



NEW CITIZEN—Pierre Mommessin received his naturalization papers today in the district court in Bryan. He is a graduate student in chemistry, and is studying toward his Ph.D.

From Paris

Aggie Receives US Citizenship

"I declare you to be citizens," the district judge said to the 10 people standing in front of him yesterday.

Included in the applicants for citizenship, was Pierre Mommessin, A&M graduate chemistry student from France. Two of the applicants were from England, one from Germany, one from Panama and five from Mexico.

Mommessin, 26, has attended A&M for five years. He has been in the United States for eight years.

"When I came to this country I wasn't planning to stay," he said. "It just grows on you."

Before coming to the United States Mommessin lived in Paris, including during the war years. He said he met many Americans

during the war and this influenced his decision to come to this country. Immediately after signing the naturalization papers, Mommessin said he felt "wonderful". It was "kind of exciting in court," he said. "When I got to this country I liked the place and decided to stay," he said. "I felt there was much to be gained by becoming a citizen."

After he completes his work on a Ph.D. Mommessin said he plans to go into chemical research work. He has made no definite plans about where he wants to work.

"I like A&M", he said. He explained there was no way to compare American schools with French schools. "They both have their good points and bad points," he said.

Some of the judge's closing words to the applicants were, "I think you will love our country." At the close of the ceremony, the packed courtroom stood and applauded.

Edwards Elected FFA President

Charles Edwards was elected president of the A&M chapter Future Farmers of America Tuesday night.

Other officers elected were Lloyd Cook, vice president; Clifford Hobbs, secretary; Johnny Davis, sentinel; Roscoe Holt, historian; Doyle Smith, student adviser; Lee Williams, second vice president; and Bobby Verdine, third vice president.

Jerry Johnson was elected parliamentarian and club representative to the agricultural council.

Saturday Night

Anthony To Play For Seniors

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Ray Anthony and his orchestra will provide the music Saturday night as the seniors participate in the traditional Ring dance.

With Anthony will be vocalists Marcie Miller and Tommy Mercer. The Skyliners, vocal quintet, The Anthony Choir and Brother Lee Roy, the baritone saxophonist, are also on the program.

Tickets for the dance are on sale at Student Activities Office or from dorm representatives.

Anthony stresses versatility in his music. His orchestral presentations run from jazz and swing to novelties and sweet ballads for a well-balanced musical program designed to please almost every taste. Showmanship is an important feature of the Anthony crew. Ray goes to extremes to provide a maximum of visual appeal with his

music, utilizing such gimmicks as parading the band through the audience.

In a comparatively short span of time the Anthony aggregation has won acclaim as America's top band in dance, sports, radio, television, motion pictures and on records. Ray's annual itinerary now includes a circuit of repeat engagements at such leading name band emporiums as the Paramount Theater and the Cafe Rouge of the Hotel Statler in New York, Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook in New Jersey and the famed Hollywood Palladium.

Ray is regarded in musical circles as one of the most brilliant musicians in the business. An outstanding soloist, he goes all out in his trumpet playing and paces his band's distinctive eight-man brass section on both slow and jump arrangements.

One of the most important factors in Ray's rise to the top of

the name band heap has been the tremendous popularity of his records with the nation's disc-jockeys. The platter-spinners gave Ray his first big boost in electing his crew the No. 1 dance band on records and it has been estimated that Ray's Capitol records are accorded more air play through the country than the combined total of any three other bands.

Ray was born in Bentleyville, Pa., a small community near Pittsburgh, 29 years ago. He seemed to be destined for a musical career from the moment he made his first noise with a trumpet at the age of five.

Anthony was just 17 years old when he landed his first job as a name band musician with Al Donahue's band and a year later he began making a name for himself as a member of the late Glenn Miller's aggregation. Ray was with the Miller orchestra until 1942

when he enlisted in the Navy at the Great Lakes Training station, just a few weeks before Glenn disbanded the orchestra to enter the Army Air Corps.

