

## Four Candidates Declared Eligible for Yell Leader

### Banquet for Employees of 25 Years is Friday Night

#### Nine Staff Members Of College Will Be Guests for Occasion

The annual Christmas banquet in honor of the college employees who have been in service for twenty five years or more will be held Friday night at 6:30 in the banquet room of Sbis Hall. This banquet is held each year just before the beginning of the Christmas holidays, but had to be postponed last year because of the change in holidays.

The honorees for this occasion will be divided into two groups. Last year there were seven employees, including two colored ones, who were to be honored. This year there are nine employees who have completed twenty-five years of service to the college.

The employees who had completed twenty-five years of work last year and who were to be honored then are A. L. Darnell, Professor in the Department of Dairy Husbandry; M. P. Holleman, Chief Clerk in the Agricultural Experiment Station; S. C. Hoyle, former editor of College Publications and now Editor Emeritus.

R. E. Karper, Agronomist in charge of sorghum investigation for the Agricultural Experiment Station at Substation No. 8 in Lubbock; Dr. E. B. Reynolds, Chief of the Division of Agronomy at the Agricultural Experiment Station; Cable Henry, colored janitor at the college hospital; and Sam Steptoe, a colored field helper in the Department of Entomology.

The group of nine employees who have completed twenty-five years of service this year are: Miss Lucy Brogdon, Secretary in the Agricultural Extension Service; Dr. F. B. Clark, Head of the Department of Economics; V. L. Cory, Range Botanist of the Agricultural Experiment Station located at Station No. 14 in Sonora, Texas.

J. B. Dorman, County Agent of Newton County for the Agricultural Extension Service located at Newton, Texas; Owen Garrigan, Horseman in the Department of Animal Husbandry; E. A. Miller, Agronomist in the Extension Service.

Roland Nunn, Bookkeeper in the Extension Service; M. T. Payne, District Agent for the Extension Service; and Dr. O. W. Silvey, Head of the Department of Physics.

### Dr C C Hedges Will Lecture About Science and Warfare

Dr. C. C. Hedges will speak on "Science in the Modern War" before a meeting of the United Science club to be held on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 p.m. in the chemistry lecture room. Dr. Hedges has had recent arsenal training and is on certain defense committees.

The United Science club is made up of the members of the Biology Club, Pre-Med Society, Entomology Club, Fish and Game Club, Kream and Kow Klub, Junior Collegiate Chapter, American Veterinary Medicine Association, Geology Club, and the American Chemical society.

### Navy Bluejackets are Among Most Technically Trained of Men in United States Armed Forces

By L. R. Kimsey  
A modern battleship can safely be called the most complex mechanical unit known to man. The dates of nearly all bluejackets on a naval vessel eventually become highly technical in nature. Each man in a ship's company must know the principle and operation of all intricate installations in his department.

On United States Naval vessels, the ship's complement of men is divided into divisions, according to the nature of their highly specialized functions. As an example, in the gunnery department

### Interviews For Engineers Will Be Held Rest of Week

#### Manufacturers of Motors And Aircraft are Seeking Students for Employment

Over 300 Engineering students will be interviewed this week beginning Tuesday and lasting through Thursday by representatives of several large manufacturing companies from all over the nation.

Throughout Tuesday the Boeing Aircraft Company, represented by Sitan of Seattle, Washington, and a representative of the Texas Employment Service, will interview all engineering students interested in obtaining a job with Boeing Aircraft. This is the first time a representative of Boeing Aircraft has appeared on the campus to interview students.

Wednesday the General Motors Corporation, represented by J. C. Elhany of Detroit, Michigan, will interview all prospective graduates in Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Engineering. This is also the first time a representative of General Motors has interviewed students for employment.

Thursday will be devoted to a program to be presented by Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company who will be represented by a group of three men headed by J. H. Belknap, manager of technical employment. Beginning at nine a.m. a group meeting of all students interested will be held in the Electrical Engineering lecture room. Following this the students will be interviewed privately.

### Authoress Writes About Agriculture

Eleanor A. King, authoress of national fame, is here at A. & M. gathering material for her next book which will present the story of agriculture. It will be directed, as Miss King said, "To all those people who are moving back to the land, and yet know so little about farming."

While at A. & M., Miss King is conferring with Dr. T. O. Walton, Director A. B. Conner of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Director H. H. Williamson of the Extension Service, Dean E. J. Kyle of the school of agriculture, B. F. Vance, administrative officer of the Texas AAA office, Miss Mildred Horton, state home demonstration agent, and a number of research and Extension Service workers.

