

GIDDINGS BOY ELECTED TO ROSS VOLUNTEERS

College Station, Texas.—A. A. Peters of Giddings has been elected a member of the Ross Volunteers, the best drilled and most famous military organization in the South. This is an honorary military company which dates back to the days when former governor Ross was president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

The members of this crack organization are selected for military ability and gentlemanly qualities. Throughout the years of its existence the Ross Volunteers have maintained their military and social record.

The organization is perpetuated by adding to its membership at the beginning of each school year a number of juniors and seniors who have the best records military, moral and scholastic competency. Students are elected to membership upon recommendation of an old member, and one dissenting vote by a single member is sufficient for rejection; and the vote may be cast secretly without the name of the voter being disclosed. So to be a member of this organization a student of the college must be considered a gentleman and a scholar of the highest standing. For this reason students accept membership in the Ross Volunteers as the greatest recognition that can be paid them by the student body.

It is doubtful if there are more than one or two better drilled organizations in the country at the present time. The commissioned staff is composed of A. L. Forbes, captain; A. B. Knickerbocker, first lieutenant; G. W. Martin, second lieutenant, and Jack Mahan, second lieutenant.

In addition to the annual exhibition drill, which is unsurpassed in military circles, the annual spring hop is given about April 21. Only one exhibition drill is given each year, this coming at commencement.

This exhibition drill given at commencement time each year is one of the most elaborate features of the whole year, and thousands of people come here on that day to witness it. The uniform is snow white and white shoes and white caps are worn with it. Drills which are not provided for in military regulations are carried out. Their execution is puzzling as the beautiful white columns of men perform through the drill. The Butts manual, which is the most interesting execution, is performed to music. The men using their rifles do some surprisingly spectacular feat to band music.

There is certainly nothing in the South to compare with it.