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Appointment of R. D. Lewis At Ag Experiment Station Announced By President

Without a head leader for over a year, the Texas Agriculture Experiment station has appointed as its director, Dr. Robert Donald Lewis, according to an announcement made yesterday by President Gibb Gilchrist. The new appointment becomes effective September 1, 1946.

Dr. Lewis since 1940 has been professor and chairman of the Ohio State University department of agronomy. He also has held the third position of agent of the division of cereal crops and disease of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Lewis is director of the Ohio Seed Improvement Association, a group considered the model state organization for the entire coun-

try and he also was adviser of the seed industry and seed grower committee on federal appropriations for improvement of legumes in 1945-46. International crop improvement committees of which Dr. Lewis is a member include those on general certification, red clover standards, alfalfa standards and seed standards for grasses. Additionally, he served as chairman of the American Society of Agronomy committee on war and postwar adjustments from 1942 to 1946.

Dr. Lewis was born in Wyalusing, Pa., and took his B. S. in agronomy in 1919 at Pennsylvania State College. He received his Ph.D. at Cornell in 1926 with his major study in genetics and plant breeding.

3,031 Register For Term; Top 1940 Record by 100%

Mrs. Ruby Bauer, Ex-Wac, Is First Woman GI Here

With 3,031 student enrolled, the first summer term since pre-war days began at A. & M. this week. Of the total enrollment, 2,731 were veterans of the war, and 1,200 of them were newly returned from military duty. Of the veterans enrolled here last semester, 1,531 re-registered.

Mrs. Ruby A. Bauer, former private first class in the WAC, was the first woman veteran to enroll under the GI Bill. Mrs. Bauer, from Paris, Texas, was in service eighteen months. During the first part of the war she was a parachute rigger under Civil Service; after entering the WAC she served in clerical work. She is taking English and Landscape Art this summer. Her husband, Benjamin B. Bauer, is studying veterinary medicine here.

Among other servicewomen registered are Mrs. Don Early, Hazel R. Davenport, Delmo R. Alford and Lynn C. Atkins.

The number enrolled is believed to set a new high record for summer courses at A. & M. by better than 100%. The peak was reached in 1940 when 1,457 were registered. In 1939 the figure had been 1,279, and in 1941, when war clouds were clearly gathering, the enrollment was 1,269. That was the last regular summer session held at the college, as by summer of 1942 the college was on its wartime speed-up program.

Registration for the first summer term proceeded smoothly under the new plan devised by R. L. Heaton, registrar.

Veterans Club Invites New Ex-Servicemen to Attend Group's First Summer Meeting Monday

Raymond Parrish, president of the Ex-Servicemen's Club, announced yesterday that the first summer meeting of his organization will be held next Monday night in its traditional meeting place, the Assembly Hall. Meeting time will be at 7:30 p. m.

The Ex-Servicemen's Club, active throughout the last two semesters, plans a full program for the summer terms. Possible topics for discussion for next Monday's meeting are state and local politics, campus activities and summer entertainment.

Being the largest club on the campus, the Ex-Servicemen's Club offers students who were members of one of the services a contact with the provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights and the legislative action pending for the benefit of the "Forgotten men".

The organization was recognized by the Association of Former Students at its recent annual meeting as one of the most influential clubs of the campus. The elected officers of the club were named to the board of directors of the former students association.

Expected to attend the first "vacation" session meeting are four

Aggieland Ork Will Go to Yoakum As Tom-Tom Band

The Aggieland Orchestra will journey to Yoakum, Texas to play for the first annual tomato festival to be held since the beginning of the war.

Chosen as the official Tom Tom Orchestra for the celebration, the band will play for the Queen's Coronation, Queen's Ball and two other dances on June 13, 14 and 15. All the members of the Aggie-land Orchestra for the spring semester, 1946 will make the trip.

Model Airplane Meet to be Held Here Next Week

War-deferred since 1942, the annual statewide model airplane contest will be held June 14-15, according to Chris Groneman, acting head of the sponsoring Industrial Education department.

Both the meet and its director, Rogers Barton, are approved by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Groneman said. Barton, a member of the college staff, is widely known as a model plane champion, and at present is engaged on research work in the subject.

Information on entering the meet, at which appropriate cash prizes will be awarded winners, may be obtained either by writing the Industrial Education department here or through model clubs. There will be rubber-powered, free flight gas-powered and control-line events in both junior and senior divisions, as well as several open events.

