

## Guion Hall To Be Converted Into Modern Theater

### Farmers Short Course Completed

#### Col. Ike Ashburn Delivers Principal Address At Opening

Parallel Meetings Held During Conference By Various Affiliated Clubs

Farm men and women from many parts of the state arrived singly and in groups at A. & M. Sunday for the 1941 adult Short Course which opened on the campus at 10 Sunday morning and continued through Tuesday. The state 4-H Short Course will begin at 6:45 this afternoon and will close on Friday.

Lieutenant Governor Coke R. Stevenson, who was scheduled as the principal speaker in Guion Hall Monday at 7:30 p. m., was unable to attend because of illness in his family.

Col. Ike Ashburn of Houston, executive secretary of the Harris County Committee for Industrial Peace and former assistant to the president of the college, delivered the principal address.

Mildred Horton, vice director and state home demonstration agent of the Texas Extension Service, presided at the opening meeting Sunday in Guion Hall, where Euell Porter, choir director of the First Baptist Church, Bryan, conducted a song service with Irving Dietz, organist of the First Methodist Church, Bryan, at the organ. At 11, the Rev. Harry G. Knowles, pastor of the First Christian Church, Houston, delivered a sermon on "Things That Abide."

Tours of the campus, with visits to the college and administrative buildings, air field and experimental farms were conducted by members of the college staff between 2 and 5 p. m. Afterwards, H. H. Williamson, directors of the Texas Extension Service, presided at a meeting in Kyle Field at 7:30 where Jeff Williams of Chickasha, Oklahoma, spoke on "Every Truth as a Layman Views Them."

The regular adult short course program was inaugurated Monday at 7:45 a. m. with George E. Adams, vice director and state agent of the Extension Service, presiding over the meeting in Guion Hall. After a program of organ music by Irving Dietz and group singing conducted by Walter Jenkins, choir director of the First Methodist Church, Houston, E. J. Kyle, dean of the school of agriculture (See SHORT COURSE, page 4)

#### Power Plant Contracts For Equipment Made

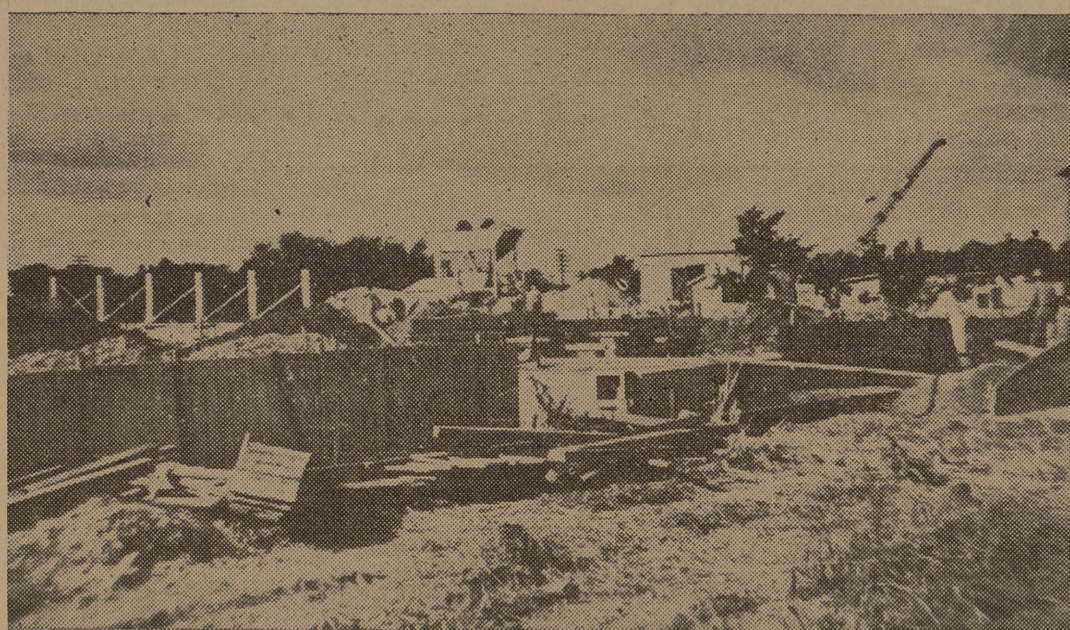
The new expansion program of the power plant which is to be enlarged during the next year was brought one step further toward realization with the awarding of the contracts for the various equipment needed at the meeting of the board of directors last Saturday.

