

## Ferguson Buys Campus Theatre; \$40,000 Is Price

### Dictates Late Class A Pictures By January 1; Lewis Retained As Manager

Station's Campus Theatre, purchased last May 2 and bankrupt since August 1, was purchased last Friday by Ben S. Ferguson, Dallas and Hamlin theater operator. The announced price of the theater was \$40,000.

Ferguson had been receiver of the theater since its bankruptcy. Immediately following the purchase of the theater Ferguson announced that, "I will do everything in my power to cooperate with A. & M. College and with its student body."

Although he would make no definite committal in respect to receiving late class A picture shows, he said, "I will do everything in my power to get them as soon as possible. Further than this, I believe that it is safe, to say that there is a reasonable possibility of securing these recent releases of class A picture shows before January 1."

Ferguson further pointed out that there would be no immediate change in the theater's policy. C. E. Lewis, manager since bankruptcy, will remain as manager. Lewis, whose home was in Oklahoma City before coming to College Station, has had a wide experience in theater work.

Ferguson, whose home was formerly in Dallas, will divide his time between Dallas and College Station, making his home here.

### Battalion Staff Meeting

There will be a meeting of the entire Battalion Staff Thursday night at 7:30 in room 122 Administration building. All artists, advertising men, magazine writers, proof readers and reporters from last year including those who wish to join for the first time are requested to attend. This meeting is of extreme importance.

## Student Executive Positions To Be Limited By Approval of Point System

### Ten Points To Be Maximum Allowed A Single Student; Ruling Passes Faculty Unanimously

Student executive positions in the corps will be limited in the future as a result of a new ruling passed by the faculty at its meeting last June 6.

The distribution of student jobs will be regulated by a specific point system outlined below in detail. Originally recommended by the Student Activities Committee last spring, the new ruling is one of which has been followed by many other major American colleges and universities years ago. Arts and Science Dean T. D. Brooks declared that the movement for rulings of this type had been in effect for more than 20 years.

The original recommendations of the Student Activities Committee provided that the various

## YMCA Remodels School For Use As South Branch

Improvement in the local plant of the Y. M. C. A. have been the object of a building program carried on by that institution. The bleacher behind the bowling alley in the basement of the "Y" has been removed and seats built in its place. The old Consolidated school building has been renovated and between \$1,000 and \$1,500 have been spent in making it into what will be called the South Branch of the "Y."

In putting in seats behind the bowling alleys the Y. M. C. A. has erected seats both for the players and for the spectators. These seats were taken from the rear of the Assembly Hall, and ones that were not in use. Eighteen seats for players and 35 seats for spectators have been erected.

The new South Branch will be used as an office for the new secretary, Alfred Payne, for a recreational program, for club meeting rooms, and as a meeting place for the Y cabinet. In spending the \$1500 on the building the Y.M.C.A. has put in a recreation room with seven billiard tables, a parlor, a reading room, a game room for shuffleboard and ping-pong, an office, and five meeting rooms. These meeting rooms will provide a place for about 60 students to get together at one time. Two of these, however, can be converted to one that will accommodate 120.

In a statement from J. Gordon Gay, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., he stated, "We regret that no bowling alley could be put in, but the building just wasn't made so we could get them in."

As yet no action has been taken on construction work to convert Guion Hall into a suitable place for showing motion pictures.

## 6,300 Students Predicted

### New Enrollment Record Will Be Set By Thursday

An official prediction by Registrar E. J. Howell of an enrollment of 6,300 and numerous unofficial prediction ranging from 6,500 to 7,200 clearly indicate a new enrollment record for Texas A. & M. College.

As the 65th long session gets under way, an expected 2,500 freshmen will register tomorrow. Following the freshman registration, upperclassmen will register Thursday. Detailed information in respect to registration may be found in the Official Schedule of Classes and Directions for Registration booklet published by the Registrar's Office.