Young Anthony was singled out by the Navy's morale division to form a dance band to tour the Pacific island bases. In three years time he and his Navy band covered such areas as Pearl Harbor, Okinawa, Guam, Midway and Tarawa.

Upon discharge from the Navy in 1946, Ray formed his present orchestra. Ray's musical stock received its biggest boost in 1950 when he was signed to a long-term Capitol recording contract. During his first year of recording Ray chalked up sales figures of more than two-million platters with such disc hits as "Mr. Anthony's Boogie", "Count Every Star", "Nevertheless", "Tenderly", "Sentimental Me" and "Darktown Strutters Ball."

Panel Removes Suspension Ruling on Three Seniors

Seniors Turn Rings, Dance Tomorrow Night

The long awaited Ring dance weekend is here.

With their class work completed, the seniors will begin celebrating tonight. The highlight of the weekend will be the traditional Ring dance in the Grove Saturday night.

Cafe Rue Pinalle will close out its season tonight with music by the Capers Combo and a floor show by Josie Guerra and Ana Ochoa from Laredo. The audience will choose "Miss Rue Pinalle of 1954" from the girls present.

The Cafe will be held in the games area of the Memorial Student Center from 8:30 to 12.

Press Club Banquet
J. Frank Dobie, noted Texas author will speak to the Press club banquet tonight. Battalion achievement awards will be presented to six faculty and staff members. Press keys will be given to club members. The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the MSC and will be followed by a dance.

Banquet Saturday
The seniors will hear Sen. Lyndon Johnson at their banquet Saturday night in Duncan dining hall. Ide Trotter will give the prayers and Ed Stern will read the class history. President Pat Wood will be the master of ceremonies.

Association Drive Progressing Good

The membership drive of the College Station Civic Development association and Chamber of Commerce is progressing satisfactorily, said K. A. Manning, president.

"There are representatives in most departments or buildings on the A&M campus, and at the business establishments at the north, east, and west gates that are soliciting members," he said.

The membership cards are still out and no tickets have been turned in yet, so we don't know just exactly how the monetary situation is, Manning added.

Beaumont Group To Build Shelter

Through the efforts of the A&M Mothers club of Beaumont, an Aggie ride station has been built there.

The station, an open-sided iron and stone building, was designed from sketches submitted by students in the architecture department here.

Menu for the banquet will be tomato juice cocktail, chilled relish tray, peach and cheese salad, broiled fillet mignon, demi-French potatoes, frozen lima beans and iced tea. Baked alaska will be served for dessert. The banquet will start at 6 p.m.

Ray Anthony and his orchestra will play for the Ring dance which will be held in the Grove from 8 to 12.

Ring Ceremony
Seniors and their dates are scheduled to go through two large replicas of the senior ring at 15 minute intervals. Green tickets will be used for one ring and white for the other.

"Any senior whose picture ticket does not have a time written on the back of it should bring that ticket

Darwall Heads Committee On Curriculum

The Rev. R. L. Darwall is heading a committee to evaluate the religious education curriculum. Darwall is the Episcopal Student Chaplain.

"Some people felt that there were too many courses in our present curriculum," said the Rev. Norman Anderson as he appointed the committee. Anderson is minister of the A&M Presbyterian church and head of the religious education department.

At present students are allowed six elective hours in religious education to be credited toward any degree. The curriculum contains a two hour introductory course and three hour survey courses covering the old and new testaments.

Additional courses of one, two and three hours are offered covering various sections of the Bible.

"A prerequisite course covering both testaments has been suggested," Anderson said, "but it would have to be at least three credit hours and that would leave the student only three hours to make a thorough study of those areas in which he is most interested."

The courses are taught on a strictly non-denominational basis by ministers of several faiths, Anderson said.

"Salvation is not in science; it is in the moral factor and the study of the Bible is the source of our basic political and moral thinking," Anderson said.

