

19 Students From A. & M. In Who's Who

Two Juniors Are Included In List With 17 Seniors

By C. A. Montgomery

Nineteen cadets were recently notified that they had been included in the 1939-40 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

The object of the volume is the creation of a basis of national recognition for students, devoid of politics, initiation fees, and dues. Representatives of over 500 schools are included in the book.

Additional aims are to furnish an incentive for students to get the most out of their college careers; a compensation to students for what they have already done; and a recommendation to the business world.

The possession of the following characteristics provide a basis upon which candidates are chosen: Character; qualities of leadership in extra curricular activities, such as athletics, society, religion and student government; scholarship; and potentialities for future usefulness to business and society.

From A. & M. 17 seniors and two juniors were selected. Their names and a list of their accomplishments follow: Durward B. Varner, cadet colonel; Charles H. Hammer, social secretary of the senior class; Walter W. Sullivan, manager of Town Hall; Francis M. McCullar, president of the senior class; Fred A. Pierce, chief yell leader; Ernest B. Meynard, agricultural editor of The Scientific Review; William H. Murray, editor of The Battalion; (Continued on page 4)

A. & M. STUDENTS INTERVIEWED FOR STATE POSITIONS

Marion B. Smalley, assistant to the Maintenance Engineer of the State Highway Department, interviewed seventeen students Thursday in view to hiring men to work as Courtesy Station Attendants.

Only students that are forced to drop out of school at mid-term due to financial difficulties were considered. When given the job the student must agree to save a portion of his salary so that he may later resume his college work, Mr. Smalley said. As Courtesy Station Attendants the men will wear their Aggie uniform without the patches and other insignia. The vacancies to be filled are at Orange, Texarkana, Wichita Falls, Shamrock, Glen Rio, El Paso, and Laredo. Those selected will report for work February 10th and will work an average of eight hours per day, seven days per week, holidays included.

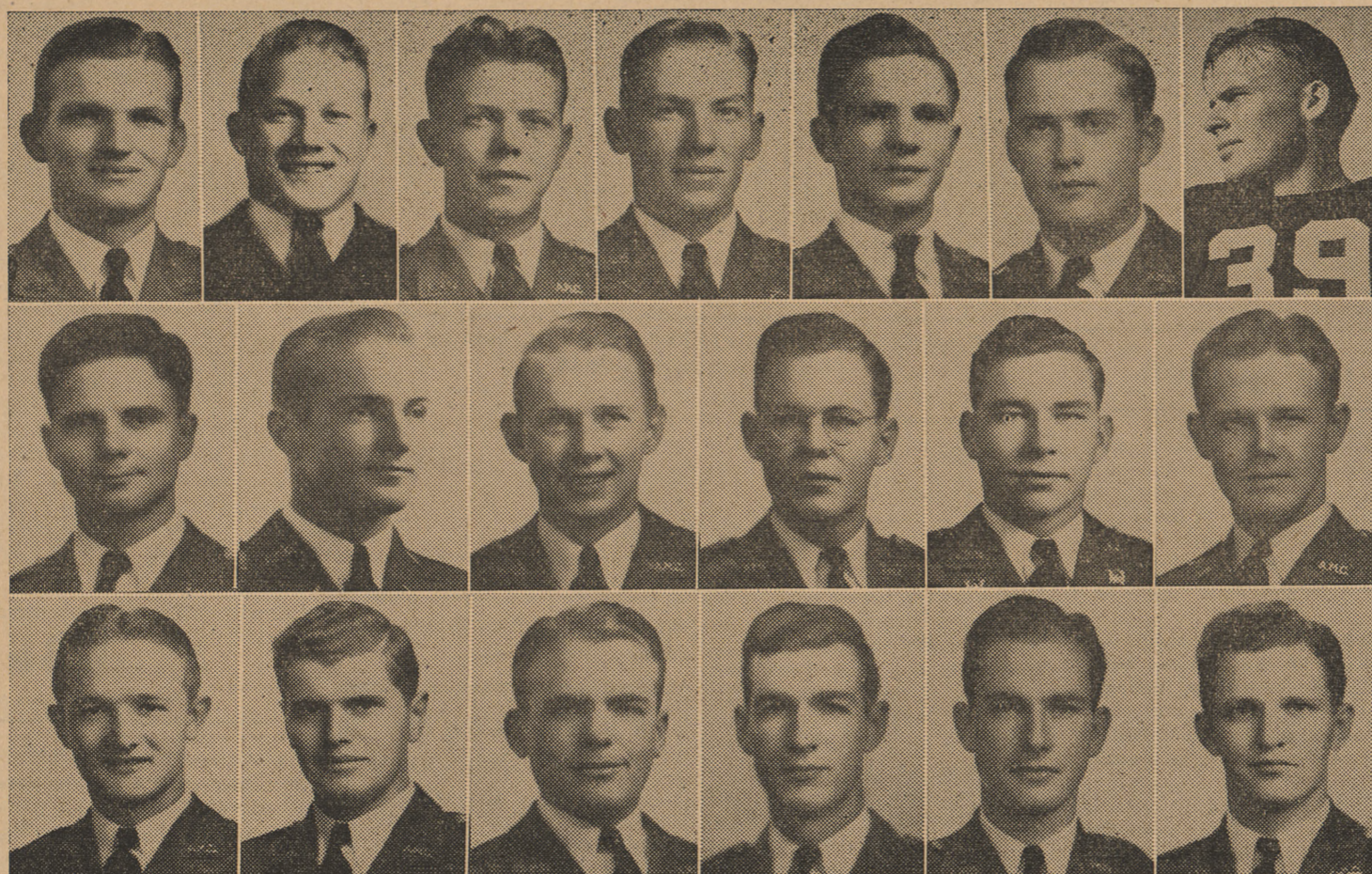
'Bean Piddling' Is New Mess Hall Game Carried On With Assorted China

