was produced in the round stage in the MSC Ballroom.

"Stalag 17" will be staged in Guion Hall, March 2-3.

"Stalag 17" was written by Donald Bevan and Edmund Trycinski. The play is an expression of the sold life of the characters, lightened only by the fun and drama which improvised humans could muster, said Esten.

The play is termed a comedy-melodrama spiced with mystery: The Aggie Players will have the distinction, Esten said, of being the first amateur group in the southwest to produce the play.

## Burgess Will Lead Kiwanis Next Year

Hershel Burgess was installed as president of the College Station Kiwanis Club for 1953-54 last night at a combination officers installation and ladies night in the MSC Ballroom.

Other officers installed were J. B. Baty, first vice president; Dick Horvey, second vice president; Mike Krenitsky, treasurer; and Bruno Schroeder, secretary.

Newly elected directors are Ed Ivy, R. O. Berry, Bob Cherry, Ralph Rogers, and K. A. Manning. Entertainment was provided by the Prairie View A&M Chorus.

**12 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT**

YOU STAY IN THERE! DANGER! WHILE I DO SOME SHOPPING!

REDUCING SALON

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

### CLEAR

**WEATHER TODAY:** Clear with winds out of the south and southwest. The low this morning was 38 and the high yesterday was 59.

### Seniors Invited

## Registrar Office Open For Counsel

Seniors graduating in June or during the summer terms have been asked to come by the registrar's office to have their records checked. J. Y. Alexander of the registrar's office has announced he now has ample time to counsel with all seniors who plan to graduate.

"Most seniors usually wait until our busiest periods to check their records," said Alexander. "At the end of a semester or beginning of a new term it is almost impossible for us to sit down and discuss graduation requirements with all the students who come in."

He said there is a large number of seniors who must get advice before registering in January.

Among the requirements to be a candidate for graduation a senior must have a 1.0 grade point ratio in all work taken at A&M; a 1.0 in all work he is given credit for, whether or not it was taken at A&M; a 1.0 in all courses in his major field; and credit for 28 grade points the last calendar year enrolled at A&M.

Alexander's office is in the College Administration Building.

# Ags Tame UH 65-59 In Basketball Opener

By ED HOLDER  
Sports Editor

The Aggies came out on top of a see-saw battle last night in their season opener over the University of Houston Cougars 65-59 in DeWare Field House.

Lercy Miksch of the Cadets led the point makers for the night, as he blasted 18 counters through the net, and added to it some

brilliant backboard work.

For the Cougars it was Jack Moser who blazed the way. He sank 16 points, several of which were shot from near the mid-court stripe.

Houston grabbed the lead with only one minute gone in the game, and kept it through the first period.

Don Binford of the Aggies made his first field goal of the night with one minute and thirty seconds gone in the second period to tie the game at 13-13.

Miksch poured in nine counts before the half was over, to help A&M maintain the lead most of the time. The halftime score was 31-26 in favor of the Aggies.

With four minutes left in the third quarter Houston eased ahead of the Farmers 40-39, and the lead rocked back and forth between the two for the remainder of the period.

Rodney Pirtle started the scoring in the last thrilling period as he sank a field goal and let the Aggies move ahead 48-47. A&M paced the Cougars the rest of the game, although the Houston club threatened several times.

Jerry Pettiette put in two for the Cougars with five minutes left in the game to put the Houstonians only one field goal behind, 55-53.

Miksch dropped both his free throws in after being fouled, and gave the Aggies a more comfortable lead, 57-53. James Addison added another for the Cadets on a free throw, and Don Binford sank another of the free gratis shots so costly to Houston.

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Moser Counters

Moser ripped the net with one from about 25 feet out to make the Aggie fans worry even more as Houston closed in 59-58. As soon as play started, Moser fouled out, with a little over two minutes left in the game, and Joe Hardgrove shot the free throw to make it 60-58.

Don Heft layed in two more free throws for A&M and nearly iced a win with only about a minute and a half left to go.

Hardgrove cinched things when only 36 seconds stood between the Farmers and a win. He was fouled, and dropped both free-throws through. Cotton of Houston sank a free throw to leave the score at 64-59.

Addison ended the game with another free toss, and the horn sounded with A&M ahead 65-59.

The freshmen lost their game prior to the varsity tilt, 47-52. The Allen Academy Ramblers pushed by them with Ray West thrashing the net with 25 big points. High man for the Aggie Fish was John Fortenbury with 23 points.

## Check Given Polio Fund

The Brazos County Chapter of the national Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has received an \$800 check from the Foundation's Emergency Epidemic Aid Fund.

At the present time there are 10 new polio patients in the county being cared for by the organization, in addition to three stricken in previous years.

"This check will assure care until more funds can be raised locally by the January March of Dimes campaign," said Howard Badgett, local chapter chairman.

The National Foundation also sent a \$1,000 emergency aid check in September.

Receipts from the March of Dimes are divided equally between the local chapter for patient care and the National Foundation for research, professional education, and aid for needy chapters.

## Tony Martin to Play At Houston Club Dance

Tony Martin's orchestra will play for the Houston A&M Club's Christmas dance Friday, Dec. 26, said Bob Miller, president.

