

A&M Corps commanders named for assignments beginning May 6

Battalion and group commanders in the 1978-79 Corps of Cadets were announced at Texas A&M University by Col. James Woodall, commandant of cadets.

Commanders of six battalions composed of Army and Naval ROTC companies are Peter Robredo, El Paso; Bryan Couch, Dallas; Acension Fierro, Amarillo; Mark Tilton, San

Antonio; Alberto Cuellar, Laredo and Harry Warren, Bellaire.

Juniors selected for next year's Air Force ROTC commands are Morgan Porter of Mont Belvieu; Lee Haefner, Mankato, Minn.; Michael Dearing, Barker; Stephen Smith, Kingsville and Albert Shockley, Houston.

Battalions make up a brigade and regiment, with groups formed into a wing. The brigade, regiment and wing are major segments of the Corps, to be commanded in 1978-79 by Robert J. Kamensky.

The new commanders, drawn from the senior class, will be sworn in at the start of the fall semester.



Driving along the country roads of Brazos County, one might run across a picturesque one-lane bridge. Many of the county-maintained bridges are made of wood with steel reinforcement like this one on Bird Pond Road. Some of the

bridges are in need of improvement, but the necessary funds are not always available. Walter Wilcox, county commissioner for Precinct 2, says this bridge is sturdier than it looks.

Battalion photo by Ann Richmond

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over the burden of maintenance, he says. Even if federal funding doesn't come through, the county commissioners say the oil companies presently drilling wells in Brazos County will be bringing more money into the area. Some of this revenue will go to the county commissioners for road and bridge maintenance, Stasny says.

Though the oil wells will bring more money into the county for the roads and bridges, the drilling operations are tearing up the roads and breaking down some of the bridges in Precincts 2 and 3, especially around Kurten.

But the oil companies are cooperating with the county, Cargill says. They are replacing damaged bridges with new ones and are helping to repair the roads.

The oil drilling equipment is causing extensive damage to bridges, but farm equipment and heavy trucks are also damaging other bridges in the county.

County bridges are dangerous, Stasny says, but few accidents occur on them. Department of Public Safety records for 1977 indicate only two accidents occurred on or at county bridges during that year. Both of these occurred in the early morning hours and both drivers involved were driving above a safe speed limit.

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