

Six A & M Employees To Be Honored at Xmas Banquet

Plaques, Canes To Be Given In Honor Of 25 Years Service

Six employees of A. & M. College will be honored for twenty-five years service at the annual College Christmas banquet given all college employees by the Former Students Association in the main dining room of Sbis Hall Friday, December 20.

As is customary, all employees of the college with twenty-five years service are honored by the Former Students Association at their annual Christmas Banquet. The six men who have completed twenty-five years service will each be presented with a citation recognizing their service and a walking cane with Twenty Five Year Club engraved on it. Bert Pfaff '25, President of the Former Student Association, will present the citations to A. L. Darnell, Professor of Dairy Husbandry; S. C. Hoyle, editor of college publications; Dr. E. B. Reynolds, Chief of the Division of Agronomy Agricultural Experiment Station; R. E. Karper, Agronomist in charge of Sorghum investigation for the Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock, M. P. Holleman, Chief Clerk, Agricultural Experiment Station, and Sam Steptoe (colored) connected with the Entomology Department.

About 800 employees and their wives will attend the banquet. Walter Jenkins of Houston will be in charge of the musical program. President Walton will deliver a Christmas message to all the guests.

Swift Essay Contest Winner Leaves for Chicago

W. T. Berry, winner of the Swift Essay Contest for students majoring in Animal Husbandry, left Thursday for Chicago to attend the International Livestock Show which is from December 8 to 11. After the show Berry will remain in Chicago until Wednesday to make a study of the Swift Packing Plant.

The essays entered in the contest discussed the relation of the meat packer to the producer and consumer of animal products. The winning essay titled "The Packer's Marketing Machine," stressed the fact that the packer helps the producer obtain a good price for his product and at the same time supplies the consumer with a wholesome food.

Berry's effort was judged to be the best after the original number of papers entered had been narrowed down to five in the final judging. The committee judging the essays was composed of four men in the animal husbandry department.

Eleven More A & M Men Complete Basic Air Training at Randolph Field

Eleven Texas A. & M. flying cadets are among the 266 embryo pilots who finished the second step of their basic phase of training for military pilots November 25 at Randolph Field, Texas, the "West Point of the Air."

The flying cadets who have attended Texas A. & M. are J. I. Hopkins, Palestine, Texas, '40; D. E. Braswell, Dallas, Texas, '40; John P. Couch, McKinney, Texas, '40; J. J. Keeter, Throckmorton, Texas, '40; V. C. Denton, Pahrakee, Fla., '40; C. A. Montgomery, Denton, Texas, '39; Ken T. Merritt, Arlington, Texas, '40; Wm. C. Melton, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, '40; John R. Propst, Amarillo, Texas, '40; H. E. "Herbie" Smith, Big Lake, Texas, '40; Wade C. Waller, Port Neches, Texas, '36. They transferred to the Advanced Flying school at Kelly Field, Texas, for a final ten week aerial training in formation flying and cross country navigation, both day and night, before winning their "Wings" and shoulder bars as Second Lieutenants in the Air Corps Reserve.

The ninth class of flying cadets

Shepardson Will Make Trip To Ottawa, Canada

A study of Canadian methods and technique in the production of milk records will be made by C. N. Shepardson, head of the Dairy Husbandry Department, who will leave for Ottawa, Canada, Sunday.

Shepardson will represent the Board of Directors of the American Jersey Cattle Club when he confers with officials of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club and the dairy representatives of the Canadian Government in an effort to determine the principles underlying the large records the Jersey cows in Canada have been making.

From a study of the Canadian production records, Shepardson will develop a program to be incorporated in the present breed improvement program which is sponsored by the American Jersey Cattle Club. From Ottawa, Shepardson will leave for New York City for a conference with the officials of the Jersey club, of which he is now serving his second term as a member of the Board of Directors. (Continued on Page 4)

Remainder of Official Club List Announced Today

Given below is the remainder of the list of the officially recognized clubs. A portion of this list was printed in a previous issue of The Battalion. The list will be completed through this issue.

ARCHITECTURE CLUB. . . President, LaVere Brooks; V-President, Sid Lord; Treasurer, Terry Thrift; Secretary, Gordon McCutchan; Sgt. at Arms, Moffit Adams; Reporter, J. B. Pierce.

A. S. C. E. . . President, Henry Drumwright; V-President, Ross H. Cox; Sec-Treas., Jessie A. Teague; Reporter, W. C. Carter.

