

## A. & M. College Opens Sixty Seventh Annual Session

### Old Student Registration Will Be Held Saturday

#### Classified Seniors And 1st Sergeants Register Friday

Old students will begin registration at the Assembly Hall on Saturday beginning at 7 a. m. New students will not begin registration until Monday when they will begin at the Assembly Hall at 7:30 a. m. They will actually begin registration at 8 a. m.

At 1 p. m. Friday all classified seniors and first sergeants may register. Assignment cards and signature cards will be issued at the Assembly Hall and heads of departments will be located in their offices to assist students in signing for their courses. Registration should be completed and assignment cards turned in to the Registrar by 5 p. m. Friday. College authorities request that other old students delay their arrival until Saturday.

If students do not report at the hour indicated they will be unable to register until 3 p. m. after other students who report at the specified time have completed registration.

A program has been arranged for the freshmen covering the first week of school. This has been done to help the new student become familiar with the various aspects of college life before normal class work begins.

Under college regulations no student is allowed to live off the campus in project houses or private homes until all space in the dormitories has been filled. For the summer semester it will not be necessary for students completing the 1941-42 session to reserve a dormitory room in advance of registration.

Since the time is so short between the close of the 1941-42 session and the opening of the 1942-43 session the office of the registrar will be unable to prepare the usual report of the student's academic standing. All students in good standing at the close of the 1941-42 session may register in accordance with the above schedule without an annual report or re-enrollment permit.

All old accounts with the college must be paid before individual registration can begin. To avoid a delay in registration the student should pay breakage bills at once the registrar's office advises.

### Battalion Staff Will Hold First Meeting

All old members of the Battalion staff are asked to meet Tuesday night after supper in the Battalion office. Plans for the coming year will be made. Assignments and promotions will be announced. All editorial writers and reporters who have ever written for the newspaper or the magazine should come to this first meeting.

## Major John Hilger, Ex-Aggie Led U S Bombers Over Japan

Aggie exes are continuing to lead the way in the fight against the Japs. In the air raid of April 18 on Tokyo and other Japanese cities, the second in command and assistant to Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle was an Ex-Aggie of the class of 1932. Major John A. (Jack) Hilger was the Aggie who helped to spread havoc among the Japs, and also to avenge the death of his brother who was lost in the Java Sea battle.

Hilger is a graduate in ME, and is remembered by a number of professors on the campus. He was a member of the A.S.M.E. and was a first lieutenant in B Infantry.

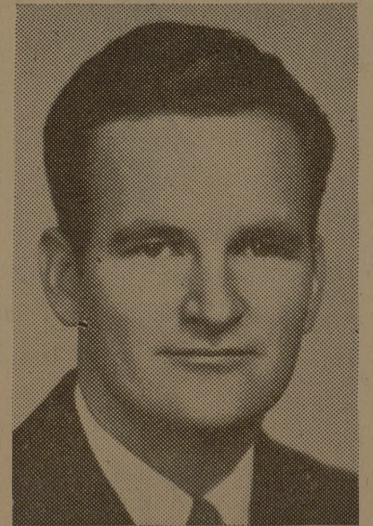
Major Hilger was educated at Sherman High School, graduating in 1926. He worked in Houston for

### Skiles Leaves Student Activities For Army Air Corps

#### Goes to Biloxi, Mississippi To Accept Lt. Commission

Joe Skiles has vacated the office of manager of student activities to go into the Army Air Corps at Biloxi, Mississippi. Skiles came

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to A. & M. at the beginning of the 1941-42 term to fill the place left vacant by E. L. Angell who took the office left by Ike Ashburn as executive assistant to the president.

Skiles was the third manager of student activities as the office was held by J. E. Angell, then by E. L. (See SKILES, Page 10)

### Cryptography Now Offered as Course

A valuable course now offered by the Military Science department is M. S. 356, a 3 hour course devoted to the study of the science of secret writing, Cryptography. This study involves all the methods and devices whereby an intelligible message may be converted into a secret form, and the ways of converting secret enemy messages into intelligible form.

