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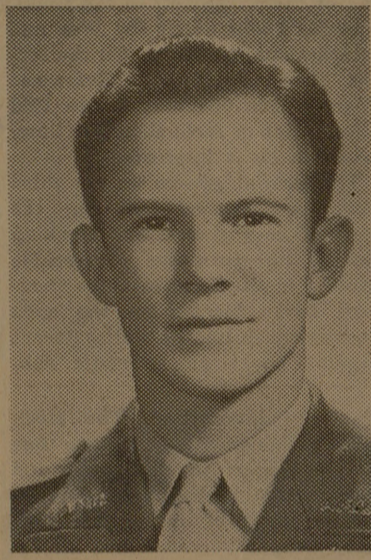
## 1,300 Aggies Register for Summer Semester

### Verne Scott Named Corps Colonel for Summer Semester; Murnane, Davenport, Jones, and Benson Lead Battalions

Verne A. Scott was named Colonel and Corps Commander by the new promotion list published by the Commandant and effective June 3, 1945. Battalion Commanders include Tommy Murnane, First Battalion; A. R. Jones, Second Battalion; W. E. Davenport, Third Battalion; W. R. Benson, Fourth Battalion.

Some additional promotions may be expected when it can be determined how many upperclassmen have returned for the summer. Vacancies, due to the fact that certain cadet officers named below failed to register for the summer, will be filled later, it was stated. The complete promotion list is as follows:

- Corps Staff**  
Colonel Verne A. Scott, Corps Commander.
- First Battalion Staff**  
Major T. G. Murnane, Battalion Commander.
- Company A—Captain W. C. Harper, Company Commander; First Lt. B. D. Harris, second-in-command; First Sergeant C. J. Reed, First Sergeant; Technical Sergeant Graham H. Cole, Technical Sergeant.
- Company B—Captain C. W. Yeargain, company commander; First Lt. S. J. Label, second-in-command; First Sergeant R. M. Vick, first sergeant; Technical Sergeant S. A. Nixon, technical sergeant.
- Second Battalion Staff**  
Major A. R. Jones, battalion commander.
- Company C—Captain J. P. Ayner, company commander; First Lt. W. J. Garrett, second-in-command; First Sergeant A. L. Presnal, first sergeant; Technical Sergeant B. J. Holbert, technical sergeant.
- Company D—Captain W. J. Poyner, company commander; First Lt. J. T. M. Cox, second-in-command; First Sergeant J. L. Stone, first sergeant; Technical Sergeant O. M. White, technical sergeant.
- Third Battalion Staff**  
Major W. E. Davenport, battalion commander.
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Verne Scott

### Singing Cadets and Aggie Orchestra to Give Free Jamboree

Introducing his new summer orchestra and singing group, Bill Turner, director of the Singing Cadets and manager of the Aggieband Orchestra, will stage a "jamboree" session in Guion Hall, Wednesday night, immediately after chow with an open invitation to the entire corps to attend as guests. The free session will be followed by the regular Wednesday night picture show, for which regular admission is charged.

Turner's Aggieband Orchestra rapidly is gaining distinction as one of the outstanding collegiate orchestras in the state and despite the loss of some of his key musicians, plenty of replacement material has reported and a good show Wednesday night is in prospect.

The Singing Cadets of Aggieband, truly one of the distinctive male choral organizations, has appeared in many Texas cities and has recently closed a regular season during which acclaim was received from all parts of the state where the group appeared.

Sybil Bannister, charming vocalist of the orchestra, will appear on Wednesday's show together with other solo artists and specialty numbers.

### Reveille Booklet Completed, Sales Campaign to Start

A sixteen-page booklet commemorating in story, picture, and rhyme the life of Reveille, the only official mascot of A. & M.'s history, has been published by the First Class of 1947 and will be available through military companies beginning next week, it has been announced.

Edited by Dwight McAnally, the attractive booklet is part two of a campaign begun in the spring by the Corps designed to provide an adequate memorial for the famous and beloved Aggie heroine and mascot.

Part One was a benefit show staged in Guion Hall that netted the fund more than six hundred dollars. This together with some \$125.00 raised by the Frogs last Spring is expected to be sufficient, when added with revenues obtained from the sale of the booklet, to complete Rev's memorial.

Announcement of details of the sales campaign will be made by Cadet Colonel Verne Scott.

### Rupel of Wisconsin Heads Expanded Dairy Department

Reorganization of the Department of Dairy Husbandry to increase the scope of student instruction and improve its service to the dairy and creamery interests of Texas have been announced by Chas. N. Shepardson, dean of Agriculture of Texas A. & M. College.

Dr. I. W. Rupel arrived on June 1 to become head of the department, a post from which Dean Shepardson was promoted on Dec. 1, 1944 following the retiring of Dean E. J. Kyle. While Dr. Rupel will have charge of the entire department, he will give special attention to dairy production, including supervision of the dairy herd, Dean Shepardson said.