The dance will be from 8-12 p. m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Rice Hotel.

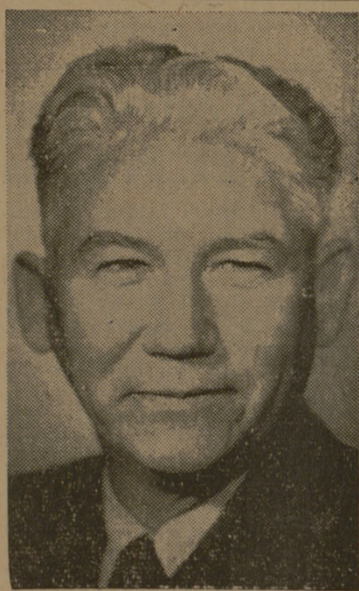
## Bankers End Credit School

The Texas Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers closed its annual session yesterday in the MSC.

Lasting three days, the meeting was attended by 175 bankers from Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana. During the three day session, the bankers heard talks by A&M staff members, state agricultural experts, and other bankers.

On Monday they toured the college and all its agricultural facilities. O. V. Wells, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D. C., spoke to the group. Topic of his speech was "The Agricultural Outlook for 1953 and Beyond."

Purpose of the school was to acquaint bankers with the many advances and innovations in the field of agriculture. This knowledge will help them know how much credit to extend farmers in order to make a profitable return.



Col. E. W. Napier

## Col. Napier to Speak

## RVs Initiate 80 Into Unit Tonight

Eighty new members will be initiated into the Ross Volunteers at 7 p. m. in the MSC Ballroom.

Col. E. W. Napier, deputy commander of AFROTC and former PAS&T will be the principal speaker at the banquet-initiation.

Wallace Is C. O. Cadet Col. Joe Wallace, first division commander, is the commanding officer of the Ross Volunteers. Cadet Capt. Danny Howell, commanding officer of the Maroon Band, is executive officer.

All 80 of the initiates are juniors. No new senior members were accepted by the group.

Ross Volunteer activities for this year include trips to San Antonio, New Orleans, and Houston. They will also conduct their annual Mother's Day Drill, Wallace said.

The Ross Volunteers is the oldest organized student activity on the campus. The group originated in 1887 under the name of Scott Volunteers in honor of T. M. Scott, business manager of the campus at that time.

### Original Plan

Originally the plan of the organization was to change its name in honor of each succeeding president of the college. During the first President Harrington's administration the idea was dropped, and the name Ross Volunteers, in honor of Lawrence S. Ross, former president of the college and ex-Governor, became permanent.

The Ross Volunteers act as escort and honor guard at the inauguration of the Governors of Texas and other distinguished personages. They also act as a drill team and honor escort company on various occasions throughout the state.

### Membership Restricted

Membership is restricted to 125 cadets with a ratio of not less than two juniors to one senior. A member must maintain a 2.0 military science and 1.5 scholastic grade point ratio.

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## Ten Months to Feed

# Mascot Reveille II Adjusts To New Routine of Mother

By JOHN MOODY  
Battalion News Staff

Reveille II is now well-adjusted to family life and is doing well. She is currently residing in the small animal clinic of the Veterinary Hospital.

The family, composed of five strapping sons and five beautiful daughters, is reported to be of pure mongrel descent and in healthy condition. Colors of the young brood range from black and white to undefinable.

Rev was first discovered to be expecting while she was spending Thanksgiving Holidays with band member Tommy Hall. Seeing the young lady was not at all well, Hall brought her to see the local Veterinarian.

Upon being informed of the joyous news, Hall masterfully kept control of emotions and no doubt quietly muttered under his breath.

When Reveille returned to her home in Dormitory 11 after the

holidays, the glad tidings were received with mixed emotions. Comments of all sizes, shapes and varieties were heard in the halls. Heard most frequently were "Well what do you know" and "I knew it all the time." Reveille, it appears, took the whole proceeding in a calm manner.

Since the blessed event was to take place any time, the young expectant was watched constantly and was kept in the dormitory the majority of the time. She refused to live in her private home outside, owing to a rather unpleasant experience in a 70-mile wind during her childhood.

She entered the hospital Dec. 1 in fine shape and the great event occurred Friday, Dec. 5.

The father is reported to be a black and white mongrel who is called "Perro" by the band members. Perro is in excellent health and seems to be quite pleased.

Dr. J. D. Barak, veterinary medicine and surgery, reports the mother quite normal and will be able to return to the band at any time. "As a matter of fact it would be better for the puppies, since we have so many sick dogs coming in every day," he said.

## Fees Now Payable At Fiscal Office

Fourth installment fees are now payable at the Fiscal Office. They must be paid by Thursday, Dec. 18, to avoid penalty.

All non-military students who pay board and use coupon books for Sbis Dining Hall are reminded they should pay fees and purchase a new coupon book prior to 5 p. m., Dec. 18, said Robert Q. Murray civilian counselor.

Students who pay fees after 5 p. m. will be required to pay for the full period and will lose \$1.32 for each class day afterwards.