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## Rufus Peeples Speaks at Faculty Dinner for Employees of 25 Years

"Your team work, your loyalty to each other and to your duties have made the A. & M. College of Texas the great school that it is today," Rufus R. Peeples, president of the Texas A. & M. Former Students Association and recent appointee to the school's board of directors, told 21 College employees who were honored Thursday night, December 21, with a testimonial dinner in Shiba Hall for having completed 25 years of service to the institution.

This was the eighth consecutive dinner held at Christmas time and made a total of 113 employees who have been given this recognition. At the seven past dinners canes turned in the College shops were presented. This year a model service pin appropriately inscribed and colored was adopted and presented by the Association of Former Students. Similar pins will be given the other employees honored at previous dinners.

Over 500 A. & M. College employees and residents of the Bryan-College Station area were present to witness receipt of service pins by Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, W. P. Barrett, F. B. Brown, Mrs. Lilla G. Brown, C. W. Crawford, P. B. Dunkle, Miss Bess Edwards, R. K. Fletcher, Mrs. Leitha Harrison, A. B. Jolley, Dr. L. G. Jones, Dr. A. A. Lenert, Mrs. Lea Etta Lusk, L. J. McCall, Miss Myrtle Murray, T. L. Ogier, R. M. Sherwood, H. P. Smith, A. L. Smith, Miss Helen H. Swift and Waldo H. Walker. Due to absence in Army service, D. W. Williams' name was not called among the other 21 honored. His pin will be presented upon his return at war's end.

Money and fine buildings do not make an institution great, but real folks, such kind of folks as "have each rounded out a quarter of a century of service for the A. & M. College of Texas," President Gibb Gilchrist declared in giving a Christmas message to the faculty and staff. Nowhere else are such

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### Student Employment

All students who wish part-time employment during the term, February 12, to June 1, 1945, are urged to file an application renewal with the Placement Office immediately. Also, those students who have not filed applications but desire employment, should file with us an application at this time. Renewals and applications will be accepted beginning Friday, January 5, 1945, through February 1, 1945, said W. R. Horsley of the Student Placement Office.

### DuPont Consultant Talks On Plastics

The magic of chemical research, which is saving lives in war, will save time and energy for homemakers and make everyday living more pleasant in the years ahead, Miss Gertrude Dieken of Wilmington, Del., yesterday told members of the A. and M. College Extension Service staff and a number of visitors.

The speaker, who is home economics consultant for E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co., will spend a few days on the A. and M. campus conferring with Extension and research workers and faculty members.

In the post war years words like neoprene, lucite, and aerosol will become household words like rayon, nylon, and cellophane, the speaker indicated. She showed numerous samples of nylon, stating that 12 years were required to bring nylon from the laboratory to the public. Nylon hose, for example, were dangled before the public eye only a short time before the war, and no nylon for women's hose has been manufactured since February, 1942.

One item of interest was a section of a nylon tow rope used in

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### Sixty-One Degrees To Be Given On February 2nd

#### Formal Commencement Ceremony To Be Held; Sermon To Be Feb. 2

Names of 61 men who will receive advanced or baccalaureate degrees at the end of the current semester, February 2, have been announced by H. L. Heaton, acting registrar. These will make a total of 2019 degrees that have been presented by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas since the declaration of war and the adoption by the College of the educational speed-up program.

Formal commencement exercises, the first since May 26, will be held, according to an announcement by Dr. G. W. Adriance, chairman of the Committee on Commencement Exercises. It is planned to have the Baccalaureate Sermon Convocation the morning of Feb. 2, and the presentation of diplomas that night. Speakers for these programs will be announced later.

Five of the candidates will receive master's degrees, one a master of education and four as master of science. Of the 56 bachelor degrees to be conferred, 15 are in the School of Agriculture, 4 in the School of Arts and Sciences, 7 in the School of Engineering, and 30 in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

John U. Nelson, Long Beach, Calif., is to receive the degree of Master of Education in Agricultural Education; Master of Science degrees are to be conferred upon: V. O. Bonnichsen, College Station, in Chemical Engineering; C. E. Choate, Pharr, in Poultry Husbandry, and Jacinto Rivera Perez, Mayaguez, P. R., in Genetics.

Baccalaureate graduates are: SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE—In Agricultural Administration: J. R. Bone, Houston; C. E. Brumley, Hereford; H. L. Bullock, Bryan. In Agricultural Education: G. J. (See DEGREES, page 4)

### Eakin Named New Brazos Farm Head

L. C. Eakin, former county agent for Burleson county, has been named superintendent of the Brazos bottoms plantation acquired by the Texas A. & M. College from Seth Mooring and associates. He will also head the Farm Service Department set up in 1934 to manage labor operations on the various tracts of farm lands owned or operated by departments in the School of Agriculture.

