

50 High School Students Win in Battle for A&M Scholarships



BATTLE OF BRAINS... In a grinding three-hour competitive examination at the A. and M. College of Texas, 215 honor graduates of Texas high schools fought it out for fifty thousand dollars worth of college scholarships. The fifty winners, who will receive four-year Opportunity Awards at Texas A. and M. College, were announced today. Selected on the basis of need, scholarship, leadership and character, winners will receive \$280 to \$300 per year, plus an opportunity to earn other college expenses, for their full four years.

Group Named After Hard Race Against 180 Other Students

By JERRY SUTHERLAND

The time was 4:30, May 8, 1948. The place was the Chemistry Building at A&M College. The characters were 230 high school boys mixing their brains, perspiration, and anxiety with a three hour competitive opportunity award examination. Of this group of top-flight students, 50 were to become winners of scholarship awards to A&M.

But this examination alone could not win. It was a combination of four of the applicant's qualifications that would determine the ultimate award holders. Each boy was to be carefully screened by a scholarship committee from the college on leadership, scholarship, character, and need. No winner was to be chosen who was capable of attending college without an award. Only boys qualified by unusual talent and citizenship were allowed to compete for an award. The difficult task of picking the top 50 remained for the committee.

This week, fifty of these winners were notified by telegrams that they were among the lucky ones. In a wire from E. E. McQuillen, executive director of the Texas A&M College Development Fund, sponsors of the Opportunity Awards, each winner read the message: YOU HAVE WON AN OPPORTUNITY AWARD AT TEXAS A&M COLLEGE. CONGRATULATIONS. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU IN SEPTEMBER. Its arrival matched one of a new baby in excitement and uproar.

Three years ago, A&M started this movement by donating ten such awards. Since then Texas business and professional men have granted more with the opinion that boys of ability and ambition should be given a chance to get an education.

This fall fifty new boys will enter A&M under this scholarship plan. Last year it was thirty and the year before, sixteen. By these standards of improvements, the goal of 100 for this unusual program will be attained shortly. By this system of awarding scholarships to high school graduates of particular qualifications, education is offered those who otherwise would be denied.

Scholarships and winners announced by the foundation follow:

JESSE H. JONES AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Lowell A. Holmes, Donna High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Holmes, Donna; James Lehmann, Brenham High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lehmann, Route 1, Brenham; Roger D. Longley, San Saba High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Longley, San Saba; Carl A. Peterson, Lexington High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Peterson, Route 2, Box 4, Lexington; Grady L. Smallwood, Millsap High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smallwood, Route 1, Millsap, and Carroll W. Keese, Bandera High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Keese, Tarpley Route, Bandera.

JESSE H. JONES MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS: Herbert M. Gorned, Arlington Heights High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Gorned, 1805 Arch-Adams, Fort Worth, and Luis F. Dominguez, Agua Dulce High School, son of Jose A. Dominguez, Agua Dulce.

MARY JAMES BURNS AND WALLER T. BURNS, JR. SCHOLARSHIP: Worthy R. Warnack, Hillcrest High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Warnack, 7111 Fair Oak Avenue, Dallas.

WOFFORD CAIN OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Kenneth O. Schiath, San Marcos High School, grandson of Mrs. August Ficke, 322 North Edward Gary, San Marcos.

DAMON C. FABER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Robert E. Matthey, Crescent High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Matthey, Route 1, Wharton.

THE DALLAS NEWS OPPORTUNITY AWARD: William J. Neely, Sunset High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Neely, 2502 Marvin Avenue, Dallas 11.

JULIA BALL LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Benny J. McGough, Gladewater High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Munn McGough, Box 430, Gladewater.

CAPTAIN JAMES RUSSELL HOLMES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Daniel H. Scott, Tyler High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Scott, Route 1, Murchison.