## Military Office Will Be Moved To Place In Ross

Reconditioning of Ross Hall was begun last week in order to make office rooms for the Military Science department and the Commandant's office. This work is expected to be completed in a few weeks, and the move will be made some time after the registration rush.

Plastering work on the walls and painting and cutting doors in order to combine the dormitory rooms into suitable offices will render the old hall practically new on the inside. Because the walls form the support for the roof, they cannot be torn out to make larger rooms; for that reason offices will be rather a suite of rooms. Few buildings today are constructed in such a manner.

It is expected that the Commandant's office will occupy the first floor with also a room designated as headquarters for the officers of the day. This headquarters will serve as a campus information booth staying open during the day and part of the night. A student and faculty directory will be kept in this room with also a file of each student's schedule of classes. This will make locating students for parents and friends an easy task.

The office of the professor of Military Science and Tactics, and the offices of the Military department will occupy the second floor. Also on this floor and on the third floor will be the offices of the various units.

Classes in Military Science will still be held in the rooms on the first floor of the Academic building because rooms large enough to hold classes cannot be made in Ross. Some of the department is expected to be moved by the opening of school, and the rest will be moved as quickly as is convenient.

This move will not only give the Military department more room, but will also provide more space for classes in other subjects to be held in the Academic building.

## Becker Is Cadet Colonel For 1940-41 Long Session

### It Can Be Done . . .

By George Fuermann

As the Battalion goes to press for the first time of the 1940-41 long session, a time-out is in order to greet A. & M.'s returning football players on behalf of the Twelfth Man.

Sports writers and commentators from coast to coast have said that you can't win the national championship in 1940. Public opinion says you can't do it. Even tradition says that a team can't repeat as champion of the rock-lined Southwest Conference. On every hand the word is "can't." But you can!

You were a team without a peer last season . . . The best in the nation by any measure. The victorious season of 1939 was a welcome present to ex-students throughout the world, and it resulted in untold renown for Texas A. & M. College, its mighty football machine, its coaches, its band, the yelling section—the Twelfth Man, and for those intangible traditions that we Aggies know so well. From Timbuctoo to Kalamazoo, Americans know that Aggies stand and yell throughout all games. They know, too, that every member of the squad is greeted by his teammates when he leaves the field—no matter whether his efforts have produced a touchdown or put the team "in a hole."

But that's all history . . . You football players know how you did it . . . The question is, can you do it again? The Twelfth Man believes that you can, and although none of us Aggies possess the wisdom of Socrates, the fact is evident that the pressure is on you to do so—and especially to destroy a tradition next November 28 in the annual Texas U. battle which will be fought this year in Austin.

For you to repeat as Southwest Conference champions would be more than just winning another championship—it would be a great thing for the thousands of Aggie-exes, for the student body, for the faculty, for the coaches, for the state, but most of all—for you, and especially for those twenty-odd football men who will be ending their careers as Aggies next June.

Another A. & M. championship team would not be made up of just the eleven men who start the game . . . Or the eleven men who finish the game. It would include these, of course, but the substitutes who ride the bench, the members of the traveling squad, the "Blue Boys" who stay home, the ineligible, the transfers, and the freshman squad that takes a lot of head-knocking—they'll ALL be members of that great team. They'll ALL share equally in the honors.

You haven't got anything to worry about, though, if the same spirit prevails this year as was evident throughout the 1939 season. There was a will to win, but there was more than just that. There was a spirit of working together; a desire to cooperate with the coaches and each other; a spirit which said "play these games one at a time"—it was a healthy spirit, the kind that makes champions.

And you've come back with the same spirit this year. Observers say that your mental and physical condition is excellent. You've more than done your part throughout the past summer.

As far as the Twelfth Man is concerned, you don't have to be champions of anything to be the nation's number one football team. Win or lose, Aggie Spirit will always be staunch behind you.

But the point is . . . The Twelfth Man believes you can repeat. The Twelfth Man believes that there is no such word as "can't" where you are concerned.

It can be done . . . The Twelfth Man believes that it WILL be done!

