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Thornton Delivers Muster Day Speech Crowd of 5,000

Thornton of Colorado delivered a Godless ideology speech at the Muster services today. He said "there is in a something beyond wearing reaching better."

5,000 persons attended the Muster Day program, in those heroes at San Antonio who gave their freedom of Texas and to men who have died at Muster.

Thornton here was one throughout the world, been held every year.

Thornton said, "It is with the help of God, himself to the attainment of the ideal. It is diametrically to a Godless ideology today, is our greatest danger; to meet the destruction with the aid of consecration to our way of life. Herein lies the hope of the future."

Thornton was introduced by the College M. T.

Thornton has been alarmed by the creeping socialism, he declared. "And well we are our duty to educate in the effects of such ends in our national through the study of those who have succumbed to the influence of socialism and communism. Vigilance on the part of the American is necessary to make a report on."

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(Andy) Adam, field editor for the Texas Rural Extension Service, was granted leave to serve as group editor for more than 20 European editors.

up, sponsored by the Security Administration, of 12 men from Yugoslavia from Austria, two from Germany, one from Norway.

arrive in the United States, and stay until June 1. He is designed to consist working with commercial editors in this

the only land-grant group will visit, Adam Frances Arnold, assistant editor, and R. B. Hicker, editor, both of the Extension Service, will be in charge of the group's program while at station.

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Jerry McFarland will be stage manager and J. L. Shanks will be in charge of lighting. C. K. Esten of the English department is director of the Aggie Players.

Mrs. Wilkins Better After Operation

Mrs. Taylor Wilkins, wife of Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, underwent a lung operation at Scott and White Hospital in Temple last Friday.

Mrs. Wilkins is recovering satisfactorily and is expected home in two or three weeks, said Bennie Zinn, assistant dean of men.

Col. Wilkins is on leave of absence from the military department and is expected back sometime this week, Zinn said.

Aggie Muster Causes Corps Drill Delay

There will be no drill tomorrow. The muster review yesterday took the place of the regular drill period, said Col. Shelly P. Myers, PMS&T.

Army ROTC seniors will meet for a pre-active duty orientation period at 4 p.m. in Guion Hall.

Air Force seniors will not meet, said Col. John A. Way, PAS&T.

The army seniors' meeting is the only activity scheduled for the regular drill period.

The corps review for Federal Inspection will be at the regular drill time next Thursday, April 30.

Noted Scientist Tells Sigma Xi Facts of the Sun

"Powerful new coronagraphs will soon aid astronomers in their world-wide assault upon the unsolved problems of the sun's atmosphere."

This prediction was made last night by Dr. Walter O. Roberts, high altitude observatory of Harvard University and University of Colorado, while speaking to the local chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi.

A coronagraph is an instrument used to create man-made eclipses by cutting off the bright light from the main body of the sun so its outer atmosphere is visible.

In order to learn more about the atmosphere, the sun is being observed daily at a half-dozen observatories throughout the world, he commented.

A great part of our knowledge of the behavior of the sun has come from eclipse observations, he said. Once a year, on the average, a total solar eclipse occurs somewhere on the surface of the earth, he added.

"It is almost a certainty that the 'northern lights' often seen at high latitudes in the United States originate in streams of particles from the sun, he said.

However, direct observational evidence for the omission of these particles is still lacking, he explained.

Reorganized Demerit System Proposed for Corps Next Year

1953 Cotton Pageant

South Will Rise As Cotton Reigns

The south will rise again Friday for at least one day at Aggie Land. The crowning of King and Queen Cotton, flanked by duchesses from TSCW at Denton and will start the 1953 Cotton Pageant at 7:30 p. m. Friday in the DeWare Field House.

The Cotton Ball will be held after the pageant in the Grove. Harold Scaief, senior agronomy major from San Benito, will be crowned King Cotton by Albert Russell, assistant to the executive vice-president of the National Cotton Council of America, Memphis, Tenn. Scaief in turn will crown Miss Jane McBrierty of Ennis, TSCW junior, Queen.