The new equipment to be installed is a new turbine which will be installed by the General Electric Co., a condenser by Westinghouse, and a steam generator by the Combustion Engineering Corporation.

#### Engineers Of The State Contribute \$40,000 To College

The registration committee of the Engineers of the State recently has given \$40,000 to the college for the purpose of buying books, and the A. & M. Board of Directors has voted to accept the gift. The books which will be purchased from the fund will be a most welcome addition to the school library. The books will be kept in the Cushing Memorial Library.

#### On Strike



Scene of the construction that will produce four new dormitories to increase the housing facilities at A. & M. The scene of a strike, work has continued as under normal conditions. Although the work is three days behind schedule, the delay has been caused by heavy rains during the past few days.

Because of the necessity for new legislative action, the dormitories which were first scheduled for occupancy the first of September will not be ready until next year.

#### Aggie Exes Get Wings At Randolph Field

A degree from the "West Point of the Air" will be added to the academic backgrounds of four former A. & M. College of Texas students on July 12 as they successfully complete their basic flying training at Randolph Field, Texas. They are:

Harvey P. Robinson, '39-'40, Jouton.

David L. Silverman, '35-'39, Longview.

Herbert A. Underwood, '36-'39, Amarillo.

Frank M. Wood, Jr., '40, B.S., San Angelo.

This class of pilots-to-be entered the enormous south Texas basic training school on May 2 after having completed 10 weeks of primary training. At primary schools they logged some 65 hours of flying time in 200-horsepower planes and gained the experience necessary to handle the 450-horsepower basic trainers at Randolph.

Under new regulations former college students who have not completed the required two years of college may, however, be exempted in the mental examination from subjects which they have completed in college.

#### Weep No More Many Juke Box Proms Are Left

By Florence Hollingshead  
Sniff, sniff, boo-boo, and all that. The last of the first semester Juke Box proms was held at the usual spot on ye ole' college campus Saturday night.

Although the heavy dew tried it's best to drown out the rug-cutters, it failed to dampen their spirits. It seems that the idea of a "turn-about-week" as a change was a success, but the idea had better not be harbored by anyone anytime soon. It was both a surprise and a pleasure to find that the dance was free of cover charge and all other kinds of charges.

There were quite a number of chaperones there, was it because of the short course? If so, we're always glad to have them join in on our fun. A number of boys returning from camp came by to try their luck at hot-footing it, too.

Because of a blessed break in the summer semester terms, there will be no prom this week end, but they will continue to be reeled off on the successive Saturdays from then on. We hope that they have been successful and that you (See JUKE BOX, page 4)

#### Agricultural Economics Field Trip Planned

The Agricultural Economics field trip will be held from July 21 to August 31. L. S. Paine, agricultural economics instructor, will head the trip and has made all the arrangements in advance.

The trip was planned for last year but didn't come through as was scheduled. This year the trip has been taken up by the students for its full value. The maximum number already have turned in their reservations and a waiting list has been started. The boys who are to make the trip are W. T. Jones, R. L. Whorter, Oliver Goen, Bill Cameron, W. E. Burchard, G. A. Adams, G. C. Fajardo, Roland Bing, Claude Brandon, G. G. Harris, Douglas White, C. B. Ehman, Jack Jones, J. R. Scott, R. D. Nichols, M. J. Lyons, L. T. Vivian, G. E. Lytel, and Ernest Pettit.

From the 7,000 mile trip, which will cover most of the states west of the Mississippi, they will be able to get a good idea of conditions as they are in this country at the present time. Will get first hand information on the problems of the country. By getting this information and viewpoints it will be possible for them to become more intelligent and understandable leaders, Paine said.

