

Final Selection Adds 14 Men to Who's Who

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Freshmen Elect Officers At First Class Meeting

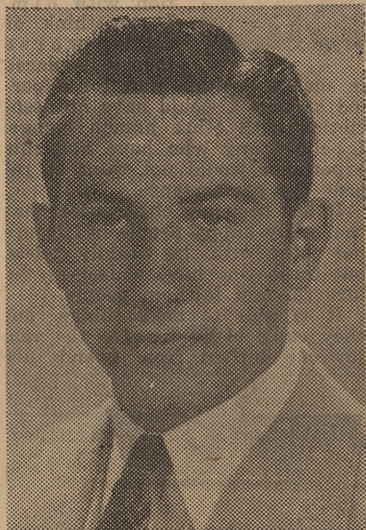
McClure, Williams, and Bird to Lead Class of '50 in Freshman Activities

R. L. McClure, a member of "A" Company, Chemical Warfare, was elected president of the freshman class at its first meeting held recently on the campus. McClure, an Opportunity Scholarship Award winner, hails from Dallas and is studying Chemical Engineering.

Vice-president of the class of '50 is Roger H. Williams, also an Opportunity Scholarship Award winner, from College Station. He is an "E" Company, Infantry freshman, and is studying Agriculture.

Marliss O. Bird of the Field Artillery Band was elected secretary-treasurer. Bird is from Borger and is majoring in Petroleum Engineering.

The freshmen were aided in carrying out the election by Cadet Colonel Ed Brandt and Senior Class president Bill McCormick.



R. L. McClure
Freshman President

Court Fails to Grant Mandamus To Hemann Sweatt

Ruling Result of Prairieview's New Houston Law School

Convening Tuesday in Austin, the 126th District court ruled against the writ of mandamus asked for Hemann Sweatt several months ago to allow him to enter the University of Texas Law School. This decision was based on the announcement of the A. & M. Board of Directors that first year training in law would be provided under the auspices of Prairieview University upon application for such course.

With Judge Roy C. Archer presiding, the court stated that should it be found that the law curriculum not be on a standard equal to that of the university of Texas, or that the course not be offered beginning with the February semester, the court would reopen the case for redress by Sweatt.

The first year law course to be set up according to the Board of Directors provides Negro lawyers accredited by the Texas Board of Law Examiners as teachers for a curriculum and in accordance with standards set by the Texas Supreme Court and the American Bar Association. The school will be held in Houston, financed by money to be appropriated from the Deficiency Fund of the state.

San Antonio Aggie Christmas Calendar

San Antonio Aggies have planned several activities for the coming Christmas holidays. The following social calendar is announced:

Monday, December 23—San Antonio A. & M. Mothers' Club semi-formal dance at LaVillita.

Friday, December 27—Brackenridge Ex-Students' Dance.

Wednesday, December 31—San Antonio A. & M. Club. New Years Eve party at the home of Franklin Young.

Plans are also being made for a TSCW-A&M dance to be held during the holidays.

Drop in Food Prices Indicated By Second AVC Grocery Survey

The second grocery survey conducted by the local chapter of the American Veterans Committee was made in five Bryan stores on December 14th. Selecting only nineteen items, it was found that a saving of better than \$1.50 could be made by careful shopping.

According to these surveys, food prices have leveled off; several prices have started to fall. Safeway shows a drop of 17 per cent in shortening price since the previous census. Many other staple items may follow this lead, it was pointed out, if the careful shopper insists upon purchasing where the trends develop. This practice, it was added, would encourage other stores to follow the same lead establishing the effect of free enterprise.