M. S. 356 is offered as a basic course for Signal Corps students and as an elective for military students of other branches. Anyone desiring information about the course may see Captain Lerner, Signal Corps, or Dr. Bechtel or Mr. Kidd of the English staff.

If the course is included in the summer curriculum, any student may register during the regular registration period, or by special permission within five days thereafter.

### The Cadence Published for First Time

#### New Handbook Of History, Customs Will Aid All Aggies

In an attempt to simplify the task of educating the incoming freshmen to the Aggie way of life, last year's cadet colonel Tom Gillis, aided by various members of the cadet corps, conceived and compiled a handbook of the college. This book is designed to inform the freshmen as to what is expected of them and to give them a background of the college, its traditions, the campus, and brief historical sketches of A. & M.

Publication of the handbook was made possible by an allotment secured from the Board of Directors amounting to \$2,000. They will be distributed free of charge to every cadet in the college. Each year the handbook will be revised and brought up to date and a copy given to each freshman. The cover of the book bears the crest of the senior ring. The date in the ring will be changed each year to correspond with the year in which that year's freshmen will graduate.

Since traditional bleed meetings are no longer allowed under the new speed up plan, it was felt that there must be some means of teaching the fish their responsibilities. Gillis and his staff felt that the task would be too great for the captain of an organization to perform alone without some guide and aid. For that reason, everything that fish have been required to know in the past has been included in the new handbook.

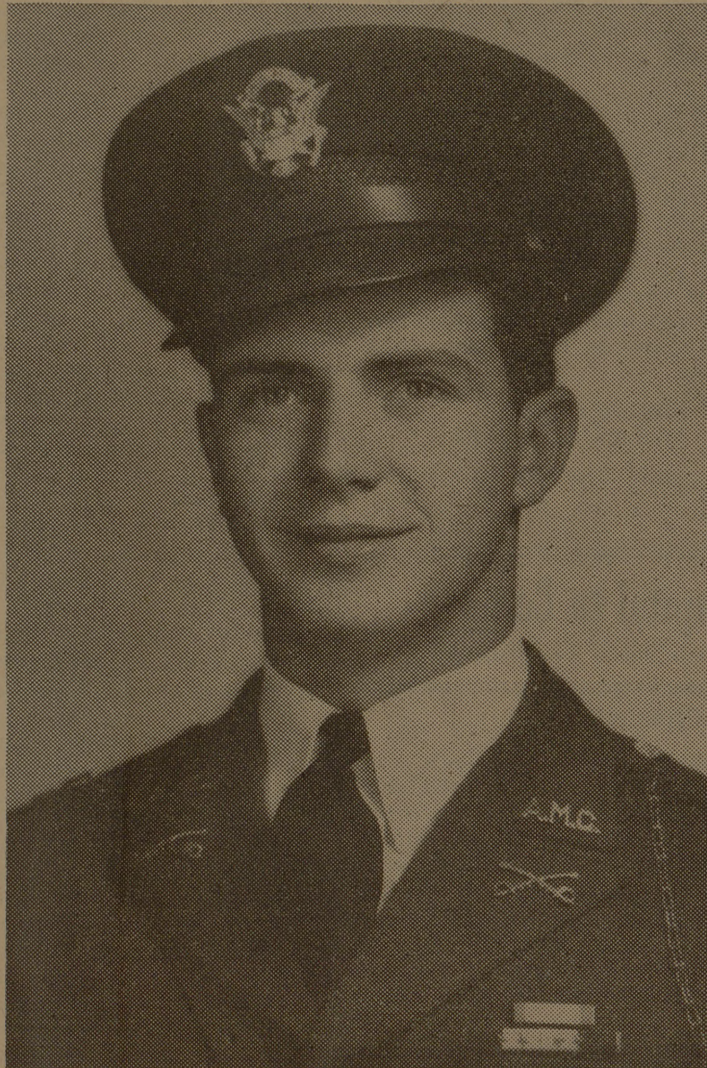
In selecting a suitable name for the publication a short name typical of the college was sought. After careful consideration of several names, The Cadence was selected because if every Aggie should read the handbook and govern himself accordingly, he will have little trouble in keeping in step with Aggie land and its activities.