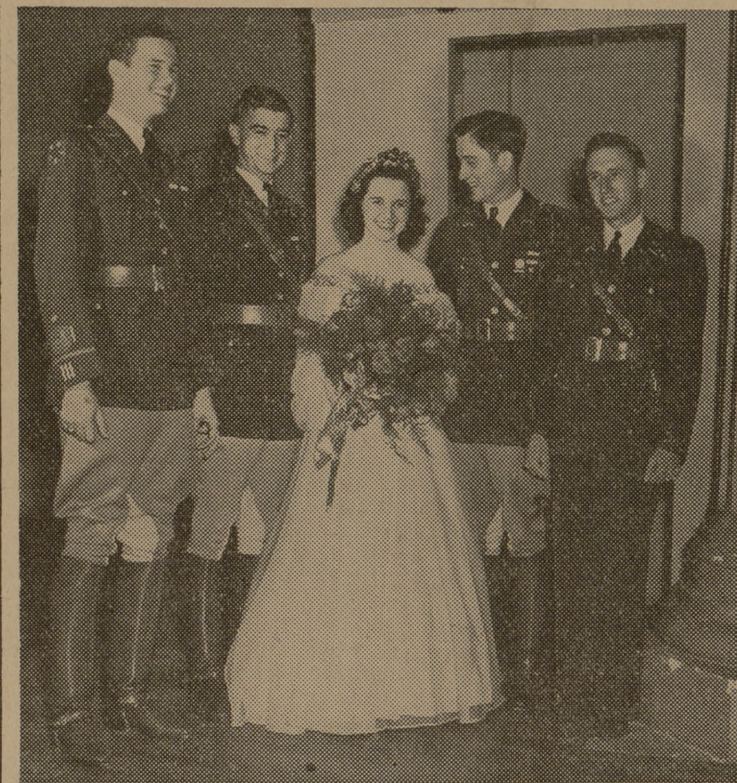
A. S. M. E. . . President, J. J. Walker; V-President, Bob Nalley; Secretary, Ed Clark; Treasurer, H. M. Rollins.

A.V.M.A., JR. CHAPTER. . . President, O. H. Stalheim; V-Pres., Aaron Appleby; Pres-Elect, William Banks; Sec-Treas, Vernon Isaac.

AZTECA CLUB. . . President, H. V. Vasquez; V-Pres, David Phillips; Sec-Treas, F. G. Ruiz.

BIG SPRINGS A. & M. CLUB. . . Pres, R. S. Crawford; V-Pres, Morris Burns; Sec-Treas, W. T. Robinson. (Continued on Page 4)

Flowers For a Star



Jean Dickenson smiles for the camera as she is presented with a bouquet of roses during intermission at her performance on the Town Hall program series Wednesday night. With her in the picture are (left to right) Henry Beville, David Yarborough, Paul Haines, and William Hensel who were responsible for arranging the program.

Cadets Enjoy Jean Dickenson As Town Hall Presents Third Concert

By George Fuermann
The audience enjoyed Jean Dickenson—and Jean enjoyed the audience.

Blessed with an attractive face and figure, an excellent stage personality and a fairly capable—though young—voice, the popular radio and concert singer presented the third concert of the current Town Hall series Wednesday night in Guion Hall before an audience of 2,000 cadets and civilians.

Few concert artists who have appeared at A. & M. have so obviously enjoyed performing for the corps as did Miss Dickenson. Amazed at the typically enthusiastic Aggie reception given her throughout the concert, she commented that, "I've never before been so thrilled by such a breath-taking reception as the cadets gave me tonight; I can hardly find words to describe my feelings."

Presenting a concert composed, for the main part, of semi-classical numbers, Miss Dickenson and her accompanist, Marian Kalayjian, were quick to win the audience's favor. Unique in the history of A. & M. concert goers were Miss Dickenson's clever verbal introductions explaining the various songs as each was sung.

Many in the audience commented on the concert in comparison with last year's Gladys Swarthout production.

YMCA To Have Organization Xmas Trees Ready Dec. 16

Christmas trees will be available for the various organizations by December 16, M. L. Cashion, head of the Y. M. C. A., announced Friday.

The trees, which are furnished by the Landscape Arts Department will be placed in the old "Y" building and the new "Y" building at the Consolidated High School. Dates will be reserved for the time that each organization to hold its tree according to request made by each company commander at the Y. M. C. A. Companies making the first requests will get their choice of holding their tree nearest the holidays.

Aeronautical Students To Hold 2d Meeting Monday

The A. & M. College Student Branch of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences will meet Monday at 7 p. m. in the chemistry lecture room. By-laws of the chapter will be presented to the members for adoption and other important business will be discussed.

