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# Life of Cushing Reads Like History of College He Loved

By CRUCK MAISEL

A&M came very close to being named Cushing A&M. There was a time in the institution's history when the legislature disowned the school by failing to appropriate funds for which to run the college's affairs. During this emergency E. H. Cushing, who was then President of the Board of Directors, personally underwrote all checks of the college on his own personal bank account.

A biography of Cushing is a parallel to a history of the college, for his entire life was devoted to building his idea of a greater A&M. Born in 1862, the year the Morrill Land Grant Act establishing the college was passed, he came to A&M with the second class ever to enter the institution in 1877. Although he took a course in civil engineering and was the first engineer ever to graduate from A&M (by virtue of alphabetical order), his degree states that he was a Bachelor of Letters.

Cushing's father was a descendant of a family which had come from England to escape religious persecution. The elder Cushing came to Houston when it boasted a population of 2,500. He established and published in that city

the Houston Telegraph in the decades before the Civil War. This paper played a major role in the crusade for good government of the state. It has advocated and seen put through more reforms than any Texas newspaper since.

Cushing's father believed the new school established the year before 100 miles north of Houston was to become the backbone of education in the state. For this reason he persuaded his young son to go there on graduation from a private school.

When Cushing stepped off the train at College Station he was greeted by the sight of two lonesome buildings standing in the midst of an uninhabited prairie. He wasn't discouraged however for the two structures to him seemed to be holding their heads up proudly, knowing they were to be the nucleus of the greatest educational institution in Texas.

On graduation Cushing went to work with the Southern Pacific Railroad with the one idea in mind to improve the service to College Station in order to draw more students to the school. He stayed with that company for 42 years and was the guiding influence of the line in Texas until his death in 1924.

Both Cushing and his father joined the Army when the first World War broke out. Cushing went to France as a Major with the 17th Engineers. He was placed in charge of several ports of embarkation and although this job brought little glory he performed his tasks admirably.

He never forgot that the American taxpayers were paying for the war and in the bargaining with the French that his job entailed, it is said that the French never got the upper hand of the bargains.

His good work was brought to the attention of General Pershing who had his rank upped to Colonel and added him to the general staff as advising engineer.

In appreciation for his services the citizenry of France bestowed upon him the Legion of Honor.

Soon after his return to civilian life he became president of the Association of Former Students. He held this position several times and is hailed as being one of the finest heads the association ever had.

He resigned this post to become a member of the Board of Directors. During his term as president of this body Cushing put the college on its feet financially. When he took office the monetary affairs of the college were in a hopeless muddle, but he succeeded in bringing order out of chaos by establishing the financial system under which the school still operates.

While he was with the Board the electrical plant of the college was struck by lightning and burned. He was responsible for building the present day Power Plant and even contributed funds for its erection. Another building that stands partly because of Cushing's money is the YMCA.

Perhaps the most important one act he was responsible for was the bringing of President W. B. Bizzell to the college. Bizzell succeeded in bringing about the best student-administration relations the school had known to date.

Cushing amassed a large collection of books in his lifetime including many rare engineering texts. In his will he requested that these books all be donated to A&M as a nucleus for a future library of a size equal to the college's importance.

When the legislature appropriated funds for the library of which Cushing had dreamed, a committee from the ex-students met with the Board of Directors and petitioned them to name the new structure "Cushing Memorial Library."

In this committee's statement to the Board they said: "There is perhaps no man who has had the interests of the college so much before him and no man whose memory deserves such a fitting tribute by the college."

## July 31 Last Day For Reinstating Service Insurance

July 31 is the last day for veterans to reinstate lapsed National Service Life Insurance, the Veterans Administration has announced.

The privilege of reinstating on a "comparative health" basis is available only to veterans whose policies have been lapsed for less than three months.

A veteran whose policy has lapsed for more than three months must take a physical examination and qualify as an insurable risk.

Before August 1, an eligible veteran may reinstate any amount of term insurance—from 1,000 to \$10,000 in multiples of \$500 regardless of the length of time it has been lapsed. He need only fill out an application form, in which he certifies that his health is as good as it was when the policy lapsed, and pay premiums for two months.

## Electronics Men Needed At Keesler Army Air Field

Instructors at salaries ranging from \$2644 to \$7102 a year are needed by the Department of the Air Force at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi, to teach the theory, operation and use of ground and airborne radar and associated equipment, according to the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners for Keesler Air Force Base.

