

## Proposed Student Aid Fund Awaits Faculty Approval

### Civil Service Tests Open to A&M Seniors

#### Eligibility Limited To Those Who Are Graduating in June

College graduates and students who will graduate from college in June, 1941, are wanted by the United States Civil Service to fill positions with the federal government.

The Commission has announced that applications will be accepted at its Washington office for Junior Professional Assistant examination.

The purpose of this examination is to recruit young college graduates for junior professional and scientific positions in the federal government. College seniors who are now in residence and expect to graduate in June, 1941, may also be admitted to this examination, provided they meet the educational and other requirements.

In order for applications to be accepted from senior students or graduate students attending school at the present time, the individual must issue a statement under oath certifying that he will have completed his required college course before July 1, 1941. With the exception of the junior engineer position, the names of senior or graduate students or law students who attain eligibility in this examination may be certified and provisional appointment may come at any time after that has been done.

Specialized courses in which the applicants will be enrolled in their last semester and which will be completed prior to July 1, 1941, (Continued on Page 4)

### Fred Rennels Appointed To New AAA Position

Fred Rennels, who for the past year and a half has been in charge of the range conservation program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Texas, has been named assistant administrative officer of the Texas AAA.

Appointment of Rennels, was announced by the state AAA committee at its meeting in College Station. He will succeed B. F. Vance who has been named to the position of administrative officer resigned by E. N. Holmgreen to become business manager of Texas A. & M. College. All appointments will be effective February 1.

After farming and teaching school in Foard and Wilbarger counties for a number of years, Rennels became Extension Service county agent in Foard county from 1922 to 1936 when he was named county agent of Wilbarger county where he remained until 1939. During these years he studied at various times at Texas A. & M. College and North Texas State Teachers' College.

Since June, 1939, Rennels has had charge of the range program of the AAA.

### New Balcony Completed Recently At St. Mary's Chapel

A step to partially relieve the over-crowded seating conditions in the St. Mary's Chapel, located on the north side of the campus, was taken recently when a new balcony with a seating capacity of about 105 was finished. The new balcony will also be used as a choir loft.

A greater building program intended to enlarge the east side of the Chapel will be started this summer, but due to the present over-crowded conditions the balcony was built earlier. It was completed at a cost of \$360.

### Musical Classics-- Every Monday Night

#### First In Series of "Annotated Concerts" Will Be Presented Monday Night at 7:15

The first in a series of "Annotated Concerts" of recorded music will be conducted Monday, Jan. 13 at 7:15 p. m. in the music room of the Cushing Memorial Library. The first program will be conducted by Dr. T. F. Mayo, college librarian.

The concerts, which will be held every Monday night, will last exactly one hour, Dr. Mayo stated. Each concert will be confined to the music which is included in the Carnegie Endowment set which is a part of the library.

Faculty members and students who are interested in music will conduct the various concerts which will be worked out in advanced. Program of all concerts will be published in The Battalion previous to each concert.

"The object of this series," Dr. Mayo said, "is to give students an opportunity to compare their own musical tastes with those which the various concerts will illustrate." The general subject of the various concerts will be "Music that I like and why I like it."

Dr. Mayo pointed out that all interested students and faculty members are cordially invited to attend the concerts. At a later date, a complete list of the various concerts and the persons conducting each one will be announced in The Battalion.

The following is the program which Dr. Mayo will present at the first concert in the series:

- 1. Mozart: String Quartet in D-

Major (Played by the Kolisch Quartet).

2. Wagner: Wotan's Farewell and the Fire-Music (From Die Walkure) (Played by the Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by Stokowski; sung by Laurence Tibbett).

3. Debussy: Andantino (From String Quartet in G-Major) (Played by the Pro Arte Quartet).

4. Sibelius: Vivacissimo (From Symphony No. 2 in D-Major) (Played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Sergei Koussevitzky, Conductor).

### Molyneux To Accept Fellowship At Louisiana State U

Lambert Molyneux, assistant professor in rural sociology, announced this week that he will take a leave of absence from A. & M., beginning at mid-term to accept a fellowship at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, to do research on population trends.

Professor Molyneux announced that the fellowship will last but one semester and that he will resume his duties with the department of rural sociology as soon as he completes the work there.

In addition to his teaching duties here Molyneux serves as the college fencing team coach and as sponsor of the Rural Sociology Club.

### Howard Payne President Addresses Annual Meeting of Brazos County C of C

#### New Committee Chairmen Outline Programs for 1941

Highlighted by an address from Dr. Thomas F. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College, the Brazos County Chamber of Commerce began another year with the annual banquet at which new officers opened their term of office by submitting outlines for their proposed year's activity.

Speaking in the "homespun" style of Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Taylor used as the subject of his speech "How to Make a Better Community". Dry wit and subtle statements and hidden meanings kept his audience alert and interested. In the course of the address, Dr. Taylor stressed a good neighbor policy both between members of the same community and between different communities.