## Tentative Promotion List As Made By Commandant For 1940-41 Session

With the approval of the President of the College, partial and tentative appointments and assignments in the Corps of Cadets for the 1940-1941 session are announced herein. All promotions are subject to change and are contingent upon classification and enrollment in the Department of Military Science and Tactics, either as a member of the R. O. T. C. or as an elective. Permanent and additional promotions and assignments will be announced at the earliest practicable date.

### CORPS, FIELD, AND STAFF

Colonel	Becker, W. A.	Corps Commander
Lieutenant Colonel	Haines, P. G.	Executive
Major	Duce, T. E.	Adjutant
Major	Walker, J. J.	Personnel Officer
Major	Thomason, J. N.	Intelligence Officer
Major	Clay, J. A., Jr.	Plans & Training Officer
Major	Colgin, C. H., Jr.	Supply Officer
Master Sergeant	Gillis, T. S.	Sergeant Major
Master Sergeant	Wright, O. W.	Supply Sergeant
Master Sergeant	Pena, W. M.	Intelligence Sergeant

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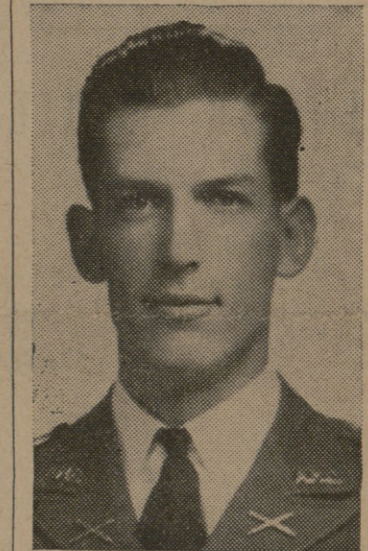
## Lt. Col. James A. Watson Succeeds Moore As Commandant And P.M.S. & T.

### Commandant



Lt. Col. J. A. Watson

### Cadet Colonel



W. A. Becker

### Promotion List Reveals Other High Cadet Military Officers

William A. Becker, Kaufman, has been named cadet colonel and corps commander for the 1940-41 long session. The college's highest student executive, Becker has long been outstanding in collegiate activities. Elected editor-in-chief of the college annual, The Longhorn, he was forced to resign this position to become cadet colonel because of the new maximum point system effected this past summer in respect to student activities.

Last spring Becker was also elected president of the Marketing and Finance Club and vice-president of the A. & M. Press Club, both of which he will resign as the new cadet colonel.

In addition to his other activities, Becker has been a member of A. & M.'s national collegiate pistol team for the past two years. He is a member of C Battery Field Artillery and brings to that regiment its second cadet colonel in three years.

Lieutenant Colonel James A. Watson, Infantry, succeeds Colonel George F. Moore as Commandant and Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

Colonel Watson began his military training with the National Guard of West Virginia in 1916. During the World War he went to France with 60th Infantry of the Fifth Division and was with this unit as part of the American Army of Occupation in Germany. Then on July 1st, 1920, he entered the regular Army as a Major of the Infantry.

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## Payne Will Assume Position In YMCA Vacated By Thrift

A new secretary, Alfred C. Payne, has been added to the staff of the Y. M. C. A. filling the place vacated by David Thrift when he left for Wisconsin to do graduate work.

Payne came to A. & M. from Yale where he was studying theology and sociology. He is a graduate of Clemson. Formerly his home was in Cartersville, Georgia.

In filling Thrift's place Payne will take charge of work with freshman and will have his offices in the new South Branch of the "Y," located in the old Consolidated schoolhouse.

An interesting sidelight on Payne's career comes from the fact that it was he who first conceived the idea of carrying cards of appreciation on hitch-hiking trips. The A. & M. "Y" cabinet conceived the idea from one that Alfred Payne originated in Clemson. Payne was selected for work at this school without the Y. M. C. A. officials here knowing that he was responsible for the idea, or he knowing that this school had been using it.

## Registration --- You'll Soon Be Doing It Too