Prof. Kirkbridge To Be Observer At A-Bomb Test

Will Go From Campus To Bikini Atoll Aboard Naval Flagship

Texas A&M College will have an observer at Operation Crossroads, the Bikini atoll atomic bomb tests, in the person of Chalmers G. Kirkbridge, professor of chemical engineering.

Well-known as a chemical engineer and for his war work in producing aviation gas and toluene for explosives, Kirkbridge will leave San Francisco June 12 for the Marshall Islands, aboard one of the flagships of Task Force One, the A-bomb test fleet. He will return to the college in September.

Kirkbridge's invitation to attend the tests as one of 20 non-participating scientist-observers came from Vice Admiral W. H. P.



C. G. Kirkbridge

Blandly, Task Force One commander. He had been nominated as observer by the National Academy of Sciences, acting upon recommendations from both the American Institute of Chemists and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Preliminary advices inform Kirkbridge, who joined the Texas A. & M. (Continued on Page 4)

Final Review Is Held Despite Rain; 219 Graduate

Rep. Sumners Warns That Bureaucracy is Replacing Traditional Democracy

Stormy weather failed to stop the Final Review last week. College officials, military officers and the cadet corps stood in pouring rain for the pre-commencement ceremony. An Aggie tradition was upheld.

There were 219 graduates in the class of '47 who received their diplomas in Guion Hall last week.

Hatton W. Sumners, congressional representative from the fifth Texas district, warned the graduates that they face no easy world. "We have left you a heritage of confusion," he stated. "A governmental organization which during our responsibility has had its distinct characteristics changed from that of a democracy to that of a bureaucracy now operating from the top downward instead of from the bottom upward—as a democracy by its nature functions."

H. C. DILLINGHAM NAMED SECRETARY

H. C. "Dutch" Dillingham of the Texas A&M College electrical engineering department has been named secretary of the Houston section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, it was revealed today. The Houston section includes this part of Southeast Texas.

MUNSON ACTING AS HEAD OF C. E. DEPT.

Professor T. A. Munson today became acting head of the civil engineering department in place of C. E. Sandstedt, who is vacationing.

Board Approves \$16,404,884 Budget For College and Branch Operation

A \$16,404,884 budget was approved by the board of directors of A. & M. College at their annual budget meeting, held on the campus last week end. The amount is the total for the main college, extramural divisions and branch colleges.

The salary of Gibb Gilchrist was increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000 annually. "The increase is a token of appreciation for the splendid work he is doing," stated G. R. White, president of the board.

The board changed the status of W. W. Holzmann from acting business manager to comptroller of the college and its branches. This action was taken to arrange for the return to duty of Lt. Col. E. N. Holmgreen, business manager of the college who has been on leave in the army for several years, but who is expected to resume his activities on the campus July 15.

Future enrollments in the veterinary school will be limited to 64 new students a year. Present equipment will take care of only that many students properly, although more were accepted on an emergency basis during the war.

The board authorized establishment of a soil analysis laboratory to be operated under direction of the Division of Chemistry of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. On a nominal fee basis, it is believed this service will be self-sustaining, and when soil samples are analyzed, the report and the suggested soil treatment will be forwarded to the landowner through his Extension service

county agent, who will follow up on the case and assist the owner in carrying out the recommended treatment.

For the main college, the Texas extension service, Texas agricultural experiment station and forestry service the 1946-47 budget totals \$14,174,781. Next in amount is for Prairie View university, \$1,125,496; North Texas Agricultural college, \$3,543,534; and John Tarleton Agricultural College, \$562,073.

More Housing

Gilchrist also received approval of an appropriation of \$150,000 for the college's part of the expense of adding 516 additional housing units to be provided by the federal public housing administration for married veterans.

In his forecast of the enrollment for the September semester, President Gilchrist stated there probably would be housing accommodations for 6417 students in dormitories and in housing units under control of the college, and an additional thousand quartered in the Bryan-College Station community.

The college expects to have ready by September a total of 908 family units for married veterans, Gilchrist stated. It was pointed out that the faculty is listing enrollment priority in the following order: First, veterans who are former students of Texas A. & M.; second, veterans who are bona fide Texas residents, and third, the graduates of Texas high schools in the upper half of their classes scholastically.

High School Exams

It is planned to give special examinations for Texas high school graduates in the lower half of their classes to ascertain their ability to pursue college-level study.

