

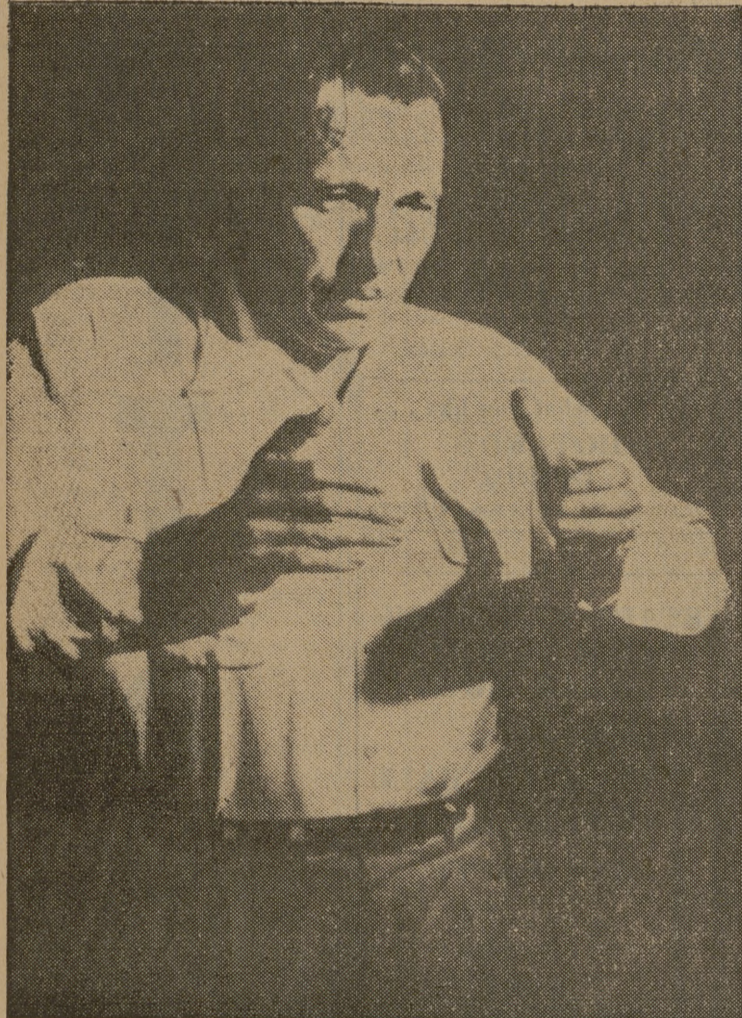
# THE BATTALION

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Director Roger Wagner  
... bringing chorale tonight

## Town Hall Slates Chorale Tonight

The internationally known Roger Wagner Chorale, under the direction of its dynamic conductor, Roger Wagner, will visit Aggieland tonight for a Town Hall appearance in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 8.

Hailed by many critics as the best choral group of its kind, the group will feature the duo-pianists Stecher and Horowitz and present 15 numbers, including four that the choral has recorded for Capitol Records.

Numbers that will be voiced include Vittoria's "Ave Maria" and "Vere Languens," Herman Schroeder's "Magnificat," Di Lasso's "Echo Song" and Monteverdi's "Hear the Murmuring Waters."

The dynamic French-born director, Roger Wagner, was exposed to the world of music at an early age. After living in America for some seven years, he returned to France, where he spent five years studying organ with Marcel Dupre in Paris, completing his undergraduate work in music at the College of Montmorency and delving deeper into research on church music at Dijon and Lyon.

Wagner founded his chorus some 11 years ago with the group making its first public appearance during the 1945-46 season as the Los Angeles Concert Chorale. Its present name was adopted in 1947.

Ranging in number from 16 voices to 255 depending upon the music to be interpreted, the chorale reflects the "energy, musicianship and impeccable taste" of its director.

One of the chorale's greatest accomplishments was that of being invited to England to participate in London's Coronation Festivities,

### Here Friday Night

## Combo and Quartet Added to ITS Acts

A Dixieland combo and a male quartet are two more of the ten acts to be featured in the eighth annual Intercollegiate Talent Show Friday night at 6:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The show will also feature the Kilgore Junior College Rangerelettes and Houston's Radio Station KILT disc jockey Joel A. Spivak as master of ceremonies.

More than 130 acts were auditioned in 15 colleges and universities in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas to select the acts for the show.

Advanced sale general admission tickets are selling for 75 cents and will sell for \$1 at the door. Reserved seat tickets are selling for \$1.25 and children's admission will be 50 cents.

The Jokers from Louisiana State University are the Dixieland group that will play. The combo plays a variety of Dixieland numbers including several

the only American singing group to receive such an invitation.

Adaptability to any form of music is a hallmark of the chorus, whether in concert, over the airwaves, on television or, on the motion picture screen.

