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Ellington Visit Planned by 100 AF Cadets

Final arrangements have been made for an airlift of 100 junior and sophomore air force ROTC students at A&M to Ellington Air Force Base at Houston, Thursday and Friday, for a two-day briefing, Col. Henry Dittman, professor of air science at A&M, has announced.

The briefing will be under the supervision of Col. Norman Callish, commander of Ellington Air Force Base and will acquaint the cadets with the training they will receive in the aircraft observer program after graduation from A&M.

The training is designed to prepare air force officers for duty in radar navigation and eventual duty with radar-interceptor aircraft in the defense system.

Maj. Edward W. Rodgers, assistant PAS, is project officer for the flight and will accompany the cadets to Ellington.

Easter Seal Drive Now Under Way

The 1956 Easter Seal Appeal for crippled children is now under way, according to Mrs. Dwight W. Andres, chairman of the drive in Brazos County.

"Letters with seals have been mailed out to all of the residents of the county," Mrs. Andres said. "We hope that everyone will respond with a donation."

Last year the program, carried on in Sbis Hall and supported by Easter Seal donations, helped more than 350 children and 11 adults, according to Taylor Riedel, president of the Brazos County chapter of the Society for crippled children.

"We helped eight per cent more children last year than in 1954," Riedel said, "and we hope to be able to offer even more treatments this year."

The society offers orthopedic and other treatments to children and adults crippled by any disease. Transportation and appliances needed for treatments are also furnished.

Graduate Work

Five hundred and seventy-two students are registered for graduate work as of March 9, 1956, and for the same period in 1955 the registration was 437, Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the Graduate School announced today. The increase of 135 represents a percentage increase of 30.89 per cent.



AGGIE EX—Col. Ormond R. Simpson, class of '36, will be another of A&M's honored guests for Military Day activities this weekend. He spent time during WW II in the South Pacific and ended up in Japan. He has been in command of the sixth Marines (Infantry Regiment) in the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune during 1952-53 and command of the First Marines (Infantry Regiment) in the First Marine Division in Korea in 1953-54.

Kiwanis Clubs Plan Pancake Supper Soon

The Kiwanis Clubs of College Station and Bryan will hold their annual Pancake Supper on Saturday, March 24, at the Bryan Country Club, according to W. E. "Woody" Briles, co-chairman of the supper committee.

"Price of the tickets will be 75 cents for all but pre-school children," Briles said. "Seconds will be served on everything but milk."

History Classes Double This Year

The spring history enrollment is 2,850 students, Dr. Ralph Steen, head of the History Department, has announced. The 1955 spring enrollment was 1,450 and the fall enrollment, 2,250.

Prior to World War II the department tried to hold sections to 30 and after the war to 50.

"Now most sections run between 45 and 55 and sections of 60 are not unusual," Dr. Steen says.

In the course in Texas history the smallest section is 145 and the largest is 206.

More Than 5,000 Expected For Military Day Ceremonies



RANKING GUEST—Gen. Randolph M. Pate, 21st commandant of the United States Marine Corps, will be the honor guest for Military Day activities Saturday. He will take the 1:30 p.m. review on the main drill field. Gen. Pate is a veteran of WW II and Korean fighting and assumed his present duties Jan. 1, after 35 years of service as a marine.

Democracy Day Draws A&M Men

Eleven staff members from A&M will participate in a "Democracy for Action Day" program Friday at Howard Payne College, Brownwood. Also taking part in the activities will be a College Station church pastor and a color guard from A&M.

Dr. Robert B. Kamm, dean of the Basic Division and Pupil Personnel Services, will deliver a chapel address, "Leadership in Democracy," and also serve on a panel for high school career day guidance.

Clifford H. Ransdell, associate dean of the Basic Division, will be principal speaker at a dinner that evening. He will speak on "The Role of Church Related College in a Democracy." Ransdell will receive an honorary doctor of science degree, following the night convocation address by U. S. Sen. Price Daniel, who is to receive an honorary doctor of law degree.

Rev. Robert D. Longshore of the First Baptist Church, College Station, will deliver the invocation at the dinner.