By A. J. Robinson

"Bean Piddling" is becoming a major meal-time sport at A. & M. "Bean Piddling" is the name applied to the results of student's curiosity in regards to the new mess hall chinaware, which contains an interesting design. To get the design out of the game, one may close his eyes while someone fills his plate with food, then open his eyes and hurry to dig into the food to see what new design is to be found to pique his interest.

The reason for the many different brands seen is easily explained. When any institution or organization gives an order to a china manufacturing concern for a number of dishes to be made with a special pattern, the china manufacturer will make more than the number ordered to provide for

A.&M. Cadets Making Colleges' "Who's Who"



Nineteen A. & M. students were listed in the 1939-40 issue of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". The students appearing in this book are as follows: Top, left to right, Tommy Balmer, Joe Boyd, Bruce Cloud, Frank Corder, Bill Guy, Charlie Hammer, and John Kimbrough. Second row, Max McCullar, Ernie Meynard, Doug Miller, Bill Murray, Bill Oswalt, and Bodie Pierce. Bottom row, Dan Sharp, Bob Shields, George Smith, Walter Sullivan, Durward Varner, and Ele Baggett. Of this number Baggett and Kimbrough are juniors, the remainder are seniors.

Engineers' Day Discussed During Council Meeting

Problems concerning Engineer's Day, to be held next spring, were given an early airing at a meeting of the Student Engineers' Council, held last week at the country estate of Col. Ike Ashburn. Dean Gibb Gilchrist, who was host for the occasion, arranged for the dinner prior to the business meeting of the council.

The Student Engineer's Council is in its second year at A. & M. It was organized by Dean Gibb Gilchrist, with a dual purpose in view—to promote a deeper interest in engineering, and to coordinate the various engineering societies in their presentations in the Engineer's Day Show.

Although students of A. & M. are called Aggies, few people realize that there are more students enrolled in the School of Engineering than in the School of Agriculture. It was through some student organization as the Engineering Council that Dean Gilchrist wished to bring the engineering students closer together, and to try to solve some of their more important problems. By obtaining the views of the students, through the medium of the Council, it will be possible to be in closer contact with the feelings and reactions of the students to such matters as examination exemptions, stu-

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Coldest 'Cold Spell' in Ten Years Hits College and Surrounding Areas

By George Fuermann

Mark Twain once put it very well when he wrote, "There's a great deal said about the weather, but very little done about it." With a temperature low officially reported as seven degrees above zero, and unofficially reported several degrees lower, in the College Station area, the great writer's axiom becomes a truism hard to deny.

The minimum temperature recording during the present cold spell hasn't been exceeded since January, 1930, when an all-time low of two degrees above zero was recorded for this area. The ten year record set Thursday night was almost equaled in 1933 when the thermometer dropped to eleven degrees, but most long-time residents of College Station and Bryan declare that they cannot remember a cold spell as vicious and severe as the present one.

The norther hit College Station early Thursday morning and within a few hours thermometers showed temperatures ranging from 14 to 20 degrees above zero. An almost deserted campus Thursday and Friday nights presented a ghost-like appearance as a stinging-cold wind whistled through the trees and sucked steam from the college's underground heat passages, creating a weird supernatural effect mindful of another world.

