

## Lt. Col. James A. Watson Relieved As Commandant

### Military Organizations For Next Year Nearly Full

Engineers, CWS, CAC Already Full; Cadet Quotas Given

The Coast Artillery, Engineers, and Chemical Warfare organizations for next year are already filled and the other organizations are rapidly filling the Military Department stated department stated recently.

The basis of the foundation of each organization is 34 freshmen, 20 sophomores, 12 juniors, and 8 seniors. In nearly all organizations the quota of juniors and seniors has been filled completely. In the Infantry, Cavalry, and Signal Corps the quota of freshmen and sophomores has not yet been filled while in the Field Artillery the quota of freshmen has almost been filled while there are many rooms for sophomores.

Of the students enrolling in the college and taking military science 25% will go into the Infantry and live in dormitories No. 3, 5, 7, and 9; 25% will go into the Field Artillery and live in dormitories No. 4, 6, 8, and 10; 17% will go into the Coast Artillery and live in Hart, Bizzell, and Mitchell halls; 11% will go into the Engineers and live in Walton and P. G. halls; 10% will go into the Cavalry and live in Law and Puryear halls; 6% will go into the Signal Corps and live in dormitory No. 1; and 6% will go into the Chemical Warfare and live in dormitory No. 2.

Students applying for rooms in those organizations already filled will be assigned to other organizations. Students who are not citizens of the United States can not enter the Coast Artillery, the Chemical Warfare Service, or the Signal Corps.

### Curtis Scharnberg, Manager of Creamery, Resigns from A & M

Curtis Scharnberg, who has been manager of the A. & M. college creamery for the past two years, resigned this week to become associated with the Blue Ribbon Dairies at Alexandria, La., C. N. Shephardson, college dairy husbandry department head, has announced.

He will be succeeded by Merle Walling, a graduate of A. & M. in 1937. Walling comes to the college from the Bell Ice Cream Co., in Corpus Christi after having been with the Texas Milk Products Co., at Longview and Mt. Pleasant after graduation.

Scharnberg graduated from Texas Technological college but received his master of science degree in dairy husbandry from Texas A. & M. in 1939.

### Construction Of AAA Office Building Started

New Building To House Largest AAA Offices in United States

Construction on the largest A.A.A. office in the United States has just started as foundation testing is well under way.

The office will be built diagonally across the northwest corner of the dormitory area now under construction at a cost of \$300,000.

Due to some last minute financing details with the R. F. C. the construction will not get into full swing until about September 1. The construction time of the building is 6 months but this time may have to be extended because of the difficulty in obtaining materials due to the national defense building program.

The building will be of the latest office type and will be constructed of attractive materials. It will be 281 feet long, 81 feet wide, and three stories high with a basement.

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### A & M Graduate Visits Here For Mexico University

Miguel Saldana, who graduated from A. & M. college in 1938 with a degree of bachelor of science in chemical engineering, visited the campus Friday for the first time since he graduated.

He is now on a special commission from the Department of Education of Mexico to arrange for an exchange of technical papers, bulletins of information, brochures and catalogs from the University of Texas and A. & M. college.

While back here he is representing the University of Mexico and the Polytechnic Institute of Mexico City. Upon his return to Mexico City Saldana will resume his position with Petroleos Mexicanos, the governmental oil control organization.

Mr. Saldana is in charge of the Mexico City tetra-ethyl lead plant of Petroleos Mexicanos.

He explained the recent gasoline shortage in Mexico as the result of a lack of railway transportation facilities. The government railways of Mexico have ordered 30 locomotives and 300 tank, freight and passenger cars; but it is difficult to obtain delivery of these items from the United States at this time due to national defense activities.

### Kyle Arrives in Mexico City



Dean E. J. Kyle, dean of the school of agriculture, flew to Mexico City on his goodwill tour of the Americas, and is shown here as he arrived at the airport. He was greeted by the Secretary of the City Civic Department and a delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture. He plans to continue his trip to the other republics of Central America by air. The object of his trip is to study the agricultural conditions of this section of Latin America.