Dean Walter H. Delaplaine, School of Arts and Sciences, will be the principal speaker at the noon luncheon. His subject will be "Democracy South of the Border." Staff members from A&M, Hardin-Simmons College and Abilene Christian College will lead seminars. From A&M will be Raymond O. Berry, Animal Husbandry Department; Bardin H. Nelson, Rural Sociology; Ammon B. Medlin, Biology; Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the Graduate School; John R. Bowen, Basic Division; and Allen E. Denton Jr., Basic Division.

William J. Dobson, Biology, and S. Austin Kerley, associate director of guidance, Basic Division, will help to coordinate "Texas A&M College Day" at Howard Payne with college officials there.

A color guard from A&M will lead a parade through downtown Brownwood Friday afternoon.

Combat Ball To Start Activities Friday Night

More than 5,000 persons are expected on the campus this weekend for A&M's annual Fall Military Day activities, which start Friday night with the Combat Ball.

Seven generals will be among military dignitaries attending Military Day ceremonies here. The ranking man is Gen. Randolph M. Pate, commandant, United States Marine Corps.

Gen. Pate, one of the outstanding military men of the nation will see the Corps of Cadets review Saturday at 1:30 p.m. on the main drill field. Visiting dignitaries

will be luncheon guests of Larry Kennedy, colonel of the Corps, before the review.

Kennedy will escort Gen. Pate and other guests to the campus from Washington, D. C., Friday. They will be met at Easterwood Airport by an honor guard comprised of Ross Volunteers and commanded by Ernest F. Biehunko, R. V. commander. A second R. V. honor guard will meet Gen. Pate's party at the entrance of the Memorial Student Center. Frank Westmoreland, R. V. executive officer will command the second honor guard.

Gen. Pate has been awarded the Legion of Merit, a Gold Star in lieu of a second Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Order of Military Merit Taiguk from the Republic of Korea.

Other generals to be on the campus include Maj. Gen. Carl L. Phinney, commanding general, 36th Division, Texas National Guard; Maj. Gen. William N. Gillmore, acting commanding general III Corps, Fort Hood; Maj. Gen. Albert S. Johnson, commanding general, 49th Armored Division, National Guard, Dallas; Brig. Gen. Robert M. Ives, commanding general, 36th Infantry Division, Texas National Guard, Houston; Brig. Gen. George Smith, Military Affairs Committee, Houston; and Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckels, commander 33rd Air Division (Defense), Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Maj. Gen. Gillmore has a wide reputation as a combat leader, diplomat and athlete. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1925 and commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery. He was then assigned assistant football coach at the academy.

After various tours of duty as a battery officer and football coach, Gen. Gillmore attended several service schools, served as an instructor at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla., and then served a tour of duty in the Philippine Islands. He entered WW II on the Anzio beachhead in Italy in May, 1944.

In August, 1953, he was named chief of the military mission to Thailand, returning to the United States in August, 1955 to command the Fourth Armored Division, Fort Hood.

This series will be continued in tomorrow's Battalion.

Engineering Dean Elected Chairman

Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., dean of Engineering, has been elected chairman of the Mineral Industries Education Division of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

