

# D. W. Williams, Veteran of Two World Wars, Named Vice-Chancellor of A & M System

By **TEX FIELDS**  
Agriculture in the A&M system is being developed on a scale that will dwarf all of its past achievements. D. W. Williams, Vice-Chancellor for Agriculture under the new college organization, said yesterday.

Williams, who came to A&M in the fall of 1919 as an associate professor in the Department of Animal Husbandry, became head of that department in 1922, and has seen the School of Agriculture and the Extension Service organized into an institution that serves all of Texas and the Southwest. During World War II, he left

his position as Vice-President for Agriculture to join the Army overseas in 1943, and served with the U. S. Group Control Council in England, with the SHAEF staff, thence to France, Italy and Austria. He served on the Allied Control Council as U. S. Head of the Agricultural and Forestry Department. He returned to the U. S. in the spring of 1946.

Recalling the School of Agriculture as it existed in 1919, Williams points out the changes and progress of recent years, both in improved organization and facilities.

At that time, there was a lack of integrated effort and interest, due to a great deal of duplication and a low salary scale that hindered the employment of many of the most capable men.

In 1922, all of the School of Agriculture was located in the Science Building. The Judging Pavilion had just been completed, and the Horse Barn was at the site of the present Administration Building. The Sheep Barn was located in the area now occupied by Duncan Hall.

Williams, however, doesn't believe in reminiscing a great deal about other days. "To me," he says, "there are no good old days; we must recognize that we must change to meet the new problems of today and of the future."

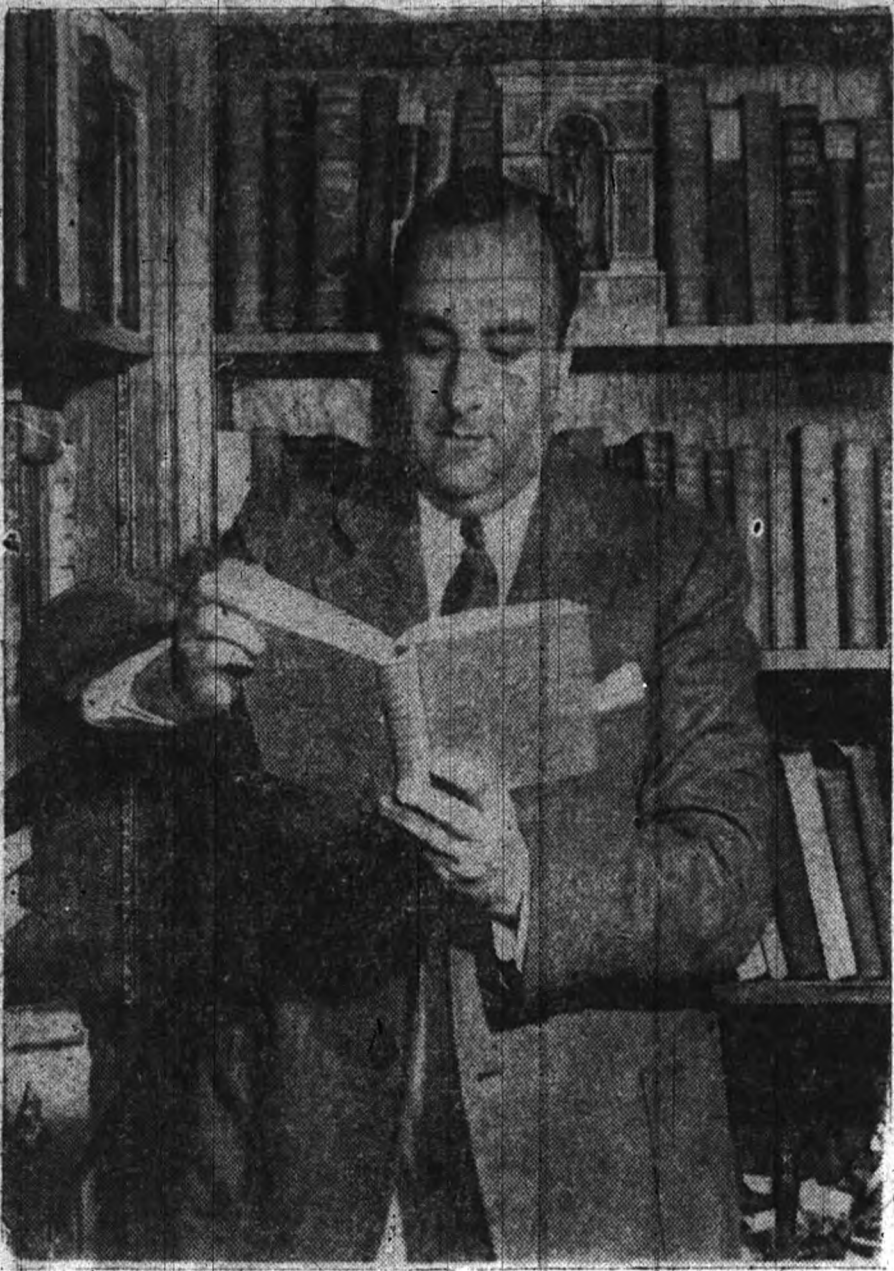
As testimony of the constantly increasing growth and adjustments that are under way, he points to the recently approved plan for redistribution and development of college-owned land across the railroad tracks. Under the new set-up, construction is to begin immediately on a new beef cattle barn, located directly across the tracks from the Gymnasium.