THE DALLAS A&M CLUB OPPORTUNITY AWARDS: Harold T. Chandler, N. E. Crozier Technical High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McFeeters, 1122 Hugh Place, Dallas, and James M. Davis, Garland High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, Route 1, Box 45, Garland.

CLINT W. MURCHISON OPPORTUNITY AWARDS: William R. Johnson, Abilene High School, son of Mrs. Q. J. Johnson, 902 Sammons Street, Abilene, and Ralph G. Beistle, Amarillo Senior High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Beistle, 4003 East 12th Street, Amarillo.

HAROLD DUNN OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Joe Bob Gardner, Amarillo High School, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Voss Brummal, 507 West 16th Street, Amarillo.

GIFFORD-HILL & CO., INC. OPPORTUNITY AWARD: (J. R. Hill): Herschel R. Fitts, Atlanta High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Fitts, Atlanta, Texas.

GIFFORD-HILL PIPE COMPANY OPPORTUNITY AWARD: (J. W. Porter): William M. McPherson, Crockett High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. McPherson, Crockett.

JOHN W. CARPENTER OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Kenneth J. Allen, Ennis High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel H. Allen, Route 1, Ennis.

SID W. RICHARDSON OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Don L. Copeland, Polytechnic High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Copeland, 1501 Panola, Fort Worth.

JOHN R. BLACK OPPORTUNITY AWARD: J. Carroll McReynolds, Corsicana Senior High School, son of Mrs. Bummie McReynolds, 700 South 18 1/2 Street, Corsicana.

EARL H. HULSEY OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Augusta M. Fox, Sunset High School, son of Mrs. Nancy Sue Fox, 317 Starr, Dallas.

JAKE L. HAMON OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Eugene W. Helms, Bartlett High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Helms, Route 1, Bartlett.

SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Harold D. Gant, Thomas Jefferson High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gant, 2236 Thomas Boulevard, Port Arthur.

W. P. LUSE OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Benjamin S. Skinner, Jr., Hillsboro High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Skinner, 626 East 21st, Hillsboro.

W. C. MCCORD OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Joe K. Creighton, Chillicothe High School, son of E. C. Creighton, Box 132, Chillicothe.

COCHRAN & CAIN OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Raymond J. Eiteljorg, Taylor High School, son of Mrs. Edith C. Eiteljorg, 804 Washburn, Taylor.

TODDIE LEE WYNNE OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Lloyd M. Reedy, Hillcrest High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Reedy, 6947 Twin Hills, Dallas.

WILLIAM MORRIS OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Herschel A. Sexton, Jr., Brownwood High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson, 2615 Vine Street, Brownwood.

1948 FORMER STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS: Henry B. Steele, John H. Reagan High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Steele, 2410 Washington, Houston; Charles E. Myers, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Myers, 12th & San Antonio, San Juan; John P. Tarver, Adamson High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tarver, 1334 East Waco, Dallas; Delmar S. Hilliard, Newton; David L. Howard, Pleasanton High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Howard, Box 116, Pleasanton; Richard I. Lay, Brackenberg High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Lay, Sr., 334 Whittier Street, and Don E. Legge, Thomas Jefferson High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Legge, 907 Donaldson, San Antonio; Carl P. Stephens, Devine High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stephens, Route 1, Box 52, Devine; Kenneth M. Wiggins, San Augustine High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Wiggins, San Augustine; and Horace W. VanCleave, Mission High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. VanCleave, Route 2, Box 169, Mission.

JAMES ROBERT ASTIN OPPORTUNITY AWARDS: Bruce M. Miller, Brady High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Miller, 1507 North Elizabeth, Brady, and Warren M. Pierce, Graham High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pierce, Murray Road, Graham.

CORNELIA COOKE SMITH AWARD: Earl R. Scott, Litcher Stark High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Williams, Route 1, Box 503, Orange.

RUBY KORTH LOAN AWARD: Lewis R. Jarrett, Fort Davis High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jarrett, Fort Davis.

