

Pilot And Wife



Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, '33, above, changed roles completely. They are shown boarding a plane as passengers following their recent marriage. "Mitch" is a pilot on the American Airline and Mrs. Mitchell, formerly Miss Nellie F. Mitcham, of Dallas, was a stewardess on the same line and they often flew together.

Mrs. Mitchell has been on the Fort Worth-Memphis airline schedule for the past three years, while "Mitch" has been flying out of Fort Worth during the past year. He became a pilot in 1936 after receiving training at Randolph and Kelly Fields.

As a student at A. & M., "Mitch" was a star player on the baseball team and received his degree in agriculture.

College Honors Five Veteran Men Of A. & M. Force

Five members of the staff of A. & M. were honored at the college's annual Christmas dinner Saturday evening, Dec. 17, for having passed 25 years in the college's service. The members honored at the banquet this year were George W. Johnson of the Extension Service, Ray E. Dickson Sr., of the Spur Experiment Station, Dr. S. W. Billing, head of the Entomology department, Dr. Hubert Schmidt of the Experiment Station and M. K. Thornton Jr. of the Extension Service.

President Walton acted as toastmaster throughout the evening at the gathering of over 1,000 employees of the college who crowded the annex of Shisa Hall for the affair. Dr. Walton presented the welcoming address to the college forces, and Dr. F. M. Law of Houston, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the College, also welcomed the force.

During the dinner Christmas carols were sung by the members under the leadership of J. J. Woolket, director of the college glee club and professor of foreign languages.

The plan to honor the official family of A. & M. annually at Christmas time was inaugurated last year when 25 members of the force who have been in the service of the college for 25 years or more were honored.

IN COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY WHO'S WHO



Shown above are students from A. & M. who will be included in this year's edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Left to right, top row, Herbert Mills, president of the Saddle and Sirolo Club and king of the rodeo; Buddy Mandell, co-editor of The Scientific Review; B. T. Wehner, major in command of the Aggie Band; David McCorquodale, president of the student chapter of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; Dick Todd, Aggie football player. Second row, Sam Harris, co-editor of The Scientific Review; Hub Aston, chief yell leader; Bob Adams, senior class president; A. P. Rollins, president of the Scholarship Honor Society and the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers; George Staples, captain of the R. V.'s. Third row, W. D. Barton, editor of The Longhorn; Durwood Varner, junior class president—the only junior in the group; Owens Rogers, football team captain; A. O. Faubus, president of the Kream and Kow Klub; Jack Clark, president of the student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Fourth row, David Thrift, cadet colonel; W. C. Morris, Jr., president of the student chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers; W. H. Smith, business manager of The Battalion; R. L. Doss, editor-in-chief of The Battalion, and Beal Hargrove, chairman of the Entertainment Series.

BANDMASTER RECEIVES NEW SONGS

As the result of the recent furor over copyright restrictions, which were erroneously thought to have been placed upon our use of the "Aggie War Hymn", Lt. Col. Richard Richard J. Dunn, Bandmaster and Professor of Music at A. & M., reports that during the past week he has received some nine new songs suggested for use by the college.

The songs have been coming from all over the state. Each writer is of course anxious to have his particular song adopted. Four of the songs have both new words and new music. The others are just new words, for which the writers ask Colonel Dunn or some other musician to write the music. One of the songs was written by the wife of an ex-Aggie. Another song of eight stanzas was written by a state legislator.

Says Col. Dunn, "Students might if they heard these songs conceive a liking for some of them. A. & M. really does need some good new school songs. I suggest that a committee be appointed to consider them. If so I would be glad to go over the merits of each song with the committee. The Aggie Band would gladly play the new songs so that the entire student body might hear them and decide whether it likes them."

Kyle Says Rumors Are Unfounded

Dean Kyle, chairman of the Athletic Council, said "No coach is being considered for any position in the Aggie athletic department."

Dean Kyle's statement, the first official word to be spoken, was made when he was queried concerning the rumor that Joel Hunt was being considered for a position here.

Hunt, an A. & M. graduate and former football star for the Maroon and White, was recently fired at the University of Georgia.

Because of the mediocre record made this year by his team, Norton had been the subject for scalpers' barbs. In five years here, his teams have wound up the seasons at around .500.

CANADIAN TO SPEAK AT PLANT SCIENCE SEMINAR

Dr. J. B. Harrington, Professor of Field Husbandry, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, will be the speaker at the Plant Science Seminar at its meeting on Thursday, January 5. The Seminar is fortunate in being able to have Dr. Harrington on the program, as he is a noted agronomist who has done valuable research on field plant technique as well as other phases of agronomy. He is especially familiar with cereal production and the statistical methods involved in experimentation with them.

