

# Results Of First Year's Activity Of Placement Bureau Is Shown Through Survey Of Season's Work

By Lucian Morgan  
Director, A. & M. Placement Bureau

Special to The Battalion: Having felt for some time that the College should have a centralized placement bureau, the Board of Directors of the Association of Former Students authorized, on March 4, 1939, the appointment of a Faculty-Former Student Committee to work with Association Secretary E. E. McQuillen in developing the program. A local committee was appointed to serve with Secretary McQuillen which consisted of the following men: H. C. Dillingham, '22, professor of electrical engineering; Harold Vance, head of the Accounting and Statistics Department; Luther G. Jones, '21, professor of agronomy; Fred F. Jaggi, Jr., '24, head of the Veterinary Hygiene Department; C. C. Hedges, head of the Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Department; R. L. Elkins, '33, assistant professor of economics; R. P. Ludlum, history department; and Colonel Ike Ashburn, executive assistant.

In order to secure further information and guidance in organizing the placement bureau, E. E. McQuillen attended the annual convention of the American Alumni Council and while on the trip visited Iowa State College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Cornell University, studying their student placement bureaus.

Additional work and study was given to the establishment of a

placement bureau and the Board of Directors of the Association, at their summer meeting in July, 1939, authorized full speed ahead and the appointment of a joint Faculty-Former Student Advisory Committee, composed of the following men:

Dr. C. C. Hedges, head of the Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Department; M. C. Hughes, head of the Electrical Engineering Department; Dr. F. P. Jaggi, Jr., '24, head of the Veterinary Hygiene Department; J. Wheeler Barger, head of the Agricultural Economics Department; A. L. Ward, '10, Dallas; George G. Smith, '30, Waco; and R. R. Peoples, '28, Tehuacans. This committee met in the early part of September to consider final plans for the establishment of the placement bureau as an integral part of the Association of Former Students. Lucian M. Morgan, '35, was employed as Assistant Secretary of the Association and Director of the Placement Bureau.

The Placement Bureau operates on a cooperative basis with the Faculty of the College and relies heavily on the Faculty for their recommendations and other valuable assistance. The major aims of the Bureau are:

1. The establishment of a centralized placement service to work in cooperation with the college staff and employers, in placing A. & M. men.
2. The development of a program to acquaint prospective employers with the products of the A. & M. College.
3. The promotion, in cooperation with the Faculty, of an educational program of vocational guidance for students.
4. Employment and placement efforts for men already out of school—both graduates and non-graduates.
5. The development and maintenance of personnel records.
6. The performance of conscientious and worth while services to both present and prospective employers.

With the close of the Commencement exercises on June 1, the Placement Bureau completed its first year of operation. The results from the past school session have been very encouraging and the Bureau has received many compliments from visiting representatives of industry.

A total of 750 seniors and graduate students executed personnel records, and, of these, 405 had the printed personal data sheets prepared. These data sheets were sent out in booklet form, by departments, to 250 industries to show what the particular department had to offer in this year's graduating class. The leaflets were also used

by seniors in requesting interviews and by the Bureau in making recommendations.

The Bureau assisted in conducting interviews for more than 50 industries visiting the campus, 10 of these firms having never been to the college before. 4,000 announcements were mailed out and about 2,500 letters were written to prospective employers.

During the summer months the Bureau is busily engaged in keeping track of this year's graduating class, contacting employers, and preparing for next year's seniors. It is realized that it will require from three to five years to have the Bureau operating as planned, but the first year's work has shown the need of the College for a centralized office, working in cooperation with the Faculty in the interest of A. & M. alumni.

## Reviewer



Betty Shelton, Sophie Newcomb sophomore and Phi Phi pledge who is The Summer Battalion's movie columnist and reviewer for 1940.

## Rodriguez

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school education at the place of his birth, and part of his undergraduate work at the University of Puerto Rico. The last part of his education was taken at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts where he received the following degrees: Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts, and Bachelor of Law.  
He has since been teaching for seven successive years, two of which were at the Boston University, and a total of six summer schools. For the first semester this summer, he is teaching two classes. One in "The Development of Commerce and Industry" and the other, "The Marketing of Agricultural Products". In respect to the success of his efforts he said, "So far, I am delighted with my two groups. They have proven that they possess the ability of grasping material rapidly. I would like very much to return again to A. & M. as an exchange professor at the very first opportunity."  
Dr. George W. Schlesselman of the Agricultural Enomocis Department of this college has gone to Puerto Rico where he is teaching Dr. Rodriguez's classes in his absence.