Professor A. L. Darnell, who has been associated with the department for several years, will assist Dr. Rupel with the herd management and instruction in dairy husbandry. Professor Darnell will continue to coach the dairy cattle judging team which gains valuable experience in judging contests at major livestock and dairy exhibitions.

Dairy manufacturing work, including operation of the College creamery, is to be handled as a separate division within the department, Dean Shepardson said. A. V. Moore, professor of dairy manufactures, will have charge of this (See RUPEL, Page 6)

### A&M Profs Allowed In Downs Natatorium

Swimming privileges in the P. L. Downs Natatorium, considered one of the finest swimming pools in the country, are now available to members of the A. & M. faculty and staff between the hours of 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, it has been announced by W. L. Penberthy, Physical Education head.

A small charge of 5¢ for children under 12 and 6¢ for all over 12 will be made to defray actual expenses of keeping the pool open, Penberthy stated. Guests of staff members can be admitted for twenty-five cents.

### "Hiya, fellows" Greeting to Sophs Lets Frog in for Lesson . . .

## New Frogs Have Trouble Getting Into Swing of A. & M. Traditions

The new frogs have come, and after being here for almost a week now, have many varied opinions concerning Aggieband and campus life. To most of the frogs, meeting and speaking to people seems to be the largest situation to cope with. Many have expressed their true feelings when they admitted that this above all else impressed them the most. Then, the size of the campus and the number of buildings on it seems to be the chief impression of quite a few. But in general, there is one thing that the frogs just can not understand or get used to, and that is how to behave and act around upperclassmen. Many admit a true fear of them, while others say they "just can't seem to do anything right when an upperclassman is around."

Of course, you have seen some of the now famous freshman boners pulled lately. One that amused all concerned was an incident that happened early this week. It seems

### 653 Freshmen Sign for 12th War Semester

Enrollment of approximately 1300 for the summer appeared imminent today as figures in the registrar's office stood at 1241 with possibly a score of late registrants in process with cards not yet completed and tabulated. Contrasting with the 1400 enrollment of last summer, this fourth wartime summer session actually proved heavier than anticipated, according to the registrar's office.

Late Wednesday 653 new Fish had registered, slightly fewer than registering last summer. Upperclassmen returned in greater numbers than expected, and if more senior and junior subjects had been offered an attendance in excess of 1500 would have resulted, it was stated.

A. & M.'s 142nd registration, the twelfth during wartime, had few distinctive angles, as one sophomore stated, "just the same old lines". No noticeable differences could be observed as a result of victory in Europe this spring; in fact, some thinning of the ranks of upperclassmen, particularly juniors and seniors, is due to the insistence of draft boards that men reaching 18 years answer for induction.

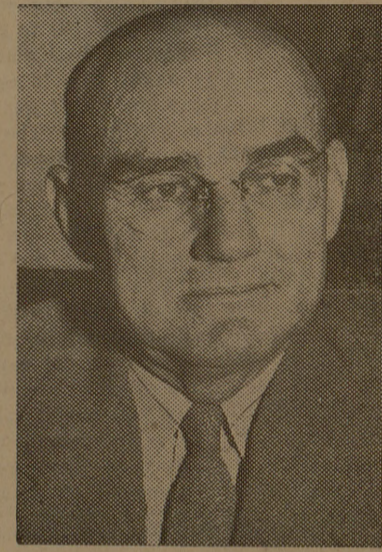
Although army demands are expected to continue to be heavy, it is believed the low point has been reached at A. & M. and that beginning next fall enrollments should begin an upward swing to the 10,000 students predicted for the first five years after the peace.

With the war with Japan entering favorable stages, it is hoped the more than 600 Texas high school graduates entering this week will be able to complete their work at A. & M. and graduate under peacetime conditions.

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- \* If you have paid the Student Activities Fee you are entitled to have the Batt mailed \* to you.
- \* Notify the Student Activities \* Office, Room 3, Administration \* Building, Phone 4-5324 of your \* Post Office box number so that \* your Batt can be mailed \* promptly.
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### Directors Vote to Separate Student Discipline from Military Control

#### President Gilchrist's Message



As Texas A. & M. enters upon its twelfth wartime semester, I am afforded again the privilege of extending to newcomers to the campus and those who are returning to us for a continuation of their studies, a word of welcome from the faculty and staff of this great institution for men.

The men of A. & M. have a tradition unexcelled, in peace and in war. This fine tradition is a challenge both to the Corps and the entire staff, and it is with the future enhancement of this growing tradition in mind that I express the hope that this semester's may be such as will continue to reflect the highest and finest qualities of this great Aggie worldwide fraternity.

In these wartime days, there seems to be no remedy for easy success, no escaping the great responsibilities of each individual. You who are preparing to take your places as citizens in a democracy should place your reliance in hard work, and keep steadfast your faith that the Great Power of Eternal Justice will soon be balanced in favor of a peaceful and joyous world.

Gibb Gilchrist,  
President, Texas A. & M.

Separation of student discipline from his military training will be accomplished in the near future, in accordance with an order passed by the Board of Directors at its May 25-26 meeting.