### First Plans Call For September Occupancy

The remodeling of Guion Hall to provide a motion picture theater at a cost of \$5,800 was authorized by the board of directors at their meeting Saturday morning. Guion Hall will replace the Assembly Hall for the showing of films, and will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the first semester.

"The Y. M. C. A. committee has been anxious for the privilege of using Guion Hall as a motion picture house for several years and have delayed motion picture equipment improvements until a more satisfactory location could be found," Dean T. D. Brooks, chairman of the committee said. "It will be possible in the new location to provide good recreation for students at low cost. ADD to Guion Story gal 12

Work will begin immediately to provide facilities that will be needed. Draperies will be hung to improve acoustics. Aisles and stairways will be carpeted to deaden sounds.

Upon completion Guion Hall will house 2,000 persons at one time, which would give a capacity of 6,000 under a normal show schedule.

To improve ventilation facilities, new equipment will be installed which will provide more comfort.

At present plans call for neon signs which will be placed across the top of the building.

P. J. Norton, architect of the college, will have charge of the alterations and the designing of the decoration plan.

"Every effort will be made to convert Guion Hall into as modern a theater as possible," Dean Brooks said.

The Assembly Hall will continue to function as a meeting place for class meetings and other meetings. The Town Hall programs will continue to be held in Guion Hall.

#### Crockett Heads New Field Office Opened at Dallas

J. Burke Crockett, graduate of A. & M. and a native of Texas, has been chosen to be district manager of the new field office in Dallas, one of six recently opened by the Priorities Division, Office of Production Management, E. R. Stettinius, Jr., Director, announced. E. C. Laird, Jr., and L. Edward Scriven, assistant deputy directors of the division, will be in charge of these field offices, as well as of four others opened previously.

Crockett has previously been a civil engineer and a general contractor. He served from 1911 to 1914 as assistant professor of civil engineering at A. & M., and from 1924 until 1939 he operated his own contracting business and worked with other contractors in Tennessee, Oklahoma and Texas.

### Board Meeting Results In Many New Activities

Law Re-elected To Serve New Term As President, White As Vice-President

A building program for North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington and the John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville was launched by the board of directors at a meeting Saturday.

The board invited the executive committee of the Association of Former Students to hold a joint meeting with them on the campus August 30 and 31.

After reelecting F. M. Law of Houston as president, and G. R. White of Brady as vice-president, the board with all nine members present awarded contracts for construction of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration building.

Architect A. C. Finn of Houston was employed to draw plans for two dormitories and an agricultural building at John Tarleton and a classroom building at Arlington.

The Texas Forestry Service was authorized to erect a kiln drying oven at the Lufkin forest products laboratory at a cost of \$1,700.

### Farm Security Workers Complete Successful Course

With the program Wednesday devoted to "strengthening national defense through improved methods of producing and conserving foods of maximum nutritional value," Farm Security Administration workers from all parts of the state ended their three-day annual meeting on the A. & M. College campus.

FSA farm and home workers spent most of the time during the three-day short course listening to and watching A. & M. College and Extension Service specialists lecture and conduct demonstrations on how to produce more food on small farms. Livestock, poultry, gardens, and orchards came into the discussion.

Wednesday Misses Grace I. Neely and Jennie M. Camp, extension specialists in food preservation and home production specialists, pointed out the evidences of nutritional deficiencies in the diet of Texas small-farm families. Suggestions for remedying this deficiency included year-round gardens, long-term land leases so that tenants would plant and keep home orchards, and better feeding of cattle, hogs and poultry so as to (See FARM SECURITY, page 4)

F. O. Masten, the retiring president, showed some motion pictures of his farming methods on his 8,000 acres cotton farm in Lamb and Cochran counties. Eugene Butler also presented some motion pictures of his trip to South America and gave a descriptive talk on his recent trip.

### Mapping, Surveying Short Course Reaches Conclusion This Week

The second course in Soil Classification and Mapping will be offered at Texas A. & M. College this summer from July 21 to August 9. Field workers and technical as well as non-technical men will have an opportunity to take a three-weeks course beginning July 21 in a very important phase of agricultural field work.

E. A. Norton, chief of the Physical Surveys, Division of the Soil Conservator Service, will come to College Station from Washington, D. C., in order to conduct this course.