Replaced With Six Discipline Acts

The three seniors who received a punishment of indefinite suspension for use of the board have had the sentence lifted by a faculty appeal panel.

The appeal panel replaced the indefinite suspension with six disciplinary actions.

- The specific actions are as follows:
1. Each was reduced to the grade of private immediately.
 2. Each was required to move out of the cadet corps and college housing.
 3. All three were removed from the Ross Volunteer company immediately.

Suspension Given 130 Since 1950

Thirty-one students have been indefinitely suspended for hazing in the last five years.

"Most of them have been allowed to come back to A&M later on," said Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men, "and only those deemed unfit for college life have been stopped from coming back."

"Indefinite suspension" doesn't mean a student won't be allowed to come back to A&M. It only keeps him from coming back until the college feels that he has been properly punished.

"Some seniors graduating in June have been suspended for hazing before," said Zinn. Over 130 students have been suspended since September 1950 for different offenses. Theft is the second highest offense for which students have been suspended. Other violations include cheating, violation of traffic restrictions, forgery and immorality.

How Much Have You Got Left?

About 25 members of the Journalism club were given a rice supper Tuesday night by D. D. Burchard, head of the journalism department.

The supper was prepared by Mrs. Burchard, and Mrs. Otis Miller aided in the serving. Burchard won 60 pounds of rice at the Sigma Delta Chi convention in Houston during March.

"I had been eating rice for weeks," said Burchard, "and we still had 55 pounds left, so we just decided this was the best way to get rid of it."



PRACTICING—Sherwin and Barbara Rubin get ready for the ring-turning ceremony at the Ring dance, Saturday. The cover will be removed from the ring replica for the dance.

4. They will not be allowed to take part in the final review ceremonies.

5. They will be removed from the list of candidates for degrees at the May commencement.

6. Each will be required to take all final exams, regardless of scholastic standing.

The faculty panel met from 1:30 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. "If they complete the requirements for a degree this semester they will be allowed to get a degree at the August graduation ceremonies," said Dean of the College J. P. Abbott, who reviewed the decision of the faculty panel.

The seniors, Dale Dowell, Bruce Sterzing and Dennis Cole, were given the indefinite suspension punishment by a military panel Tuesday. They appealed to the faculty panel on the grounds that "the punishment was too severe considering the nearness of graduation."

The three admitted Monday to using a board (an instrument of hazing) on juniors at an informal Ross Volunteer party off the campus.

The faculty panel was composed of five faculty members, with an undergraduate dean as chairman. Abbott said the names of the panel members could not be released.

Col. Shelley P. Myers, PMS&T, who will recommend what is to be done regarding the military status of the three, said yesterday afternoon that he hadn't decided.

"It depends on what this panel does how strictly I have to act, if any action is indicated," Myers said.

He could recommend that the contracts be cancelled, suspended, or retained.

Nine RV juniors who had marks of hazing on their bodies at an inspection Monday were tried by the military panel. They were sentenced to official reprimand, copy of the transcript of the panel in their 201 file, and campused for the fall semester.

President David H. Morgan said last night that he did not want to comment on the panel's decision until he had seen the complete report.

Llenza To Receive Engineer Award

Harry B. Llenza jr., senior from Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, will receive the 1954 Industrial Engineering award, announced R. G. Perryman, secretary of the faculty committee on scholarships.

This award is provided by A. R. Burgess, head of the industrial engineering department. The terms of this award provide that \$250 shall go to the June graduate majoring in industrial engineering who has the highest grade point average of his class at the beginning of the final semester for his undergraduate degree.

Llenza's grade point ratio is 2.62. In 1949 he received a BS degree in electrical engineering from the University of Puerto Rico. He entered A&M in September, 1953.

He is married and has two children.

Weather Today

PARTLY CLOUDY

Partly cloudy until tonight with few scattered showers in vicinity. High yesterday 75. Low this morning 56.