

## 1,445 Aggies Register For Selective Service

### Draft Registration Progressed Smoothly And Without Delay

There were 1445 Aggies between the age of 21 and 36 who were not specifically exempt from the registration Wednesday. They were registered by 42 fellow classmates from the junior and senior classes who were specifically deputized for the duty. Supervision and management of the registration under the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Act was by the Registrar's office under the direction of E. J. Howell.

The 14 hour registration went off without a hitch as everyone was quickly registered and accounted for. The affair surprised everyone out of their usual conception of a registration day at A. & M. Mr. Howell and Assistant Registrar Heaton answered all questions arising. The most asked question concerned the registration of aliens. All aliens and citizens from the provinces were required to register under the provisions of the act.

All of the completely filled out cards were sent to County Clerk Frank Worsham by Bryan who will sort them out and send them to the respective county boards given as the home of the draftees. Everyone who registered is warned that they should notify their local county board immediately in case of a change of address.

The first step that will be taken by the army under the Conscription Act will be the calling to the colors on Nov. 18th some 800,000 draftees. In the 8th corps area, which includes Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado, the induction center will be at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Various questions that have been going around are still going unanswered because as yet there is no one that knows definitely the

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## Student Engineering Council Holds Meeting; Elliott Elected President

B. H. Elliott of Childress was elected president of the Engineering Student Council which held its first meeting at a dinner in Sbisah hall Wednesday night. J. P. Giles, Okmulgee, Okla., was elected secretary-treasurer, and J. F. Bourne, Dallas, was named chairman of the '40-'41 Engineering show.

The annual \$25 which is offered by Gibb Gilchrist, dean of the school of Engineering, for the engineering school that has the best combination of class attendance and speakers during the past year was won by the school of Petroleum Engineering. The award was accepted by Jeff Montgomery, president of the Petroleum Engineering Society.

The Engineering Student Council was organized two years ago by Dean Gilchrist after it was felt that the student activities in the various departments might be better co-ordinated by the creation of a council of junior and senior engineering students.

The organization consists of eighteen students, three each from the departments of Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Petroleum Engineering. The president of the recognized student chapter in each department automatically becomes a

## ASAE Seniors Return From Inspection Trip

The agricultural engineering seniors returned Friday night from an inspection trip which took them to Dallas for the State Fair and to Mesquite, Texas, to inspect a soil conservation project.

The group left College Station Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Thursday they inspected the exhibits of different manufacturers of farm machinery at the State Fair. Friday morning they went through the John Deere offices and branch house in Dallas.

Friday afternoon they went to Mesquite to see the conservation project. From there they returned to College Station.

While in Dallas the students made their headquarters at the Jefferson Hotel.

## Work Finished On New Fountain

Work has been completed on the floodlights and running water has at last been turned on in the fountain given to A. & M. college by the class of '38. The fountain, located in the triangle just west of Sbisah hall where the band formerly played, is a classic design made of cast stone and consists of a reflecting pool approximately 18 feet in diameter. In the middle of the pool is superimposed a bowl and pedestal, with a spray of water flowing two or three feet in the air.

Although it is complete and ready to go, the fountain has not as yet been turned over to the Landscape Art Department. The many colored lights which will give a special effect will probably be turned on tonight for the first time. There is some speculation yet as to whether they will be allowed to burn every night or just on special occasions.

Construction work on the fountain was completed over a month ago, but due to a delay in shipping materials for the lights, running water was not turned on until today. Although the formal opening of the fountain with submarine lights and running water is tonight, it is still in the experimental stage to some extent. Mr. F. W. Hensel, head of the Landscape Art Department, reports that the small stream is not entirely satisfactory.

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## Large Crowd Here For First Conference Game

This afternoon, the yelling Texas Aggies will show the season's largest crowd that they are the All-American "Twelfth-Man" when the first conference game for the cadets gets under way.

College authorities have made plans to care for some fifteen thousand visitors expected here to witness the beginning of the Aggies' struggle to be the first team to win the Southwest Conference title in successive years.

With three games tucked away and the "Aggie Spirit" among the corps hitting a new high, the "Twelfth man" is ready to show the world that they are behind the team, win, lose, or draw. A. & M.'s 216 piece band will be on hand to greet the visitors and show them their part in the "Aggie way of doing things."