### Mail Schedules Should Be Known by Students

Outgoing mail to the north is collected at South Station at 8:30 a. m. and at the main office at 9:00 a. m. Southbound mail is picked up at South Station at 10:30 a. m. and 3:30 and 9:00 p. m. Mail for the south is collected at the main post office at 11:00 a. m. and at 4:00 and 10:00 p. m. Northbound mail also leaves South Station at 9:00 p. m. and the main office at 10:00 p. m.

Mail from the north arrives at College Station at 7:15 in the morning and at 1:15 in the afternoon. Letters coming from the south are up by 7:15 a. m. and again at 11:15 a. m.

### Cadet Colonel



Walter Cardwell, Jr., D Troop Cavalry, has been appointed Cadet Colonel and will command the corps for the coming school year. Cardwell is an animal husbandry major and comes from Luling. For the past three years he has been very active in school affairs; his appointment as colonel forced him to resign as editor of the Agriculturist and president of the Scholarship Honor Society.

### Cardwell Appointed Colonel; Commands Corps for 42-43

Walter Cardwell, Jr., "D" Troop Cavalry, will command the cadet corps for the coming year. The new cadet colonel is from Luling, Texas and is a student in the school of agriculture, being an AH major. Cardwell was sergeant major on the corps staff last year and was outstanding in student activities on the campus.

Before his promotion to cadet colonel, Cardwell was the editor of the Agriculturist and president of the Scholarship Honor Society for this year. Due to his promotion, however, he was forced to resign these positions, since he had more points than the Student Activities Committee allowed under the point system used in student affairs. Also, Cardwell is a member of the Ross Volunteer Company, crack military organization on the campus.

Cardwell is from an Aggie family. His father graduated from A. & M. in 1913, and from the rest of his family he has had five cousins who finished here. One of these cousins was Bill Patton, who was cadet colonel in 1929. Also Cardwell is the first colonel of the corps from the Cavalry since that year.

An active member of the Saddle and Siroin Club and its secretary, Cardwell has the desire to become a rancher, but under present conditions he will serve in the army upon graduation until the emergency is over.

### Boone Replaces Skiles As Head of Activities

L. D. Boone of Houston has arrived to take over the post of head of student activities. Boone replaces Joe Skiles who has gone to the army air corps.

Boone has been employed with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company in the account and sales department. He is a graduate of Rice Institute, where he was outstanding in student activities. While there he was manager of the yearbook, chairman of the hall committee, and in charge of all dances.

### New Dance Floor To Be Constructed For Summer Use

#### Is Outdoor Combination Dance Hall, Skating Rink, Tennis and Volleyball Court

In answer to the need for a recreational program during the summer months, the Student Activities committee has conceived and planned an outdoor combination dance floor, skating rink, tennis and volleyball court. At a cost of \$3600, the floor will be constructed of specially finished concrete.

Around the floor will be a fifteen foot asphalt walk provided with chairs so that those who prefer to talk or "sit one out" will not interfere with the dancers. Special soft lighting is being installed in order not to attract a great number of bugs and insects to annoy the dancers. Adequate lighting will be provided on the band stand for musicians to read their music.

In addition to a band stand, a recording system is being installed to provide music for skating, informal "Juke Box Proms," and (See DANCE FLOOR, Page 10)

### Spirit of Freedom Is Theme of the New 1942 Longhorn

Greatest of all yearbooks published by the students of A. & M. is the book recently released by this year's editors. Editor of the book was R. L. (Rusty) Heitkamp and his managing editor was H. P. Lynn.

Together with their staff they published the 544 page book. It was printed by The Gulf Publishing Company located in Houston, under contract. The theme carried in The Longhorn of 1942 is the "Bill of Rights" and the division pages carry excerpts from this document delivered by the fathers of this country.