The order of the board authorizing the change reads as follows: "Upon recommendation of the Director of Student Affairs and approval of the President of the College, the future policy of this institution shall be to separate the discipline and control of student activities from the School of Military Science, the changeover to be made as expeditiously as possible. At the time of the submission of the annual budget the President of the College shall report such details as will be needed during the coming year to effectuate this change."

No definite announcements can be made at this time concerning the new plan except that all possible angles of the changeover are being studied carefully and action will be taken as soon as can be done conveniently, it was announced by college administrative officers.

"Until definite plans have been completed and the change has been effected, things will operate just as they have," said Dough Rollins, Director of Student Affairs, who will head the new program. "All possible attention is being given to effecting such a program as will be conducive to a greater and a better A. & M. One difficulty necessitating time is the problem of personnel. It is my desire to get the best possible men for the new program," Mr. Rollins concluded.

Under the proposed program the Military Department will be responsible for military training just as other departments have responsibility for training in certain fields. Military control, it is expected, will extend to military formations, drills, and military classes.

Routine business matters in general occupied the Board's time during the two day meeting. Standing committees were named by the Chairman G. R. White and a new five year contract with Head Coach Homer Norton at his present salary was signed to expire August 31, 1950.

A four man committee representing the Corps of Cadets appeared and presented a petition for the return of full military organization. (See DIRECTORS, Page 6)

### Turner Invites New Talent to Join Famed Aggie Singing Cadets

A call for new Singing Cadets was issued yesterday by W. M. Turner, director. Rehearsals were started Wednesday, and a quantity of acceptable talent was uncovered at that time, according to Turner; however, there is still a need for other voices, and all students interested in singing or learning to sing are urged to call Turner at the Student Activities office or to report for rehearsals, which are held from 4:30 to 5:30 each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Assembly Hall.

The Singing Cadets performs regularly on the campus and on tour. During the past year the organization traveled approximately 3,000 miles to appear in such cities as Denton, Dallas, McKinney, Baytown, Houston, Austin, Huntsville, and other prominent towns throughout the state.

### Presbyterians Sponsor Radio Program

A series of recorded radio programs entitled "Messages of Comfort for Our Times" will be heard over Station WTAW beginning Friday and continuing for six consecutive weeks. The recordings, prepared by Henry Wade Dubose, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Montgomery, Alabama, will be sponsored by the A. & M. Presbyterian Church, and will be heard at 3:45 p.m.

At the conclusion of the six-week series of broadcasts, Rev. Norman Anderson, of the A. & M. Presbyterian Church will begin a series of local broadcasts on the same radio time.

### Kiwanis Club Hears Harris Tell of Uses For New Plastics

Recent developments in the field of plastics were discussed by Dr. W. D. Harris, of the Chemical Engineering department, at the regular meeting of the College Station Kiwanis Club Tuesday. Plastics are not in their present stage of development to be considered as a building substitute, Harris stated, but are used as supplementary material to lumber and other familiar building materials.

Dr. Harris called attention to the wide variety of articles manufactured of plastics which are used in the ordinary household today, and estimated the retail value of plastic articles sold annually in this country at over a billion dollars. Samples of various forms of plastics were displayed during the discussion.

The meeting was opened by group singing led by W. M. Turner, and M. L. Cashion gave the invocation. Late news developments were read by Byron Winstead, of the College publicity department. As a surprise feature of the program, Norman Anderson introduced club members who have joined the organization since the charter meeting in February, in each case calling on another Kiwanian to give the club a thumb-nail sketch of the new member.

### A&M Profs Help to Plan Program for Academy of Science

Several Texas A. & M. College staff members are participating in preparation of the program for the annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science at Baylor University, Waco, November 8, 9, and 10 of this year. Among these are Dr. C. H. Winkler, vice-president for social sciences; Harold Vance, vice-president for geography and geology; Dr. Leo T. Murray, secretary. (See A&M PROFS, Page 6)

### Guion Hall Will Operate Under New Summer Schedule

Better shows, primarily first runs, will be possible at Guion Hall during the summer under the new policy of operating on Wednesday evenings and on Saturday and Sunday matinees and evenings, it was announced by Student Activities this week.

Guion Hall Theater is owned and operated by the Cadet Corps and all profits realized are returned to the Aggies in the form of recreational facilities, entertainment and welfare purposes, it was stated.

Profit-making has been secondary, the primary purpose of the show being to provide entertainment at reasonable prices, Tom Puddy, manager, stated.

Guion Hall Theater shows the best films obtainable just as soon as they can be released and the program always includes short subjects and news reels.

Guion Hall Theater originally was started by the YMCA and operated by the Y for more than 20 years. In 1942 the operation of the show was placed in the office of Student Activities and shortly thereafter Tom Puddy was named manager.

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NOTICE

\* Monday, June 11, is the last day for adding new courses, and dropping subjects without a grade this semester.

\* Subjects dropped after Monday, June 11, will carry a grade of "F".

F. C. BOLTON  
Dean

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