

Battalion Wins \$500 First Prize In Safety Contest

The Battalion won \$500 first prize in a newspaper safety contest.

The Battalion won the top award in the daily classification for its annual safety edition, published Dec. 17, 1953, just before the Christmas holidays.

"Texas A&M, the newspaper editors and staff are to be congratulated for performing a noteworthy public service," said Hathaway G. Kemper, president of the Lumbermen Mutual Casualty company, which sponsors the contest.

Ed Holder and Jerry Bennett were co-editors at that time.

The University of California Daily Trojan won the \$250 second prize in the daily field, and the University of Texas Daily Texan won \$100 third prize. More than 250 entries were judged in the finals of the contest.

Judges were Robert Campbell, former president of the Campbell Lumber and Manufacturing company, Toledo; Melvin C. Eaton, president and general manager of the Norwich Pharmaceutical company, Norwich; L. J. McEnnis, director of publications, Northwestern University Traffic Institute, Evanston, Ill.

Theodore Foster, president and director, Foster Paper company, Utica, New York; Walter Robb jr., partner, Hemphill, Noyes and company, Inc., Boston; Thomas L. Ruffin, president of Ruffin and Payne, Inc., Richmond, Va.

First prize in the non-daily field was won by The Baronette, College of Steubenville, Ohio. The Battalion and The Daily Texan were the only Texas newspapers to place in the contest, which is entered by

college newspapers from all over the nation.

"It will be up to the staff to decide what to do with the prize money," said Harri Baker, co-editor. "It's theirs."

The Battalion safety edition is entered in the contest each year. In the past, the paper has won best feature, best cartoon, and several honorable mention awards.

This year's four-page edition was published on the Thursday before the Christmas holidays started, as a part of the regular Thursday paper. The first four pages were devoted to the safety edition, with the regular page one for news appearing on page five.

Besides special pictures and article on all forms of safety, the paper also carried editorials and cartoons. Most of the paper was devoted to automobile safety, but other forms of safety were included.

The entire Battalion staff worked on weekends to put out the special edition.



NEW PRESIDENT—Chancellor M. T. Harrington (right) gives the formal oath of inauguration to President David H. Morgan. The inauguration ceremonies were Thursday.

Graduation Address

Lynch Lauds Golden Rule

The president of the Texas Power and Light company of Dallas told the 800-member graduating class here Friday that "no one has ever been able to improve on 'doing unto others as you would have others do unto you'."

W. W. Lynch cited eight traits "that seem to fit practically all lines of activity. First is drive," he said and "probably it is a modern word for old-time hard work and ambition. Second is friendship—get along well with people; third is leadership—inspire confidence in others and use ability to guide the organization."

"The fourth is decision," Lynch said, "force yourself to take a stand. Fifth is judgment—predict the probable outcome of decisions; sixth is vision—thrust your imagination beyond immediate problems and goals; seventh is effective expression—express thoughts and ideas convincingly and persuasively." The eighth he said is doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

The speaker, an A&M graduate, class of '22, said "our economy, our businesses, our industries, our agriculture and our society in general have become so broad in their scopes and so complex in their operations that highly-trained individuals with resourcefulness, with experience and with integrity are at a premium to serve as technicians and managers."

"If you have any doubt about the place of the technical graduate in America's future, you need only look to the record clearly written in history of the past. In 1900, industry in this country employed one technical graduate for each 250 employees. By 1952, U. S. industry was employing one technical graduate for each 60-employee," he said.

The valedictory address was given

by Ide P. Trotter jr., of Bryan. The degrees were conferred by President David H. Morgan. Final review was Saturday morning.

Army commissions as second lieutenants were presented to 210 cadets by Maj. Gen. Charles E. Hart, a West Pointer now commanding general of the artillery center at Fort Sill, Okla. Another 150 graduates received air force

commissions presented by Maj. Gen. G. P. Dissoway, commander of the flying training air force at Waco.

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Students may store personal belongings during the summer terms today and Friday.

Items will be stored in the basement of K ramp in Walton hall. Storerooms will be open from 3 to 5 this afternoon and from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday.

"All students who will attend the first summer term and not the second may bring in K ramp or Walton hall July 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.," said Bennie Zinn, assistant dean of men.

The storage is being handled by the Agronomy society. Prices for storage are as follows: Lamps, 50 cents; baggage not exceeding footlocker size, 40 cents; other pieces, proportionate rates; bicycles, one dollar.

Storage charges will be paid at the time of storing. "All items not picked up from storage rooms before Oct. 1 will be disposed of in order to clear the rooms," said Zinn. "All baggage will be stored at the student's risk, but all possible precautions will be taken to safeguard it."

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Wardens School Closes Thursday

Doc St. Clair of Fort Worth, first president of the Texas Wildlife Federation, will be the principal speaker at graduation exercises for 15 new game wardens here Thursday.

Howard D. Dodgen, executive secretary of the Texas Game and Fish commission, will also be a speaker. Clayton Nolen of Marble Falls will make the class response, and Dr. W. B. Davis, head of the wildlife management department, will present diplomas.

This will be the eighth graduating class from the Game Warden school, conducted by the Game and Fish commission and the wildlife management department.

Of more than 170 wardens in the state, approximately 100 have attended the school, according to Joe Matlock of Fort Worth, a warden and one of the class instructors.

