

3 generations at A&M

July graduate carries on family's military tradition

Stephen H. Simpson III of San Antonio carried on a family tradition this month when he became the third generation to graduate and receive an Army Reserve commission from Texas A&M University.

The 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Simpson Jr. received the oath of office from his father Wednesday during a special ceremony at the university.

Earlier this month he graduated with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. Steve will report to active duty in October for a two-year assignment in the Army Signal Corps.

The Aggie tradition began in 1897 when S. H. Simpson enrolled as a freshman at A&M. He received a degree in civil engineer-

ing in 1900.

Following graduation he worked several years as a railroad engineer, surveying for most of the new railroads moving into Texas in the early 1900s.

In 1906 he entered the banking business with his father in Hallettsville. He was president of the First National Bank until his death in 1960. At one time, Simpson served as auditor of the Texas A&M Board of Directors.

The senior Simpson's brother, J. H. Simpson of Hallettsville, still holds the record as the youngest graduate of Texas A&M. He received a civil engineering degree in 1901 at age 17.

Simpson Jr. has led an active life. Following graduation from A&M in 1928, the electrical en-

gineering major joined RCA Corp. in New York. He was a communications expert and was called to active duty in 1939 to help develop communications sensor equipment.

During the war Simpson Jr. was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services, the cloak-and-dagger branch.

Since the Navy was responsible for international communications security, Simpson was "borrowed" from the Army for special assignments.

He later worked for the Army Air Force, Army and Navy, retiring with the rank of commander in the Navy and lieutenant colonel in the Army.

"I still carry both cards," he said.

Simpson served as chief of communications for the OSS and aided in the training and support of allied agents throughout Europe.

After the war he returned to RCA and moved to Washington, D. C., as vice president and general manager.

Simpson left RCA in 1952 to join Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, became assistant to the president and in 1966 retired to open his own business—Southwest Sound and Electronics in San Antonio.

Steve Simpson, a graduate of Texas Military Institute, will be with the company until October and return after completing active duty, his father said.



Stephen H. Simpson III, left, receives the Army oath of office from his father, S. H. Simpson Jr. of San Antonio, during commissioning ceremonies at Texas A&M University. The new second lieutenant and recent A&M graduate is the third generation of Simpsons to graduate and be commissioned at A&M. His dad is unique in military history, he retired from both the Navy and Army.



Skaggs - Albertson's new store on S. College at FM 60.

Dallas firm opens store near campus

Skaggs Albertson's, a Dallas-based partnership, has announced the opening of their eleventh Skaggs Albertson's in Texas.

Introducing a new concept in merchandising, the store opened Wednesday in Bryan-College Station, at the intersection of University Drive and College.

The sales area of the new 50,000 square foot store will have equal space for a complete selection of foods and drugs.

Departments include a complete in-store bakery, quick service snack bar, produce department, meat department and grocery department.

The drug department features nationally advertised brands of the finest drug and toiletries as well as a modern family pharmacy, cosmetic center, tobacco, camera and electronics department and a wide assortment of sundries.

These two major corporations operate combined food and drug super stores throughout the state of Texas.

New program planned

NASA will allow university research

WASHINGTON (NASA)—The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is initiating a "Life Scientist Program" in which university faculty and their graduate students from the nation's universities and medical schools will receive appointments to do relevant research at NASA's Centers.

The program, recommended by the National Academy of Sciences, is designed to increase participation between university life scientists and their counterparts within NASA in contributing to the advancements of life sciences disciplines related to the NASA mission.

Also, it is designed to stimulate university life sciences departments to use the unique space-related ground research facilities of NASA. These are principally at the Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston; Ames Research Center, Mountain View, Calif., and Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

NASA life sciences programs include research and technology development associated with medical, biological, behavioral, bio-engineering and life support engineering sciences as they relate to the support of living systems in aeronautic and space operations.

They also include exobiology the inquiry into the existence of life elsewhere in the universe and scientific explanation of the origin of life, and planetary ecology, the detection and characterization from space of ecological phenomena on Earth or other planets.

Announcements of the program have been mailed to universities and medical schools. Interested institutions must submit proposals to NASA by Oct. 31, 1971.

Initially, the program will support five scientists. Selections will be made at different universities on the basis of scientific evaluation of the proposed investigations and their relevance.

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