All hotel and tourist camp accommodations have been booked and the college dining halls have made preparations to take care of the extra crowd at the usual meal hours and at the regular guest prices.

Free parking facilities will be available on the drill grounds about the campus. Signs have been erected about the campus directing visitors to rest rooms, parking lots, Red Cross stations, dining halls, and to the stadium where the game will start at 2:30. Military police will be on hand to direct the traffic.

Free parking space for several hundred cars will be available at the south gate of the stadium and fans may enter the South gate, which will be opened for this game.

## Student Directory To Be On Sale Monday

This year's issue of the Student Directory will go on sale after next Monday, October 21, according to an announcement today made by E. L. Angell, manager of student publications.

The directory will be much the same as last year's as few changes have been made in the style. It will contain names and addresses of heads of departments and professors, and names, classification, courses, home addresses and school addresses of students. In addition, it will also carry a directory of the Extension Service, the Agriculture Experiment Station, and the Engineering Experiment Station.

This year's directory is being published much later than expected, due to delays in the printing office and to the many changes made in dormitory arrangements which necessitated changes in the directory.

Copies will be distributed through W. L. Wolfe, student concessioner. The price will be 25 cents as it has been in former years.

## Paralysis Victim Is At Dallas Hospital

Ossie M. Weaver, senior in Third Headquarters Field Artillery from Bonham, Texas, is now in a Dallas hospital recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis suffered early this month. It is reported by his physician, Dr. William Beal Carrell, that his condition will improve rapidly.

Weaver reported to the College Hospital early Monday morning October 6, claiming to have a touch of flu or gripe which he had treated for a week, to no avail. Upon examination by Dr. J. E. Marsh, the diagnosis was still flu as the only apparent sign of sickness was a slight fever. However, Weaver casually made the remark "My leg feels like it's not there, and I stumble when I try to walk." Immediately Dr. Marsh examined Weaver's reflex actions and came to the conclusion that the hospital had an infantile paralysis victim.

In order to prevent further spread of the disease, Weaver's room was fumigated and he was placed in a special ward until he could be moved to Dallas. Similar precautions were taken in his hospital room after he left.

## Ashton Tells Of Colorful Trip To Cuba

Dr. John Ashton, former professor at A. & M., having been sent to Nicaragua, sends this first article on his trip dealing with his stop in Havana, special to the Battalion.

On my trip to Nicaragua one of the stops was at the harbor of Havana, where the "Tolva" debarked many passengers. Those destined for Port Limon and Christoval profited by going ashore at Havana. As we slowly steamed to the United Fruit Company's wharf we passed close to the "America", the largest passenger vessel ever built in the shipyards of the United States. She was on a cruise, and all her passengers appeared to be ashore. We also met another large vessel, the Kungsholm, Swedish, likewise on a cruise, just as we were entering the harbor. The scene was entrancing—the Centuries-old Morro Castle, of sinister memories, on our left, the Malecon on our right, a blue sea and a cloudless sky, and all the plastic shades of the rainbow exemplified on the exteriors of the buildings, making entrancing contrasts with the vivid greenness of the royal palms and other evergreens.

In the distance, a few miles from the center of Havana, we could see distinctly through field glasses, the noble group of buildings which house the University of Havana.

It is something akin to running the gauntlet in getting away from the docks. One shakes off one importunate taxi driver only to be confronted by another. At last, in sheer self-defense, as the turrets swarm around us and obstruct our path, we are obliged to jump into any sort of a vehicle to put a stop to rival claims for our patronage. Of course, everybody hies to the principal square in the center of the city. There one can afford to stretch his legs and visit some of the fine shops in San Rafael, O'Reilly, or other famous streets nearby. Just as one gets weary of walking around, the same taxi-driver who drove us to the square,

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## Several Changes Made at Library

A reserve book and required reading room has been established in the old music room and in Dr. Mayo's old class room in the southwest corner on the third floor of the library. A loan desk has been placed in the new reading room for the convenience of the students who wish to check out reserve books to read in the library as well as needles and records for the phonograph in the new music room.