The Majority of Dr. Rodriguez's time in the United States was spent in Boston and he married a Boston Girl. His wife did not make this trip to the "States" with him because of illness, but they return to Boston together every year at Christmas time. This was his first trip to the Southern part of the United States and his impression of Texas was very complimentary. "The climate here is very similar to that of Puerto Rico, and although I lived seven years in the East, I am delighted with the beauty of the South."

His duties in Puerto Rico consist of more than teaching economics. He is a member and treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Commission Merchants in Construction Materials. Having been a cadet major in the R. O. T. C. unit at Puerto Rico, he holds a commission as an Infantry captain in the United States Reserve and is eligible for promotion to the grade of major in July of this year. He is now studying the Commanding General's Staff Extension courses which will make him eligible for the grade of Lt. Colonel. He is also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, an honorary fraternity for graduates in Business Administration.

In his native land, he is accustomed to rowing and fishing each day for one hour, and he often spends equal time swimming and riding horses.  
After the first semester is completed, he will leave July 20, for

## Administrators

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The Bryan Country Club Greens, College tennis courts, and the P. L. Downs, Jr., Natatorium will be open to Conference visitors.

As in the past, the wives of the superintendents attending the Conference are cordially invited to come with them. The large parlor on the second floor of the "Y" will be reserved for their headquarters during the Conference. Plans for their entertainment will be made in the light of advance registration.

The annual session of the Texas Association of County Superintendents will be held during this same period, offering excellent opportunity for joint programs and interchange of speakers.

Except the Banquet Session with the Association of County Superintendents, all programs will be held in the Physics Lecture Room.

The highlight of the Program will be the Joint Annual Banquet with the Association of County Superintendents and County Supervisors of Texas. The speakers of the evening will be Charles S. Tenneyson, President Texas State Teachers Association, and E. S. Richardson, President Louisiana Institute of Technology, Ruston, Louisiana.

## New Rates

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Mayor Frank G. Anderson pointed out that a city near College Station raises three fourths of its operating expenses through its utilities, while another nearby city, which has privately owned utilities, accesses property for more than the actual sale value in many cases.

Mayor Anderson declared that the city ordinance which requires parallel parking in the street between the North Gate drug stores and forbids left turns is being enforced and has resulted in considerable improvement in the traffic situation at the North Gate.

All contractors, architects, plumbers, and electricians must obtain building permits before beginning work on any proposed structure. Inspection fees for wiring and plumbing together with tap fees for water and sewer lines must be paid at the time the building permit is requested. This ordinance will be rigidly enforced in order that the city may continue to enjoy the benefit of the new fire insurance rate.

At a recent meeting, the City Council approved the recommendations of the City Planning Board that a committee be appointed to confer with a similar committee from Bryan to establish a satisfactory boundary between the two cities and that a special election be called soon to make certain regulations in regard to new additions and developments in College Station.

Another recently passed ordinance requires all dog owners to go by the City Office and secure tags before July 1st. Dogs must have a rabies certificate dated within the last twelve months.

Only one-third of the residents of the city have rendered city taxes for 1940. The Equalization Board will begin work on the 1940 rendition the 3rd week in July. Taxes may be paid at the City Office, Mayor Anderson pointed out.

## R.O.T.C. Camp

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the Aggies have been busy trying to moisten the atmosphere for them each night.

Social life at most of the camps seems to be on the lacking side, but officers' daughters—they call 'em "army brats", and brats they really are—are fairly plentiful and business is beginning to pick up—from an Aggie viewpoint, at least.

In all the camps—the Infantry, Field Artillery, Engineers, and Signal Corps Regiments at Camp Bullis; the Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss; the Coast Artillery Regiment at Fort Crockett; and the Chemical Warfare Regiment at Edgewood Arsenal—the sentiment is the same... Everything is under control now that the Texas Aggies are in the saddle.

