

## Mayor Frank Anderson Issues City Financial Statement

### 4,500 Expected At 29th Farmers' Short Course

#### 4-H Club Short Course Begins Six-Day Meeting

Is Oldest And Largest Of A. & M. Short Courses

The 29th annual Farmers' Short Course, oldest and largest of all the summer courses offered by A. & M. College, will be held here July 7 through July 12. It includes two separate courses, the 4-H Club Short Course and the Farmers' Short Course proper.

The 4-H Club course, which will be held July 8 and 9, will be attended by some 2500 youths of high school and pre-college age. Boys arriving Friday and Saturday to participate in judging contests will be housed in Milner Hall. Those arriving later will be housed in Leggett and Mitchell Halls. Girls will stay in dormitories 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. Sponsors will be quartered in dormitory 2.

The judging contests held all day Saturday will begin with a meeting of all boys in Guion Hall. Sunday morning will be spent touring the Brazos bottom plantations, and at noon a picnic lunch will be served at the County Fair Grounds. Kyle Field will be open for recreation at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and a 7:30 Sunday night Vesper Service will be held in Guion Hall under the direction of Nina Ruth Higdon.

On Monday the course proper will begin with a general assembly in Guion Hall at 8:30 a. m. At 10 a. m. a group picture will be taken on the East side of Guion Hall. At 10:40 another meeting will be held in Guion Hall. The boys will meet in the Assembly Hall at 2 p. m., and at 4 p. m. they will go to Kyle Field for recreation.

### Pickard Wins Danforth Training Award For 1940

Albert M. Pickard, of Latonia, freshman student in veterinary medicine at A. & M., has been awarded one of the Danforth Foundation Summer Leadership Training Scholarships and will spend two weeks this summer at the American Youth Foundation Camp near Shelby, Mich., on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Such awards are made annually to one freshman in each school of veterinary medicine in the country and the winners are selected from the outstanding students, not only on the basis of their class grades but on their qualities of leadership and their personal lives, as well.

Pickard has received information that the camp will be held August 12-25, inclusive.

### Weep On Students - - No Juke Box Prom This Weekend

The usual Saturday night Juke Box Prom will not be held this weekend because of the Fourth of July holidays which will take the vast majority of the 1,400 summer school students away from the campus.

The dances will be resumed again the following Saturday night, July 13, with the usual fifteen cent, two-for-a-quarter admission charge in force. W. L. Penberthy and Luke Harrison, directors, have announced.

Last Saturday night's dance set a new attendance record in spite of the heavy rain with more than 400 "Juke Boxers" attending the three-hour function.

The unique proms are beginning to gain recognition throughout the

### Water . . . Water Everywhere -- And PLENTY To Drink !!

Rain . . . Rain . . . And a lot more rain!

For three days—all of them nice days for ducks—College Station and vicinity received a wetting that hasn't been equalled since June, 1921.

From 6 p. m. last Friday until the same time Sunday, a rainfall of 6.19 inches was recorded by the A. & M. Experiment Station. This brought the average for June to 8.97 inches—a figure which is three times as great as the normal rainfall of 2.99 inches.

The only damage reported in this area as a result of the heavy rains was a small amount of crop damage. The street fronting the Y. M. C. A. was flooded a foot above the curb and almost resulted in flooding adjoining Puryear Hall through the windows facing the "Y".

Experiment Station records show that A. & M.'s record rain fell in June, 1905. That month's rainfall was 15.03 inches, which made the average for the year rise to 45.7 inches. For the past 51 years, the average rainfall for College Station has been 38.41 inches.

### Ex-Aggie DeWitt C. Greer Promoted To One Of Texas' Most Responsible Positions -- State Highway Engineer

DeWitt C. Greer, member of the class of '23, was recently appointed highway engineer to succeed Julian Montgomery. When he assumed his new duties last Monday, July 1, he was one of the youngest highway engineers in the history of the department. Gibb Gilchrist, now Dean of Engineering at A. & M., was approximately Greer's age when he was state engineer for a short time before 1925. He returned in 1927 and held the post until 1937 when Montgomery succeeded him. Montgomery was 48 at the time of his appointment.

Raised at Pittsburg, Texas, where he received his public school education, Greer attended A. & M. and when graduated he was a first Lieutenant of F Company Infantry, a member of the Y Cabinet, the Band, Ross Volunteers, and the Civil Engineering Society. He was also president of the Northeast Texas A. & M. Club.