Cadets passing to and from classes could hardly recognize each other as, heads swathed in towels, scarfs, or anything else available to keep ears and faces warm, students took on the appearance of grotesque beings from another land.

Attendance in classes fell off, the hospital list swelled, previously planned weekend trips were postponed, a radiator in one of the new dormitories burst, and, as mentioned before, "A great deal is said about it, but very little done!"

LONGHORN PICTURES TO BE MADE NEXT WEEK

Organization pictures for the 1940 Longhorn of the entire Cavalry Regiment and Company G Infantry will be made during the regular scheduled drill periods next week according to an announcement Friday by the military department.

Pictures will be made during the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon drill periods and number one uniform with white shirts will be worn by these organizations.

Kay Kyser Asked To Pick Vanity Fair Beauties

Kay Kyser has been asked to select the Vanity Fair pictures to appear in the 1940 Longhorn, according to an announcement made yesterday. Although he has not replied it is believed that he will accept the offer.

Many pictures have been turned in for both Vanity Fair and Senior Favorite sections of the 1940 Longhorn. Around forty pictures have been turned in for the Seniors Favorite section and about fifteen for Vanity Fair.

The biggest lot of pictures seems to be flowing in from T. S. C. W., proving that more Aggies go with C. I. A. girls than any other.

Last year three of the eight picked as beauties of the Vanity Fair section were attending T. S. C. W., however, all girls will be judged according to "looks" and not from their respective schools.

All seniors who have not turned in pictures should do so as soon as possible. February 1st will absolutely be the deadline on all pictures. Pictures have to be turned in to Mick Williams, Room 98 Law.

Letters and Post Cards Lie Winged And Powerless In Dead Letter Office

Of the many offices located in College Station, perhaps the one of greatest singularity is the "Dead Letter Office." For really it is not an office at all if we abide by the sense of the word "office" as we use it today. It is but a minor department of the local post office.

Into this department there comes daily one or more falsely addressed letters. Some of these letters bear no address whatsoever. Post cards by dozens lie "winged" and powerless in the post office. These cards often contain imperative communications in the space reserved for messages, and yet on that space reserved for the addressing they are painfully blank. Too, there are letters and post cards of the above mentioned calibre coming here from other offices. These are placed in general delivery for 15 days. After that time they are placed in the Dead Letter branch. After a reasonable time these letters are opened (Continued on page 4)

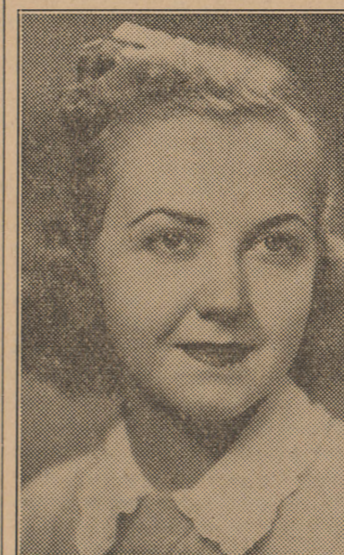
A Blonde With Green Eyes 'Sees All' For A. & M. Cadets on T. S. C. W. Campus

By her own admission—a blond with green eyes, five feet one inch tall, 105 pounds on most scales, and a native of San Antonio. That's Tess Charlton who, with Battalion junior editor George Fuermann, is exchange columnist from A. & M.'s sister school T. S. C. W.

It hasn't always been the Denton women's school for the junior journalism student. Last year she attended Texas University where she pledged the Chi Omega Sorority, but the two years previous to that were spent at T. S. C. W.

Tess is a staff reporter for the T. S. C. W. student publication, The Lass-O, and writes two columns for that publication. One of them is a column comparable to her Battalion effort, and the other is a weekly "swing" column concerning radio and records. Incidentally, Tess also serves as society editor of the T. S. C. W. annual, The Daedalian.

A graduate of the Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, Tess



Tess Charlton

says she's only classified as a junior in college because, "I didn't do much studying at the University."

S.M.U. Cagers Play Aggies Here Tonight at 7:30 P.M.

Business District Going Up In Front Of Project Houses

The officials of the West Park Realty Company this week announced the launching of an extensive building and developing program in the vicinity of the College Project House Area. In an interview with H. E. Burgess, co-owner of the company, the following information was obtained:

H. E. Burgess and Daniel Russell have formed the West Park Realty Company and purchased 35 acres of land joining the campus on the south. This purchase was subdivided into lots and blocks and has been restricted in accordance with Federal Housing Administration requirements. These blocks are to be serviced with hard surface streets and every lot is to be connected with all utilities. These lots, with but a few exceptions, are open for residential purchase only. The few business lots in the area will be highly restricted as to the type of architecture, size of building and the use to which they will be put.