The music room has been moved to the northeast corner room on third floor, and Dr. Mayo's classroom will have as its new location the hall of the front basement. Fifteen per cent of the student's general fund contributed by the A. & M. Mothers' Club last year has been made available at the direction of the library committee to be spent for the replacement of broken records of the Carnegie set and for records of permanent value requested by students.

Dr. Mayo stated in connection with the records that a box will be placed outside of the music room for students to drop record requests for music of permanent value. In the past, Tchikovski's Fifth Symphony and the Album of Victor Herbert's Music have been the most popular with students.

## Horticulture Society Members To Make Trip

Several members of the A. & M. Horticulture Society will leave next week-end for the Rio Grande Valley to make arrangements with the valley farmers and the canneries to supply exhibits of vegetables, citrus fruits, and canned products for the annual Horticulture Show to be held here November 25 and 26.

Boys who will make the trip are E. L. Pewitt, Carrol Counts, T. C. Lambert, Hal P. McCorkle, Mac McLeach, and Ty Kobayashi. They will leave early Friday afternoon.

## Faculty Rules Waco Corps Trip As Unofficial

### Kyle Field Flagpole Will Sport Two New Flags This Afternoon

This afternoon the Texas Aggies will be out to win the first one-sixth of another Conference Championship banner to fly by the one that will be raised this afternoon just before game time.

At 2:10 p.m., Governor W. Lee O'Daniel and party will enter the north end of the stadium. The band will sound "Ruffles and Flourishes" and the audience will salute. The governor's party will then proceed to the scoreboard where the American flag will be raised on the new flag pole by the governor while the band plays the "Star Spangled Banner."

President T. O. Walton will raise the flag which reads "Nations No.1 Team" and Dean E. J. Kyle will raise the pennant reading "Southwest Conference Champions for 1939." The latter two flags will be raised to the tune of the "Spirit of Aggie" at the ends of the score board.

Following the flag raising the band will play "God Bless America" and the audience will join in the singing, led by the Singing Cadets.

## Book Written by A&M Men Adopted by State

"In a Democracy," written by E. L. Angell, Manager of A. & M. Student Publications, and Prof. G. B. Wilcox, professor of Education at A. & M. and also the former president of the State Teachers' Ass'n., was adopted by the State Board of Education yesterday for use in the eighth grades of all Texas Public Schools.

The book will be used in the Social Science Departments of the school system, since it deals with the modern social problems of our own state and nation.

The book is illustrated with pictures dealing with safety, agriculture, crime detection, and also includes pictures of several buildings from the campus of A. & M.

## Mothers' Clubs Make Contribution

The Dallas A. & M. Mothers' Club and the Temple A. & M. Mothers' Club in keeping with their past policies, recently made donations to the Library General Reading fund. They contributed \$15 and \$5 respectively.

These contributions and others received throughout the year will be spent for good fiction and non-fiction books to be selected by a committee of students. Many valuable additions to the library have been made from this fund in the past two years.

The Library General Reading Fund was started by The Battalion in 1938 to supplement the limited amount of money appropriated by the legislature for this type of books. Since that time, a large number of mothers' clubs and students have made donations.

## RS 311 Class Establishes Honor System for Quizzes

The honor system for quizzes was established in the 11 o'clock class of Rural Sociology, Social Psychology, Friday morning upon the suggestion of Lambert Molyneux, class instructor.

The class voted to adopt the system, and a committee was appointed to work out the details. Ed A. Felder was named chairman of the committee, and R. M. Henderson, Marvin Lee, Thomas B. Miller and James M. Williams were named to work with him.

"Students cheat because cheating has just been accepted as part of the system, and this system will be an experiment in social psychology in attempting to overcome that attitude. Boys in A. & M. are fundamentally no worse than in other schools, and other schools have made the honor system work," Molyneux said.

### President



President of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association is Edwin Mayer. His home town is San Angelo.

## Singing Cadets To Begin 2nd Trials Soon

This year a concert group has been organized by the Singing Cadets. The group consists of a small number of boys who can read music and sing well, and they will sing at functions where a large group is not needed. There will be several quartets and octets chosen from the entire club.