Additional work is to be done on the dairy installations at the Feeding and Breeding Station, with expansion in teaching and research.

Re-assignment of the land will provide the Animal Husbandry Department with 1250 acres, with access to 1130 acres allocated to the Department of Range and Forestry for grazing and field work. The Dairy Husbandry Department will receive 801 acres under this plan. The College has big plans for the Bluebonnet plant, where more than 10,000 acres are to be devoted to the work of the AH Department. It is here that breeding and sire testing are to be done on a large scale, with the hope of developing types of livestock that are more ideally suited to the Southwest. In this capacity, Bluebonnet will work in close co-ordination with other stations at Spur, Balcones, Sonora, Beeville, and Angleton.

Williams expresses great enthusiasm for a rodeo arena that is to be built here, since the College recognizes the value of a suitable place for the breeding, training and performance of horses and other kinds of livestock that are vital to the Southwest.

Today, in the School of Agriculture, it is necessary and desirable for the faculty to divide time between research and teaching on a resident basis, and this aids the student in familiarizing himself with field and extension work. Williams believes this to be an



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important factor in the rapid progress of agriculture here in the past two years, together with a better salary scale that attracts more top-notch men to the school.

In this respect, A&M has received world-wide recognition for work that is being done here in cotton and wheat breeding by a rapidly growing and active graduate school.

With a profound pride and belief in this institution and its future in relation to the problems and opportunities of the Southwest, Williams says his work will be affected very little by the new set-up. In the new A&M system, he will continue the task of coordinating teaching, research and extension functions of Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, the Forestry Service and other branches of the College, including NTAC, JTAC and Prairie View.

He does a great deal of his traveling by plane, having learned to fly after his return from the Service. "Just to prove to myself that I could do it," he says with a grin. And that is just another reason why D. W. Williams will continue to be found wherever big things in agriculture are going on, in the interest of A&M and its vital relation to Texas and all of the Southwest.

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# Taylor Wilkins, Vet Adviser, Serves As Veteran Go-Between

By **OLIVER BURK**  
The office of veterans adviser under Taylor Wilkins has many duties and functions to perform that helps many veterans get better service and more help from the Veterans Administration.

The office clears all the veteran students of A&M with the courses and the number of hours they are taking. They give all the other information that the Veterans Administration requires to get a veteran student on the subsistence payroll of the government and obtain books and supplies for the veterans at government expense.

The collection of tuition and fees for the College from the government is performed by this office. Wilkins acts as coordinator between the college and veteran students.

He also acts as a coordinator between the veterans and the Veterans Administration. He helps get the subsistence payments corrected when there is an error and any other problems that the veteran student may have with the Veterans Administration.

The office of Veterans Adviser assists the Veterans Administration with problems in the training

of veterans. It publicizes any changes of policies in training that the government makes in the way of training for veterans. The veterans adviser furnishes the government with statistical information on veteran's training.

## Garden Club Plans Tea September 24

The Executive Board of the A&M Garden Club met recently and decided to begin the club year with a tea on Friday afternoon, September 24th. Mrs. R. E. Snuggs, secretary of the club, announced today.

Announcement concerning the hour and place will be made later. The first regular meeting of the club will be held the second Friday in October at the YMCA Cha-



DONALD N. BROWN, from Jacksboro, Texas, will serve his second year on the staff of the ENGINEER as assistant-editor. Brown returned to school in September 1946 with what he hopes are the worst years of his life behind him. As a member of the 131st Field Artillery, better known as famous "Lost Battalion" of World War II, Brown served five and one-half years—42 months as a Japanese POW! February 1949 is the great day for the Browns when a CE degree will make A&M's loss in industry's gain.



D. W. WILLIAMS, who has been named Vice-Chancellor of the A&M System for Agriculture expects even greater accomplishments in agriculture under the new organization. Williams served in both World Wars.

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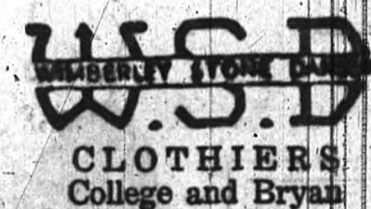
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