	Humpy	Benbows	Sebeste	Quality	Safeway
Karo	23	19	22	21	—
Mrs. Tucker's—1 lb.	49	—	45	45	36
Super Suds	41	37	—	40	—
Quaker Oats	15	14	15	15	12
Pillsbury Flour—10	89	78	89	89	78
Hershey Cocoa	29	34	29	29	—
Shelled Pecans	41	45	—	38	39
Log Cabin Juice	53	49	51	53	47
Libby's Tomato Juice	34	33	35	34	29
Blue Bonnet Dressing	35	—	30	—	—
French's Mustard	10	10	13	10	—
Bama Peanut Butter	39	39	36	—	—
Pinto Beans—116	25	25	25	25	21
Yams — 116	7	8	7.5	8	8.3
Potatoes Idaho—1A	6.2	5.5	5.9	6	5
Potatoes Texas New	7	8	7.5	7	3.6
White Onions — 116	7.5	10	10	10.5	6.3
Carrots (Bunch)	10	10	10	10	7.5
Cabbage (16)	5	7	7	7	—

Happy Holiday To All



"Home for Christmas!" The cry that so heartened the students of Dickens' day is again sounding through school rooms and bringing the same happy excitement. There is no time quite like Christmas, and no place like home to be on Christmas Day.

Whether you are a cadet, eager to see the folks again after a hard tussle with text-books, or a veteran who has spent recent Christmases on the Rhine or in the South Seas, there is no doubt about your readiness to grab your bag, lock up your "hole", and thumb homeward.

Of all the gifts you receive this Christmas, will any please you more than this ten-day cessation of study, this chance to be home again, to dance by candle-light, to study the lights on the evergreen tree, to fill a cup from the bubbling punch bowl? To go with the folks to midnight church service and sing the ancient carols that tell of the birth of the Christ?

Have a happy holiday. Bring back memories of holding hands while Bing Crosby sings "White Christmas," of dancing with the one-and-only while the gang sings "Auld Lang Syne" on New Year's Eve.

From the staff of The Battalion to all you Aggies, a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

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Christmas Spirit Breaks Out In Campus Parties This Week

Midst the strains of "Jingle Bells" and thoughts of jolly old Saint Nick, members of the different organizations will choose one night this week to celebrate their annual Christmas Parties. Full of the Christmas spirit, the organizations will gather about dusk in their respective dormitories for an evening of gaiety. An age old custom with the Aggies, this is one of the most memorable occasions of the school year.

In preparation for this festive occasion, freshmen have been busy decorating halls, doors, and windows in the dormitories. Trees have been placed in the dormitories and are now heavily laden with decorations. Red and green crepe paper, tinsel, paint, lights and all other decorative devices have been brought into play to lend the proper atmosphere to these Christmas celebrations. Some of them even have bunches of mistletoe scattered around. Well, they can dream, can't they?

This night the freshmen are given full swing. They figure out the kind of food and drinks which are to be served and how they can be acquired. It so happens that the mess hall is furnishing a lot of good eats that can be taken to the dormitories for the feasts. As soon as everyone is well filled, the ears of all present are graced by beautiful carols sung by a group

From the Radio to the Ash Can Goes 'The Eyes of Texas'—Cost of \$10

"The Eyes of Texas" had played once. Just then the phone rang in the studio and a voice pleaded, "Break that record and I'll send you \$10." The recording was smashed, right then and there in front of the radio audience.

In this case, breaking that record was not needful destruction. It was merely needful betterment. Building up the Elks Mile O' Dimes Drive recently, an early-morning KTHH program offered to play any request for a dime.

From a fan in Austin came a \$1 bill for ten renditions of "The Eyes of Texas." But it seems that these ten numbers were only one-tenth completed when the phone call interrupted.

The next day the radio announcer received the \$10 and a note of thanks from "Tommy Penn and other ex-Texas Aggies."

DALLAS CLUB PLANS PARTY AT YACHT CLUB

The Dallas A.&M. Club has announced plans for their Christmas party at the Yacht Club on the night of December 26th. The entire club has been reserved for the Aggies and their dates. The dance music will be furnished by Joe Caprio and his orchestra. Other Aggies desiring to attend the party will be required to pay an admission price of \$2.00 per couple or stag.

Christmas Seals Display Now at College Museum

A complete set of Christmas seals from all years past are now on display at the College museum, according to H. B. Parks, curator. The display is tied in with the current campaign of the American Tubercular Society in the press and radio to sell Christmas seals during the holiday season. The exhibit will remain at the museum for a short time and then it will be sent to various other colleges in Texas and throughout the rest of the nation.

The American Red Cross originated the Christmas seal in 1907 and produced annually through 1920 when the American Tubercular Society took over the responsibility of selling the seals. At this time, the symbol on the stamp was changed from the red cross to a latin cross. Canada also has a similar organization distributing Christmas seals, but they are printed in two languages, French and English.