ALBERT BANTA FRESHMAN AWARD: Alvin A. Winn, Pine Tree High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie J. Winn, Route 4, Longview.

WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL AWARD: Donald M. Brown, Charles Bender High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, P. O. Box 7, Humble, and Paul E. Law, Georgetown High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Law, Route 3, Georgetown.

E. THOS. McDERMOTT OPPORTUNITY AWARD: Wendell L. Tarver, Burnet High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tarver, Burnet.



E. E. McQUILLEN, executive director of the Development Fund, is pictured addressing part of the group of 230 boys who took the test to determine who would be eligible for the 50 four-year scholarships.

A&M Development Fund Scholarship Program In Action; Freshmen Get Greatest Benefit

By MARVIN RICE

The Texas A&M Development Fund has launched one of the most ambitious scholarships program in the Southwest this year through finances provided by contributions of thousands of former students. These Opportunity Awards, as they are called, are designed to give boys of ability, character, and leadership the chance to obtain a college education in spite of financial handicaps.



F. C. BOLTON, Executive Vice-President and Dean of the College, writes an open letter to the students winning the scholarships at A&M. Bolton is chairman of the Faculty Committee on Scholarships.

Dean Bolton Talks to Winners

The day that you fifty young men enter upon your studies at A&M College should be a "red letter" day both for you and for Texas. The advances of civilization, whether they be along moral, social, scientific, technical or some other line, are determined largely by the extent to which properly trained intelligence is applied to its problems.

The marked scientific developments growing out of the recent war give abundant proof of the need and the effectiveness of concentrating on any problem the efforts of men of high mentality and trained minds. The people of this country are awakening to the serious results of wasting our natural resources and to the advantages of conservation. Certainly no waste can be more disastrous to the future welfare of any state or any nation than the failure to develop to the utmost the potential intelligence of its people.

America has the greatest educational system in the world. Our people are not regimented; a man is not doomed to follow a vocation or a course through life without regard for his personal fitness for or interest in it merely because it happens to be the vocation of his forefathers or because he was born in a certain environment. In theory, at least, he can choose his own profession.

In practice, however, it is not always possible for a young man to finance his living expenses while he continues his education through college, and it is to meet this situation that the Opportunity Awards have been established and the funds provided by a group of far-sighted and public-spirited citizens.

The Faculty Scholarship Committee's duty is to survey the high school graduates of the entire state of Texas and select for the awards those who give promise of making the most profitable use of the education but who could not otherwise obtain a college education. It was no easy matter to select the winners from so many ambitious, enthusiastic, and intelligent applicants.

We have undoubtedly made some errors, but we have confidence that every one of you can and will make good. Your selection is no small honor, but it is a responsibility also. When the Creator endowed you with intelligence, He placed on you the obligation to use it and develop to the best of your ability. You are capable of doing college work of high caliber.

The state of Texas, in providing the educational opportunity, expects more from you, the donor of your award, in providing funds for part of your expenses, puts his faith in your future usefulness as a citizen; the Scholarship Committee believes in your integrity, your character and your ability. You are accepting the award with at least the implied promise that you will take every advantage of your opportunity and we know that you will.

We shall welcome each of you to A&M and hope that your path through college may be both pleasant and profitable. We do not promise you an easy road to an education, but we can assure you that it can be stimulating and exciting, and the results will be worth your best effort.

Sincerely,
F. C. BOLTON
Chairman, Faculty Committee on Scholarships

By action of the Board of Directors, a special Scholarship Committee has been set up to aid and administer the entire scholarships program of the college.

Any white male student who is a citizen of Texas, graduating from an accredited Texas high school, ranking in the top fourth of his class, of good character, and who must have financial assistance in order to secure an education is eligible for the Opportunity Awards competition.

For the incoming freshman who meets the above requirements, there are a total of 16 awards open to him.

Ten four-year scholarships come under the heading of GENERAL OPPORTUNITY AWARDS, which pay \$200 to \$300 each year for four years.