The dedication fits snugly into this theme and the volume is dedicated not to any one man but to the "Spirit of Freedom" which exists in the United States. This is the freedom which President Franklin Roosevelt expressed.

### Authorities Expect 1200 New Students to Register

#### Total Enrollment of Both New and Old Students May Reach 4200 for Summer

Texas A. & M. College will open its sixty-seventh annual session this week as it goes on a year-round basis of regular class work. This is the first time in the history of the school that the opening has been in June. Last year the college pledged its facilities to the National Defense effort, and as a result a year-round program was established.

Due to the fact that school will be held during the summer the enrollment will be less than during a regular term. Also the draft will help to decrease the total number of boys in school, but in spite of these two reasons there should be an average number of boys to register.

Acting Registrar H. L. Heaton expects that the total enrollment for both old and new students will reach approximately 4200. Heaton also said that of this number around 1200 will be freshmen.

New students are not supposed to arrive until time to register for classes on Monday. Beginning that day the regular freshman week will take place, so as to make it easier for the new student to orient himself at college. Normal activities of past freshman weeks will be held.

Old students will go to class for the first time on Monday, having registered Saturday. Classified seniors and first sergeants can complete their registration on Friday afternoon.

Under the new speed-up program students who enter this June will graduate only two years and eight months from now, instead of the regular four years. During this time they can also train to become officers in any one of the nine branches of the army which have R.O.T.C. outfits here on the campus.

### New Baptist Church Will Be Dedicated

Plans are now being made for the formal dedication of the First Baptist Church building and new equipment on Sunday, July 12. Dr. W. W. Melton, executive secretary of the Texas Baptist General Convention, will be the main speaker.

The auditorium was opened for the A. & M. Religious Emphasis Week in February at which time Dr. Geo. W. Truett of Dallas preached. Since that time services have been held in the new building using the old church furniture on a concrete floor.

The new building will be complete and ready for worship services by the first Sunday that all the students are on the campus.

### Regulations For Uniform Are Changed

#### No Cuffs Are to Be Worn; O'seas Caps Optional for Seniors

Uniform regulations for the summer semester authorize the wearing of a white stripe on the left sleeve to distinguish the members of the freshman class from their upperclassmen. Classified sophomores will wear the two stripes of a corporal and sophomores who are unclassified will wear one stripe as the stripe of a private first class.

Juniors will wear the chevrons of sergeants and seniors will wear the insignia of cadet officers including the gold hat cord, boots and buttons indicating the cadet rank on the shoulder. No sabers will be worn until after the present hostilities cease it has been ruled by the office of the commandant.

Overseas caps will be worn optionally by seniors. These caps will be trimmed in the braid worn by officers. The other classes will be allowed to wear these caps as soon as enough have been secured from the office of supplies for them to be issued to the sophomores and freshmen. These caps will be trimmed in the braid appropriate to the service in which the man is being trained.

The sand colored khaki tie will be worn in place of the black tie formerly worn. If the ties arrive in time for them to be issued the sophomores and freshmen they will be worn by all classes but otherwise they will be worn only by the juniors and seniors.

Orders state that the cadet will wear sleeves down, cuffs neatly buttoned, ties tied and endeavor to be as neat in appearance as possible.

### In Memory of Texas Aggie Graduates 1942

#### DIED

Died—in the line of duty  
More of Death's grim toll,  
A volunteer to their country's cause  
A name for the honor roll.

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No eulogies have you to speak  
All words are empty—vain,  
The sacrifice they made  
Gladly—and no thought of gain.

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Your hearts are far too sad for words  
Your countless friends who mourn,  
But silent prayers must reach the stars  
And those who now have gone.

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And never shall their memory die  
But rather always live,  
In hearts, though saddened, still inspired  
That you in turn, may also give.

William P. Adams,  
Danbury, Conn.  
May 13, 1942.

(Editor's note: This poem was sent in a letter addressed to the cadet colonel. The letter appears in the Open Forum column on the editorial page.)