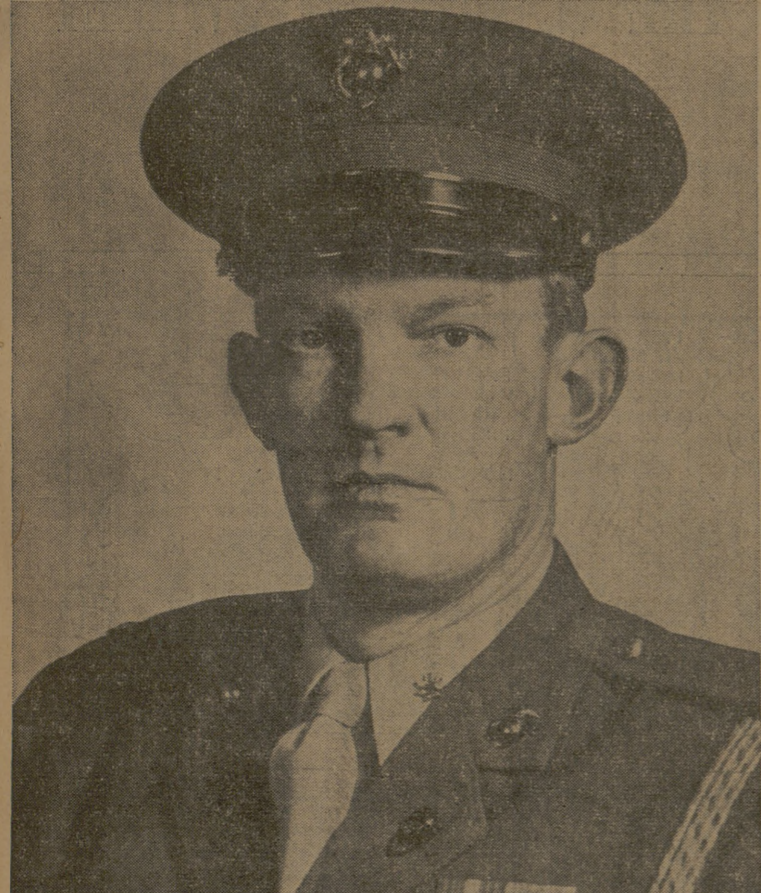
At the annual meeting in New York, Dr. Calhoun was in charge of the program for the division, which include a discussion of the report on evaluation of engineering education, put out by the American Society for Engineering Education and a discussion of the training engineers for management.

The American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers is one of the Engineering Founding Societies which encompasses petroleum and geological engineers as well as mining engineers, metallurgists, geophysicists and allied technical engineers. The educational arm of the Institute is the Mineral Industries Education Division which acts as a forum and clearing house for all educational matters of the Institute.

Morgan Receives Institute Invite

President and Mrs. David H. Morgan have been invited to attend the 1956 Presidents' Institute, which will be held June 19-27 in Boston, Mass.

The Institute was offered last year for the first time, conducted by the Institute for College and University Administrators under the direction of Robert W. Merry of the Harvard Business School. Sponsoring agency is the Association of American Colleges.



BRYANITE—Lt. Col. Charles F. Widdecke, born in Bryan on May 11, 1919, will be among military dignitaries visiting the campus this weekend to observe Military Day activities. He was graduated from the University of Texas in 1941 and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He served in the Pacific theater during WW II and in Korea in 1954. He was assigned as Aide-de-camp to the commandant of the Marine Corps in January of this year.

Today through Saturday

'Border Week' Underway

Activities of South of the Border Week began today in the Memorial Student Center and will continue through Saturday, according to Don McGinty, directorate assistant.

Tommy Short's Hi-Five Combo started the activities this afternoon with a program of music accompanied by a feature singing artist.

Tomorrow night, the Recital Series, under chairman Bob Rea, will present the Alard String Quartet. Also that night the Film Society will show the movie "Treasure of Sierra Madre" in room 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D of the MSC, said Fleming Smith, committee chairman.

Discussion Set

Dr. John Q. Anderson of the English Department will discuss the writing of his book, "Brokenburn," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in room 306 of the Academic Building. The meeting will be sponsored by the poetry group, being taught by Charles Hurley and Barry Targan of the department. Interested persons are invited.

Weather Today



WARMER
Partly cloudy, warmer and no rain is forecasted for College Station today. Yesterday's high of 44 degrees dropped to 41 degrees last night. Temperature at 10:30 this morning was 47 degrees.

Friday night, a double feature, "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "Treasure of Sierra Madre" will be shown in the same rooms. Friday afternoon all Latin American students are invited to join the combo in the main lounge for an hour of Latin American music.

The Dance Group is sponsoring a special dance Friday night for all students who do not attend the Combat Ball. Admission is \$1 per person. The Capers Combo will provide music. A floor show featuring 28 girls from the University of Texas doing Latin American dances will be presented.

Charles Burselson of Huntsville has been invited to play Latin American music on the organ in the main lounge after the Corps Review Saturday.

All MSC employees will be wearing Latin American costumes and their offices will be decorated along this line through Saturday. The Browsing Library will feature a collection of Latin American books and magazines.

A Latin American art collection will be on display for the remainder of the week. The exhibit is sponsored by the Art Group, headed by Paul Ross and Mrs. Emalita Terry.



MONICA LEWIS, Singer for Military Ball