Student Enrollees To Number 8510 For Next Semester

H. L. Heaton, registrar of the college, stated that there will be 8510 students enrolled for the spring semester. Of this number four hundred and eighty-four will be first semester freshmen.

All new students are to be housed and taught at Bryan Army Air Field Annex.

Mr. Heaton said that some classes will still be scheduled for twelve o'clock next semester but there will be no more seven o'clock classes.

Out of the 8510 students there will be enrolled for next spring there will be a total of 2633 first and second semester freshmen, 2285 sophomores, 2048 juniors, 1442 seniors, and 102 five-year students.

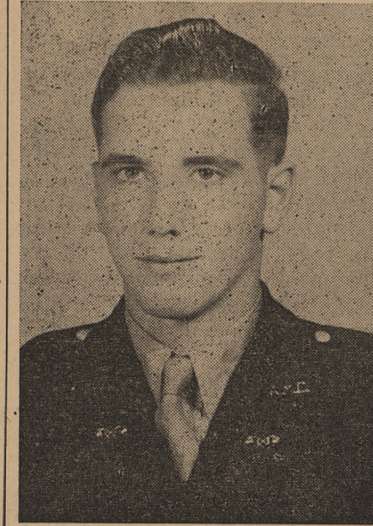
Agriculture leads in the number of students to be enrolled with 1590. There will be 810 students enrolled in the Mechanical Engineering Department, Electrical Engineering ranks third with 711 and Civil Engineering is next with 685.

Graduates Accept Agricultural Jobs

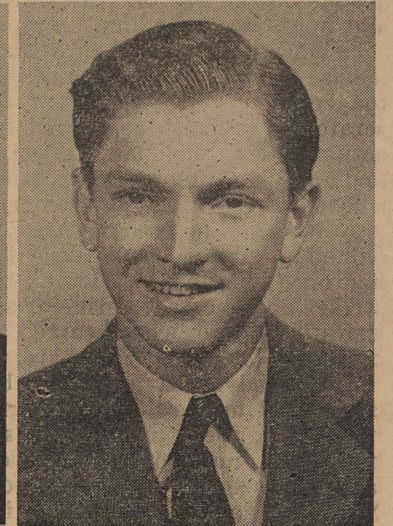
James Giggs of Matador and Arthur W. Smith of Mertzon, both animal husbandry graduates of A. & M., have recently accepted agricultural positions.

Giggs, who received his degree in the spring of 1946, accepted the position of assistant county agent of McLennan County, with his office located in Waco.

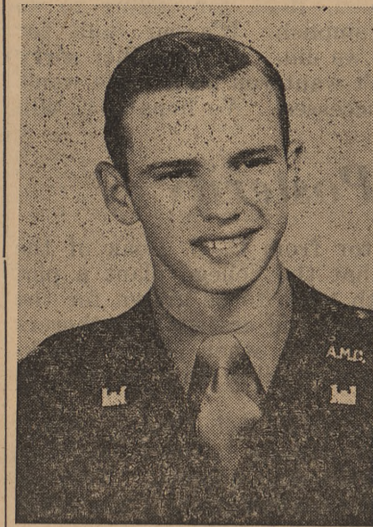
Smith accepted the position of statistical clerk at the Southwestern Range and Sheep Breeding Laboratory, located at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. Smith completed his bachelor of science degree in the summer of 1946 and at the time of his acceptance was working on a masters degree in animal husbandry.



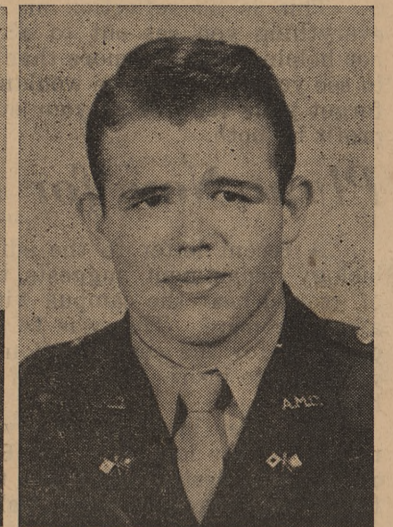
Jack Nelson
Lt. Col., Composite Regiment