Held weekly for more than three years on the "I Married Joan" television series, the chorus is a familiar name to the nation's viewers and listeners who are still talking about the singing of the choristers on the 1954 Christmas "spectacular" of "A Christmas Carol."

Town Hall season tickets will be honored at the door. Single admission tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for high school and elementary school children.

## '59 Combat Ball Scheduled Friday

The annual Combat Ball will be held in Sbis Hall, on Friday, March 13, from 9-1 a. m. for all Army cadets and their guests.

A Combat Sweetheart will be selected from five finalists.

Entertainment will be furnished by the Leo Baxter Rock 'n Roll Band of Houston.

According to John Sackett, coordinator of the Combat Planning Committee, the attire for Army officers and their guests will be that of prisoners of war and refugees respectively, with other Combat cadets being attired in fatigue uniforms.

Tickets can be obtained from the Student Activities Office in the YMCA for \$1.50 each.

## Leukemia Aid Blood Donation Set Tomorrow

By JACK HARTSFIELD  
Battalion Staff Writer

The special bloodmobile from Dallas will be at G. Rollie White Coliseum tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to receive blood from the 650 donors who signed to give blood in the two-day drive held last Wednesday and Friday. The goal was set by the Student Senate and the College Station Lions Club.

Although the drive fell 56 short of the set quota Wednesday, the blood drive reached its quota in one hour and 20 minutes Friday.

The Bryan Gray Ladies and the registered nurses in the College Station-Bryan area who are presently inactive will be on hand to assist in the bloodmobile tomorrow.

Blood will be used by the Texas Leukemia Research Foundation for research. At the present time leukemia is an incurable disease.

Leukemia victims who will receive the blood donated tomorrow will get it free, according to David R. Fitch, president of the College Station Lions Club. He said the only cost involved is the paying of expenses of the bloodmobile to make the trip. The Lions Club is paying that cost.

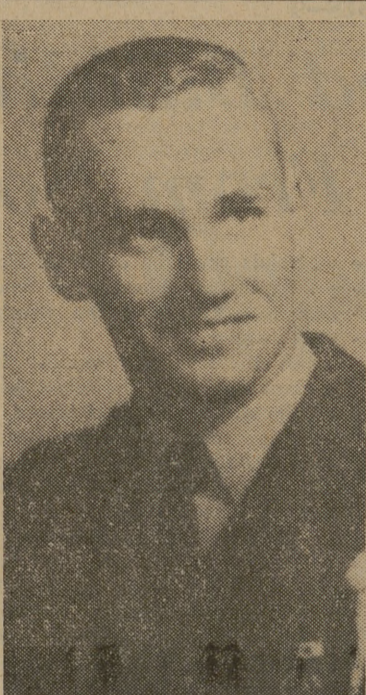
"As a result of blood donated in this area last year, 14 children are alive today," said Don Rummel, chairman of the Senate's Welfare Committee. "Each year, a few more of the leukemia-stricken children will live a little longer with the blood that is donated by those who are concerned enough to help."

"We are all pleased with the outcome of this year's drive. The response was as good or even better than we expected," said John Thomas, president of the Student Senate. "I would personally like to thank those who signed up to give blood and the Aggies who volunteered their time to work in the Memorial Student Center blood booth for their excellent cooperation."

Blood will be received from anyone who is in good health. Rummel said it doesn't make any difference what blood type the donor has.

"Words can rarely express how we feel about the excellent all-out effort of the blood drive sponsors. The student body of A&M certainly deserves praise for their response in helping fight this dread disease," said Mrs. T. M. Rea, president of the Texas Leukemia Research Foundation.

# Buford Named Prexy By MSC Councilmen



John Thomas  
... wins \$700 grant

## Thomas Wins \$700 Award

John Thomas, president of the Student Senate, has been named the winner of a \$700 Alpha Zeta scholarship by the Alpha Zeta High Council.

Thomas will use the scholarship to work toward his M.S. degree in entomology and a B.S. degree in agricultural economics. He will graduate with a B.S. in entomology in May and plans to enter Graduate School here.

Thomas is the first Aggie to ever win this award, the top scholarship sponsored by the Alpha Zeta. This award is in memory of Alpha Zeta members who have lost their lives in wars involving the United States.

Second, third and fourth place winners in the annual competition received \$500 each.

Applicants for the four Alpha Zeta awards are judged on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character and service.

## McGinty Elected Veep for 1959-60

Ronald Buford, senior agricultural economics major from Livingston was elected president of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate for 1959-60 last night at the MSC Council's March meeting.

Rush McGinty, sophomore pre-veterinary medicine major from Abilene, was named vice president by the Council.

Both men were presently serving in the capacity to which they were elected. Buford, who served as vice president during the current school year, took over the duties of President Hugh Wharton when he failed to return to college for the spring semester. McGinty was elected to fill the position vacated by Buford for the remainder of the term.

