



DR. GEORGE M. WATSON

Quick, Watson, the Needle

### Chemistry Prof Plays Catalyst Like Watson in Sherlock Holmes

By BILL BLEKER The new face around the chemistry department these days belongs to George Mario Watson, B. S., M. S., Ph.D. Ex-factory manager and brewer, Dr. Watson is a stocky little man with brown eyes, dark hair, and an air of immense vitality. Born in Mexico City in 1915, Dr. Watson comes of an erudite family. His father is a retired architect and his mother teaches French at the University of Mexico. He worked his way through St. Joseph's High School in Brownsville by turning over boxes, most of his bouts being in the Rio Grande Valley clubs. After his tour of high school duty he hung up his gloves and packed off to T.U. In 1938, after receiving his Bachelor's degree, he promptly married an Austin girl and started to work on his Master's. Questioned as to his attitude toward marriage, Dr. Watson said, "I've been married for two years and I recommend it to every man."

When he received his M. S., he felt the need of still more education, and, taking advantage of a research fellowship, began work on his Doctorate. He received his Ph.D. in 1941 and joined up with General Tire and Rubber Co. which sent him to Mexico as general superintendent of a guayule rubber factory. The pressing need for synthetic rubber after the supplies of the real McCoy were cut off by Japanese invasion of the Indies was highest at that time and the government kept him in Mexico general superintendent until July of 1947. On a leave of absence from his job, Dr. Watson whipped together a well-drilling business in Saltillo, Mexico. Managing drilling operations by remote control, teaching chemistry, and bringing up his son and two daughters keep him hopping. In February of this year, Dr. Watson accepted a position as Associate Professor of chemistry at Aggieland. Although a T. U. graduate, when asked what he thought of Aggieland, he replied, "Most of my students are above average and they are all likeable fellows."

Because of lack of time, Dr. Watson has only one hobby—reading detective stories. He has a complete set of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's works and just eats up the Sherlock Holmes stories. Questioned about Doyle's character named Dr. Watson, he replied, "Watson acted as a catalyst to stimulate Holmes' thinking. I try to do the same for my students, but I hope that they don't have resort to cocaine as Holmes did."

### Agronomy Society To Honor War Dead

The Agronomy Society will present the college a bronze plaque in honor of agronomy majors killed in World Wars I and II. The presentation ceremony will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. President, Gibb Calchrist will receive the plaque on behalf of the college from Neal C. Patterson, president of the Agronomy Society.



A. A. JOHNSTON, an A&M student, will be ordained at the Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:15.

Twenty agronomy majors lost their lives in World Wars I and II. They were: Charles Hauser '16, George F. Wallace '16, James O. Beasley '32, Bailey G. Carrigan '37, James E. Rountree '37, Woodrow R. Allen '38, John B. Naughton '39, T. P. Avcock '40, Percy B. Bennett '40, Roland E. Dutton '40, Ralph B. Hartgraves '41, Howard H. Brians '42, Eugene D. Wilmett '42, Charles E. Butler '43, Deward D. Morrison '43, William W. Partlow '43, and Richard A. Stromberg '43. Also killed during World War II were Raymond L. Gregg, '39, Harry F. Goodloe '39, and Edgar B. Burgess '38. Relatives invited. An invitation has been extended to the close relatives of the deceased to attend the ceremony in which the plaque will be presented to the college. Several of the relatives have written J. E. Endrizzi, chairman of the Bronze Memorial Plaque Committee, stating they intend to be present if possible, for the presentation.

### Dr. Ashburn Opens Teachers' Agency

Dr. Karl Ashburn, former professor of economics at A&M, and Texas Tech, has organized the Ashburn Teachers' Agency, a statewide Teacher Placement Service, with headquarters in Fort Worth. Dr. Ashburn, former regional chief of the Examining and Placement Division of the U.S. Civil Service Commission in Dallas, spent over 15 years as a teacher, and administrator. The primary purpose of the agency, according to Dr. Ashburn, is to bring the teacher and the administrator together for the mutual benefit of both.

### ME Students Plan Varied Exhibits

Mechanical engineering students will present a varied program for visitors to the college on All-College Day May 8. Demonstrations will include the Gage Laboratory, a Gorman Juno Jet engine, air conditioning and heating systems, kinematic and metallurgical displays, and a vibration and friction display reports. Before World War II, only the United States and Russia had more railway mileage than Canada.