Travel allowances of employees of extramural divisions of the college was increased to \$5.50 per diem. Others are limited to \$4.

The board also authorized the following:

Flight Courses

Expenditure of \$30,000 for planes and instructors to give flight training for veterans under the G. I. bill.

Installation of a \$17,000 outfall sewer line, a \$5000 electric line to the southwest portion of the campus to serve veterans and to supply power for a lighted football practice field; \$7500 to install an air conditioned gage laboratory with government equipment, value at \$125,000; a \$24,000 addition to the mechanical engineering shops to house surplus machine shop equipment furnished by the government.

An expenditure of \$27,000 for tennis courts, \$10,500 for a concrete outdoor dance slab, \$8300 for sidewalks in the veterans village and \$30,000 for improvements to the athletic plant.

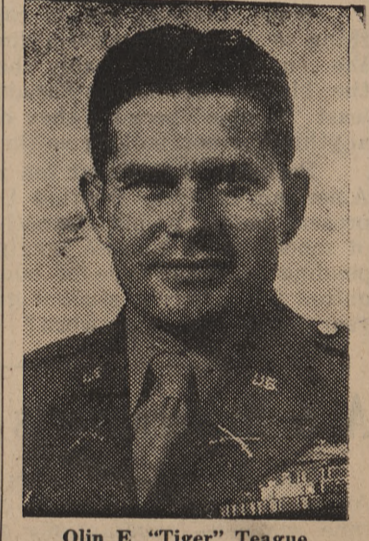
The college construction and rehabilitation program is being financed from the university available fund and for the current biennium a total of \$995,000 will be available, of which \$911,000 has been earmarked for needed improvements, it was announced.

Candidate Teague To Be Guest at Barbecue Tonight

Ike Ashburn to Be M. C. At Country Club Event Honoring Aggie Hero

Tiger Teague, more formally known as Col. Olin E. Teague, will be the honored guest at a barbecue dinner tonight at the Bryan Country Club. The principal speaker at the dinner will be Col. Ike Ashburn. The event is scheduled to take place at 6:30 and celebrates the announcement by Teague that he will run for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Congressman from the sixth Texas district.

Tiger Teague, an Aggie in the class of '32, was one of the major A&M heroes in World War II. He is still being treated at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas for a leg wound that he received while in combat, but has



Olin E. "Tiger" Teague

been granted a few days leave and plans to use much of that time here.

A three time winner of the Silver Star, Teague fought from Cherbourg, across France, and into Germany before he was put out of action by his third wound (Teague is also a three-time father; two boys and a girl). As battalion commander in the 79th Infantry, he spent 180 days in combat. According to his friends, the last

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Musicians in Demand . . .

Want to Sing or Toot Horn? Three Groups Seek Talent

Musicians and singers are in demand at A. & M. this summer. Three organizations will be active during the season, and if enough talent turns out, some major programs may be staged.

The new A. & M. Symphony orchestra will hold its first rehearsal Tuesday night in the assembly hall at 7:00 p. m. All musicians in College Station, whether students or not, are eligible. The college has some instruments available; however, those with their own instruments are asked to bring them.

The symphony is directed by Bill Turner of the Student Activities office, and musicians who would like to join the orchestra are asked to contact him in Room 5, Administration building, or come directly to rehearsal.

The A. & M. men's choir, known as the Singing Cadets of Aggie-land, will meet Monday and Tues-

day of next week at the assembly hall at 5:00 p. m. both days. Though the group bears the name of "cadets", all A. & M. students, whether in the corps or veterans, are eligible. Anyone interested in choral singing is asked to see Mr. Turner at rehearsal or in his office.

It is expected that the Singing Cadets will have several out-of-town engagements this summer. The Aggie-land Orchestra, college dance band, has several vacancies this semester, and will hold auditions Wednesday night at 7:00 in the assembly hall. Bill Turner also conducts this group, and queries can be made at his office.

For the benefit of new students: the assembly hall, which should not be confused with Guion Hall, is the white stucco building, almost hidden by trees, which stands diagonally opposite the Y. M. C. A.

Development Fund Has Biggest Year

The Association of Former Students closed its 1946 fiscal year May 31 receiving \$78,566.80 from 8,500 donors through the Development Fund. This is the largest contribution received from the greatest number of contributors since the fund had its beginning in 1943.