After receiving his degree of Bachelor of Science in civil engineering, Greer's first job was in construction as an employee of Cooke & Turner, highway contractors. Later he was connected with the Park Board in the construction

of parks, after which he entered private practice at Dallas and Athens. Later he served as city engineer of Athens in charge of water, sewer and street paving.

Thirteen years ago he became a member of the engineering personnel of the Highway Department. His first job with the department was a field engineer in 1927. In July, 1929, he was promoted to acting division engineer at Tyler, where his father, Sam R. Greer, resides. In 1930 he was elevated to division engineer at Tyler and served in that capacity until his transfer to the main office at Austin in November, 1936, where he has been chief engineer of construction and design until his recent appointment.

Greer, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, is a registered professional engineer and a member of the board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church of Austin. He was married in June, 1928, to Helen Colton of Athens. They have a 4-year-old daughter.

### Farm Security Administrators Cancel Meet To Have Been Held Here

Mr. C. M. Evans, Regional Director of the Farm Security Administration, has advised H. H. Williamson, director of the Texas Extension Service, to cancel the Farm Security Administration Conference which was to have been held here July 15-20. This was to have been the sixth annual meeting of the Texas Farm Security Administration. About 650 persons attended each of the previous meetings, and approximately the same number were expected to attend this year.

According to Roy Snyder, Supervisor, Specialists' Work, there was no definite reason given for the cancellation of the meeting.

### HELP WANTED, The Aggie Kind!

AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSION

A front page editorial in last Thursday's Battalion pointed out the striking need for more R.O.T.C. advanced military science contracts at A. & M. during the coming long session. And there's a way that this desired increase may be obtained!

Texas' senior Senator, Morris Sheppard, is Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee—always an important committee, but especially so in view of the current world crisis.

A reliable and dependable authority has assured the editors of The Battalion that Senator Sheppard can have considerable influence in gaining this desired end for Texas A. & M. College.

And, with that in mind, The Battalion asks all Aggies, ex-Aggies and friends of the college to write to Senator Sheppard and ask his cooperation in this matter.

A marked copy of last Thursday's Battalion was mailed to Senator Sheppard and college officials have familiarized him with the situation. In your letters, explain to Senator Sheppard that six thousand Texas Aggies, as well as twenty-two thousand former students, are vitally interested in the increase of the number of these contracts and are looking to him for assistance in this matter.

This is important to you, to your college, and to the defense of your nation. Do your part and urge other Aggies and ex-Aggies to do the same by writing now to Senator Sheppard.

The editorial which appeared in last Thursday's Battalion, "Too Many R.O.T.C. Officers!", is reprinted on today's editorial page.

### Fire At College Airport Destroys Two C.A.A. Training Planes; Course Is Slowed

By W. A. Moore  
Early Thursday morning a fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed two Taylorcraft planes that were being used in the C.A.A. training program at the College Airport. This, together with the bad weather during most of the past week, has considerably delayed flying, although most of the students have completed from two to four hours of flying time. They usually solo after completing eight hours. The two destroyed planes will be replaced soon, and one of the Cubs has recently been traded in on a new one. This will give

three new training planes when the burned ships are replaced. When the new planes arrive, flying from daylight to dark will begin at the College Airport as 45 A. & M. students seek to qualify as pilots during the college summer course lasting three months.

Students may take only 30 minutes of instruction at one period and only two periods a day totaling one hour. After 12 hours of flying, the length of the periods may be extended to one hour but only two hours may be flown in one day.

The A. & M. student flying course is a part of the vast government-sponsored civilian training program designed to give 45,000 young Americans an elementary course in flying by July 1941. Trainees will not necessarily continue into the army training school; however, a number of them may do so.

With emphasis on safety, the course is divided into a preview period and three flying stages. The first period familiarizes students with the fundamental makeup of an airplane. Motor functions and controls are studied in this early ground stage.

An eight hour dose of dual instruction in the air follows, and the student learns to taxi, the takeoff, level flight, climb, glide, turn, and spiral. The "spin" and recovery from it must be mastered. Simulated forced landings are practiced also.

W. A. Smith, general secretary of the University of Texas Y. M. C. A., accompanied Gay and his family to the meeting. Gay also attended the last conference held in 1936 at Blue Ridge, North Carolina.

### Brazos County Population Ups To High Of 27,052

According to W. J. Stringer, census supervisor for the sixth congressional district, the population for Brazos County has gained 5,217 in the period between 1930 and 1940. The population now stands at 27,052 as compared with 21,835 in 1930.

