

# Many Events Took Place at A. & M. This Summer

## New Regulations, Many Changes, Announced During Summer School

**New Graduate Rule, Excess Absences Ruling, Corps Organization Changes, Are Among Those Made Known**

By George Fuermann

A. & M.'s thirty-first summer session began Tuesday morning, June 6 with a total registration of 1,357 students including 89 women. On the same day, the first issue of The Summer Battalion was distributed, marking the first edition of a summer publication in the college's 67-year history. The early editions of The Summer Battalion differed from the long-session publication in that they were smaller in size, being a five-column tabloid-size paper instead of the regular seven-column publication.

**WINKLER AGAIN DIRECTOR**  
Beginning his sixteenth consecutive summer as director of A. & M.'s summer school, Dr. C. H. Winkler headed the summer faculty of nearly 200 professors and instructors.

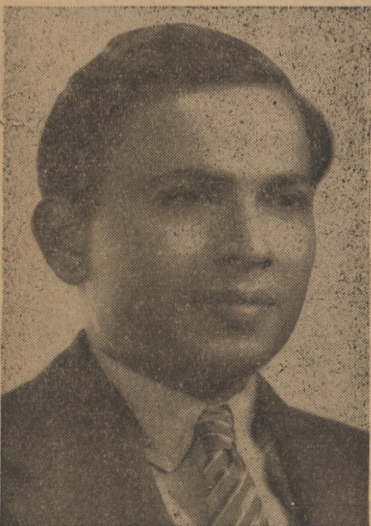
**TWILIGHT LEAGUE GETS UNDER WAY**  
June 13 witnessed the beginning of the softball season as eight teams began play in the college's annual Twilight Softball League held each summer. Under the direction of "Jeep" Oates, the eight teams were Aggie Cleaners, Aggie-land Pharmacy, Lipscomb Pharmacy, Seaboard Life Insurance Company, Campus Cleaners, College Inn, College Laundry, and Ag Educators.

**DIAL TELEPHONES**  
Dial telephones began making their appearance on the campus as the Southwest Bell Telephone Company announced the gradual installation of the dial system in Bryan and College Station.

**SENIOR EXEMPTIONS, WEEK-EARLY FINAL REVIEW RULED**  
Graduation exercises will be held Friday and Final Review Saturday, one week before the end of the regular session; all seniors with passing examinations will be exempt from final examinations, and seniors who on April 1 lack not more than two subjects may take special examinations in order to graduate, according to new regulations passed by the Executive Committee.

A senior who on April 1 lacks not more than two subjects, including his current program, and has a mathematical chance to graduate at the end of the semester, may be allowed a special examination in each of two subjects taken subsequent to his junior year. Such special examinations are to be scheduled on designated Saturday afternoons about May 1.

### Wadhvani



**LAL "FROG" WADHWANI DIES**  
A streptococcal infection of the heart prevailed in an eight-month battle for the life of an Aggie who was close to the hearts of all Aggies. Lal "Frog" Wadhvani died on Friday, June 9, in the College Hospital.

The following day last rites were held for the Hindu whose stoicism with an admixture of Aggie spirit had amazed physicians who had held little hope for his recovery from the inception of the illness. His remains were taken to his home in Hyderabad, India.

**LECTURE SERIES ON CONSERVATION**  
"An Administrator's View on Proration and Conservation of Oil and Gas" was the topic of Rail-

road Commissioner Ernest O. Thompson of Austin, who delivered one of the series of addresses on "Conservation of Natural Resources" held at the college throughout the summer by the Department of Agricultural Economics.

**SUMMER PRESS CLUB**  
The Summer Press Club elected George Fuermann president, Hub Johnson vice-president, Sara Allen Cofer secretary, and Ross Cox treasurer.

**TEN BIG SHORT COURSES**  
The first of the summer's ten big short courses was the State Veterinary Medical Association meeting held here June 6 and 7.

Beginning on Monday, June 13 and continuing through the following Friday, the Cottonseed Oil Mill Superintendents Short Course was held under the supervision of Dr. C. C. Hedges, head of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.

**SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES**  
The annual summer entertainment series got under way with the program of Frank Speight, distinguished English actor, which was held on the morning of June 22 in the Assembly Hall.

The main feature of the Summer Entertainment Series is the absence of an admission charge. Although a charge was made in the earlier years of the series, a provision is now made in the summer school budget which takes care of the expenses of these programs.

**COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS MEET**  
The sixteenth annual conference of county superintendents and county supervisors was held on the campus June 26 through 28.

Headed by Arts and Science Dean T. D. Brooks, the purpose of the conference was to study methods of improving the quality of rural school education.

**NEW GRADUATE RULE PASSED**

The A. & M. graduate school, which is even more important during the summer session than during the long terms, enrolled more than 300 students during the two semesters of the past summer session. This figure represents a considerable increase over the enrollment last summer and is a new attendance record for the graduate school.

One of the principal reasons for this increased attendance is a new ruling recently passed by the faculty which vitally affects graduate students. The rule states that all credits obtained more than six years previous to work on graduate degree may not be applied to the degree after this past September 1.

**WHITE WINS \$100 PRIZE**  
Vincent White, Aggie senior, was the winner of a \$100 cash award made by the Goodall Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, manufacturers of Palm Beach suits. White was first-place winner in a nation-wide collegiate slogan contest.

**SCHOOL HEADS MEET HERE**  
The sixth annual Texas School Administration Conference was held at A. & M. June 27-30. Among the conference's outstanding speakers were two A. & M. men, George B. Wilcox, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, and Dean T. D. Brooks.