### Juke Box Prom Continues As Chief Weekend Diversion

By Florence Hollingshead

Once again the weekend made Aggeland history by the regular Saturday night Juke Box Prom. The dance got under way at the scheduled time of 8:30 p. m. There was still some rug-cutting, although it made people hot just to watch such antics. The moral to that is not to watch the jitterbugs.

Questions have arisen as to whether or not there will be an orchestra for the final prom and if the dance this weekend will be the last of the summer swing-outs. In reply to these, the decision for the former has not been decided definitely and as to the latter, the dance this weekend will be next to the last for this summer, so try to come out and join the fun.

Before the introduction of the proms to the campus, there was little to hear in the way of amusement. Those who could went home or elsewhere. Now that the dances are in full swing, those who still can, go home, or elsewhere. 'Tis a shure thing that you'd enjoy

the dances if'n you'd come out and try your luck at shaking a wicked leg, and you'd not regret it either.

Among the hits that furnished the down beats, was the old but still popular "Deep Purple," "Star-dust," and "Begin the Beguine." "Blue Champagne" could have been played more often, and so could that tenor special, "You and I."

The top tunes of the day recorded by the top ranking orchestras of the age have been well selected. The idea of informality is a boon to civilization and so is the idea of ice water being served at all times during the dance. Maybe the waiters enjoy watching the jitterbugs wear themselves out as well as anyone else. More power to you, you rug-cutters.

### A & M Athletic Coupon Book Sale Nearly Completed

A word to the wise is sufficient so Bryan and College football fans who contemplate buying athletic coupon books this season had better hurry up and get theirs as the stock is moving out fast, E. W. Hooker, Aggie ticket manager said Thursday.

"We only had 1,000 books and so far almost half of them have been sold," Hooker said. "They all are in the most desirable sections and high up in the stands so that any seat is a good one."

Each book, which sells for \$8.25 contains football tickets for the four varsity home games, including the Texas game Nov. 27, and tickets for that game which are now being sent out are down near the goal line. Those in the coupon books are for the same seats for all games and far better than any now available. In addition the books are good for admission to all home athletic events in basketball, baseball and track during the 1941-42 school year. The price of the football tickets alone would be \$8.60. Add in the value of the seven home conference basketball and eight baseball games, plus the track meets and the purchase of a coupon book is a real value.

### Edwin Kiest, Director Of A & M, Dies

Had Been Board Member Since 1927; Gave Name to Hall

Edwin J. Kiest, thrice member of the board of directors of A. & M. College, died in Dallas Monday morning. The flag in front of the Academic Building was flown at half-mast during the day in mourning.

Kiest had been a member of the board for 14 years, having been first appointed by Governor Dan Moody in 1927. After serving that six-year term, he was re-appointed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. Although approaching his seventy-eighth birthday, Kiest accepted his third appointment from Governor O'Daniel.

"Throughout years of active service to the college," Dr. T. O. Walton, president, said in a tribute to Kiest, "Mr. Kiest missed very few meetings of the board. Although he underwent a serious operation at the age of 75, he again answered 'present' to roll calls just as soon as he was able to travel the distance between Dallas and College Station.

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### Ashton Will Address Fort Worth Rotarians

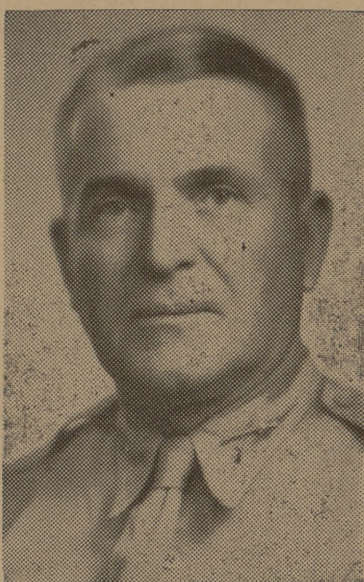
Dr. John Ashton, member of the rural sociology department, has accepted an invitation of the Fort Worth Rotary Club to be guest speaker at their regular meeting August 29.