The preliminary census report for 1940 shows that the city of Bryan has gained 4,115 in the ten year period, leaving a gain of 1,102 for the county outside of Bryan. A large part of this number will probably be accounted for when the report for College Station comes in. Bryan's 1940 population was reported as 11,929.

This being the case, the population of the rural areas of Brazos County will show a shrinkage, as has been the case in a number of Texas counties where the report has already been made. The material shrinkage in Texas farms accounts for a marked decrease in the rural population throughout the state. The preliminary report for 1940 shows 1,780 farms compared to 2,197 for 1935 and 2,493 for 1930.

As reported in last Thursday's Battalion, preliminary reports give the city of College Station a permanent population of 2,184. This indicates that the long session population is approximately 9,500.

### Nelson To Austin For Two Conferences

Dr. Al B. Nelson of the History Department returned this morning from Austin where he had been attending two conferences earlier this week.

Both meetings of national importance in their respective fields, one was the annual meeting of the Southwestern Committee for Hispanic Culture, and the other was the conference of the Institution for Latin-American Affairs. The meetings were addressed by men of national significance in the field of Latin-American affairs. Included in this group were Dr. C. H. Haring, professor of Latin-American History, Harvard University; Dana G. Munro, director of School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; and Henry F. Grady, assistant U. S. Secretary of State.

### Tax Income and Expense Figures Are Published

#### Problems Of Financing Young City Are Revealed

In a lengthy statement issued specially to The Battalion yesterday, College Station mayor Frank G. Anderson released important facts and figures in respect to the problems of financing a new city government.

Included in the statement, which is published in full below, are figures on tax income and expenses of the City of College Station for the past year.

Mayor Anderson's statement is regarded as especially important in that it is the first official publication of the city's finances since incorporation two years ago. Following is the complete statement: "Within a couple of weeks the Equalization Board will be in session. We have not been raising enough taxes. Last year the City Government had to borrow \$800. \$4,020 in taxes was raised leaving \$3,220 for the city to operate on.

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### Conservation Short Course Lectures Continue

In compliance with the newly designated holidays the Agricultural Economics Department will continue today the series of lectures offered by that department in conjunction with the special course Agricultural Economics 423 which comprises a series of daily lectures concerning our natural resources and their conservation.

The speaker today will be George Adams, assistant state agent, A. & M. Extension Service. His subject will be "The Mechanics of County Land Use Planning." Adams was originally scheduled to speak July 6.

Friday, July 5, W. Bassett Orr, State representative, U. S. D. A., will lecture on the subject "The Need for Planning as a Basis of Conservation, and the Organization Designed to Achieve Planning Aims."

Dr. H. N. Wheeler, chief lecturer, U. S. Forest Service, will resume the series of lectures after the holidays. His subject will be "The Lure of the Forest."

Dr. J. F. Kimbal, noted Texas educator and professor of education at S. M. U., vice-president, Baylor University at Dallas; Lawyer; and lecturer, will speak Tuesday, July 9, on "Texas Tomorrow."

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### Annual Firemen's Training School Begins July 28

With the nation more defense conscious than ever before, the annual Firemen's Training School at Texas A. & M. College, July 28, Aug. 2, stands out as highly important to Texans this year. H. R. Brayton, director of the school, points out in a letter to all mayors in the state.

"We here in Texas occupy a strategically important location in our National program," Prof. Brayton says. "It is highly essential that there be no slowing up of our efforts from any cause, and the protective organizations of our municipal governments must be ready to meet any emergency.

"Your Texas Firemen's Training School should be of vital importance to you this year. Approximately 600 firemen from all parts of Texas will meet at Texas A. & M. College this month for a concentrated period of training under the direction of experienced firemen and technical instructors. Every man will receive approximately 27 hours of drill work and 12 hours in the class rooms. Particular emphasis will be laid on modern and efficient methods of fire fighting, fire prevention, inspection and arson investigation. This year a new course is being offered for drivers and pumper operators with the idea of greater efficiency and economy in handling this expensive equipment. In addition the school will offer several Red Cross first aid courses so that the firemen will be able to step in whatever the emergency may be when it arises."

Last year 467 Texas cities received reductions in their key fire insurance rates by having members of their fire departments attend the school and then pass the examinations given on the final day. He recommends that as many firemen as possible be sent for the course so that every city in Texas having a fire department will have trained men for any eventuality.

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