



They Call Him "Sarge", But His Real Name Is James T. Carroll - Retired By The Army 18 Years Before Leaving A. & M.

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He's a grand old man and will be missed by hundreds of Aggie athletes and former athletes when he leaves September 1 after putting in many years in the equipment room at the athletic field.

They call him "Sarge", but his real name is James T. Carroll, and he can say that during his long stay at A. & M. he has never made an enemy of a ball player.

"Sarge" came to A. & M. in September, 1922, and took charge of Bizzell and Goodwin Halls. The following year he opened the first student post office, the one which is now known as the faculty exchange. During the years of 1924-25-26 he was a day and night sergeant on the campus.

In 1927 Coach Dana Bible asked Sarge to take charge of the equipment room, and he has been there ever since. His first year there he was with a conference champion. He saw Bible leave and Matty Bell struggle through some lean years before Matty went to S. M. U. He saw Coach Hémer Norton strive in bringing the Aggies from the depths to their present position atop the football world. He came in with a conference champion and he is leaving with a national champion. He has seen the student enrollment grow from a handful to over 6,000.

His long stay at A. & M. came only after he had put in enough years to be retired from the army. He put in enough time for retirement from the army, and has put in 18 years at A. & M., and is still only 63 years old.

He enlisted in the army in April, 1898, at Salem, Mass. and was shipped to the Philippine Islands in May of '99. He entered the service for the Spanish American War and stayed in. He was with the 19th Infantry till May, 1902. During that time he was engaged in 56 fights. In July, 1905, he went to Mindanau and stayed till 1907, returning then to the States where he served in Washington and Wyoming till 1910. In 1910 he returned to the Philippines to stay until 1912 when he came back to the U. S. for a couple of years. During 1914-15 he was in Vera Cruz, Mexico and then came back to the States to wait until America entered the World War. In 1917 he was with the 1st Division in France. He stayed there until Sept., 1918. From then until 1921 he was stationed in Ohio and was retired in that year. His rank at that time was master sergeant. During the World War he was a 1st lieutenant and temporary captain.

In 1920 Sarge was wounded in service. The duty he was on when injured made him eligible for membership in the Order of the Purple Heart, but because of an oversight of the War Department he went through his remaining years in the army without receiving this honor. In 1936, 36 years later, the War Department found their error and sent him the beautiful gold medal.

"Gimme a towel, Sarge".
"Well, I just gave you a towel, what did you do with it?"
Goodluck Sarge, we will all miss you.

Major James C. Short, Class of '16, Featured In San Antonio Light

From The San Antonio Light

A native Texan and an honor graduate of Texas A. & M. College is the officer serving as assistant to the assistant chief of staff in charge of plans and training of Second Division at Fort Sam Houston.

He is Maj. James C. Short, who was born at Bandera and who reported for duty at Fort Sam Houston on Oct. 18, 1939, after serving with the First Cavalry Brigade at Fort Clark, Texas.

Major Short graduated with honors from Texas A. & M. College in 1916, and the following year was commissioned a second lieutenant in cavalry. He also is a graduate of the Cavalry School, 1924; the advanced equitation course of that school, 1926; the Italian Cavalry School, 1930; the Command and General Staff School, 1936, and the Army War College, 1938.

During the World War Major Short served in France with the 78th Field Artillery.

It is the duty of the G-3 Section, that in which Maj. Short is on duty, to prepare all plans for the training of the troops of the Second Division. This is the sec-

tion which is commonly known as the operations section, and draws up the maneuver problems which are to test the efficiency and skill of the division as a team.

In addition, the day-to-day training which will enable each man to function in his particular capacity is directed by this office. Training schedules are carefully planned to be complete and comprehensive, and each working hour of every day is devoted to some particular phase of the soldier's training which will better equip him to perform his part in the scheme of things.

At present Maj. Short is busily engaged in, or preparing for, the conduct of the various summer training camp activities with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the Citizens' Military Training Camp and reserve officers at Camp Bullis, which is commanded by Maj. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of Fort Sam Houston and the Second Division.

At the same time, Maj. Short is drawing up detailed plans for the Second Division's participation in the Third Army maneuvers to be held in conjunction with those of the National Guard in Louisiana during August.

\$350,000 Airport Plans Being Pushed

2nd Term Enrollment To Top 1400

Will Be Slightly Less Than 1,489 Record of 1st Term

E. J. Howell, Registrar, has announced that an expected 1,400 students will enroll for the second semester of the current summer session. This figure represents a ten percent increase over the 1,188 students enrolled during the second semester last summer. Last summer's registration also represented an income over the preceding summer, being eleven percent more than the 1938 second semester enrollment.

Howell also pointed out the enrollment for the current semester is 1,489 students, 87 of which are women. This figure indicates that the 1940 summer session will witness a new summer session enrollment record with approximately 2,300 different students registering for at least one semester.