The school lasts one regular semester at the college, with future wardens attending 21 hours of in-

Certificate Students Can Get ANG Commissions

Fifty-Three Take Offer So Far

About 53 A&M air ROTC graduates who received certificates of completion have taken advantage of the air force's offer to give them commissions in the air national guard. Twelve men have refused the offer.

The commissions are as ANG second lieutenants. The men commissioned will go on "active duty for training" with the air force as second lieutenants for three years.

They will then serve three more years in active participation in an ANG unit, including 48 paid unit training assemblies and 15 days of field training each year.

Officers on active duty for training are not promoted on the same basis as other officers on active duty, because they are members of the ANG, on training status with the air force.

Batt First With News On Commissions

The Battalion was first in the College Station area with the news that all air ROTC graduates would be commissioned.

A Battalion staff member, listening to an Austin radio station, heard at noon Friday that the University of Texas would commission all their air ROTC graduates.

A telephone call to the air science detachment at UT revealed that they had gotten a call from ROTC headquarters, giving the information on the commissions.

The Battalion called the air science headquarters here, and they called ROTC headquarters to confirm the news.

Since it was too late then to have the notice in Friday's paper, The Battalion put a bulletin on radio station WTAW.

A&M Student In Hospital After Accident

An A&M student is still in the hospital after a head-on automobile collision on highway 6 Saturday.

Richard Harper of New Orleans has not regained consciousness after the accident. He is in the Brazos Valley sanatorium in Navasota, where he was taken after the accident.

Four other students were in the car with Harper. They have all been released from the hospital. They are James T. Hammers, Orange; Don Ernest Soefji, New Braunfels; and William Cockerman and John Paul Jones, both of Port Arthur.

The driver of the other car, Miss Essie Louise Sims of Beaumont, was released to the Beaumont hospital from the Brazos Valley sanatorium.

The accident occurred shortly before noon on highway six, about 11 miles south of College Station.

The A&M students were reported to be on their way home after final review. Miss Sims was reported to have been on her way to Bryan after visiting in Navasota Saturday morning.

Highway Patrolman L. V. Dunagan, who investigated the accident, said it occurred on the student's side of the road. Both cars were a total loss.

Electric Group Meets Here To Plan Year

The Texas Farm Electrification committee met here this morning to discuss proposed activities for the coming year.

The group is composed of 35 representatives from A&M, and executives of the 12 electric companies operating in Texas. Dr. F. C. Bolton is chairman, and P. T. Montford of the agricultural engineering department is project director for the committee.

During the sessions this morning they heard summaries of research projects and educational activities sponsored by the A&M system and the committee during the past year.

The co-chairman for the farm youth sub-committee reported on the 1953 Texas 4-H electric program and educational activities of the year, including the number of boys and girls enrolled in vocational agriculture and vocational home economics courses in high schools.

Field Day Set For Agriculture

Friends of agriculture from all over the state will gather here Thursday for the Fifth Annual City Farm and Ranch Club Field day.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. and will end at 6 p.m.

During the day four departments in the School of Agriculture will take the club members through specially prepared exhibits and to field sites, and will explain in detail the function of each department in teaching, research and extension. Current research programs will be outlined and explained.

Departments which will take part in the program are range and forestry, dairy husbandry, animal husbandry and agronomy. The programs which they will present will be more detailed than has been possible during past field days because fewer will be participating and more time will be available, Dean C. N. Shepardson said.

PUSHBUTTON THEFT

OMAHA — (AP)—Police reported car strippers tried to steal the horn off a car, but couldn't budge it so they settled for the horn button. They also took the engine, radio, heater, gear shift assembly, transmission, muffler, battery, fender skirts, three hub caps and three tires.

FSA Elects Hotchkiss President

Oscar T. Hotchkiss jr., '24, Port Arthur, was elected president of the council of the Association of Former Students at the Saturday meeting in the Memorial Student Center.

Hotchkiss was vice president of the association in 1953. Former member of the executive board, he is a past president of Port Arthur A&M club and chairman of the Chapel committee. Hotchkiss is a Gulf Oil company executive.

W. Lambert Ballard, '22, Dallas, was elected vice president of the council.

Class agent Ballard has been a member of the council since its organization. He is a former district vice president, past president of the Dallas A&M club, and executive vice president of the Southwestern Reserve Life Insurance company.

Herman Heep, '20, Austin; K. C. Salley, '25, Alice; and John H. Cuthrell, '29, New Orleans, were elected new members of the executive board.

District vice presidents who were elected in their respective 11 districts were B. M. (Honk)

'40, Big Spring; Weldon Maples, '43, Fort Worth.
J. D. Langford, '28, Tyler; Othel

Weather Today



SPRING SHOWERS

Continued showers in the area today until 4 p.m. this afternoon. Showers diminishing after midnight. High yesterday 84; low today 62.

Neely, '48, Waco; John H. Lindsey, '44, Houston; C. A. Chipley, '26, San Antonio; Augustine Celaya, '47, Brownsville; Frank S. Kelly, '26, Shreveport, Louisiana district and Maj. Gen. Alvin Lueddecke, '32, Washington, D. C., vice president at large.

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SECOND TIME AROUND—A company of Aggie fish-becoming-sophomores cheer as they complete the first time around at final review Saturday.