Eakin was raised on a farm near Moody and received a B. S. degree in Agriculture from the Texas A. & M. College in 1936. For a time he was vocational agriculture teacher at Woodsom, then went with the Extension Service as assistant county agent in Waller and Wharton counties. For the past two and one half year he has been county agent for Burleson county in which the former Mooring plantation is located.

"I knew Eakin well while he was a student here," Dean Shepardson said, "as he worked in the Dairy Department all four years. I have also kept up with him and his work in the nine years he has been engaged in agricultural work. I feel we are fortunate in getting him with us as I have full confidence in his judgment and dependability in carrying out the plans of the College board of directors through the School of Agriculture."

### Extension Service Publications Head Dies Here Sunday

Samuel Cooke Hoyle, who had been editor of Extension Service publications for many years, died at 5 a.m. Sunday. He passed away at his home at 308 Sterling in Bryan, having been ill for some time.

Born in the Sweetwater Valley, McMinn county, Tennessee, on June 10, 1871, after primary education he attended Buchanan's Military Academy; in his young manhood he moved with his family to Atlanta, Ga., where he worked for Henry Grady on the Atlanta Constitution. He graduated from Emory University near Atlanta in 1895. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Later Mr. Hoyle came to Texas and was connected with the Dorsey Printing Co. at Dallas. In June, 1898, he was married to Miss (See EXTENSION, Page 4)

## H. R. Knickerbocker, War Reporter, To Miss Town Hall Because Of Wounds

### Texas Wildlife Federation Elects Officers Here

#### Henry W. Flagg, Galveston Ex-Mayor, Is President

Reactivation of the Texas Wildlife Federation was accomplished at meeting of game and fish officials of the State and of the Texas A&M College with prominent land owners and conservationists held recently at College Station. Temporary officers elected included Henry W. Flagg, former mayor of Galveston, president, and Dr. Walter P. Taylor, leader, Texas Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, College Station, secretary.

All organizations and individuals interested in better conservation of the fish and game life of Texas will be invited to a general meeting to be held in Fort Worth, March 9-10.

The following parties have been appointed a committee to make all plans for the State-wide meeting: Grady Hill, president, West Texas Game and Fish association, San Angelo; Ben G. Oneal, president, North Texas Fish and Game association, Wichita Falls; Wiley Stewart, Fort Worth Press, Fort Worth; H. F. Spreen, president, Fort Worth Anglers club, Fort Worth; Orval W. Shore, president, Possum Kingdom Game and Fish association, Mineral Wells, and Dr. C. A. Stevenson, Scott and White clinic, Temple.

The work being done by their respective organizations for the sportsmen and the wildlife interests of the State were discussed before the College Station meeting by Will J. Tucker, executive secretary, Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission; Dr. W. B. Davis, acting head, A&M's Department of Instruction in Fish and Game; R. E. Callender, game management specialist, Texas Extension Service, and Dr. Walter P. Taylor.

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H. R. Knickerbocker

### Date of Appearance Changed to April 10

H. R. Knickerbocker, noted war correspondent and lecturer, Pulitzer prize winner and former Texas A. & M. College student, who was scheduled to appear here on the Town Hall program Jan. 11, is in a hospital in Belgium and will be unable to fill this date, his agents have wired the Student Activities office. Instead, the Town Hall program has accepted an alternate date tentatively set for April 10.

What is the loss at the moment to Town Hall patrons from Brazos county will be their gain in the long run as Mr. Knickerbocker is thus in the path of the great German offensive now under way on the Western front. When he returns to this country he will have first hand knowledge which he will analyze in his imitable manner.

The next Town Hall program will be on Jan. 26 and will feature Leonard Warren, popular young baritone who has enjoyed outstanding successes in the four greatest opera houses in the Western Hemisphere—the Metropolitan, San Francisco, Colon in Buenos Aires and Teatra Municipal in Rio de Janeiro.

Other programs for the current season will include Paul Draper, the world's supreme tap-dancer and Larry Adler, equally great in his field of the harmonica, both appearing Feb. 12; the A Capella Choir of North Texas State Teachers College of Denton, one of the most dramatic and colorful organizations in the Southwest, Feb. 27; Rose Stevens, star of opera and films, last seen in this section with Bing Crosby in "Going My Way," who will be present March 10.

After the Knickerbocker program on April 10, Town Hall will have its finale for this season with the Singing Cadets of Aggieland, comprising 100 male voices and considered one of the finest glee clubs in the Southwest. Their repertoire will include popular, classical and semi-classical music, together with the traditional songs of Aggieland.

### Wimpfen Boy, News Stand Robber, In Abilene Theft