Miss King's latest book, "Bible Plants for American Gardens," was published by Macmillan and Co., and the book she is now working on will also be published by Macmillan.

### First South American A&M Club is Formed



The first organized A. & M. club in the history of South America was formed at Lima, Peru, when a group of Aggies was formed in that section gathered to greet Dean E. J. Kyle on his recent South and Central American tour. The picture was taken following a luncheon honoring Dean Kyle at the Lima Country Club. In the group, top row, left to right, Louis Mantilla, Harvard, Sanitary Engineer, Ministry of Public Health, Lima; Dean Kyle; Enrique Coronel Zegarra, '29, Lima; E. La Rosa, Director School of Engineers, Lima; and Dr. Robinson, '22, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Bottom row, left to right, E. D. Hopkins, '19, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, stationed at Lima, covering South America; Louis Montero, Director of Agriculture, Lima; N. Lockett, '03; Carlos Figari, '22; and Guillermo Bowden, '22, both of Lima.

### Yule Customs are Carry-overs Of Early Religious Ceremonies

By P. L. Downs, Jr.

Christmas really means, "Christ the gift to men, women, and children." To the English people we owe the word Christmas—Christ Mass—a religious ceremony celebrating the birth of Christ.

December 25 is the accepted date of the birth of Christ as He was born at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Do you know why Santa Claus comes down the chimney at Christmas time instead of coming through the window? It is attributed to an Old English custom of sweeping down the chimney at New Year so good luck could enter.

It is to the Hollanders that we owe the custom of hanging up our stockings. They placed their wooden shoes before the large fireplace, but we Americans substituted stockings because wooden shoes wouldn't stretch.

The holly wreath that we hang in our homes was copied from the English who believed the holly leaves represented the thorns Christ wore upon the cross, while the little red berries were the drops of His blood.

The giving of Christmas presents brings out the thought—"Peace on Earth, good will toward men."

It was General W. B. Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, who was once asked the question if he were solicited to leave a message to the world what would it be. He wrote only one word and

signed his name. That word was "others."

Happiness is not seeking pleasure for ourselves, but doing the necessary things for others.

I think we should pause long enough to thank God for living in a Christian country. You know, I believe in prayer. My definition of prayer would be—communicating with God for that which we desire—not deserve.

Did you know that Mohammed

dian, people pray five times daily, but only pray for themselves—never others? Christmas is a good time to pause long enough to take stock of ourselves and really see of what value we have been through the year to our neighbors, city, county, state, and nation.

Let us all enter into the Christmas spirit, love one another, give to those less fortunate than ourselves, and try to carry out Christ's teachings.

### A & M Will Observe "Keep 'em Flying" Week in Accord With Proclamation

Drawing the attention of the state to the efforts of the Army Air Corps, and its work in the defense of the United States, Coke R. Stevenson, governor of Texas, proclaimed December 14-20 as "Keep 'Em Flying Week." The air corps has become increasingly important to the nation since the declaration of war, and its work and the need for still greater effort is being brought before the public in this way.

In cooperation with the state and county officials this week has been designated as a period for the corps to direct special attention to the air service by a proclamation issued from the Headquarters, Corps of Cadets.

### Seniors Must Have Pictures In by Thursday

Seniors are reminded that Thursday is the last day to turn in Senior Favorite and Vanity Fair pictures for the Longhorn.

Pictures may be turned in to J. B. Hancock in room 128 dormitory 4 or to Jack Grantham in room 118 dormitory 10.

Charges for the pictures are \$1.50 for Senior Favorites and \$3.00 for Vanity Fair.

### Gilchrist Leaves For Advisory Meet

Gibb Gilchrist, Dean of the school of engineering, left today for Washington, D. C., to attend a regular meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Engineering Defense Training of which he is a member.

He will return from Washington on December 22.

quarters Corps of Cadets yesterday.

### Proclamation HEADQUARTERS, CORPS OF CADETS

15 December, 1941  
Whereas: The United States is now engaged in war with foreign powers after having been the subject of unprovoked and unwarned attack; and

Whereas: The flying forces of this nation will be playing a more vital role in this war than ever before; and

Whereas: The attention of the State of Texas has been called to the duties and services to country which the flying forces are rendering,

Now, therefore, to direct the attention of the Corps of Cadets to this service of its armed forces, Be It Proclaimed that the Week of December 14-20 be "Keep 'Em Flying Week" and the Corps of Cadets is urged to cooperate with civil and military authorities in its observance.

Tom Gillis  
Cadet Colonel

Similar proclamations have been (See AIR WEEK, Page 6)

### FIRST SERGEANTS NOTICE

The December issue of the Engineer magazine will be issued tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Administration building.