## Gen. Denniston To Tour Campus

Maj. Gen. Alfred Denniston, commander of the Quartermaster Training Command at Fort Lee, Va., will be at A&M today and tomorrow on a liaison visit.

Included on Gen. Denniston's agenda will be tours of the campus, a visit to quartermaster company billets, a talk to quartermaster seniors and a briefing with A&M Vice President Earl Rudder.

He will be accompanied by Col. Vistor L. Gary.

During his service career Gen. Denniston has received the following decorations and awards: Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Order of Orange, Nassau, Degree of Commander (Netherlands), Asiatic, Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with Star, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal with Star, Army Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, European, African and Middle East Campaign Medal.

## CORRECTION

Thursday's Battalion reported that faculty parking lots on the campus are built with funds appropriated by the Texas Legislature.

More accurately, the faculty lots are built with funds available from A&M's share of the Permanent University Fund. A&M receives one-third of the fund and the University of Texas gets two-thirds.

## Junior Colleges Visit Ag School

Junior College Day was held by the School of Agriculture yesterday with students from three Texas junior colleges participating in the event.

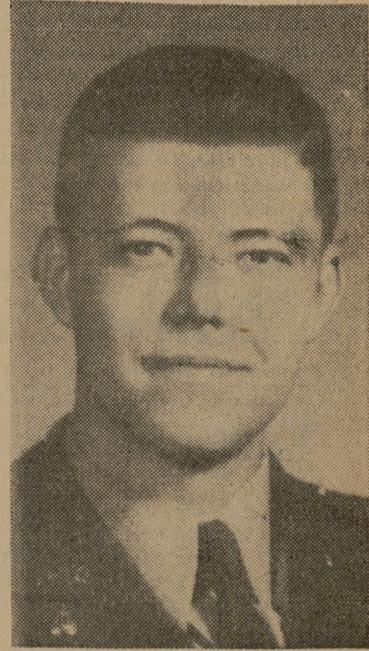
Sponsored by the Student Agricultural Council, the entire day was devoted to promoting A&M to junior college agriculture students. The students were taken on a guided tour of the campus and given a detailed inspection tour of all agriculture departments and facilities. Professors in the various departments gave short explanations at the stopping point.

At 1 p. m. Dr. G. M. Watkins, dean of the School of Agriculture talked to the group about the various agricultural degrees offered here.

## Nancy Blake Leads Interfaith Service

Miss Nancy Blake, American missionary to North Africa and Algeria, will lead the vesper service tonight at 7:05 p.m. in the Interfaith Chapel.

Miss Blake is a graduate of the Western Reserve College for Women in Oxford, Ohio. She has recently returned from Algeria where she toured widely.



Ronald Buford  
... new MSC Council head

## Civilians Invite Corps, Faculty To 'Weekend'

Entertainment hallmarked with lovely ladies, moonlight and soft music will highlight the up and coming Civilian Student Council-sponsored Civilian Weekend, March 21.

"The Civilian Student Council is sponsoring the weekend primarily to provide spring activities for the Civilian student body, but the Council also wishes to cordially invite the Corps of Cadets and faculty members to the activities," Roland Dommert, Civilian Weekend Publicity Chairman, said yesterday.

Activities for all will begin Friday, March 20 with dormitory hamburger fries and other functions. Saturday at 4:30 p. m. chicken barbecue will be served in the Grove. Entertainment at the barbecue will be provided by the "Silvetones," an Aggie trio, and "The Dreamers," a combo and quartet from Prairie View A&M. The 1959 Aggie Sweetheart, Miss Millie Rowland along with Civilian Sweetheart Finalists will be introduced at the barbecue.

From 9-12 p. m. the semi-formal Civilian Ball will be held in the Grove. Prairie View A&M's "The Collegians" will provide the dance music.

Tickets are being sold by all dorm or apartment council members and by the Office of Student Activities, YMCA. Barbecue tickets are \$1 per plate and 50 cents for children. The ball tickets are \$1.50 per couple or stag and will be available until the dance begins.

## News of the World

By The Associated Press

### Judge Rules On Texas City Suit

HOUSTON—A federal judge ruled Monday that neither the French Government nor the French Lines is entitled to exoneration from or limitation of liability in the freighter explosion that set off the 1947 Texas City disaster.

The decision may pave the way for the United States to collect some 70 million dollars in claims against the French government and the steamship line, and owner and operator of the vessel, S. S. Gandcamp.

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### Police Claim Theft Ring Smashed

WICHITA FALLS—Police of two states claimed Monday to have smashed a ring responsible for widespread thefts in oil fields of North and West Texas and Oklahoma.

Seven men were under arrest and four others were being trailed. Authorities said their inquiries showed the ring operated in Wichita, Clay, Knox, Jack, Baylor, Ochiltree, Scurry and Andrews counties in Texas; and in Garvin, Stephens and Grady counties in Oklahoma.



'The Hi-Phis' from SMU  
... group to sing at ITS