**NO R. O. T. C. AT UNIVERSITY**  
Just before adjournment, the Texas Legislature voted 17 million dollars to Texas schools. Much interest was aroused by the proposal to establish an R. O. T. C. unit on the campus of the University of Texas. After having advanced as far as a final reading in the House, it was defeated. During the reading of the bill there were loud comments and demonstrations from the balcony by opponents of the bill. General student opinion on the University campus was as usual against the passage of the bill.

**FIRST SUMMER PASTURE PROM**  
The Summer Press Club sponsored the college's first successful summer dance in many years. Under the chairmanship of Peggy Campbell, the Summer Pasture Prom attracted over 300 couples and was declared highly enjoyable.

**TAXI REGULATIONS PASSED**  
Finally settling a problem which has long been a major thorn in the side of the Aggie student body, the College Station City Council enacted a much-needed regulatory ordinance in respect to taxicabs operating within the city limits. The ordinance not only provides for heavy penalties for anyone operating any passenger vehicle for purposes of compensation or hire unless a license has been obtained from the city.

Sections two through six provide for various factors in respect to the license and the operator. Section seven, however, is one of particular importance to the student body as it prevents overcrowding of busses and taxis. Another important part of the ordinance, section eight, provides that any taxi or bus must be maintained in suitable mechanical condition for the safe transportation of passengers over city streets and highways. The remaining five sections of the ordinance deal mostly with the administration of the ordinance. It will be put into effect before October 1.

**WRITERS CONFER, FARMERS MEET**  
Nearly 50 Texas newspapermen and women met on the campus July 12 for the annual Texas Writers' Conference. 1,200 persons attended the 29th Farmers' Short Course held here from July 12 through July 14. One of the most important of the annual short courses, this event draws farmers from over the entire state.

**O'DANIEL SIGNS MONEY BILL**  
Governor W. Lee O'Daniel Wednesday night, July 12, signed the appropriation bill providing funds for A. & M. for the coming biennium beginning last August 31. The sum of \$1,042,400 for each of the two years had been voted the college proper by the State Legislature. Governor O'Daniel, in signing the bill, vetoed items of \$15,000 each year for laboratory equipment and \$6,000 each year for the employment of qualified researchers by the Engineering Experiment Station. This reduced the appropriation for the college proper to \$1,022,400 a year or \$2,044,800 for both years, ending August 31, 1941.

**PRESIDENT WALTON'S FATHER SUCCUMBS**  
Word was received at the college Monday, July 10, of the death of James Austin Walton, 80, father of Dr. T. O. Walton, A. & M.'s president.

**GRADUATE STUDENT PICNIC**  
A picnic supper in honor of the graduate students and the faculty was given by the College in the gardens fronting the Administration Building Monday evening, July 10.

**MARCHING MEN OF SONG**  
One of the highlights of the 1939 Summer Entertainment Series was presented at the Assembly Hall on Tuesday, July 20, when the world-famous men's choir, "Marching Men of Song", came to College Station to give another of their fine programs of college songs, folk songs, and popular melodies. The choir, composed of seven men, is already well-known to many, as it has been touring leading colleges in the nation during the past 12 years.

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### "Health-iest" Summer-Schoolers



W. L. Penberthy, physical education director, lecturing to his outdoor summer-school class in "Organization of Health and Physical Education", in the shade of Kyle Field stadium.

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### Summer Mascot



"Backwash Charlie", property of the editor, and mascot of the Summer Press Club.

### RIZK IS SECOND ON SERIES

The summer's second entertainment program brought Salom Rizk to the stage of the Assembly Hall. Popularly known as the Syrian Yankee, his highly entertaining lecture "The Americanization of An American" was presented on the morning of July 11.

### 2,455 HERE FOR JUNIOR SHORT COURSE

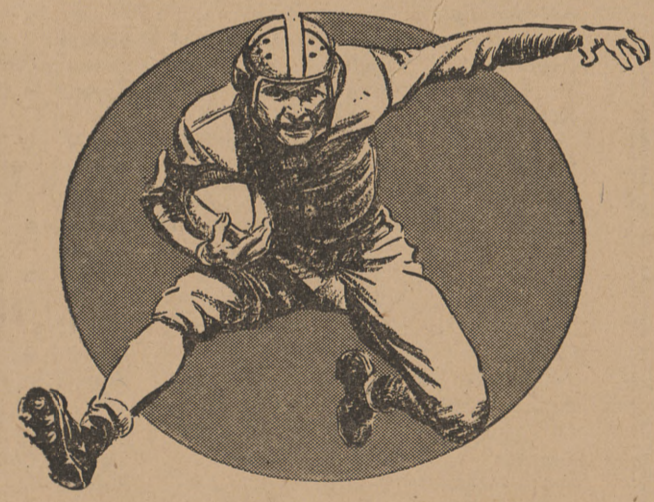
A new 4-H Club Short Course enrollment record was set at 2,455 boys and girls registered for the 1939 event held on the campus July 5 through 7.

### AG ECO FIELD TRIP

Leaving College Station on July 17, 15 students made a 42-day study tour of the eastern, northern, southern, and middle-western sections of the United States, and southeastern Canada. The 6,000-mile tour is an annual field trip sponsored by the Agricultural Economics Department and each summer carries the students over a different route.

# HOW GOOD IS THE TEXAS A. & M. TEAM THIS YEAR?

## A Football Expert Tells You in This Week's Post



• What players from here will make headlines this season? Which opponents will be most dangerous? Francis Wallace has just completed a swing around the country, chinning with coaches, getting the inside, and now brings you the names to watch. What new tricks will add more touchdowns per game, and what players in colleges coast-to-coast have All-American chances? Turn to this week's Post for a fact-crammed article that predicts this year's winning teams. Wallace has been right two years in a row. Will he be right again?

*Pigskin Preview of 1939*  
by **FRANCIS WALLACE**

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