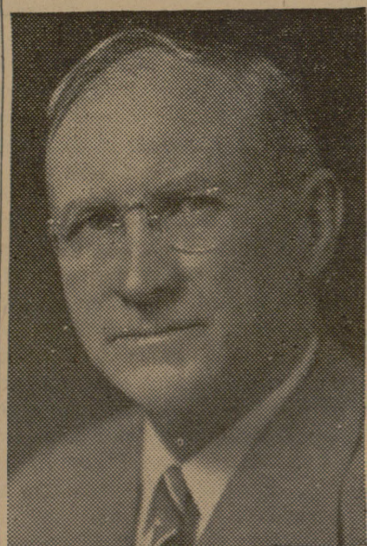
The appeal that this type of instruction in outdoor field methods has for agricultural workers may be ascertained by noting the attendance last year. Graduates of more than 12 colleges made up the class of 40. All but four of those in attendance were permanent workers in some form of agricultural service. Graduates from the Universities of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Baylor, Texas Technological, Iowa State, Colorado A. & M., Georgia Tech and North Dakota State College of Agriculture were in attendance.

### Dean Kyle Granted Four Months Leave To Make Good Will Visit To Pan American Countries Under National Defense Council Auspices

A flying four-months good will visit to Central and South American countries will be made by E. J. Kyle, dean school of agriculture under the auspices of the Council of National Defense and other cooperating organizations, it was revealed here when the Board of Directors granted him a leave of absence. The purposes of his visit are to renew acquaintances with his former students who are to be found in considerable numbers in all of the South and Central American countries; to make a thorough study of the agricultural systems of each country visited, and to make a broad study of commercial agriculture as it exists today and the opportunities it offers for the future in the countries visited. This study is to include livestock, especially beef cattle and sheep, and the principal crops grown in each country.

Dean Kyle's trip, sponsored by the Council of National Defense with several other organizations

#### On Leave



Dean E. J. Kyle

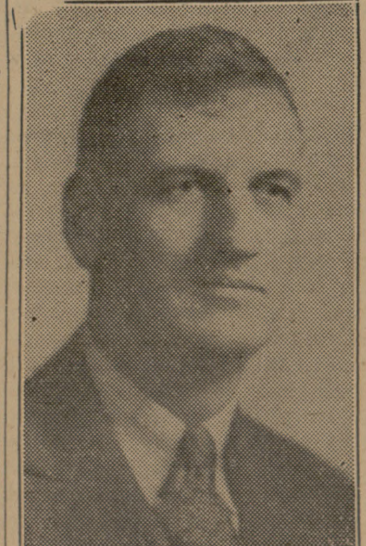
cooperating, will begin by plane on July 27. The countries visited will include Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela,

Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Columbia.

For twenty years, there have been a considerable number of young men who have come to Texas A. & M. College from the Central and South American Countries. Dean Kyle has written those men of his plans and hopes to be able to renew acquaintances with each of them.

Having been Dean of Agriculture at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas since the School of Agriculture was established in 1911 and having represented the United States in a survey of the agricultural colleges in the United States, Dean Kyle is thoroughly familiar with the agricultural educational system in the United States and is anxious to make a careful study of the agricultural system of each of the countries in South and Central America. He is now preparing a course of study especially designed for students

#### Acting Dean



D. W. Williams

coming from Central and South America. In addition to Dean Kyle's experience in agricultural education,

al affairs, he is a director in the Farm Credit Administration and, as such, will study the agricultural credit systems of the countries visited. He is also a trustee in the million dollar Luling Texas Foundation, which is probably the most important demonstration farm in the United States.

Dean Kyle hopes to visit with some of the leading farmers and ranchmen and make a comprehensive study of types of animals and crops grown.

Dean Kyle will make a written report of his findings to the Council of National Defense upon his return to the United States.

Long an advocate of greater emphasis on the business and economic side of agriculture, Dean Kyle has taken the lead for A. & M. over other American universities and colleges in an advanced curriculum. His administration as dean has been the enrollment in the Texas A. & M. School of Agriculture grow to make it the largest in the nation and in the world.