More than 500 students attending the first semester will not return for the second term.

The predicted enrollment for the second semester is based on the return of long session students who have been attending one of the several R.O.T.C. camps throughout the first semester. Also, many transfer students are expected for the second semester.

A full day Monday, July 22, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., will be devoted to registration. Thursday, July 25, will be the deadline for registration in the College Division to obtain credit for the second term. Classes for the second term officially begin Tuesday, July 23.

Five dormitories will again be made available to summer students who register for the second term. Walton Hall will house married couples and single women; Hart will house graduate students; and Bizzell, Law, and Puryear will accommodate all others.

Hey Engineers - Wanna Job? Robert And Company Needs "Slip Stick" Artists

Gibb Gilchrist, Dean of the School of Engineering, has announced that Robert and Company, Engineers of Atlanta, Georgia, are in need of a number of engineers in connection with their contract for a large naval air base to be constructed at Corpus Christi.

Gilchrist stated that any recent graduates or former graduates of A. & M. who might be out of work should communicate with Mrs. A. G. Stanford, Robert and Company, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas, in connection with this work.

Dean Puryear Dies In Bryan

Death in the Wilkerson Memorial Hospital, Bryan, ended the distinguished career of the late Dean Emeritus Charles Puryear at 11:30 p. m. last Thursday, July 11.

Dr. Puryear was connected with the college for almost fifty years. His active teaching career ended in 1930 following a paralytic stroke. On July 6, last, it became necessary to amputate his right leg to prevent the spread of an infection. He rallied for a few days, but the infirmities of his 79 years of age proved to be the losing elements in his fight for life.

In keeping with his wishes, simple funeral services were held in Guion Hall Saturday morning. All classes were suspended and offices of the college closed early so that students and faculty members might attend the service.

To Harvard



Experiment Station Vice-Director Mangelsdorf Resigns to Go to Harvard

The resignation of Dr. P. C. Mangelsdorf, Vice-director and Agronomist of the Texas A. & M. Experiment Station, has been announced by A. B. Conner, Director of the Experiment Station. Dr. Mangelsdorf's resignation becomes effective September 1 at which time he will begin his new duties as Professor of Economic Botany and Assistant Director of the Botanical Museum at Harvard University.

Dr. Mangelsdorf has been agronomist in charge of corn and small grain experiments in Texas since January 1, 1927. His resignation focuses attention on the outstanding progress in cereal breeding which has been made in Texas in the past fourteen years. Fourteen new varieties of corn, wheat, oats, and barley have been perfected and are now in the hands of Texas farmers or are ready for release in the near future.

Two sweet corn varieties, Honey June and Surecopper Sugar, developed by Dr. Mangelsdorf are widely grown in Texas for roasting ears and canning. These new varieties, the first true sweet corn adapted to the South, combine the resistance of drought and ear-worm damage of native field corn, with the high sugar content and table quality of Northern sweet corn.

In collaboration with R. A. Hall, R. H. Stansel, H. F. Morris, and J. Roy Quinby, Superintendent of the Texas Substations at Beeville, Angleton, Nacogdoches, and Chillicothe, Dr. Mangelsdorf has developed five new yellow field corn varieties. These are: Yellow Surecopper, an early-maturing, drought resistant

Construction Work Is Fast Progressing

New Flooring and Ceiling Now Being Installed In Sbis Hall

Reflooring the main dining room of Sbis Hall, world's largest dining hall, and the treatment of the walls and ceiling with acoustical material is now in progress at a cost of \$15,000, Phil C. Norton, College Architect, declared that the new flooring and acoustical treatment has been needed for the past five years with the event of vastly improved A. & M. social seasons and the importing of many name orchestras. All major A. & M. dances and military balls are held in the main dining room of Sbis Hall.

Four weeks ago carpenters began destruction of the floor and ceiling of the main dining room which is 252 feet long and 73 feet wide. This work will be completed in about ten days at which time the Acoustical and Flooring Company, Houston, will begin work installing the new floor and ceiling.

The new floor will be of the finest maple and the ceiling will be of the best available acoustical treatment substance which will improve the acoustical qualities of the room to such an extent that an orchestra or a singer's voice can be distinctly heard throughout the vast room without an echo. Norton indicated that the work would probably be finished by September 1.

Construction is also well under way on both the new four-story employees' dormitory and the new college laundry. Foundation work has been completed on the laundry and riveting of the steel framework is well under way.

The first floor of the dormitory is rapidly nearing completion and construction of the second floor will begin late this week. It is expected that both buildings will be completed by September 1.

Library, Hospital and Swimming Pool Hours For Second Semester

The Library will continue the same hours during the second semester as were in effect throughout the first semester. They are 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. Monday through Friday; 8 a. m. to 12 noon Saturday; 1 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 10 p. m. Sunday.