J. F. Casey and H. E. Burgess have under construction a two-story brick building 70x85 feet which will house a first-class drug store and grocery. This building is designed with every modern feature to afford the best in the way of service and benefit to the community. The grocery is to be that of a chain store, since there is no such store available to the residents of this community. The building was designed by H. D. Mayfield, architect, and was constructed by R. A. Burks. It is expected that this building will be completed by the early part of April.

It was pointed out that this area is the last plot of land adjacent to the college which is available for residences. Because of its nearness to the school and to the center of activities of that sector, the developers are of the opinion that this land has promising possibilities for those desiring the finest of homesites near their work.

Contest Sponsored By Glee Club For A New Club Name

The A. & M. Glee Club is sponsoring a contest to obtain for itself a new name. Since the organization feels that the name Glee Club does not apply adequately to a male chorus of ninety members, it is offering a cash prize of \$5.00 for the best name submitted.

The club feels that it will be to the benefit of the college that the organization have an attractive name, since it represents the school in many public appearances.

The rules for the contest are as follows:

1. Any person is eligible to enter the contest.
2. Entries must be neatly written on a full sheet of paper and should include name and address of writer.
3. Entries must be in by 11 p. m. January 27, 1940.
4. Names entered should be relatively short.
5. No entries will be returned.
6. Entries may be turned in to club publicity manager, "Gib" Michalk, room 423, dormitory number 10, or may be given to any of the club officers.

The officers of the glee club will select the five ranking names of those submitted and the winning entry will be selected by vote of the club. Decision by this vote will be final. The person submitting the winning name will be presented with a cash prize of \$5.00. The results of the contest will be published later with honorable mention given to the four other entries considered ranking in the five best.

Ponies Have Won Once, Lost Twice

Winner Is Unpredicted, Game Called A Toss-Up

Whitey Baccus will bring his S. M. U. Mustang basketball team here tonight to play the Aggie Cagers in an effort to bring his charges up to the .500 mark. The game will be called at 7:30.

The Ponies have dropped two tilts and won one, that being a close one over Baylor, a team the cadets trimmed last week. Coppedge and Virgil "Country" Wilkerson are the two boys the Aggies will have to stop if they hope to be the victors.

S. M. U. lost to Rice recently 36 to 36 and holding the Owls to 36 points is some fete in itself. The Aggies learned a lesson against the Owls and they may profit by it tonight. S. M. U. is a defensive team, but the cadets get their share of shots and enough of them may go through the hoop to give them the victory.

Dope points to the game as being a toss up and if Henderson and Dawson get hot at the same time the cadets will be favored. The return of J. T. Lang to the lineup will help a lot. He played some against the Owls, but was not in the best of condition.

Some of the other Ponies who will bear watching are Arvil Jones and Wilbur Keith, forward and guard respectively.

The Ponies have one of the poorest offensive clubs in the South, but their defensive more than makes up for this weakness. Even at that they have one of the conference high point men in Wilkerson who has averaged 12 points per game.

A. & M. SECTION OF CHEM SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

An election of new officers for the Texas A. & M. Section of the American Chemical Society was held at a meeting of the Section last Tuesday night.

Those men elected are as follows: Chairman, A. R. Kemmerer; chairman-elect, F. W. Jensen; secretary-treasurer, G. S. Fraps; Councilor, E. B. Middleton. At the same meeting N. E. Rigler was appointed chairman of the program committee, and R. E. Snuggs was appointed chairman of the membership committee.

The society will meet again on March 13, at which time the members will hear Dr. F. D. Rossini on "The Chemical Constitution of Petroleum." Dr. F. D. Rossini is Chief of the Section of Thermochemistry and Constitution of Petroleum of the National Bureau of Standards of Washington, D. C.

COFFEE SHOP IS OPENED AT EAST GATE THURSDAY

The new College Courts Coffee Shop, under the management of V. V. Mercer, opened for business Thursday. The new coffee shop, which occupies the building formerly known as Van Noy's, has been completely redecorated as well as enlarged.

The interior of the building is finished in white with bright blue walls. The floor is covered with rock tile in mingled colors of black, grey, and white. Neon lighting is to give a subdued glow to the dining room at night.

The seating capacity has been enlarged to accommodate 60 people and booths will be installed soon, further increasing the capacity.

Mercer, who also manages College Inn at the North Gate, has employed a staff of eleven capable assistants. John Sutton, well known Bryan chef, will have charge of the kitchen.