The JESSE H. JONES SCHOLARSHIP, given by Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones of Houston, is for the purpose of preparing men for valuable service to Texas agriculture. This is a four-year scholarship which provides \$200 to \$300 each year for five men willing to accept a position in Texas agriculture upon graduation.

The WOFFORD CAIN AWARD given by Mr. R. Wofford Cain of Dallas, provides one four-year scholarship of \$250, with one award to be given each year for five years.

Ten four-year scholarships, the CLINT W. MURCHISON AWARDS, paying \$250 per year for four years, are being sponsored by Mr. Clint W. Murchison of Dallas. Two of these are to be awarded each year for five years.

The JAMES ROBERT ASTIN OPPORTUNITY AWARD, provided by the late Mrs. Mable F. Astin in memory of her husband James Robert Astin. It is one four-year scholarship providing \$300 each year for four years.

For the freshman year only, the ALBERT BANTA FRESHMAN AWARD, provided by the late Mr. Albert D. Banta of Shreveport, Louisiana, pays \$300. There is only one of these awards.

One four-year scholarship with \$250 per year is furnished by the RUBY KORTH LOAN AWARD given by Clarence Leroy Korth, Class of '41, in honor of his mother, Mrs. Ruby Korth.

Available for a student who has shown unusual ability in the biological sciences is the JULIA BALL LEE AWARD, given by the late Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Ball in memory of their daughter, Julia Lee Ball. The one four-year scholarship pays \$250 each year for four years.

The CORNELIA COOKE SMITH AWARD, provided by the late Cornelia Cooke Smith of Austin, is a four-year scholarship supplying \$250 each year.

The WILL ROGERS OPPORTUNITY AWARDS, established by the late Will Rogers, provide two four-year scholarships paying \$250 each year for four years.

An endowment from Mr. and Mrs. Burns of Brownsville, Texas gives A&M THE MARY JAMES BURNS AND WALLER T. BURNS, JR. AWARD. This is one four-year scholarship with \$125 payable each year.

Another award given by Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Houston, THE JESSE H. JONES MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP, is in honor of Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and George S. Patton, Jr. There are two four-year scholarships paying \$200 to \$400 each year for boys with a desire to prepare themselves for a career in the armed forces.

A valedictorian or honor graduate of a secondary school of Texas, if accredited by the State Department of Education, is eligible for a scholarship that is valid during any two of the three semesters after the holder's graduation. The financial benefit is an exemption from the matriculation fee of \$25 for each of the two semesters.

The A&M Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers of America has

Scholarships Committee Administers Variety Of Awards for Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors

By BILL ROSE

The Scholarships Award Committee of A&M, established to aid and administer the entire scholarships program of the college, has 15 awards and grants which are available to upperclassmen.

These scholarships, made possible by various individuals and groups, are all established for the purpose of aiding those students who wish to extend their education in a particular field and are in need of financial assistance.

Upperclassmen who qualify for the various awards will be under the jurisdiction of the Scholarship Award Committee.

The BANTA SENIOR AWAY a \$300 award made each year a newly classified senior, is the man who has established outstanding scholastic record in his first three years and shows evidence of leadership and need.

The Borden Company of New York City has provided the BORDEN SCHOLARSHIP IN DAIRY HUSBANDRY. This is an award of \$300 to the newly classified senior who has achieved the highest scholastic record in his dairy husbandry work.

The BORDEN SCHOLARSHIP IN VETERINARY MEDICINE identical to the one above in dairy husbandry. It is for the senior with the highest scholastic record veterinary medicine.

For the junior student in horticulture who has established an outstanding record in his class of scholarship, practical experience and his interest in research, the BURPEE AWARD, sponsored by the W. Atlee Burpee Company provides for an annual award of \$100 to be made at the end of the fall semester.