### Atomic Energy Display Shown By Architects

"Atomic Energy," an exhibition prepared by Life Magazine, will be displayed in the architecture department through Saturday. Joe Meador, architecture instructor, announced yesterday. The exhibit was prepared in consultation with the United States Atomic Energy Commission which has urged nation-wide education on the subject. The thesis of the exhibition is that science is truly international and that atomic energy is not an exclusively scientific matter but will inevitably involve social and political questions. More concerned with the practical use of atomic energy to date than with nuclear physics, the photographs emphasize the importance of the layman's understanding the social and political aspects of this great new source of energy. "Atomic Energy" opens with the seven scientists whose peacetime research led to wartime development. Then follow panels of Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Bikini, experiments with animals, radiation sickness and mutation. The second section is devoted to postwar use of the development of atomic power and continuing research. The last section is devoted to the problem of atomic energy control. The text of "Atomic Energy" is in part, quotations from the Report on the International Control of Atomic Energy prepared for the Secretary of State.

### Hendrix Speaks On History of Cattle Industry in Texas

John Hendrix, noted stockman and historian of early days in the cattle industry, addressed the Saddle and Siroin Club Tuesday evening. Introduced by Tad Moses, chief of publications of the Experiment Station and past editor of "The Cattleman," Hendrix spoke humorously of the early day cattleman and cattle industry. Following Hendrix's talk, plans were made for the club's annual barbecue to be held May 24. The affair will take place at 4:30 p. m. at Shiloh Hall. Ed Talk was appointed chairman of the food and drink committee. Highlight of the barbecue will be a baseball game between club seniors and animal husbandry profs. The matched roping contest at the Little Southwestern Livestock Show will be between C. W. Wright ex-Aggie and champion ropers, and Prince Woods, present Aggie champ. The Aggie Ramblers provided entertainment at the meeting.



ARNOLD WALKOW, above, will direct the "pit" orchestra at the Follies tomorrow night in Gaion Hall.

### Harris Placed On Modified Service

Stuart H. Harris of the Agricultural Experiment Station went on modified service last week after nearly 13 years as custodian of the Station's bulletin and mailing room. He was placed on a four-month layoff under the modified service program. Harris, who was 65 years old in July, 1947, was placed on retirement on September 1, 1935 after 25 years with the Southern Pacific Railroad at Bryan as ticket agent, telegraph operator, and clerk. The following December he became connected with the Station in his present capacity.

### Applications Open In Vet Med School

Students currently enrolled who will have satisfied all requirements for admission to the school of veterinary medicine by the close of this semester may now make application to that school for admission in September, 1948. H. L. Heaton, registrar, said yesterday that entrance requirements are set forth on Page 9, Bulletin of the School of Veterinary Medicine. He believes that the entire quota will be filled with resident students. Application forms may be obtained at the Information Desk, Registrar's Office. They must be properly filled out and returned to that office by noon, Saturday, May 15.



NATIONAL CHAMPS—The A&M 10-man Dairy Judging Team placed first in the 18th annual Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest. The Aggie team competed against 206 teams from 44 U.S. colleges. Left to right, they are: D. E. EDWARDS, W. D. KEELE, H. D. WALKER, ROBERT P. SWANN, VIC NEIMEYER, JAMES M. HART, H. L. SELF, J. H. CLIFTON, DALE ALLEN, and Professor A. L. DARNELL, coach. J. W. LINDSEY is not shown.

### Dairy Judgers Win National Contest

A&M's 10-man Dairy Judging Team placed first in the Senior College division of the 18th annual Hoard's Dairyman Cattle Judging Contest by earning 446 points out of a possible 500. Notice of the national championship team was received this week from officials of the contest. A & M's score is one of the highest scores ever tallied by a team. The communication said. 206 Teams Competed The A&M team won over 206 teams from thirty-three states representing forty-four colleges and universities to be the first A&M team ever to receive as much as an honorable mention. According to Professor A. L. Darnell, coach of the team, A&M has entered a large percent of the Hoard's Dairyman contests, but this is the first team that has ever scored high enough to be mentioned in the results. The winning team this year was made up of agricultural education majors in the Dairy Husbandry 424 class and one dairy husbandry major, Vic Neimeyer from Brenham. The six cow judges were D. E. Edwards, Stephenville; Robert B. Swann, Taylor; W. D. Keele, Ennis; H. D. Walker, Stephenville; James M. Hart, Red Oak; H. L. Self, Stephenville; J. H. Clifton, Stephenville; Dale Allen, Brockton; and J. W. Lindsey, Abilene. This national contest is conducted by the use of photographs. Each of the five major dairy breeds are represented by pictures of four cows from each breed. Each cow is photographed from the side, top and rear. This gives the contestants three principal views that the placings of each animal is determined. This contest is unique in that ten members are required for each team. These members and one alternate is the usual number allowed for dairy cattle judging.