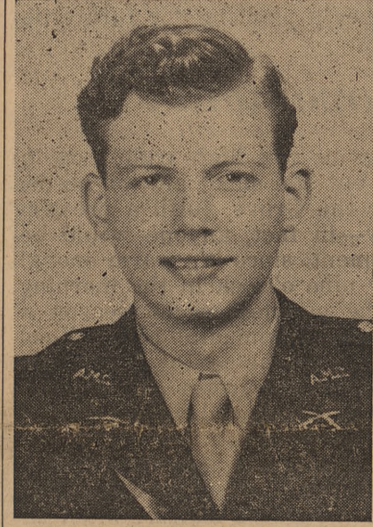
Harry Saunders
Veteran Editor, Longhorn



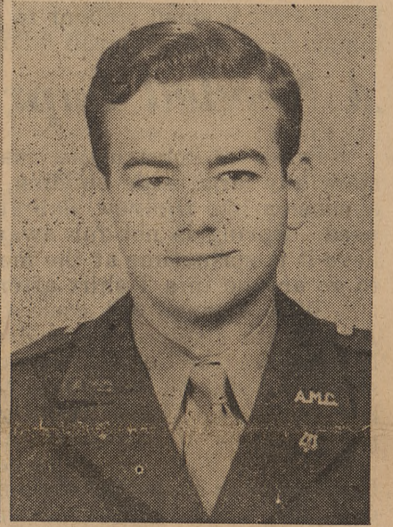
Clyde Cecil
Vice-President, Senior Class



Dean Denton
Football Letterman



E. C. Kobs
Senior Yell Leader



Philip Kosub
Head Drum Major

Honor Group Totals 21 Veterans and Corpsmen

Popularity, Leadership, Activeness And Scholarship Basis for Winners

Final selection of Who's Who winners were announced yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the Student Life Committee. It was decided that Who's Who for this year be reduced to twenty-one students; of this number fifteen are members of the Cadet Corps, and the remaining six are veterans.

Last week seven winners from the Corps were named. They were as follows:

Allen Self, a senior Corps Editor of The Battalion, and executive officer of the Corps.

Joe Putegnat, Infantry Commander and Town Hall Manager.

Joe Coddou, Corps Adjutant.

Bill McCormick, president of the Senior Class.

Edwin R. Daniels, social secretary of the Senior Class.

Robert Leatherwood, president of the Senior Class.

At yesterday's meeting the following men were elected for Who's Who:

Cadet Corps

Jack Nelson, Lieutenant Colonel of the Composite Regiment.

Clyde Cecil, vice-president of the Senior Class.

E. C. Kobs, senior yell leader.

Dean Denton, football letterman.

Shannon Jones, Executive officer of the Infantry Regiment.

John Cochrane, Executive officer of the Artillery Regiment.

R. F. Huston, Treasurer of the Senior Class.

Philip Kosub, head drum major of the combined band.

Veterans

Jennings Anderson, athlete and housemaster.

Charles E. Ball, Editor of The Agriculturalist.

Benjamin T. Blankenship, a member of The Aggieband Orchestra and Student Life Committee.

Ned Brown, past secretary of the Campus Veterans Organization and housemaster of Law Hall.

Morty Mertz, President of the Saddle and Siroin Club.

Harry Saunders, veteran Editor of the Longhorn.

The Student Life Committee voted that these selections would be final, instead of the previously announced thirty men for Who's Who. Basis of selection were popularity, activities, leadership, and scholarship. Regarding scholarship, the student must have had a grade point average of 1.5.

Greetings from Prexy

TO THE STUDENTS:

Another Christmas season is upon us. Another year has gone into history. Whether it has been a good one or a bad one, it is passed. For most of us I think the feeling prevails that the good far outweighs the bad.

It is our hope that you and yours have a safe and a Happy Christmas, and may 1947 bring to each of you the best that life affords.

It shall be the purpose of all members of the College staff to do a little better job, and we hope and feel that each and every student will return possessed with the same determination for the year to come. Working together we can and do accomplish much.

Cordially yours,
Gibb Gilchrist
President.