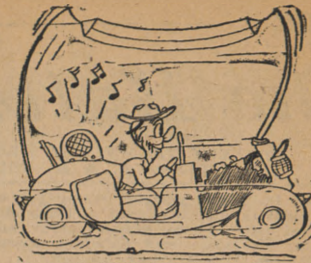




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## 'Louisiana, Here We Come,' Aggies Cry

### Christmas Spirit Invades Aggieland; Vacation Near

Annual Christmas Dinner Served In Sbis and Duncan Halls Monday Night

By Earle Shields

Christmas is being ushered in at A. & M. in a big way this year. The real Xmas spirit is pervading the campus in the way of club programs, banquets, organization parties, and Christmas carolers strolling about the campus.

The highlight of the programs thus far was the second annual Christmas program which was held in Guion Hall Sunday afternoon. It was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the cadet corps.

Featured on the program were the Glee Club and the Aggie Concert band, although much of the time was taken up by the singing of carols by the Aggies themselves. Talks were made by Max McCullar and Bill Oswalt.

No doubt many Aggies thought that the best of the pre-season festivities took place in Sbis and Duncan Halls Monday night when they consumed an excellent turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

President and Mrs. Walton's third annual Christmas banquet for the members and wives of the college staff will take place tonight in the banquet room of Sbis Hall. The honorees of the banquet are F. W. Hensel, D. T. Killough, J. M. Jones, S. D. Pearce, and D. F. Eaton, all of whom have completed 25 years of service to the college this year.

One of the most picturesque activities is the singing of Christmas carols by freshmen from the different organizations every night just before taps. The freshmen from each outfit gather in front of their respective dormitories and sing "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night," "Adeste Fideles," and others. The most inspiring group of all is the band freshmen. Each night they form one long group and walk a-

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### Two Students Are Injured In Crash

E. L. Jones, J. Cashen, Hurt As Airplane Falls

James Cashen of Batson, and E. L. Jones of Buffalo, both sophomore petroleum engineering students, were injured seriously in an airplane crash Saturday afternoon about four o'clock. The plane cracked up 200 yards south of the Basso airport on the Madisonville road, in an attempted turn shortly after the takeoff.

Cashen's injuries consisted of a fractured collar bone, crushed vertebra, a dislocated leg at the ankle, and abdominal injuries.

Jones had a compound fracture of the ankle, abdominal injuries, and probable kidney injuries.

Both had severe cuts about the head, and were suffering from shock.

Cashen, who had approximately 30 hours solo flying time was the pilot.

The boys were taken to the Bryan Clinic, where emergency treatment was rendered, and then brought to the College Hospital, where they were x-rayed and the full extent of their injuries determined.

### 70 STUDENTS TO GRADUATE AT MID-TERM

The number of mid-term graduates this year will be approximately 50 per cent greater than that of last year, according to figures received recently from the office of the Registrar. 70 applications had been turned in to Mr. Howell by Friday afternoon at five o'clock, which was the deadline for the submitting of petitions for mid-term graduation. This will be by far the largest mid-semester graduation class in the history of A. & M.

### Texas U. Ex-Students Extend Congratulations

Dean E. J. Kyle, head of the School of Agriculture and chairman of the Athletic Council, has received a telegram from Alva Carleton, chairman of the University of Texas Ex-Students Athletic Committee, extending congratulations to the Aggies for their fine 1939 football season.

"We congratulate A. & M. on your fine football team this year and wish you all success on New Year's Day at New Orleans."

Signed:

Texas University Ex-Students Association  
Athletic Committee in meeting,  
By Alva Carleton, chairman.

### Aggieland Will Play For Dances In New Orleans

Orchestra Will Feature Vocalist And Floor Show

The official A. & M.-Tulane football dance will be held in the American Legion Club in New Orleans on the night of January 1, following the Sugar Bowl Game. Featured at the dance will be an elaborate floor show and the singing of Miss Lenora Hood of Galveston with the Aggieland Orchestra. It is also likely that the orchestra will play for a dance December 31 in New Orleans.

The dance, which will be given in honor of the A. & M. and Tulane football teams, will be held in the famous Crystal Ballroom of the club. The American Legion Club is located in the picturesque old French Quarter of New Orleans just two and a half blocks from Canal Street and is easily accessible from the main part of the city.