### Agricultural Departments Get \$4,000 in Fellowships, Gifts

Agricultural equipment, fellowships, grants-in-aid, and gifts of more than \$5,000 have been granted A & M departments and branches by Texas organizations. A research fellowship "in some phase of cotton production" under the supervision of the agronomy department, has been granted A&M. The fellowship, from Anderson, Clayton and Company of Houston, carries a \$2,000 fund. A Sargent Cropmaker has been granted the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station "for experimental work with green manuring crops." Use of the machinery was made by the Sargent Manufacturing Co., Fort Worth. It will be placed on the Brazos river field laboratory. A loan of five Maytag Hom Freezer Units from the Maytag Southwestern Company, Dallas, has been made to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Seed Crops Boosted The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Substation No. 4 at Beaumont has been given a Fairbanks beam scale, valued at \$75. The gift was made by the American Rice Growers Association. A grant-in-aid of \$1750 "for the purpose of initiating supplementary studies on the adaptations of production of oil seed crops other than cotton, soy beans, flax and peanuts," has been given the Experiment Station. The grant-in-aid was made by the Education Service of the National Cottonseed Products Association, Inc. Initial work will be done at the station's plantation at Chillicothe. A contribution of \$200 has been made the Experiment Station by Thomas R. Cox, agriculturist of the American Cyanamid Company of New York. It is "in support of rice fertilization experiments that are being carried on at the Beaumont station."



"MISS HARRIETT" SAUNDERS, one of the 12 "beautiful" showgirls to be seen at Saturday night's Follies, is shown here imitating CELESTE HOLM in his version of "I Can't Say No."

### Brahman Heifers Prove Valuable To AH Department

Gift of a foundation Brahman herd of six heifers from one of the nation's outstanding Brahman Cattle Breeders, the J. D. Hudgins ranch, Hungerford, Texas, is proving valuable to the teaching and research facilities of the animal husbandry department, according to Professor J. K. Riggs. The heifers were given to the college under the condition that the first bull calves dropped would be returned to the Hudgins ranch. Hudgins also furnishes the best of his bulls in rotation on a loan basis to build up the Brahman herd foundation, as well as for cross-breeding experiments now being conducted by the college in crossing Brahman with grade Herefords and other breeds. The heifers were given to the Tony Manso, Reserve Champion of the 1946 Houston Fat Stock Show. The bull was then returned to the ranch. According to Professor Riggs, "this Brahman herd will be used in connection with courses in beef cattle production, livestock management and livestock judging offered by the animal husbandry department. Also the herd will be used to produce cattle for experimental breeding, feeding, and management purposes including cross-breeding and progeny testing work."

### Bryan-College Artists Display Paintings in Cushing Library

Artists in the Bryan-College Station area have paintings on display in the Cushing Library lobby this week. This is one of two current displays by the Bryan-College Art Club, the other one being in Bryan at Haswell's Book Store. Outstanding painting in the Cushing Library display is a portrait by Portia Barnes (Mrs. A. G. Barnes) of a man with a Hereford cow. Painted in the clear bright colors of the Southwest, it has a quality not reached by other exhibits. I. W. Kennell's water-color "At the Park," also possesses luminous coloring and an appealing design. Quite a few competent still-life paintings of native flowers are on display. Water-color, oil and pastel are among the mediums used in this group, and contributing artists include M. Boyett, Myrtle M. Peters, Mrs. J. H. Beard, Mrs. G. W. Smith and Mrs. Barnes. One striking painting, by Marie Alexander, shows a cactus which actually grew along Highway 2 between Bryan and College, but which has been transferred "further west" by the artist. The paintings will be on display through Saturday.

### Insurance Firm Granted Charter

William C. Young, organizer of the Agricultural Workers Mutual Insurance Company, has obtained a state charter and the company is now in operation. Persons who filed applications to become charter members, will be issued their policies within the next few days. The Agricultural Workers Mutual Insurance Company is a non-profit corporation, owned and controlled by the agricultural workers of Texas.

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