

Existing Records Broken As Enrollment Reaches 6,057

New Laundry Is Latest Addition To Aggieland

Equipment, Housing Worth Over \$100,000

Work on A. & M.'s new laundry is completed and they are now ready to carry out a modern blitzkrieg on dirt. The laundry, located just back of the armories and to the side of the power station, was begun last May at a cost of \$70,000.

The new plant is of the same general design as the new dormitories with adequate space and including every modern convenience for the employees. It is equipped with modern attic fans and overhead heating systems.

Purchase of the \$38,950 worth of new equipment makes it one of the best equipped plants in the Southwest. A new shirt unit has been added that will turn out 100 shirts per hour. The six shirt units in use will handle better than 20,000 shirts in forty-four working hours thus assuring the Aggies of the best in shirt service.

Mr. G. P. Ayers, manager, stated that better rough-dry work would be turned out due to the addition of several new drying tumblers. The mending department has also been enlarged. A new 500 lb. washer has been added to the ones already in use.

Fourteen new presses for work on the new Bombay slacks have been installed bringing the total to twenty-eight. All pressing machines are operated by compressed air and are of the latest design.

Mr. Ayres stated that all laundry will be turned in at the stations and that none will be accepted at the laundry. There will be a limit of twenty-three pieces. In a bundle there will be a limit to 4 shirts, 2 pants, 3 polo shirts, and 1 coveralls. Shirts may be substituted for pants but not vice-versa. Extra bundles may be sent for 5c. If laundry stub is lost another may be secured at the laundry for 5c. See official notices for complete laundry schedule and prices.

Dept. of Chemical Engineering Now In Pet. Building

The newest addition to the field of engineering at A. & M. is the Department of Chemical Engineering which came into existence this past summer as a result of a report made by the administration department relative to the conditions which prevailed under the former combined Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering that made it impossible for the latter to become accredited by the Engineer's Council for Professional Development unless it became a separate and independent department.

All equipment and machinery was moved from the Chemistry Building to the rear of the Petroleum Engineering Building under the supervision of Dr. J. D. Lindsay. The space assigned to the new department consists of three floors which were formerly occupied by the Engineering Extension Service laboratories. All experienced work which had previously been done by the extension service will be undertaken in the future by the chemical engineering students.

Dr. C. C. Hedges, former head of the combined departments of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, will be the head of the Department of Chemistry in the School of Arts and Sciences under the new plan.

Professor F. F. Bishop will continue his duties as Associate Professor of Industrial Chemistry in the new department. Professor Bishop conducted the cottonseed oil short course for the cottonseed oil mill operators in the summer school this year.

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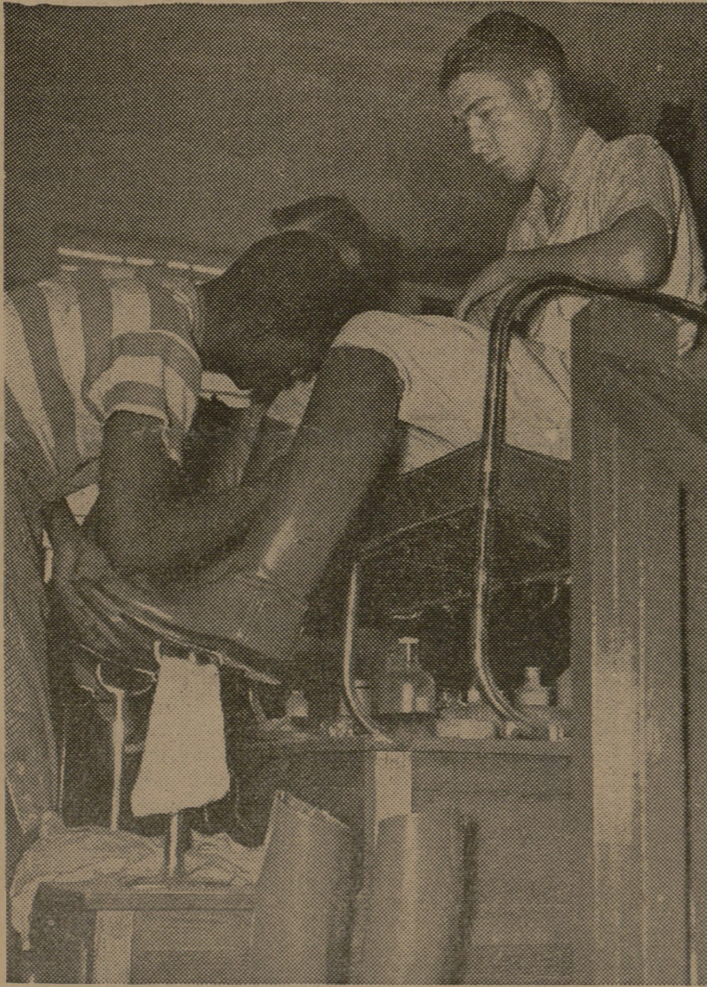
Fish Prepare To Start - Senior Begins the End



The contrasted moods caught by the photographer during registration are shown in the adjoining pictures.