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Chatanooga, Tennessee where he will visit until his boat sails from Tampa, Florida for Puerto Rico, July 30.

# Versatile, A Humorist of the First Order, And A Psychologist Too—The Man Is Dr. C. H. Winkler

Psychologist in the winter, summer school director in June, July, and August—such are the duties of A. & M.'s genial Dr. Charles Herman Winkler. And that's not



Dr. C. H. Winkler

rector of the West Virginia Boys Working Reserves and Director of the Rehabilitation of Ex-Service Men.

Dr. Winkler is a member of many outstanding educational societies—besides his work at the college, Dr. Winkler is the owner of two pecan farms, the father of five children, grandfather of four, a Mason, a member of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Educational Committee of the Texas Society for Mental Hygiene of which he is a charter member, and an active citizen in all phases of community life.

Doctor Winkler was born and raised on a farm in Bell County Texas. Upon completing his public

## Roosevelt

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and was called by J. W. Studebaker, National Commissioner of Education. The elaborate report made by Texas A. & M. included reports on the institution's three branch colleges: North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington; John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville, and Prairie View Normal at Prairie View.

Gilchrist said, "The entire facilities of the College have been placed at the disposal of President Roosevelt and the War Department."

Other men attending the conference, besides Gilchrist and Studebaker, included C. W. Creel, Assistant Secretary of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities; Karl T. Compton, President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; F. W. Peiker, Dean, School of Engineering, George Washington University; O. J. Ferguson, Dean of Civil Engineering, University of Nebraska; C. W. Fisher, Captain, United States Navy; R. C. Gowdy, Dean, School of Engineering and Commerce, University of Cincinnati; Frank J. McSherry, Dean, School of Engineering, New York University; A. J. Scullen, School of Engineering and Architecture, Catholic University of America; S. S. Steirberg, Dean, College of Engineering, University of Maryland; C. V. Thomas, President, Fern College; B. R. Van Leer, Dean, School of Engineering, North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering; and C. C. Williams, President, Lehigh University.

## Danford

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Pupil Safety Series" of graded tests and co-editor of the "Safety Education Digest." He also has written articles on safety and safety education for various journals.  
Dean C. H. Winkler declared that this program is expected to be of interest to all students as Danford is an expert in his field and the subject is one of most vital interest.

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school education he studied at A. & M., Texas University, Cornell University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Missouri, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1914. Since his graduation from Texas University in 1904, Dr. Winkler has held many varied positions ranging from an instructorship at Texas University to the management of a mushroom farm in Ohio. Immediately before coming to A. & M. Dr. Winkler was employed by the University of West Virginia. While there he also worked in the capacity of Dietician including the National Educational Association, the American Vocational Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Agricultural Teaching, the American Association of University professors, Texas State Teacher's Association, and the Texas Vocational Teachers Association. He is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and Sigma Kappa Zeta, honorary fraternities. He is the author of several books dealing with botany and vocational agriculture.

At the present time, he is extremely interested in pecans, and a great deal of his spare time is spent on his pecan farm at The Grove, his old home.

Dr. Winkler's psychology classes are noted for their constant element of humor and surprise. Upon one occasion, the class was dumfounded when a student, who had been repeatedly late because of employment which ran over into the class time, walked into the room to be confronted with the assertion that his tardiness was illegitimate and inexcusable, and that he was obviously not interested in psychology. A heated argument ensued, with the student finally stating that he thought the trouble lay not in the course but in the teacher, and as a result, was invited to drop the course, just three weeks before the end of the term.

A few minutes after he had angrily stalked out, slamming the door behind him, the student calmly entered the room and took his customary place; the amazed class realizing that they had been used as guinea pigs in a test of reaction and observation.  
Last summer, however, the tables were turned, and Dr. Winkler himself was the victim of an embarrassing incident. His daughter-

in-law, visiting one of his classes, received the following note from the student seated next to her: "This is a snap course, but you'd better take notes because this old geezer gives pop quizzes on his lectures. The student, upon realizing his mistake, dropped the course, but later made an "A" in it during the long session.

And so it goes... From pecans to grandchildren, psychology to summer school directing, Dr. C. H. Winkler—to use an Aggie expression—is a "bueno fellow."



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