New committee chairmen were introduced as follows: C. H. McDowell, agriculture; J. F. Casey, inter-relations; J. S. Caldwell, trade extension; Hershell Burgess

entertainment; W. C. Mitchell, finance and membership; Dr. T. D. Brooks, educational; Mrs. Lee J. Roundtree, public health; Roland Dansby, civic betterment; A. F. Ware, highway; Travis Bryan, legislative; C. M. Bethany, public (Continued on Page 4)

### A & M Graduates Have High Rank In Scout Executive Work

In a meeting of the Fish and Game Club Thursday night, Barney Carlson, Scout executive for the Bryan and College district pointed out the possibilities of students of biology, rural sociology, and business administration becoming Scout executives. Scouting is comparatively a new field and offers possibilities for those who are interested in this type of work.

"In a recent check-up on the Scout Executives of Texas, the A. & M. Graduates are of highest ranking," said Mr. Carlson.

### Littlefield Ballet to Be Here Feb 12

The Littlefield Ballet, which will be the next Town Hall number, will appear at A. & M. on February 12, it was announced today by Paul Haines, Town Hall Manager.

This is the first ballet to be composed and directed by Americans exclusively and its rise to success has been sensational. Comprising a company of 65 and a full symphony orchestra, beautiful girls, gorgeous costumes, and gay dancing mark this excellent organization. It indeed is refreshing to witness this beautiful thoroughly American ensemble.

Its success is the result of obtaining perfection in the rich traditions of the classics, plus the unique contribution of time, spacing, vigor, and vitality. Critics and those who have seen them acclaim the Littlefield Ballet as a truly great American show of which no tradition need be ashamed. It is beautifully planned, excellently staged, and brilliantly danced.

It was also announced that on the fifth of March Town Hall had secured the famous news analyst William L. White, who was in Finland during the Russian campaign and who will arrive in New York from Europe on Feb. 1. As announced at the beginning of the year the Houston Symphony Orchestra will come to A. & M. on March 20.

### Campus Looks Even More Military As US Trucks Stop Overnight

Five officers and 63 enlisted men of the 2nd Quartermaster Battalion brought a contingent of 35 new army trucks to the A. & M. campus Thursday afternoon after a practice march from Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio.

The new trucks were being given an actual road test to break them in for army duty. Included among the motor vehicles were trucks, scout cars, armored cars, and motorcycles. All of the trucks and cars were 1941 models and were equipped with front-wheel drives. The men and trucks left for Fort Sam Houston early Thursday morning.

## Student From England Gives Aggies Real Idea of What European War Is Like

By Jack Hollimon

The life or death struggle of England in her war against dictatorship has become more realistic to Texas A. & M. College since the arrival of James Eversden, 19 year old youth of Maidston, County of Kent, England. Eversden left England October 25 to join his brother in Canada but the British ship, St. Mary, docked at New York and he came by train to Texas in search of a job. He was not liable for military duty at the time of his departure, but in case he is needed, he will board the next boat for his home.

Traveling by rail in his journey from New York, Eversden was surprised at the sparse population and immense spaciousness of the States. Of great amazement to him however was A. & M. college where military defense and preparedness has reached huge proportions in the business of turning out reserve officers in seven branches of the

United States Army. "A magnificent and valuable asset to America" was Eversden's comment of A. & M. He was particularly impressed to learn that A. & M. has been training officers since 1876.

Employed by Casey's Confectionery in the Y. M. C. A., Eversden comes in contact with all of the Aggies and he thinks they are "very likeable chaps". He will leave Aggeland for the U. S. Army in event the United States becomes actively engaged in the conflict.

"London has been taking a great deal of disastrous shelling and especially the east side where the Jewish people are quartered," said Eversden, "but the people have overcome fear and terror and they now sing the 'Beer Barrel Polka' in shelters and pubs throughout the raids". Blackouts cause discomfort but the people are willing to forego their immediate comforts for a hard won victory, according to Eversden. "Bombing and

terrific explosions create a roaring dine each night", he said, "and all of London shows sign of the vast devastation caused by air attacks. Invasion of England would be Germany's most costly venture and there would be a tremendous loss of life, both in ranks and civilian population."

"Food in the United States is marvelous after eating mutton and rationed foodstuffs in England," added Eversden, "and the Aggies really eat plenty."

James speaks with a light and carefree cockney accent that combines with his cheery disposition to give all those around him a reflection of friendliness. He is of average height and has blonde hair. He dresses neatly and his English mannerisms make him liked by everyone. Following an old and much publicized English custom, he enjoys a "spot" of tea at different intervals during the day. When questioned about Eng-

### Editor



### Associate



Above, top, is Boyd Sinclair, editor of The Daily Texan and, bottom, Jack Dolph, associate editor of The Texan. The two will serve as guest editors of The Battalion next Thursday replacing Battalion Associate Editor George Fuermann. Nisbet and Fuermann will edit The Texan Wednesday, February 5.

### CAA Students Now Making Cross Country Journeys

Students enrolled in the C. A. A. are occupied at the present time taking their cross-country flights. The trips, extending within a radius area of 250 to 300 miles, are much longer than preceding trips students have taken.