Above, the freshmen get fitted out in their cuffless Government issue slacks and blue-labeled blouses. Waiting in long lines has tired them considerably, but they are glad to be almost through.

At the left, the senior has his boots polished for the first time. Note the look of concern on his face as the Negro shine-boy applies the deft strokes of his trade. The senior in the picture is Tommy Williams of Dallas.



McDowell Appointed Vice-Director of Ag Experiment Station

While those lazy 1940 summer days were drifting by, a former A. & M. student climbed to a higher rung on the ladder of success. He was C. H. McDowell, graduate in the class of 1912.

Mr. McDowell was formerly associated with the Agricultural Experiment Station before he received notice of his appointment as Vice-Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station last August. He succeeded P. C. Mangelsdorf who resigned to accept a position at Harvard University.

Mr. McDowell has worked and experimented in four of the principal farming regions of Texas and has established himself as an organizer and manager.

First identified with the Experiment Station in 1917, at which time he was Superintendent of the Denton Station, he resigned in 1922 to accept a position on the Taft Ranch.

In 1930 he was appointed Superintendent of Substation No. 16 at Iowa Park. Here he placed the affairs of the station on a substantial basis. Since 1937 Mr. McDowell has held the position of Superintendent of the Blackland Experiment Station at Temple.

Fish Class Responsible For the Big Increase

Junior ROTC Physical Exams Will Be Sept. 23

Physical examinations to determine the physical fitness of the applicants for enrollment in the first advanced course ROTC will start Monday, September 23, 1940, at the College Hospital. All students who have been enrolled for junior military science will be examined. Lists designating the time that the individual students will report to the college hospital will be posted on the bulletin boards opposite Room 101, Academic Building. Insofar as possible students will be ordered to the hospital at times when they do not have classes. It is believed that the number of contracts that will be available will be somewhat less than the number of applicants. Therefore every applicant is urged to get his physical examination at the time scheduled. The War Department has also set a limited time for the Military Department to determine how many and who will be given contracts and delay in obtaining or failure to obtain the physical examination on time may be cause for not being awarded a contract.

Under the present regulations those students enrolled in the advanced ROTC under contract will be paid each quarter of a fiscal year at the rate of \$0.25 per day for commutation of subsistence. In addition members of the first advanced course (juniors) will receive \$29.00 commutation of uniform. This is paid through the college in the summer following initial date of enrollment. Second advanced, or seniors receive \$7.00 paid in a like manner.

Enrollment Will Be Nearly 12% Larger

A total of 6,057 had completed the registration procedure by Thursday night, according to figures issued officially by Registrar E. J. Howell. This represents an increase of six hundred and fifty over the number, 5,407, who had enrolled by the same time last year.

Reasons for the tremendous increase is due mainly to an unusually large enrollment of new students. Complete figures for the entire registration are not available yet however, but up to this date the freshman class is showing a large gain over last year.

By the time registration for the semester is completed approximately 6,600 students will have enrolled, according to an authoritative estimate by Mr. Howell. This figure which represents a percentage increase of 12 per cent over the previous total enrollment of 6,066 students will be a new peak in enrollment at A. & M.

Two thousand and sixty-four of the students are housed in the old dorms, two thousand, six hundred and thirty-six are living in the new dormitories, six hundred and fifty in the project houses on the campus, and the other students are living off the campus here and in Bryan. All dormitory room reservations were taken up almost a month before school started. Due to the overcrowded conditions here at College Station, boys have been permitted to remain in project houses and college approved residences in Bryan or other places outside the campus as was done in past years.

Complete figures were not available for classes and the various departments, due to increase enrollment. So far all departments have shown a decidedly increase over the enrollment at this date last year.

Guard House To Be Moved To Ross Hall; O. D.'s To Sleep There At Night

By Charles Babcock

Stop worrying fellas. There simply "ain't" no more Guard House. That is, there will not be a Guard House this year for the imprisonment of habitual offenders of the college regulations. There will still be a Guard House, however, and it will be located in the remodeled Ross Hall.

The Guard House is a familiar phrase to old students, for it wasn't many years ago that students who had disobeyed college rules repeatedly were sent there to live for several weeks. During their period of imprisonment they could only leave their rooms for meals and classes.

Prior to 1936, the Guard Room was very well known to all students.

At that time it was located in Pfeuffer Hall; however, in 1936 the Guard House underwent a change and students weren't imprisoned so frequently. In 1937 it was moved to Austin Hall where it has been until this year.

This year the Guard House will be used only as a bureau of information and headquarters for Officers of the Day who are on duty. Each officer will sleep in one of the guard rooms overnight while he is on duty.