Dr. Ashton, who has recently returned from a tour of Central America, will speak on "Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Guatemala." For the past nine months Dr. Ashton has been in Nicaragua as an American representative to the Convention for the Promotion of Inter-American Relations. While in Nicaragua, Dr. Ashton acted as Consultant Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture.

The livestock of this country received much attention from Dr. Ashton. He spent much time studying the livestock and in finding ways to improve it. He reported that although the livestock of Nicaragua is large in amount, it is poor in quality.

Mrs. Ashton accompanied her husband on the tour. The Ashtons flew to Guatemala, where they spent a week exploring the fascinating remains of Mayan civilization, before returning to the A. & M. campus this summer.

### Leaves A & M



Lt. Col. James A. Watson

### Dean Gilchrist Announces New Department Head

Engineering Drawing Department Receives New Head from Tech

Two departments in the A. & M. college school of engineering will have new heads when the 65th annual session opens early next month, Dean Gibb Gilchrist announced here today.

William E. Street has been selected to head the department of engineering drawing, succeeding H. C. Spencer, resigned; and Judson Neff, who resigned as head of the department of industrial engineering, will be replaced by an outstanding educator and expert on industrial engineering management and problems.

Neff is leaving to accept an associate professorship in industrial management at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston. Dean Gilchrist has tendered the post formerly held by Neff, and acceptance is expected at once.

Street, who replaces Spencer, is a native Texan. He took his degree of bachelor of science in electrical engineering and master of arts in engineering education at Texas Technological college and has been serving in the drawing department there since 1928.

Street is co-author of two books: "Drafting Problem Layouts" and "Practical Descriptive Geometry Problems for Engineers." At the present time he is editor of the T-Square department of the Society for Promotion of Engineering Education Journal. Street, his wife and two children will move here at once.

Neff, an honor graduate of Texas A. & M. college in 1928, also graduated from the Harvard school of business in 1936. He returned to A. & M. college in 1940 to head the new department of industrial engineering.

### Ordered To Duty At San Antonio

Assignment Is With CCC; No Successor Yet

Lt. Col. James A. Watson, commandant, has been relieved of his duties as commandant and P. M. S. & T. of the college, according to orders received here from the Secretary of War.

Under date of August 7, 1941, the following Special Order has been issued by the War Department in Washington: By direction of the President, Lieutenant Colonel James A. Watson, Infantry, is relieved from assignment and duty at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station, Texas, is assigned to duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps, headquarters, Eighth Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and will proceed to that station and report for duty. The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

The order is effective as of the date issued. Col. Watson has been commandant here for the school year 1940-41, after replacing Col. George F. Moore, '08, now a general officer stationed in the Philippines. His successor has not been chosen.

Schooled at Andover Before being sent to the college, Col. Watson had served a varied tour of duty which included P. M. S. & T. at the University of Wyoming. Born in Ohio, Watson received his school at Andover Academy, Mass., later at Marietta College, Ohio.

### Minkler, Loving Will Leave A & M

H. L. Minkler and R. O. Loving, '36, instructors in the engineering drawing department, have resigned their positions with the college, effective at the end of summer school, and will join the engineering drawing department of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

They will be under H. C. Spencer, formerly head of the engineering drawing department here and now head of the engineering drawing department at Illinois Tech. Loving will be an assistant professor in the department and Minkler will be an instructor.

The Illinois Institute of Technology is the new school formed by the consolidation of the Armour Institute of Technology and Lewis Institute. The institute is now carrying on a program of rebuilding. L. E. Grinter, former professor of structures in the civil engineering department here, is now vice-president of the institute and also dean of the graduate school.

### Paging Emily Post-'Such Manners'

## Aggie Slang Rules at Camp

EDITOR'S NOTE  
The following story appeared as an article in "The Lachrimator," student publication at the R. O. T. C. camp at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. This is the summer camp for the Chemical Warfare over fifty colleges. This article was written by Robert L. Fischel, student at the university of Tennessee.