Membership application cards are available to those interested in becoming members of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences. The film, "Conquest of the Air" will be shown. Any visitors are welcome to come see the film.

gram. However, the two are difficult to justly compare as Miss Swarthout is in an entirely different class than Miss Dickenson. The Swarthout voice is more matured, is a coloratura rather than a lyric soprano and has considerably more depth than the Dickenson voice. In years to come it is possible that Miss Dickenson will rank with Gladys Swarthout as a singer; but thus far she has had neither the experience nor the training of the famed American coloratura soprano.

In summary, the Dickenson concert was excellent and well received, will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of the current Town Hall season and presented a gracious, beautiful and capable American singer to an appreciative audience.

List Grows As Another Aggie Joins "Airwayers" Club

Another Aggie has been added to the list of those who have "highwayed" a ride by plane. This time it was Arthur Lapham, freshman of B Battery Coast Artillery who did the 'airwaying.' He was starting on his way to Austin for the Thanksgiving game via "thumb special" in typical Aggie style when he was picked up by a Taylorcraft salesman and taken to the airport.

From there he was flown to Waco. The salesman then took Lapham out to the Austin highway and had him well on his way again. It took him less than an hour to go from College Station to Waco.

Regional Officials Of FSA Here for Meet

Thirty regional officials of the Farm Security Administration are on the campus of A. & M. college today for a conference to which the college personnel is invited. C. M. Evans, formerly of College Station, regional administrator of the FSA, is in charge of the meeting.

One of the conference features was a banquet scheduled last night in Sbis Hall.

President T. O. Walton is one of the speakers, addressing the group on "Home Ownership." Also appearing on the program is V. K. Sugareff, professor of history, who will speak on "The Challenge to Our Democracy and our Reactions to It." Two hundred Singing Cadets will entertain the visitors with banquet music.

Conferences are held in the agricultural engineering lecture room.

Work Progressing on New Dormitory Location; Many Houses Are Being Moved

Car Mechanics Short Course Is Presented in Bryan

Under the cooperative plan between A. & M. College and the State Board for Vocational Education, a short course open to all automobile mechanics opened in Bryan last Tuesday night.

Classes under the leadership of J. R. Crawford and Elmer Frede are being held each night from 7 to 10 p. m. at the Murray Chevrolet Company Garage in Bryan. The course will last for ten nights and is open to any mechanic or mechanics' helper in this vicinity. The equipment they are using in the course is of the latest type and includes all the tools necessary to check for front wheel alignment, carburation, motor tuneup and front wheel balancing.

Classes are limited to twenty men each so that each will have a chance to become familiar with the equipment. The course will cover all the fundamental principles of the automobile. Anyone desiring further information may phone the Department of Industrial Education, College 4-7564.

1st Club Dance Of Season Given By Civil Engineers

A. & M.'s social season for 1940-41 started off last night when the American Society of Civil Engineers swung out to the strains of Ed Minnock and his Aggeland Orchestra in the Banquet Room of Sbis Hall. The first of twenty-two club and organization sponsored dances on the current season program, the affair ushered in the holiday spirit in grand style.

The banquet room was gaily decorated in Christmas colors with holly adorning the walls and a large colorfully lighted Christmas tree at one end of the room.

Only Civil Engineering, Industrial Education, and Engineering Administration students were allowed to attend and dates came from all over the state with Sam Houston State Teachers College furnishing the majority of the opposite sex.

The A.S.C.E.'s held the first dance ever sponsored by any chapter of an engineering society at A. & M. last year and following its success and the success of the dance last night the affair promises to become an annual affair for the C.E.'s to look forward to.

Russell Will Preside At Annual Welfare Assn Meeting

Prof. Dan Russell, head of the rural sociology department and president of the Texas Social Welfare Association, left Thursday to attend the regional meetings of the association in Dallas, Greenville and Tyler this week.

The theme of the meetings will be the pamphlet "Need". This pamphlet is a study of the basic social needs of Texas which has recently been put in book form by the association. The studies to be made at these meetings will tend to show the development made for common welfare all over Texas.

Professor Russell will have an active part in all the meetings in addition to acting as the presiding officer. He will return to College Station Tuesday, December 10.

Longhorn Vanity Fair Deadline Set Dec. 21

The dead-line for freshmen pictures has been set for December 21, Ele Baggett, editor of the Longhorn, announced today.

All reservations for Vanity Fair and Senior Favorites must be in for the Christmas holidays, although the dead-line for the actual entries has been set for January 12.

Rice Institute Dean Perplexed So "Sammy Owl" Returns

"Sammy" Owl has returned to the A. & M. trophy case after a brief stay at Rice Institute.

Sammy is the stuffed owl that was taken early Wednesday morning when pranksters broke the glass trophy case and scattered handfuls of rice in their wake.