Royal Court Members
Members of the Royal Court are Miss Allie Jeanne Glass, Miss Margaret Robinson, Miss Cora Jane Becker, Miss Gloria Bendy, Miss Jonetta Lovett, Miss Mary Helen Winston, Miss Lucinda Bailey and Miss Barbara Ann Stewart, all of TSCW.

Fritz Welsch of New Braunfels, Thomas L. Payne of Stanton, Robert Johnson, Fort Worth, Gerald

Dairy Judging Contest Won By Bryan FFA

Bryan's Future Farmer's of America teams won in the livestock and dairy cattle divisions of the Area III FFA Livestock Judging Contest held here last weekend.

The complete results were: Meats Division, winners in the order of their placing, were Katy, Fayetteville, Aldine (Houston) and Moulton.

Poultry Division winners were Moulton, Fayetteville, Rockdale, Crosby, Thorndale, Katy, Tomball, Hallettsville and Klein.

Livestock Division winners were Bryan, Moulton, Lexington, Flatonia, Shiner, Magnolia, Milby (Houston), Snook and Rockdale.

Dairy Division winners were LaGrange, Fayetteville, Moulton, Aldine, Klein, Magnolia, Iola, Cedar Bayou and Palacios.

Dairy Cattle division winners were Bryan, LaGrange, Fayetteville, Lexington, Katy, Cameron, Alvin, Pasadena and Columbus.

Land Judging winners were LaGrange, Needville, Caldwell and Hearne.

E. V. Walton, head of the agricultural education department, said the winning teams in the land judging division will not attend the state contest May 2.

Buster of Happy, Leonard Stasney and Leonard F. Thornton of Temple, Ernie Enloe of Daisetta and Frank Ford of Lubbock, all A&M agronomy majors.

Honoring the King and Queen will be 200 duchesses and their escorts, representing college, A&M Mothers' Clubs, Chambers of Commerce and student societies at A&M.

The Queen's crown bearer will be Miss Virginia Ann Patterson and the King's crown bearer will be Wilfred Lemon.

Joe Woolket, head, modern languages department, will be master of ceremonies. An entertainment program including dancing, singing, clown acts and other features is to be presented instead of the style show which had been held for many years.

The Aggie Land orchestra will furnish music for the pageant and the dance that will follow the pageant.

A silver set will be presented formally to the college by Mrs. A. D. Mebane in honor of her late husband, A. D. Mebane, who fathered scientific cotton betterment in the state.

D. E. P. Humbert of the genetics department will make the presentation and it will be accepted by President M. T. Harrington.

The Agronomy Society of the college has sponsored the Cotton Pageant since 1932 when the first one was held. Since then a pageant has been held each year with the exception of two years when it was discontinued during World War II.

Funds derived from the pageant are used to finance several agronomy major students on a two to three-week tour to study agriculture in other sections of the United States and sometimes abroad.

C. E. Watson is faculty sponsor of the Pageant.

Air Force Officers Short Deferment

Anyone who will have completed at least 60 semester hours by the end of this year is eligible for a four month draft deferment if they sign up for Air Force observer or pilot training.

A recruiting team is now in the MSC gift shop area to sign men up for this program. Men who sign up are tested at Lackland field.

Those who sign for the four month deferment are not obligated to go into training. They may drop out any time during the four months, said Major T. J. Rowland, head of the testing team.

Company Clerk to Keep Record of Issued Demerits

By HARRI BAKER
Battalion City Editor

The military department has proposed a new demerit system which will allow unit commanders more responsibility in handling demerits for his outfit.

Col. John A. Way, PAS&T, and Col. Shelly P. Myers, PMS&T, have approved the new plan. It is being considered for use next year, said Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant.

As a part of the plan, a sophomore in each outfit will be appointed as company clerk. He will keep a record of all demerits issued in his unit.

A list of the men in each unit who are to receive demerits will be taken to the military department headquarters each Wednesday. The military department will then publish the extra duty list.

A copy of the demerit slip will be sent to the company clerk, and the military department will keep a copy for its records.