The Plant Science Seminar fills a very definite need in the affairs of A. & M. College in the broad sense. It is the only organization within the institution that is devoted entirely to the higher levels of training in the plant sciences, and its value is attested by the fact that its attendance consists of staff members of all local branches of the institution who are engaged in research and teaching and graduate students interested in the plant sciences. One of the aims of the seminar is to bring to the institution, whenever possible, the viewpoints of workers with similar interests from other institutions, since all members recognize that a broadening of points of view and a stimulus is thus attained.

The program of this week, therefore, promises to be of value and interest to all who are interested in research in plant science, and especially to those who are interested in agronomic research. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Agricultural Experiment Station next Thursday, beginning at 7:30 p. m. All who are interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend.

58 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AT MID-TERM

Approximately 58 senior students in A. & M. will receive degrees at mid-term of this year and four students are candidates for the cotton classing certificate, according to an announcement made by the registrar's office Monday.

Faucets from the truck were broken off and the car was sprayed with fuel, which ignited the car. As onlookers stood helplessly, White pleaded with them to get an ax and amputate his legs. He was pinned in the wreckage.

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FORMER STUDENT KILLED IN WRECK

Clarence White, 19, son of Dr. C. M. White, former mayor of Beaumont, was burned to death last Tuesday when his car crashed into a kerosene truck and was destroyed by fire.

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300 New Students Expected at A. & M For Second Term, Making Total 5,900

Between two and three hundred new students are expected to enroll in A. & M. during the second semester of the 1938-39 school term, according to E. J. Howell, registrar of the college. This number will include new students as well as old students who have not been enrolled in the college for a semester or longer, Mr. Howell said.

The new students coming in for the second semester will raise the total enrollment for the year to between 5800 and 5900.

There will probably be an actual attendance of around 5200 during the second semester, the registrar stated. Many students have already been dropped from the college rolls and others will be leaving at mid-term, Mr. Howell said.

Final examinations for the first terms will begin on Friday, Jan. 27, and registration will be held

Friday Feb. 3 and Monday Feb. 6. A. & M., opened in 1876, is the oldest state-supported institution in Texas, and one of the largest boys' school in the world. The enrollment has grown so rapidly in recent years that this year it tops all enrollment records in the history of the school.

The total value of all buildings and property owned by the college approaches \$12,000,000. This semester a \$2,000,000 building program was started which will make available for use next semester 12 new dormitories to accommodate 2,000 more boys, and a new dining hall. A. & M. will then have the two largest dining halls in the world, together capable of holding more than 5,000.

The college consists of the School of Engineering, the School of Agriculture, School of Arts and Sciences, and School of Veterinary

Medicine. These offer extensive courses in all phases of engineering and architecture, agriculture, liberal arts, education, the sciences, business administration, military science, and veterinary medicine.

The School of Engineering of A. & M. is the largest in the world; the School of Agricultural is the largest in the United States; and the enrollment in the Veterinary School is this year only 16 students smaller than the largest in the country.

All the fields of the national Army are represented at A. & M., which offers more of these than any other school in the country and is the largest military school in the world. The A. & M. military Band of 200 members is the second largest college band in the United States, and its membership will be even greater next year when it

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NTAC SELECTED AS TEXAS PILOT TRAINING SCHOOL

A branch college of A. & M., North Texas Agricultural College, has been selected as one of the seven schools throughout the nation at which pilots will be trained immediately under a National Youth Administration project. Civil Aeronautics Authority officials erroneously announced last Tuesday that the Texas school selected was Texas A. & M.

The courses, which are expected to begin in January, are to be extended later to other colleges and universities to build up a backlog of pilots for the national defense.

Other schools selected were Purdue University, the University of Alabama, the University of Minnesota, the University of Washington, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Georgia School of Technology.

The officials of the CAA said that the plan would be extended to other schools later and if the plan works experimentally, it would be extended to hundreds of colleges and universities for the session 1939-40.

DR. R. P. LUDLUM OF THE A. & M. Department of History attending meeting of the American Association of University Professors in Chicago last week.

ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF NEW DORMS



A. & M.'s \$2,000,000 dormitories and mess hall will look like the above artist's sketch when they are completed in time for use next session. Built with a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan, the buildings will accommodate 2,600 students, and the new mess hall will seat around 4,000.

AMERICAN LEGION GIVES HOMES TO A. & M. SONS

The American Legion and the A. & M. College will join hands in the construction of a dormitory home to house sons of American Legion members at Texas A. & M. The selection of a site for the building will soon be made. The American Legion has appropriated \$20,000 for the project and it is expected that WPA participation will add another \$30,000 to \$40,000 make possible the erection of a \$50,000 structure.

The gift and generous program of the Legion was announced at the Thanksgiving meeting of the Board of Directors of the College. The building will house sons of Legionnaires whose fathers are unable to provide funds for regular dormitory accommodations. If these do not use all available rooms, the sons of World War veterans will be next in line. It is expected that work on the dormitory will be started shortly after the first of the year.