After news of the theft reached Houston, officials of the Institute made an investigation of the affair and Friday afternoon Dean Harry B. Weiser announced that the object of the search had been found.

J. N. Miller, president of the Student Association and M. C. Sullender, chairman of the Halls Committee of Rice, journeyed from Houston the same afternoon depositing the prize with Dean Bolton and making remuneration for the damage done to the trophy case.

This morning Sammy was his cheery self in his customary perch in the Academic trophy case.

Crop Judging Team Places 2nd In Chicago Contest

The livestock judging team returned Wednesday night from Chicago after a successful trip to the International Livestock Exposition.

The team representing A. & M. won second place in the entire contest in which 31 teams consisting of 155 contestants representing 29 states were entered. They won second place in the cattle division, third place in the sheep division, fifth in swine and eleventh in horses. They also won a trophy cup given by the Berkshire Breeds Association for being the top team in the Berkshire division of the swine classes.

R. T. Foster was the fourth man in the entire contest taking fourth place in both the cattle and horse divisions. Melvin R. Callihan, the only other boy from A. & M. ranking in the first ten of any division of the contest, won seventh place in the horse classes.

The team made several stops on the way to Chicago, stopping at Eschelman's Percheron Farm in Sedgewick, Kansas, Goods Belgian Farm, Nebraska State College and Fitch Farm near Des Moines, Iowa to judge horses; Kansas State College at Manhattan to judge cattle, sheep and hogs; and at Turner Hereford Ranch at Sulphur, Okla., to judge cattle. For variety the team returned through Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Composing the team were M. R. Callihan of Conway, R. T. Foster of Sterling City, L. J. Gentry of Henrietta, J. T. Rice of McLean, L. E. Brandes of Weimar, and M. B. Inman of Childress. Team coach is R. J. von Roeder.

Forty Six TSCWites Descend On Campus To Inspect Mess Equipment

The forty six girls of the two classes in "Institutional Management" and "Equipment" from T. S. C. W. visited the college yesterday specifically for the purpose of studying the A. & M. dining halls system. Accompanied by their two teachers Miss Nell Morris, chief dietitian, and Miss Grace Augustine, assistant professor of foods, they toured and took notes on the kitchen equipment, service, baker shop, and store rooms of both mess halls. The girls are juniors and seniors in the department of Home Economics specializing in the management of school lunch rooms, hotel cafes, and institutional kitchens. Their visit here at the college is the only stop on their inspection trip.

The students left Denton yesterday morning at 5 a. m. and arrived here at 11 a. m. in two busses. They breakfasted on the bus and after having an early lunch

All Houses In Vicinity Must Be Moved or Destroyed

A two story dwelling and several small buildings have fallen under the axes of wrecking crews engaged in clearing ground for the new dormitories being constructed near the west entrance to the A. & M. campus.

Two crews have actually been engaged in the work. One crew is razing the small structures, and the other crew is busy moving the large structure to a new location between the college hospital and the Aggeland Inn. After the house has been moved it will be remodeled for use as the nurse's home.

Bellows Construction Company has been hauling in equipment and erecting store rooms and offices. The spur track which branches off the Missouri Pacific Lines has been removed and placed back of the new dorm location, parallel to the old road to Bryan. It will be used to ship in necessary equipment and supplies.

All of the houses in the vicinity are to be moved or razed with the exception of Dean Kyle's house which is far enough away as not to interfere.

The dormitories located in the cleared sections are already staked out and the excavation on the foundations has begun. Three of the dormitories will be placed perpendicular to the street running by the side of the hospital and one will sit at an angle on the corner and the other two will sit parallel to the street and behind the first three.

State Board Meets Here To License Architects

The State Board of Architectural Examiners, consisting of C. H. Page, Austin, chairman of the Board; Herbert Voelker, Wichita Falls, vice chairman; and T. D. Broad, Dallas, Secretary, has arrived here to give an examination for the license to practice architecture.

The examination will continue for four days, December 4, 5, 6, and 7, and will be held here under the supervision of the A. & M. Architectural Department. About 12 persons are taking the examination including John C. Kerr, a senior majoring in architecture. In order to pass the examination and to receive a license to practice architecture, a candidate must average a grade of 75 on the test.

The examination will cover many different phases of the field of architecture such as mechanics of materials, practice and supervision, reinforced concrete and fireproof design, graphic statistics, architectural composition, history of architecture, and practical building design. Each of these various subjects will be covered on different days by the examination.

Senior Horticulture Students To Make Trip

Senior Horticulture majors are planning to leave December 14 for their annual inspection trip. This year the group will visit citrus and vegetable farms in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. They will return on December 24.