A major innovation will be that men who have extra duty tours will go to their unit commander for postponement, instead of to the military department.

This will eliminate confusion in the records section of the military department and give the company level more responsibility, said Col. Robert L. Melcher, acting assistant commandant.

Corps Reorganization

The Corps will be reorganized next year to eliminate the division level. The number of wings and regiments will be reduced from two each to one each, eliminating several staffs.

The number of men on the remaining staffs will be cut.

"Staffs next year will really have something to do," Col. Melcher said.

Sales Clinic Will Discuss Retail Field

Ways a college graduate can enter the retail field will be discussed at the fourth annual sales clinic, today in the Biological Sciences Lecture Room.

The first session will start at 3 p. m. Types of jobs in the retail field will also be discussed by a panel consisting of E. P. Silverman, salesman for Lack's Auto Stores, and Gaylor Johnson, Vice-President of Sakowitz in Houston.

The second session on the program will begin at 7:30 p. m. with a panel discussion about types of selling jobs performed and requirements for the position as a salesman in the Business Machines, Insurance, Oil and Supply fields.

Representing these fields are Charles N. Roys, branch manager, National Cash Register Company; Norval Pierce, branch manager, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; John B. Freeman, The Texas Company; and R. L. Norton, General Electric Supply Company.

This year's clinic is sponsored by the department of business administration, Houston Sales Executives Club and the Student Business Society.

Float Out Probe Still Continues

"We're still investigating," said Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, concerning the float out of Ross Hall April 12.

When asked if any leads had been discovered, Col. Davis repeated, "We're still investigating."

Singing Cadets Set Award Banquet

The annual Singing Cadets Award Banquet will be held at 7:15 p. m. Saturday in the Sbsa Hall banquet room.

Awards will be presented to members of the Cadets on the basis of length of membership. Special awards will be given to the old officers of the group.

Board Gets OK To Abolish TSC Academy

The A&M College System Board of Directors were given yesterday the power to discontinue the academy at Tarleton State College in a bill passed by the House and sent to the Senate.

This was one of the bills passed during a four hour afternoon session in which the House passed 78 bills, sending 70 to the Senate and eight to the governor.

Among those already approved by the Senate and thus sent to the governor were those that would: Change the period of living apart without cohabitation as a ground for divorce from ten to seven years.

Authorize Galveston to lease Pelican Spit.

Another with Senate approval sets up the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District in Cass, Morris, Marion, Camp, Titus, Upshur and Harrison Counties.

The House amended it, however, to take out the town of Gilmer, and it must go back for senate approval of that change.

Among house bills approved and sent to the Senate along with the Tarleton bill are ones that would: Create a water conservation district in the northwest part of Waco to utilize some artesian wells.

Regulate fishing in the Brazos River and Lake Whitney and tributaries in Bosque, Hill and Johnson counties.

Authorize Texas Western College to give a degree of bachelor of science in nursing, but carrying no appropriation.

Sue Harris Chosen FFA Sweetheart

Miss Sue Harris, of Navasota High School, was chosen FFA Sweetheart Saturday at the second annual A&M Collegiate Chapter's dance in Sbsa.

Mrs. Perry Shepard was chosen sweetheart of the A&M Collegiate FFA Chapter. Miss Harris is also sweetheart of the Navasota High School Chapter.

Mrs. Shepard was presented a pair of western boots and Miss Harris a western hat. The gifts were compliments of Sears Roebuck & Co.

Twelve high school FFA Chapter presidents and the chapter sweethearts were guest of the A&M Collegiate Chapter.

Everyone present was dressed western style and danced to the music of Jimmy Eller and his Bronco Busters, said Wm. Hightower, vice president of the A&M Chapter.

Cattleman's Ball Set for Saturday

Three honorary memberships in the Saddle and Sirlion Club will be awarded Saturday night at the Cattleman's Ball.

Dancing begins at 8 p. m. Admission is \$2.50 with or without dates. Cadets may attend in civilian clothes.



CLOUDY

HER TODAY: Cloudy today with widely scattered clouds. The maximum temperature yesterday was 79 and the minimum was 55.