### Voting in Assembly Hall Is at 7 Tomorrow Night

#### Patterson, O'Connor, Ferguson, O'Leary To Run; Briert Disqualified on Grades

A special election committee with Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis as acting chairman announced yesterday that four boys have qualified in all respects to be candidates for junior yell leader.

The four who qualified are Pat Patterson, James O'Connor, Ted O'Leary, and George Ferguson.

The election, open to juniors only, will be held Wednesday night at seven o'clock in the Assembly Hall. The ballots will be passed out at the door upon entering, and at the end of the meeting they will be taken up at the door.

#### Candidates to Speak

Each candidate will be given an opportunity to speak to the assembled group and at the completion of this, each junior will scratch out all but his choice for yell leader and will sign his name to the ballot. The one receiving the greatest number of votes will become the new yell leader.

Russel Briert also filed his candidacy, but failed to qualify because of a 1.10 grade point average. To be eligible, each candidate must have a grade point average of 1.25 or better.

#### Petitions Required

Each one also has to have a signed petition listing 200 names, and had to have attended A. & M. for a certain designated number of semesters.

The special election committee consisted of Warren Ringgold, Dick Hervey, Austin Nance, Vance Carrington, Edward Roeder, Tom Gillis, Joe Skiles, and Homer L. Heaton.

This is the second time in the past two years that a special election had to be called. Last year an election had to be held to replace Bill Beck who joined the air corps.

### Welty to Speak At ROA Meeting In Sbis Hall Tonight

#### All Seniors With Contracts Invited To Attend Banquet

Colonel M. D. Welty will address the meeting of the Brazos County Reserve Officers association tonight at 7:30 in the banquet room of Sbis hall. All seniors with contracts are urged to attend, William Nash, secretary of the association, stated.

Col. Welty will briefly discuss the value of the ROA and will introduce members of his staff who will be asked to speak to the group if they wish.

Captain Howard Badgett will talk on reasons for joining the ROA and E. L. Angell will speak on "The Students Place In National Defense," in which he will urge students to stay in school.

Refreshments will be served and the secretary states that an effort will be made to let the group go early.

### Secretary Farly Answers Pledge Of A&M Support to US

Printed below is the letter received by Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis in answer to the telegram sent to the President of the United States pledging the all out support of the college during the second World War.

The letter was as follows:  
The White House  
Washington

My dear Colonel Gillis:

Permit me, in the President's name, to thank you for your telegram. The pledges of patriotic support which have been received from the many, many loyal citizens in all parts of the country, have given the president strength and courage to carry out the will of the American people.

For the splendid assurance conveyed in your message he is more appreciative than he can say.

Very Sincerely yours,  
Stephen Early  
Secretary to the President  
Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis,  
Corps of Cadets,  
Agricultural and Mechanical  
College of Texas

Christmas trees for campus organization parties are available at the Old Y.M.C.A. this morning, M. L. Cashion, secretary of the Y, announces.

Groups desiring a tree must send a representative to sign for it at the Y desk. The tree are on the south side of the Y chapel.

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### Baptist Church Has Yule Program Tonight

The First Baptist Church of College Station will hold its annual Christmas program tonight at 8 o'clock. The program will be "A Service of Candle Lighting and Carols." It will consist of music by the choir, music by the girl's ensemble, and a medley of carols on the violin by Aggie John Mouser.

The Christmas message will be read from the Scriptures and Rev. R. L. Brown, pastor of the church, will speak briefly on the Christmas theme. All students of the college are invited to attend.

### Credit is Army of Defense for War Against Axis Propaganda

By Ken Bresnen

Credit, according to Nelson A. Rockefeller, coordinator of inter-American affairs, is the first army of defense against the economic, social and moral disorganization that could soften Latin America to the propaganda of the axis powers.

Twenty-one little republics to our south can furnish us with many of the necessities which we will need to carry on the present war. Our purchases of tin and tungsten from Bolivia depend on credit; credit backs our arrangements for taking the entire strategic output of Mexico and Brazil.

Great steel industries are being built in Brazil which will permit

that country to build its own war equipment and perhaps to help us build ours. Twenty million dollars of United States credit is helping to build these plants.

New types of tropical agricultural production are being sponsored by American capital. Chemical and medical substances and especially rubber are receiving United States credit subsidies.

However, if hemisphere defense is to function smoothly and efficiently, more than credit facilities for one way sales is needed. Just as our needs for Latin American raw materials are important, their needs for our manufactured (See CREDIT, Page 6)