The association has reached its two main objectives agreed upon at the end of the 1945 fiscal year. One was to place another \$25,000 in the Gold Star Student Aid Fund, which provides financial assistance for the education of children of A&M men killed in the military service during World War II. This makes a total of \$50,000 now in this fund. The other objective was to present additional war bonds to the college for the purpose of building a Memorial Student Center. With the 1946 contribution of \$48,000, this fund now has a total of \$234,000. Restricted gifts amounted to \$4,650, which is used for purposes specified by the donors.

Year	Number of Contributors	Amount Given
1943	6,277	\$51,119.75
1944	7,404	63,780.78
1945	8,108	74,374.07
1946	8,500	78,566.80

'Mr. Chips of A. & M.' Dallas News Writer Calls Amb. Kyle

A new expression, "Mr. Chips of A. & M." was coined by Victor Shofelmayer, agriculture editor of the Dallas News, as a description of E. J. Kyle, American Ambassador to Guatemala and former dean of agriculture at this college.

The expression referred to the leading character in James Hilton's novel, "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," who spent a lifetime at an English boy's school and came to be an embodiment of the school's tradition.

So completely has the old designation of "Dean" clung to Mr. Kyle, that all during his tour of Texas with a group of Guatemalan agriculturalists he was never addressed as "Mr. Ambassador" but always as "Dean".

FRIDAY LAST DAY FOR DROPPING
 * Friday, June 7 is the last day *
 * for changing your schedule for *
 * the first term of Summer *
 * School Courses dropped after *
 * Friday, June 7 will carry a *
 * grade of "F". *
 * F. C. BOLTON, *
 * Dean *
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Plan Conference On Electron and Ion Ballistics

EE and Physics Depts. Cooperate In Graduate Seminar This Summer

A summer conference on electron and ion ballistics, especially designed for research physicists and engineers, will be held June 24-July 13, jointly-presented by the electrical engineering and physics departments of the college.

The conference will be divided into two general parts, the first half being devoted to electron microscopes and other devices depending upon electron or ion beams for operation, and the latter half to the mass spectrometer and allied instruments. The college has a Westinghouse mass spectrometer in operation.

Two distinguished lecturers have been obtained for the course. They are Dr. Ladislav Marton of the Division of Electron Optics of Stanford university, formerly with R.C.A., who will preside over the first portion of the conference, and Dr. John A. Hipple of the Westinghouse research laboratories, in charge of Westinghouse mass spectrometer development.

The conference is of graduate level, and all persons registering will be assumed to have a background of electron theory in order that the daily two-hour lecture period may be devoted to advanced phases of the science. Four semester hours of college credit will be granted those completing the conference.

Wives to Elect New Officers at Meeting Tonight

Election of officers will be the principal business at the first meeting of the summer of the Ex-Servicemen's Wives Club tonight at 7:30 in Sbis Lounge. The business meeting will be followed by the regular bridge social.

The following nominations were made by the group at its May 29 meeting: President, Rowena McGaughey, Jean Clark, Naomi Simmons, Margaret Kelso and Jean Kernode; Vice-President, Marjorie Manning, Jackie McCarty and Bennie Hefner; Historian, Doris Voelkel and Helen DeBona; Reporter, Katherine DeMontel, Alice Clark and Joyce Cavender.

Army Engineers Begin Classes In C. E. Dept.

It was back to college this week for 17 regular army Corps of Engineers officers, who began a year of special graduate work in the civil engineering department. All the student officers were on hand for the opening classes except 1st Lt. Michell Goldenthal, who was several days late due to a delay in returning from overseas duty in Germany.

Lt. Col. Lawrence Laurion, the senior officer present, is in charge of the group, which includes: Lt. Cols. Edmund Kirby-Smith, Winston C. Fowler, Guy H. Goddard, Stanley R. Kelly, William A. Orr, and Samuel R. Peterson; Majors Robert D. Brown, Frederick Zitner, Byron Kirkpatrick and Frederick J. Baker; Captains Edsel J. Burkhart, Walter J. Hutchin, Edmon L. Faust and Jesse Thomas, Jr.

Concession Requests Must Be Made Before Saturday This Week

All students desiring concessions for the summer are asked to make application at the Student Activities offices before this Saturday. The concession will be awarded Monday, June 10. For those who do not have a student employment card, it will be necessary to make application with the student labor office in Goodwin Hall first.

N. F. RODE NAMED AIEE COUNSELOR

Professor Norman F. Rode has been chosen as counselor by the A&M College student branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, it was announced today.