The College Hospital hours will be 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Monday through Saturday; 8 to 10 a. m. Sunday; 12 to 2 p. m. on holidays.

The swimming pool will be open from 3 to 6 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 at night daily except Sunday. The pool will be closed Sundays.

War Department Agents Inspect Proposed Location

Gilchrist Back to Washington to Make Final Push For Airport

Plans for securing \$350,000 from the War Department to build an A. & M. airport, as announced in last week's Battalion, were being hard-pushed this week as new developments caused Engineering Dean Gibb Gilchrist to return to Washington, D. C. Monday night.

Monday afternoon Colonel George E. Lovell, Jr., Air Corps officer, Eighth Corps Area, and Major Dan W. Mayhew, 22nd Aerial Squadron, inspected the proposed site for the War Department. Although the inspecting officers made no comment in respect to their decision, they were tremendously impressed with the college in a tour of the campus which Gilchrist and Colonel George F. Moore, A. & M. Commandant, showed them later in the afternoon. Flying here from Fort Sam Houston, Colonel Lovell and Major Mayhew were met at the College Airport by Gilchrist and Col. Moore.

The proposed airport, if granted, will be built on the site of the present College Airport and will be the equal of any college or university airport in the nation.

Gilchrist pointed out, as he left for Washington, that he expected to return July 25 at which time he hoped to have definite information in respect to the project. He reiterated his statement made in last week's Battalion to the effect that, "One thing particular I want to stress. Although we have every hope that this plan will be approved by the War Department, we have not yet received any indication that it will be, and we are not over-confident in this respect as it is entirely within the realm

13 Aggies Attending Marine Camp

Thirteen Aggies are now enrolled in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Camp at San Diego, California. Each recruit receives \$30 per month, his room and board while at camp, and expenses to and from camp. The recruits are being drilled and trained intensively in the firing of all weapons and materials, the major part of this being Infantry.

After attending camp for six weeks next summer, the recruits will receive commissions as 2nd Lieutenants in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve upon graduating from the college.

Those attending include: Edward L. Bale, Fayne G. Coffman, Horace L. Cooks, Joe H. Cox, William O. Karcher, Kyle H. Morris, Paul D. Parker, Silas O. Sanders, Robert L. Smith, Charles E. Spradley, Alexander S. Walker, Horace G. Hogan, and William C. Gardner.

World-Premiered Last June 15, A. & M.'s Renowned Juke Box Proms Rate Tops As Student Entertainment

By Ivan MacGillicuddy

They were world-premiered last June 15 . . . Four of them were held during the first semester . . . Attendance upped from 300 at the debut event to 500 on July 13 . . . They were rhythmized by Benny Goodman, Glen Miller, et al . . . And they've "caught on" as nothing else has in the 64 year history of a college that is accustomed to seeing things catch on.

They're the Juke Box Proms—the eighth wonder of the Aggie world.

Maybe you like to nigger-shuffle—maybe you don't. Maybe you like to cut rugs . . . Or maybe you like to waltz . . . But it doesn't make any difference at the Juke Box Proms. Hep cats and jitterbugs, wall flowers and jumpin' jive exponents—it's six-two-and-

even that you'll find them all at the regular Saturday night swing-fests.

Keynoted by anything goes and everyone's invited, the bid charge hits a new low in Aggie history—fifteen cents a head or two-for-two-bits. Nor do ya have to be any particular breed or species to attend a Juke Box Prom; a College Station soda skeet, a Texas U. coed, a Bryan High School senior (weight 248 pounds avoirdupois), and a belle from north of the Mason-Dixon line double-dated a recent prom—as a matter of fact, it's combinations like that which are responsible for the Juke Box Proms being what they are.

Directors W. L. Penberthy and Luke Harrison have announced that

held during the second semester—beginning Saturday night, July 27. Four were held during the first semester. The last dance held the first semester, July 13, was free. As announced earlier in the semester, all profit on the functions would be returned to the students and the free dance offered the best means of doing this.

Penberthy pointed out that the attitude which the summer students have taken in respect to the dances was the finest part of the new social function. "People who think that the students don't appreciate things which are done for them are all wrong," he said. "Their attitude and willingness to cooperate has been wonderful and any credit for the tremendous success of these dances should go entirely to the students."

The history of the popular summer dances is an interesting story in itself. While visiting his alma mater, Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, Penberthy was favorably impressed by the recreational program being carried on by the Intramural Department of that institution. Returning to A. & M., he decided to request that the Intramural Department here be placed in charge of summer activities and the summer program.

Thus came the introduction of the Juke Box Proms with their low admission price. The name of the proms was derived from the slang-name of nickelodeons which furnish the music for the dances—"juke box".

Another reason which is credited for the popularity of the dances