We were sitting in the mess hall, eating in a leisurely fashion. "Please pass the meat, sir," said the gentleman on the right. The meat was passed, and in a respectable manner. From a distance down the table another darling lad requested a chance at the beans. "They're Boston beans in Boston, you know. Any kind of a bean is a Boston bean in Boston. It's pronounced like the 'ah' in 'bah'." He was from M.I.T., of course; you guessed right the first time.

"Please pass the sugar." "The bread, please." "Thank you." These were the softly chanted expressions one reads about in the book-er, Emily Post knows something about it too; and it all hap-

pened in our mess hall! In some cases the slightly famished dinner was forced to take a breathing spell, when waiting for a choice morsel to run the gauntlet down that 440 table. Some fainted with hunger in the interim, but never a whine nor from the sufferer about the bottleneck at the yonder end of the table. Nay, never one squeal of anguish nor evidence of lost hope.

The mess sergeant stood beaming down on his charming patrons. At times, he dabbed at a grateful tear with his hankie. "What perfect gentlemen," he would exclaim, "how mannerly." Ah, those were the good old days. Those were the days when the gentle crunch-crunch of masticated celery could easily drown out all conversation. Those were the days when a dropping pin would cause all men to stiffen to attention.

Then came those Texas Aggies. It's legend now, that the first one

to enter the mess hall calmly spat tobacco juice through the rafters and scored a perfect bull's-eye, in the finger bowl, twenty feet away. It was clammy calamity, when the vanguard of the passel of 35, gave way to the main body. They came, like the black plague in winter, to darken our fair mess hall, to create confusion everlasting.

"Shoot the bullneck," boomed one Texan, meanwhile preparing his greasy gun hand for action. The meat was passed.

"Pass the stud," roared his colleague; and we, of the lighter blood, quivered with fear. He got his ice tea quick-like.

Another Aggie yearned for some sugar. We could see it in his eye. "Sawdust!" That was his on-ly command.

"Sand and" hissed another. We appreciated the undertone, even though it was a hiss. One shaking camp-mate finally shook (See CWS CAMP, page 4)

### What About the Food?

## Hash House Has Face Lifted

By Charlie Babcock

Say! You can throw away your compass now. No longer will it be necessary to hire a guide at Aggeland Inn and prepare for an all-day search in the massive confines of Sbsa mess hall in a futile effort to locate the main offices of the mess hall staff.

Under the remodeling program now in progress at the dining hall, the offices of the manager and his department will be located in the extreme northwest corner of the basement.

But wait! There are other improvements included in the \$20,000 plan of renovation. The very latest in modernized refrigeration vaults are being installed, along with new pot, pan, and dishwashing rooms. A new vegetable preparation room and employee's rest rooms will also be included in the order of things.

Perhaps one of the finest of new features will be a glass-en-

closed booth from which programs will be presented for the entertainment of students during the course of meals. The booth will be situated so that it will be within reasonable view of all cadets. The booth will house the public address system, and an attempt will be made later in the year to secure singing and dancing talent for the meal-time programs.

All of the aforementioned effects will be installed by the beginning of the first semester of the long session.

But when it is discovered that there are other improvements to follow, many Aggies will no doubt hesitate in deciding their preference between the two mess hall units, Sbsa and Duncan.

As soon as Mr. Hitler is defeated, or at least driven back a bit, \$18,000 of stainless steel equipment will be dumped on the doorstep of J. C. Hotard some bright, sunny morning. Rest rooms for both sexes are to be completed on the main floor of the building.

By the advent of the second semester, the basement dining room will have been enlarged to accommodate all cadets who are to be housed in the four new dorms under construction at the North Gate area. This addition will provide an emergency capacity of 5,138 people within the Sbsa walls.

Present plans are to convert the reception room into a small banquet room to supplement the large banquet hall. If and when this is done, a porch, eighteen feet wide, will be built on the west face of the building, extending from the west entrance to the southwest corner. The porch will be equipped with numerous chairs and sofas and will serve as a sheltering reception center for Aggeland visitors.

Come back around in a couple of years. You won't recognize the old hash house. What with six inch steaks being served while you're entertained by fine musical programs . . . must be Utopia.