



# THE BATTALION



## Teachers Meet Here For Conference On Agriculture Aug. 2

Vocational agriculture teachers in seventeen Southeast Texas counties will hold a conference on agricultural problems August 2 and 3 at the Texas A. & M. College, L. V. Halbrooks, A. & M. Supervisor of vocational agriculture, has announced.

This two-day conference, one of ten to be held throughout Texas in the next three weeks, includes vocational agriculture teachers of Area 3, which comprises the counties of Harris, Brazoria, Matagorda, Fort Bend, Austin, Washington, Brazos, Leon, Burleson, Wharton, Anderson, Freestone, Robertson, Houston, Grimes, Waller and Madison.

D. M. Clements, director of vocational agriculture in the Southern Region of the U. S., will lead (See TEACHERS, Page 3)

## First Regimental Will Be Next Week

Ernie Fields brings his torrid aggregation of sweet swingers to play for the First Regimental Ball, August 11, from 9:00 until 12:00 p.m., and also for the All Service Dance the following evening, August 12.

Ernie Fields' rapid rise to prominence in the musical world began only a little over a year ago. However, during the short period of time he has had his own orchestra he has created a furor among dance and popular music lovers throughout the South and West with an entirely new interpretation (See FIRST, Page 8)

## Placement Office Helps Many Students Earn Expense Money

By Robert S. Gold

Under normal conditions, about one Aggie in three finds it necessary to earn a part of his expenses at college. Since opportunities for part-time work here are limited by the lack of a large business or industrial community surrounding the campus, every effort is made to distribute available work among as many students as possible, in accordance with his individual needs.

To be eligible for employment, the student must file an acceptable application with the Placement

## Navy Man Explains Way Of Enlisting

Thursday morning Yeoman First Class Bob Henderson of the U. S. Navy spoke to a number of students on the subject of naval enlistment. Authorized absences were given to those men who missed a class in order to attend.

One of his main points was that if a man wants to go to the navy when he is drafted, he should see the navy recruiting office before he is scheduled for induction. This is because there are many more men being taken for the army than for the navy at this time. He made this statement mainly for the benefit (See NAVY, Page 8)

## Slight Interest In Veteran's Benefits

A Veteran's Administration representative was on the campus in the Student Personnel office Thursday afternoon and Friday morning taking applications for benefits under the GI "Bill of Rights."

Interest was low during the periods that D. G. Lahr, the representative, had set aside for interviews with only 12 men making application until 8:30 Friday morning but Lahr said that, "Many boys have mailed their applications in and more will do so." Anyone having served in the armed services since September 1941 is eligible to make application for veteran's benefits. Application forms that are mailed in must be notarized.

Lahr left A. & M. this morning but advised the Student Personnel Office that he would be back in two weeks to take applications from other boys.

## Slide Rule Contest Winners Announced

### Ice Cream Party Held Wednesday

Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in the lecture room of the Mechanical Engineering Building, the Slide Rule Contest for freshman sponsored by the combined activities of all college engineering departments, was brought to a close with the awarding of prizes.

H. W. Barlow, Dean of the School of Engineering, made a short welcoming speech to the fifty-one contestants present. Dr. F. E. Giesecke, professor emeritus of the M. E. Department, was introduced to the group.

The winners, the prizes, and the donors of the various awards are as follows:

Top prize for winners from the combined engineering departments—First, Allen F. Johnson, an LL duplex slide rule; second, G. W. Cunningham, slide rule; third, Q. M. Baker, slide rule.

The Electrical Engineering Department winners and prizes were: First, Allen F. Johnson, E. E. Handbook; second, G. W. Cunningham, Eshbach, Handbook; third, B. Scholl, Eshbach, Handbook; fourth and fifth, G. J. Dorris and R. E. Reece, one-half year's membership in AIEE; sixth, D. M. Denton, book.

The Aeronautical Engineering Department presented the following gifts to their winners: first, Carl B. Nance, Hudson's Manual; second, V. R. Wakefield, Hudson's Manual; third, D. V. Hudson, book.

The Engineering Drawing Department presented a book to their winner, F. B. Adams.

(See SLIDE RULE, Page 3)

## Interest Shown In Aircraft Courses

Considerable interest is being shown in the aircraft and aircraft engine technical school at the Texas A. & M. College, which starts Tuesday and runs for forty weeks with half-day as well as full-time programs, and is being supervised by the Industrial Extension Service of the School of Engineering, Acting Dean Howard W. Barlow has advised.

Trainees must be American citizens, sixteen years of age, and preferably should have at least three years of high school education. Instruction will be given both at the College airport and in the shops, laboratories and classrooms on the campus.

Depending somewhat on the individual, trainees will be eligible to apply to the Civil Aeronautics Administration for an aircraft engine mechanic's license at the completion of the course, Dean Barlow said.

There will be no tuition cost for this training, however, trainees (See AIRCRAFT, Page 4)

## Gilchrist Honored At Faculty Banquet

Nearly 700 guests including faculty members, their wives, and visitors from other schools attended the banquet honoring President Gibb Gilchrist given by the faculty and staff of the College Thursday night in Sbis Hall.

Gilchrist in the only address of the evening stated that he accepted the presidency of A. & M. knowing that it is a great institution of learning and was great 20 years ago. He said that the administration of an already great school called for even greater effort and that he hoped, with the advice and consent of his associates, to submit to the Board of Directors in their meeting in September a plan which if carried out will promote even greater things for A. & M. in the great new world.

In Gilchrist's library is a book of poems titled, It Can Be Done. Gilchrist emphasized there was nothing said about "it can't be done." In commenting on his relationship (See BANQUET, Page 5)

## Fees Payable Now

Third installment of maintenance fees of \$49.80 due August 1-10 inclusive can be paid now.

These fees include board \$38.70, room \$7.70 and laundry \$3.40 to September 22, 1944.

The Cashier of the Fiscal Department will accept these fees from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

## Gilchrist Returns From Washington

President Gibb Gilchrist returned late Wednesday afternoon from Washington, D. C., where he had spent the last several days conferring with various committees of which he is a member.

Primarily Gilchrist's trip to Washington was for a conference of a Navy Affairs Committee concerned with the naval training program. While in Washington, he attended to several minor items of business for the college, among which was the contract between the college and the navy in regard to the naval detachment in training on the campus.

Prairie View College, a branch of A. & M. for Negro students, has been under consideration for a new building to house their college library. Gilchrist reported that bids for the new library will be taken next month. He also met with the Engineers Scientific Management War Training Committee of which he has been a member (See GILCHRIST, Page 3)

## Library Orders Classical Music Requests Of Aggies

Mrs. Edna B. Woods, librarian of the Music and Browsing Rooms of Cushing Library, has announced that during the two weeks in which students and servicemen were asked to turn in requests for new classical records nearly seventy students took advantage of this opportunity to ask for their favorite classics.

Many of the requests were for records the library had once owned, but which were broken or worn out. This speaks well for the popularity of the library's collection, because it proves that it contains

records that are well-liked by the patrons of the music room. However, Mrs. Woods said, these records are already on order.

Though it was specified by the library that only classical titles would be considered, a few popular pieces slipped in. These were discarded before the order lists went in.

Many of the numbers requested cannot be ordered, but those which were asked for most were sent for. The number of requests and the value of the record to the library (See LIBRARY, Page 4)