All students making the trip are accompanied by their instructor. They are allowed to make cross-country flights only after they have reached an advance stage in short-distance practice flights. The cross-country flight is a requirement for the course, serving for the purpose of developing the students' self-confidence and initiative to a greater degree.

## Plan Passes Student Activities Committee And Executive Committee

### Fund Is Outgrowth of 1940's George Stidham Fund Drive; Faculty to Vote On Plan at Regular Meeting Set for Jan 28

Faculty approval of the proposed Texas A. & M. Student Aid Fund became the only remaining obstacle in completing the fund's organization, college officials announced yesterday. A resolution passed by the A. & M. Executive Committee at its specially called meeting of Wed., Jan. 8 recommended that the faculty give final approval of the fund at its regular meeting to be held Jan. 28.

The fund's organization, still awaiting the final go-ahead signal, began last May as an outgrowth of the George Stidham Fund drive, a drive held to raise funds for an injured Aggie. Late last summer, a tentative committee composed of Col. Ike Ashburn, Registrar E. J. Howell, Dan A. Russell, E. L. Angell, and cadets J. H. Focke and George Fuermann met to discuss the feasibility of establishing a permanent fund similar in scope to the Stidham Fund's organization and purpose.

Two meetings of the tentative committee resulted in the appointment of Russell, Angell and Fuermann to prepare a plan for the proposed fund to be presented to the faculty for approval. This plan, as finally prepared, was presented to the Student Activities Committee Jan. 4 which approved the establishment of the fund and sent it on to the Executive Committee.

As approved by the Student Activities Committee and the Executive Committee, the Student Aid Fund would do the following:

- 1. Money from the fund would go for the following purposes:
  - a). To pay for emergency operations for students who are unable to obtain the necessary money through other channels.
  - b). To send a suitable expression of sympathy to each family of an Aggie whose mother or father may die during a long session.
  - c). To take care of any other cases of merited need which may come to the Student Aid Fund Committee.
- 2. Money for the Student Aid Fund would be obtained in the following ways:
  - a). The Student Aid Fund would have an initial capital of \$774.43, the remainder of the George Stidham Fund.
  - b). Through an annual drive in the corps each year, probably (Continued on Page 4)

## BULLETIN War Dept Grants A&M 100 More MS Contracts

An announcement made by Commandant and Lt. Col. James A. Watson just before press time revealed that 100 more advanced military science contracts had been awarded Texas A. & M. college by the War Department.

"We are already selecting the men to receive these contracts," Col. Watson said, "and it is our hope that even more will be received in the future."

Col. Watson received the communication by long distance telephone message from Washington, D. C. early Friday.

Last September he asked the War Department for 150 additional contracts and the fact that the request was partially fulfilled is an indication that the War Department is anxious to further increase the ranks of the nation's officers.

A more detailed story concerning the new R. O. T. C. advanced contracts will appear in the next issue of The Battalion.

## Robinson, Pinson Elected To Head Cotton Ball

John H. Robinson and Jim D. Pinson were elected to head the Tenth Annual Cotton Style Show and Pageant and Cotton Ball at a meeting of the Agronomy Society Thursday night. The pageant and ball will be presented May 2.

Robinson was elected business manager and Pinson was elected social secretary. King Cotton, chairman of other committees, and committee members will be elected at a future meeting. Professor Joe Mogford reviewed briefly the proposed tour for this year's winners of the cotton contest. This year's tour will include countries of North America, Central America, and South America if international affairs permit the trip. He stated that this tour was equivalent to an \$800 trip for each boy, and urged that all boys interested in making this tour should plan to take the cotton contests which start January 17.

Announcements were made by Dr. Roy L. Donahue in regard to Civil Service examinations to be given in the spring for Junior Agronomist and Junior Soil Scientist.

## Giesecke To Address Meeting Of Heating Engineers

Dr. F. E. Giesecke, professor emeritus, heating and ventilating, A. & M. College of Texas, and president of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers will address the annual meeting of the Louisiana Engineering Society at the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, Saturday morning, January 11.

## Texas Dairy Situation Discussed At Recent Conference

Lewis W. Morley, secretary of the American Jersey Cattle Club, with offices in New York City and D. T. Simon of Fort Worth, field man for the American Jersey Cattle Club, were on the campus of A. & M. College this week for a conference on the dairy situation in Texas. They plan Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club in Wharton where Mr. Morley will make an address.

Among those taking part in the conference were Joe Shelton of Brownwood, president of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club; C. N. Sheppardson, head of the college department of dairy husbandry; O. C. Copeland, acting chief of the dairy husbandry division of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Jack Shelton, vice director and state agent, E. R. Eudaly, dairyman, and G. G. Gibson, assistant dairyman, all of the Extension Service, and A. L. Darnell, professor in the department of dairy husbandry.

## Thurman Wins 2nd In Essay Contest

D. C. Thurman, A. & M. Junior, won second place in an essay contest for college students sponsored by the Texas Academy of Science. Thurman entered the contest through the Entomology Club, one of the eight affiliated clubs in the United Science Clubs of A. & M. Thurman received \$15.00 for his winning entry in the contest.