

Eighth Wonder---Aggies' Juke Box Prom



**Juke Box Is Summer Sensation
Featuring Low Prices, No Ties**

Juke Box Proms—their popularity spread like wildfire throughout the student body after their world premier the first weekend of summer school. With self-imposed rules outlawing coats and ties, the College Station hepcats flocked to Sbis in droves of 500 or more, and they danced to the music of the leading orchestras in the country. They are the eighth wonder of the Aggie world.

With informality the theme of the affairs, the admission charge hit the new low of 15 cents per person or 25 cents for a couple. Everybody came, and everybody had a whale of a good time.

Directors and co-founders W. L. Penberthy and Luke Harrison originated the affairs as a function of the intramural program, charging admission only to cover the cost of operation. Twice, at the end of each semester, a Prom was given free out of the profits made

from the other dances. Altogether there were nine Juke Box Proms, four the first semester and five the second; their popularity grew as did the crowd with each week.

Penberthy pointed out that the attitude which the summer students took in respect to the dances was the finest part of the 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 was 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 that institution. Returning to A.

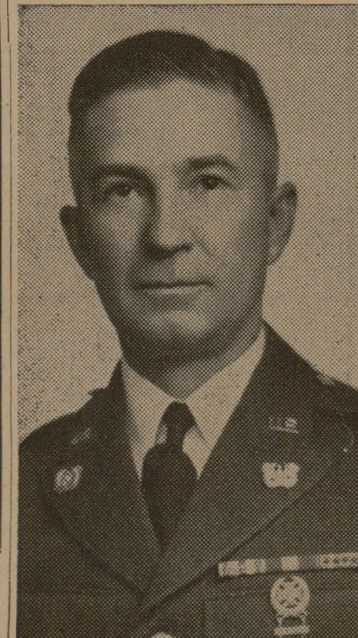
& M., he decided to request that the Intramural Department here be placed in charge of summer activities and the summer program.

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 furnished the music for the dances—"juke box."

**"Mr." King Called
To Manilla, After
20 Years At A. & M.**

Getting accustomed to being called "Mr." after having been addressed for twenty years as "Sergeant" is the not-too-unpleasant task of one John Lee King. This new title comes with his recent appointment as warrant officer. When asked what he will remember longest about A. & M., he replied, "The champion football team of 1939".

Chief clerk in the office of the



P.M.S.&T. has been his official status the whole time, and a more complete set of files were never kept than those of John King; but he also served as door sergeant in the mess hall and for 13 years was in charge of waiters. He learned to fly in Ft. Worth, and he purchased the first airplane in Brazos County.

His appointment to warrant officer was obtained as a result of an examination which he took in 1936 to be placed on the eligibility list. There are only 600 of these officers in the army. He obtained notice of his promotion April 1.

On October 18 a beloved little man will sail from San Francisco taking his wife and son to Manilla. He once said that after retirement he would like to return to live at A. & M. Certainly "Mr." John Lee King will be welcomed back.

Sound waves of African tomtoms travel more than 1,000 feet a second or 21 miles in about 1½ minutes. Instances have been known where messages were transmitted 1,000 miles in little more than one hour.

Summer School Was Eventful

**Complete Dial Net
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In College Phones**

**New Antenna For WTAW;
Mess Hall Meals—30¢;
Awards To New Students**

Since the opening of the first semester summer school on June 10, many important events have occurred to make the past summer one recorded in the annals of history as outstanding.

Among the more noteworthy happenings was the decision of the Board of Directors in August to construct four more new dormitories at a cost of \$600,000. The decision on the location and the type of buildings to erect were not made at that meeting, but it is hoped, however, that construction can be started sometime this fall.

Also contrived this summer, plans are well under way for securing \$350,000 to build an airport for A. & M. which will be the equal of any college or university airport in the nation.

On July 11 the distinguished career of Charles Puryear, dean emeritus of the college, was brought to a close with his death. Dr. Puryear had been connected with the college for almost fifty years.

The resignation of P. C. Mangelsdorf as Vice-Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, in order that he might join the teaching staff at Harvard University, left a vacancy that was filled by the appointment of C. H. McDowell who has currently been the superintendent of the Blackland Experiment Station at Temple.

Effective during the summer was the separation of the department of Chemical Engineering from the department of Chemistry. This newest addition to the field of engineering makes it possible for the accreditation of the department by the Engineer's Council for Professional Development. All equipment and machinery of the Chemical Engineering Department has been moved and set up by students in the rear of the Petroleum Engineering building under the supervision of the acting head of the department, Dr. J. D. Lindsay.

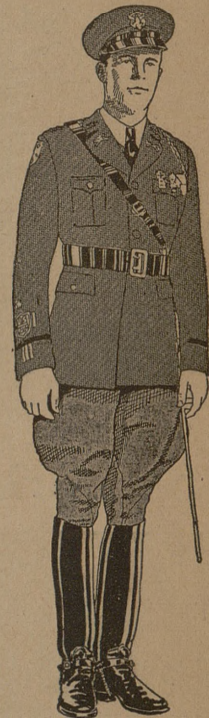
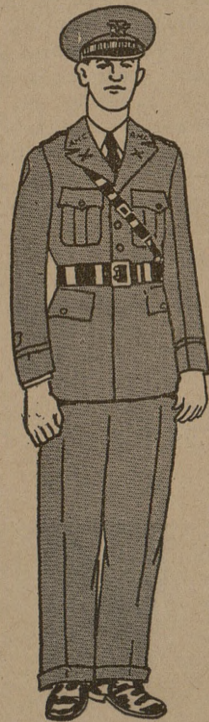
Dial System Complete
With the addition of 450 new dial telephones, the city of College Station became 100 per cent dial, according to an announcement of District Manager Atkins of the Southwest Telephone Co. In August of last year a 250-unit dial system was installed principally for A. & M. College and subscribers on the campus. Now an additional 450-unit line has been added. The manual board has been maintained at College Station so that subscribers wishing to call Bryan may dial "O" and give the operator the Bryan number. At the Bryan exchange, the new automatic equipment has arrived and installation of this equipment started about August 15. The new building adjoining the present building is

nearly completed. It is said that installation of the system in Bryan will require about twelve weeks altogether, and that the change-over will be made about November 15.

Mess Hall Visitors Charged
By employing an efficiency expert this summer to study past accounts and methods, J. C. Hottard, director of subsistence, has announced that new savings can be made in the food bill by the amount of 6 cents per day per student. These savings will be accomplished by a new 30 cent charge on visitor's meals which was approved by the Board of Directors at their last meeting in August. The efficiency expert reported that the guest privilege was being abused by the students in such magnitude that some remedy was necessary. In reducing the cost of the day's meals from 69 cents to 60 cents, the maintenance for this year will be reduced \$15. Mr. Hottard pointed out that this saving will enable each boy to have 50

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