Experience in the field of electronics; teaching experience at high school or college level in physics, electrical engineering, or mathematics; or college education with courses in physics, mathematics, or electrical engineering are all qualifying for the Trainee grade of Radar Instructor at \$2644 a year.

The higher grade of Radar Instructor requires in addition experience as an instructor teaching courses in radar or college teaching in electrical engineering or physics.

Persons appointed as Radar Instructor (Trainee) at \$2644 a year will receive intensive training in the field of radar before being assigned as instructors.

Age limits for the Trainee grade are 18 to 35 years. For the higher grades the maximum age limit is 62 years. These age limits are waived for veterans.

Further information and necessary application forms may be obtained from Civil Service Secretary Roger Jackson at the College Station Post Office.

Applications may be filed until further notice.

## Vets Will Receive 15 Days Leave Pay Unless See Advisor

Veterans who interrupt their training on July 17 will receive 15 days leave pay unless they have already notified the Veterans Administration that they do not want the pay.

Those veterans who will have a new address after July 17 should report it to the Veteran Advisor's office, the veteran advisor said today. Checks cannot be forwarded.

Those who planned to continue training throughout the second summer session and have changed their plans since summer school registration, should report to the Advisor's office and fill out an interruption form. Also these veterans should make sure that their records are retained in the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Waco if they plan to re-enroll in A&M in the fall under the GI Bill.

\$250 IN PLANTS GIVEN LANDSCAPE DEPARTMENT

Yoder Brothers of Barbeton, Ohio, chrysanthemum growers, have again given the Department of Landscape Art Plants valued at approximately \$250. F. W. Hensel, head of the department, has announced.

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## A&M Student Wins Brahman Breeders Essay Contest

Carl Scudder, Jr., Freshman at A&M last spring, has been named the winner of an essay contest sponsored by the American Brahman Breeders Association. He will be awarded a gold watch engraved with his name in recognition of his achievement by the Association.

The contest, which was held during the past school year, was open to any student, taking English 104. The subjects were concerned with some phase of the Brahman cattle industry. Scudder's topic was "The Use of Brahman in the Development of New Breeds of Cattle."

Scudder lives on a ranch near Wimberly, Texas, and is a graduate of San Marcos High School. This summer he is working as a counselor in a camp near New York City. He will return to A&M in September.

Other freshmen who placed in the contest were Clarence D. Bourke, Jr., from Weatherford, second place; Pat Hubert, Rivera, third place; and J. L. Bledsoe, Missouri City, fourth place.

The American Brahman Breeders Association will conduct another contest next fall and spring semesters. However, instead of restricting it to freshmen, the Association will open the competition to any student of A&M.



## Bahme Now Staff Officer in Port City of Yokohama

Captain Nathan Bahme, an Ex-Aggie, is now serving as a staff officer with Headquarters, Second Medium Port, according to a report from the Yokohama Command.

Bahme, a native of Waco, entered the Army in 1941 and arrived in the Orient in 1947.

According to Eighth Army Headquarters, Captain Bahme is filling an important job in the major port city of Yokohama, which is the seat of the headquarters of Lieutenant General Robert L. Eichelberger.

Captain Bahme's organization operates all the Yokohama port facilities including the many details of passenger and cargo handling and ship repairs.

## Placement Office Conducts Survey

A survey is being made to gather information which will help make the Placement Office more effective, Wendell H. Horsley, director of the Office, announced recently.

This survey is to study the professional progress of graduates and the effectiveness of educational programs.

A form will be sent to each graduate from 1930 to the present. The questionnaire will ask for salary, position, and type of work of each. It will try to find out if the present employment is an outgrowth of the course of study pursued while in college.

In addition, the questionnaire will ask the graduate what changes he would recommend to improve the training in his chosen field.

The information given will be held entirely confidential, Horsley said.

## Montfort to Head Farm Conference

P. T. Montfort, research associate in the agricultural engineering department here, has been named as regional vice chairman of the National Farm Electrification Conference.

Montfort, one of six such officers at large, will represent the Southwestern section of the country on the governing board of the conference.

The conference will be held in Chicago November 17-19.

## Renewal of Term Policies Provided

Veterans carrying National Service Life Insurance term policies will be able to renew them for an additional five years upon expiration of their present term period, Public Law 838, passed by the last Congress, provides for this extension, with the provision that higher rates than before be paid because of increased age.

Term insurance taken out before January 1, 1946, carries an eight year term period. Policies issued after that date are for a five year term.

Veterans will still be able to convert their term insurance to permanent types whenever they desire.

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