The National Hill Foundation has established an annual fellowship to be known as the RAPH HENRY COHEN FELLOWSHIP in honor of Rabbi Cohen of Geveston. This fellowship is awarded annually to the student, preferably a junior, who has done most to promote interfaith amity and better group relations on the A&M campus.

Three travel scholarships are awarded annually to agronomy students for proficiency in cotton production. The amount of the award varies from \$200 to \$450, depending on whether the tour is to be domestic or foreign.

The Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Missouri, offers the DANFORTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP. This is an annual award sufficient to cover tuition and camp costs for the two-week course at the Leadership Training Camp of the American Youth Foundation to the Outstanding freshman of the School of Agriculture.

The DANFORTH SUMMER FELLOWSHIP, sponsored by the Danforth Foundation and Ralston Purina Mills of St. Louis, Missouri, makes an annual grant for expenses for a two-weeks course at the Ralston Purina Mills, and a two-weeks course at the Leadership Training Camp of the American Youth Foundation to the outstanding junior in the School of Agriculture.

Three \$100 and three \$50 scholarships are available annually to the students in the sophomore, junior, and senior classes in dairy husbandry having the first and second highest scholastic records in their respective classes. These awards are the gift of Herman F. Heep of Austin, Texas.

The ROTZEBUE FUND, provided by M. H. Kotzebe, supplies two grants of \$50 each to the Mechanical Engineering Department to be used to defray traveling expenses for students going to district meetings of the A.S.M.E.

C. C. and W. H. Krueger of San Antonio, Texas, have established the KRUEGER AWARD. This is an annual award of \$500 which is to be given to the member of the newly classified senior class who has the highest scholastic and personal record. The recipient will be selected from those students who have earned as much as \$150 of their student expenses through student labor during the previous three years.

The will of the late Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Ball stipulated a scholarship as a memorial to their daughter



E. E. McQUILLEN, executive secretary of the Former Student's Association for many years, is now the executive director of the A&M Development Fund. He handles the money getting end of the Foundation.

One Out of Four Win Awards

By CHUCK MAISEL

Texas A&M might well be called Horatio Alger Institute. The founders of the school long ago laid foundations for a student life that completely removed all of the false barriers based on financial background that exist in so many other schools.

One of seven dirt farmer's children living with the only son of a city bank president is a common occurrence in the dormitories. But the thing that makes A&M different is that the two boys don't room together because they have to—they're friends. They spend alternate weekends together in each of their homes and between them grows a bond not generally found among college men.

The first catalogue of A&M dated 1876 carried this statement by the Board of Directors: "It is our policy that the students of the Board be confident that in the future, poverty will no longer bar the way of the poorest youth in the land who is capable of receiving a thorough education, and whose breast is fired with an honorable ambition to obtain it."

The announcement of the winners of the 1948 competition for the 50 Opportunity Awards is proof that today's leaders of the college have not forgotten the ideal of the original Board.

Two-hundred boys took the examination in competition for the scholarships last month. Before taking the quiz, these young men had to prove that they could not enter college next fall if they did not win. All of them were in the upper bracket of their high school graduating classes.

The Aggie hopefuls knew that only one in four of their group would win. In the Chemistry lecture room they gave their all to the "three-hour inquisition" with that idea in mind. Observers commented that the tension could be felt in the air. "You can almost hear the brain-gears grinding," one onlooker said.

The Awards are based on scholarship, leadership, character, and need. The examination only decides the first point. The final selection was the very tough job of a special scholarship committee of deans and faculty members.

The attitude of these young stalwarts toward life on the campus and the prospect of becoming Aggies was, in itself, proof of their eagerness to obtain an education. Two-parenters were not to be found in their number, and stomach butterflies were not lacking. They "joined in the familiar 'howdy' all over the campus and made themselves at home in such a manner that they were not even noticed by many Aggies as something out of the ordinary.

The morning after the ordeal, the boys boarded the train for home to await results. Those who had bought Aggie T-shirts on the campus had no desire to put them into moth balls.