The Crystal Ballroom is equipped with a steel cushion dance floor, multicolored lighting system, and a forced air ventilation system to make it one of the best-equipped and up-to-date dance floors in a city known the world over for its dances.

The dance is scheduled to begin at 9:00 and admission will be \$1.65 per couple.

### A. & M. Men To Speak Before Geological Society Convention

Three members of the Geology Department staff are slated to deliver addresses before the Geological Society of America, convening at Minneapolis, Minnesota, over the Christmas holidays.

Dr. S. S. Goldich, Dr. F. E. Turner, and Dr. J. Fred Smith will speak on "Rarer Metallic Constituents of Some American Igneous Rocks," "Physiography and Structure of the Moreno Valley, New Mexico," and other subjects.

Other A. & M. representatives will be Curtis J. Hesse, assistant curator of the College Museum, and E. E. Tisdale, graduate assistant in the Geology Department.

### Here Seven Seniors Will Play Their Last



The eyes of football fans all over the nation will be turned toward New Orleans New Year's Day when the fighting Texas Aggies and the Tulane Green Wave play in, according to many sports writers, the major bowl game of the nation.

Above is shown the Tulane University stadium as it will look on January 1, 1940, with additions completed by the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association for the sixth annual Sugar Bowl classic. Capacity of the stadium is 70,000 seats. Herbert A. Benson, president of the Association, was also architect of the stadium.

Seven Aggie seniors will play their last game in the Sugar Bowl. The seniors are (bottom row, left to right) Bill Duncan, Bill Audish, Frank Wood, Joe White, and Walemon Price; (inset, left) Herb Smith, and (right) Joe Boyd.

### Aggie Clambake Gaining Popularity; Will Be Held In Y.M.C.A. Hereafter

Out of 5½ hours a week broadcasting time, A. & M.'s own radio station WTAW, which is a non-commercial, educational station, gives one hour to the cadet corps. This hour is in the form of a program called the "Aggie Clambake," which is presented from 4:30 to 5:30 every Friday afternoon. In explaining the name of the program, John Rosser, manager of WTAW, referred to a professional definition of a clambake as "A rehearsal that has turned into chaos, often due to a multiplicity of directors, or any inept program," and then gave his own definition as "any lousy program involving two or more persons."

Although the program is open to all comers, it is not exactly an amateur program, because it is built around a nucleus consisting of the Aggieland Orchestra, the Glee Club, and Jack Rudy at the organ. However, the program belongs to the corps, and its success depends upon the interest of the corps.

Rosser stated that the program is not getting enough talent, and that if anyone who could do anything that can be used on a radio program would come to him for an audition, he would use that person if possible. He also said, "I would like to get the whole

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### Records From Chicago Prove Texas To Be Outstanding Livestock State

College Station, Dec. 18.—D. W. Williams, head of the Animal Husbandry Department at Texas A. & M., recently turned in a report to Dean E. J. Kyle listing some accomplishments of Texans in the animal industry field this year.

Many readers have seen the individual items in the newspapers but collected in one report they make Texas the standout state in the nation.

Here is Mr. Williams' letter to Dean Kyle:

Several things happened during the recent International Livestock Exposition at Chicago that I think would interest you. I thought I would call your attention to some of these items as it is possible that you might have overlooked them in the newspaper accounts.

The grand champion steer of the show was a Hereford shown by Mayfield Kothmann of Mason, Tex-

as. The reserve grand champion was also a Hereford, shown by Jack Baker of Bluffdale, Texas. This is the first time that Texas ever won both the grand champion and reserve grand championships.

The reserve grand champion bull and grand champion Hereford cow both were shown by Silver Creek farm of Fort Worth. This farm is managed by Jack Turner, a graduate of the college and a former member of our livestock judging team.

The 4-H Club livestock judging team won first place for the second consecutive year. The team this year was coached by Henry Kothmann, who was also formerly a member of one of our livestock judging teams and is graduate of the college. The team last year was coached by H. A. Fitzhugh, himself also a judging team member and graduate of the college.

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### Registrar Gives Advice About Rings

The Registrar's Office has just issued the following information with regard to the care of senior rings:

Your ring is a fine piece of jewelry and should be treated as such.