There will also be three students living in the Guard House whose duty it will be to provide information about the College and any of its students. A complete set of files will be kept on all students. Anyone desiring information should call College 45414.

College Night Has Biggest Attendance In History

'Buster' and 'Foots' Preside Over Meeting

The largest cadet corps in the history of Aggieland met in front of the "Y" Thursday night to give the freshmen class their first taste of what yell practice is like. After the regular routine of quieting the freshmen College Night was officially started by senior yell leaders "Foots" Bland and "Buster" Keeton, and their junior assistants Bill Beck and Skeen Staley.

The corps was presented with President T. O. Walton, who welcomed the students back for another year. Cadet Colonel William Becker gave a short talk, and A. & M.'s new commandant, Col. James A. Watson was enthusiastically received by the corps.

As a climax came the presentation of Homer Norton, his coaching staff, and the number one football team of 1939. A noticeable thing at the yell practice was that all the leaders and speakers urged the corps not to be over-confident because of last year's success. Coach Norton stated that "In order to remain victorious the team will have to be fifteen per cent better than they were last year." He said the team reported this year in the best physical condition that they have ever been in, and will continue their policy of taking each game as it comes and looking forward to no "Bowl" games.

After running through the Aggie yells and songs with the 216 piece band and implanting some school spirit in the fish the largest yell practice ever to have been held was dismissed.

Attorney General Visits A. & M. In Unofficial Capacity

Attorney General Gerald Mann paid a visit to the A. & M. campus Friday. Mr. Mann's visit was strictly unofficial and the day was spent by the attorney general inspecting and familiarizing himself with the teaching personnel of the various departments in the School of Agriculture.

Mr. Mann was particularly interested in the work of the Dairy Husbandry Department. A detail survey was made of the arrangement of courses and the teaching staff in that department.

2,500 Post Office Boxes Rented

More than twenty-five hundred post office boxes have been rented here during the past week by students. This statement was issued by the local postmaster as a means of warning all new students that there is a premium on letter boxes at the present time.

Many new students have been mailing letters without return addresses or stamps. This practice will have to be discontinued if the local post office is to give prompt and efficient service. Some letters were found in yesterday's mail addressed to parents asking for money, but the sender forgot to place a return address on the envelope. If no box number, he should give his return address as General Delivery, College Station, Texas.

Industrial Engineering Curriculum Is Only One in the United States

Establishment of a curriculum in industrial engineering, not offered anywhere else in the United States, has been announced by Dean Gibb Gilchrist of the School of Engineering.

Heading the department will be Judson Neff, graduate of Laredo high school, Texas A. & M., and the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

An honor graduate of Texas A. & M., Neff received his Mechanical Engineering degree in 1928. After several years in professional work he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business for

Received Schooling From A. & M. and Missouri U.

Dr. John H. Ashton, associate professor of agricultural journalism at Texas A. & M. College, has received notification that he has been selected by the Nicaraguan government to serve as an exchange professor at the University of Nicaragua under the terms of the Convention for the Promotion of Inter-American Cultural Relations, and will sail for his post the latter part of September, according to instructions received from Cordell Hull, Secretary of State.

Dr. Ashton was one of the first professors selected under the agreement between the Latin-American nations and is aptly fitted for the work. He speaks English, French, Spanish and Italian, which has enabled him to travel in all parts of the world while studying agricultural methods in general and livestock in particular. He is an authority on breeds of horses and cattle and for the past few years has been at work gathering data for the preparation of a book on history of the development of the livestock industry in Texas and the Southwest. He is the author of several books



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on hogs, mules, horses, beef cattle and has collaborated with several other writers in preparation of their works. He also has written innumerable articles on American and foreign agriculture for publications in this country, and others where he has traveled.

Dr. Ashton also is a former editor of the Breeder's Gazette and the Valley Farmer, published in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

He was born in England in 1880 and after completing his elementary and secondary education, came to America and attended Texas A. & M., graduating with the class of 1906. He received his master of arts degree from the University of Missouri in 1924 and his doctor of philosophy from the same school two years later. In 1937 he came back to Texas A. & M. to accept (Continued on page 5)

Dormitory Telephones To Arrive Next Week; Will Be Latest Type

Telephones for the dormitories have been ordered and will arrive here next week. Orders will be taken from organization commanders immediately upon their arrival.

New equipment of the dial type that is used throughout the College Station area will be available for use. Cost for the telephones will be \$2.50 per month plus a charge of \$1 for installation fee.

Former Cadet Colonel Marries Waco Girl

Miss Price of Waco and Durwood Varnar of Cottonwood, Cadet Colonel at A. & M. during the year '39-'40, were married at the Austin Avenue Methodist Church in Waco on September 14.

The couple will make their home in Houston where Mr. Varnar is employed at the Houston Federal Land Bank. The groom is a graduate in Agricultural Administration.