Already the Singing Cadets have made several public appearances this year. They sang last week for a meeting of the Bryan Woman's Club and were called for three encores on each number. They also sang for the members of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association which met on the campus last weekend.

The new song "Texas A.M.C." (War Song) which was written for and presented to The Singing Cadets by the late George E. Perfect, organist of Dallas and which was first introduced on the spring tour of the Singing Cadets last year through North Texas is to be introduced to the Corps this fall.

Something new at A. & M. this year will be the appearance of several other Collegiate musical organizations to be sponsored by the Singing Cadets.

## Couch, Miller To Be Here For Wildlife Conference

Leo K. Couch, assistant chief of the Division of Wildlife Research and J. Paul Miller, new secretary of the American Wildlife Institute will arrive here from Washington, D.C. on October 23 to confer with Walter P. Taylor, head of the Wildlife department. During their visit here they will inspect the McCullough Ranch. Taylor will accompany them to Austin and Houston where they will inspect various game preserves. Couch and McCullough will continue to New Orleans so that they may visit the Sabine Refuge near Lake Charles, Louisiana, en route.

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## Midnight Lights For Sophomores Also Ruled On

Juniors and seniors will have their second authorized corps trip of the year next week-end to Waco to witness the A. & M. - Baylor game which will be played in the Waco stadium next Saturday afternoon. In the faculty meeting held Wednesday night the faculty decided to allow all juniors and seniors who wish to make the trip to have authorized absences from classes. Sophomores and freshmen who make the trip will not be given authorized absences from classes.

It is homecoming next Saturday for the Baylor Bears and the Athletic office was only able to obtain 2830 student tickets. Tickets for the Aggies and their dates go on sale at the Y.M.C.A. desk on Monday at 8 a.m. The tickets are all in a block from the 50-yard line to the end zone on the east side of the field. Only Aggies and their dates will be allowed to enter the stadium on student tickets.

A trial adopted resolution of the meeting also allows Sophomores to keep their lights on after taps. It is hoped by the faculty that the Sophomores will use this new privilege to their benefit, since it is felt by the faculty that sophomores need more time devoted to study. Close observation will be made of the results of this new ruling in order to determine if it is beneficial.

The subject of maximum lamp wattage for study lamps also came before the meeting, but owing to the fact that the power plant facilities were not increased when the new dormitories were built, the power plant is now operating at capacity load. Action cannot be taken on this subject until the power plant has more increased capacity, which is expected in the near future.

## Wool, Mohair Plant Open for Inspection

The recently completed wool and mohair scouring plant, located in the Textile Engineering building, was opened for general inspection Thursday. It has been open this week because of the Sheep and Goat Raisers meeting here. This new plant, valued at around \$30,000 is one of the best and most completely equipped plants for research purposes at any college in the United States. The new unit is equipped to scour up to 2,500 pounds of wool (grease basis). Under the present new program the daily output is ten times that of the old plant.

The principal objective of this experimental plant is for the development of information that will be helpful to growers, warehouses, and buyers in the determination of the correct grades and shrinkages of representative samples of wool and mohair.

Since Texas wools are sold on an

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## Becker And Ritchey Cool Their Heels In New Office Created in Ross Hall

A stroll through Ross Hall, A. & M.'s remodeled military building, brought to light many interesting innovations yesterday. Perhaps the most interesting was a little cardboard sign above an office on the first floor of the east wing. Figuratively speaking, the sign was not uncommon of any other sign, but it attracted attention, for it bore the names of two students.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that the room marked by the little sign was the new office of Cadet Colonel Bill Becker. This in itself was not exactly remarkable, unless it is considered that A. & M.'s cadet colonel has never possessed an office before. Then, too, the office will be shared by Senior Class

President Tom Richey and Staff Executive Paul Haines. These three students will form what will commonly be known as the Corps Headquarters for the Corps Staff.

This is an entirely new idea of creating a student office for the cadet colonel. Although it has never been attempted before, it is hoped that this innovation will bring about a closer contact between the Commandant and the Corps Staff.

It will be the purpose of the office to keep a complete set of files and data on all senior class and organization meetings. In future years these three important cadet positions will be made easier for their new occupants for the duties of all will be outlined and planned

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