These suggestions should enable you to keep your ring in first class condition:

1. Remove it before taking part in any athletic contest.
2. Remove it before doing heavy manual labor.
3. Remove it before doing any laboratory work with chemicals.
4. Remove it before washing your hands. This will prevent soap from "clogging" the deep recessed portions of the fine die work.
5. Do not damage the fine detail and coloring of your ring by "exploring" it with a nail file or pencil or sharp instrument.
6. Your ring can be easily cleaned by boiling it about 2 to 3 minutes in solution composed of 20 parts soapy water and 1 part ammonia. (This may be necessary about once every four or five months.)

### Geology Club Will Review Convention Addresses Tonight

A review of papers to be presented December 27 and 28 before the American Geological Society meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by A. & M. Department of Geology members will be the program of the last meeting of the Geology Club this year, tonight at 8:30.

Besides these two papers, which will be presented by Dr. F. E. Turner and Dr. S. S. Goldich, a paper will be presented by Dr. Lyman Toulman on recent work carried on in Mississippi and Alabama.

### Placement Bureau Has Received 400 Records Of Seniors

To date, 400 of approximately 800 classified seniors have executed their records for the Placement and Personnel Division of the Former Students' Association, according to Lucian M. Morgan, director.

These records were requested by individual letters to each senior and through the department heads, and entail no expense to the student. However, individual printed leaflets are available at cost. These include the student's picture, full name, degree expected, address, personal data, high school and college information, business and industrial experience and references. The latter records are distributed to the head of the departments and bound into loose leaf form for mailing to prospective employers in every industrial field, in addition to those given the student.

The Placement and Personnel Division is planning a wide-spread publicity program to acquaint prospective employers with A. & M. graduates. Two methods used will be through the use of announcement cards and the individual leaflets. It is expected that these leaflets will attract the employer's attention and will be used by them if and when they have a position to be filled. Another important phase of promoting the work of the bureau is the establishment of active placement committees as a part of the program of every A. & M. club.

All candidates for degrees in February or June of 1940 who have not already turned in their records are urged to do so immediately.

### Team Ready For Tulane's Green Wave

Band Will Go To New Orleans December 30

"Louisiana here we come," is the chant of Coach Homer Norton's championship football team as they rip up and down the practice field getting ready for their engagement with Coach "Red" Dawson's Tulane Green Wave on New Year's Day.

The boys are showing more spirit and pep now than ever before this season, if that is possible. The team will work on its home field until about next Wednesday when they will go to Biloxi, Mississippi and taper off before going to New Orleans on the day of the game.

A. & M.'s famed Band will journey over before the game, leaving College Station at 7:15 p. m. on Saturday, December 30, and arriving in New Orleans Sunday morning at 7:25. They will be housed in the Municipal Auditorium there, the day before and through the day after the game.

New Orleans people have requested that the entire cadet corps make the trip, but Dr. T. O. Walton has pointed out that inasmuch as the game is during the holidays any cadets who make the trip will be doing so with the consent of their parents rather than on college authority.

E. W. Hooker, ticket manager, has announced that only about 900

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### PROGRAM FOR WALTON'S XMAS DINNER PLANNED

E. J. Howell, chairman of the Christmas Dinner Committee, yesterday announced the program for the Christmas dinner sponsored by President and Mrs. Walton, honoring all employees of the college who have completed twenty-five years of service.

Following the invocation, J. J. Woolket, accompanied by Mrs. Ford Munnerlyn, will lead the assembly in singing Christmas songs. Colonel Ike Ashburn, former Secretary of the Former Students Association, will confer the citations on the five men who have this year passed the twenty-five year mark of service. These men are: F. W. Hensel, D. T. Killough, J. M. Jones, S. D. Pearce, and D. F. Eaton. Christmas greetings will be given by F. M. Law, and President Walton will present the Christmas message.

All of those who wish to remain after the regular program may join in singing favorite Christmas carols and folk songs.

An attendance of approximately 900 college employees is expected.

### NEW PHOTOSTAT EQUIPMENT IN FOR REGISTRAR

New photostat equipment costing approximately \$9000 has been purchased lately by the Registrar's Office for the purpose of reproducing student transcripts and other departmental work. This equipment replaces an older machine that had become worthless through some twenty years of service.

The new photostat machine carries the brand name Rectigraph, and by means of a new Pako drying machine, enables the operator to produce a finished and dried photostat within five minutes.

These machines are being used in Room 14 of the Administration Building and are available for student photostat work.