

This new Aggie patch which will be worn by cadets was designed by DONALD JARVIS, senior architecture major. The patch replaces the old one which was discarded because it had an OD background and would not launder well.



CARL E. TISHLER starts his second year as head of the A&M Physical Education Department this fall. Tishler will head a varied program of Physical Education courses.

### Town Hall Tickets On Sale Monday To Non-Residents

The sale of non-student tickets for the coming Town Hall season will begin at 8 Monday morning, September 20, at the Student Activities Office, Room 209 Goodwin Hall, according to Spike White, director of student activities.

Season reserved tickets will be priced at \$7.00 and season general admission tickets at \$5.00; both prices include tax. Outstanding among this year's entertainers will be Alec Templeton, blind pianist, Gladys Swarthout, Metropolitan Opera star, Phil Spitzany's All Girl Orchestra, the Original Don Cossack Chorus and the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets will be sold only at the Student Activities Office; requests for tickets by mail or telephone cannot be acknowledged, White announced.

## Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist Started Career As Surveyor's Chainman for Railroad Crew

By H. C. MICHALAK  
Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor of the Texas A&M College System, was born at Willis Point, Texas, December 23, 1887. After graduating from high school he attended Southwestern University at Georgetown for one year before entering the University of Texas from which he received a degree in Civil Engineering in 1909.

Gilchrist started at the bottom of the engineering ladder as a surveyor's chainman for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad. Eight years later he was special assistant to the chief engineer of the line. He was in charge of the reconstruction of the Gulf and Interstate Railroad after the 1915 storm. He located and built the railroad from Newton to Weirgate in Newton County.

## Dr. Ide P. Trotter Completes Six Month World Cotton Study

By TEX EASLEY  
WASHINGTON, (AP)—A Texas agriculture leader, Dr. Ide P. Trotter, has just wound up a six-month study of cotton production and marketing problems over the world, particularly in the Orient. He was borrowed by the government for this assignment.

Leaving headquarters at A&M early last March, he came here for conferences at the Agriculture Department and then headed west on a globe-girdling series of plane hops.

He spent a month in Japan, five weeks in China, seven in India, three in Pakistan and then made brief stops in Turkey, Greece, Italy, and Portugal en route back. The last three weeks he has spent writing a formal report. He expects to be back on his job in Texas at the beginning of September.

The purpose of Dr. Trotter's trip was to determine so far as possible the status and future prospects of the cotton industry in the Orient, which was a good buyer of American cotton in pre-war years. There was a time when 90 percent of Texas' cotton went into export.

Here are some of Dr. Trotter's conclusions:

Japan and China need American cotton, but haven't the money to buy it. They are now getting fair quantities as war-damaged textile mills get back into operation—but

## McFadden Teaches Mexican Farmers New Developments

Edear S. McFadden, small grain scientist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, left September 2 for Mexico City to give Mexican wheat growers the benefit of his life-time work in developing varieties resistant to rust.

There are definite possibilities of growing wheat as a summer crop on the high plateau of interior Mexico, McFadden said. Past efforts, however, have failed as the varieties used always rusted.

McFadden's trip is under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation which is cooperating with the Mexican government in wheat investigations. He also planned to stop at Saltillo for conferences with wheat breeders of the Escuela Superior de Agricultura.

Seed of rust-resistant wheat varieties developed by McFadden have been given the Rockefeller Foundation and a concentrated effort is now being made to establish wheat as a summer crop.

During World War I Gilchrist was with the Army Corps of Engineers, returning from France in 1919 as a Captain. After the war he resumed his career, joining the State Highway Department as a resident engineer and rising to the position of State Highway Engineer in 1924. After one year in this position, he entered private practice with a firm of consulting engineers in Dallas from 1925 through 1927.

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## Government Job Exams Announced

Civil Service examinations for the positions of meteorologist and instrument maker in government service have been announced by Roger W. Jackson, Civil Service representative at the College Station Post Office.

Salaries for the meteorological position range from \$3,727 to \$6,235. Instrument maker's salaries range from \$2,498 to \$4,479 a year. Qualifications required for application and application forms may be obtained from Jackson.

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## Humble Will Carry SWC Contests By Radio, Television

Southwest Conference football games this fall will be broadcast for the 14th consecutive season and televised for the first time under arrangements concluded between the conference and Humble Oil and Refining Co. The broadcast of the 1948 schedule over standard radio stations will again carry the games throughout the state, with complete schedules for each week-end of the season.

Television plans call for telecasting the four home games of TCU in Fort Worth as well as the annual Texas-Oklahoma game at Dallas over television station WBAP-TV, in Fort Worth, Texas' first television station.

First broadcasts of the regular radio schedules will be heard Saturday, Sept. 18, when the conference moves into action.

The Humble Company's announcing crews will consist this year of Kern Tipton, Ves Box, Charlie Jordan, Bill Michaels, Jerry Doggett, Fred Kinkaid, Alec Chesser, Eddie Barker and Bill Newkirk of last year's staff, plus several newcomers to the announcer corps.



The Aggieband Orchestra provides an outlet for the musically inclined students at A&M. Playing under the direction of Bill Turner, the Orchestra has appeared on several radio programs and has played for A&M occasions all over the state.

This collegiate group has filled engagements at the Pleasure Pier at Port Arthur, the Cotton Pageant and Ball at A&M, and the Governor's Inaugural Ball in Austin.

This year the group plans to use a girl vocalist and auditions will be held at the beginning of school to select a girl singer.

Students with dance band experience and who are interested in becoming a member of the Orchestra may contact Turner in the Music Hall. Rehearsals are held each Thursday afternoon from 5 until 7 in the Music Hall.

## New Forestry Exhibits To Be Opened At State Fair

A new portrayal of Texas forestry will greet visitors to the annual State Fair at Dallas October 9 to 24, and to the five larger regional fairs this fall.

C. L. Rich, visual aids specialist for the state forestry organization, has been busy for several months in preparation of new exhibits in cooperation with Paul Vincent of the U. S. Forest Service and with the Texas Forestry Association.

Actually the first of the new exhibits will be unveiled between September 14 and 18 at the Central East Texas Fair at Tyler. There an animated sawmill and electric train hauling logs will form the centerpiece of an exhibit showing what forests contribute to the average Texas community. This exhibit was built by C. D. Pruett of the Texas Forestry Association executive committee. It will be further used at the State Fair and Forest Festival.

A number of new features will be presented at more elaborate displays at the Forest Festival in Lufkin September 27 to October 2 and at the State Fair in Dallas. Harry Rossell, U. S. Forest Service artist from Atlanta, Georgia, will spend a week painting special scenic backgrounds and captions as well as a management chart on selective cutting and specially leaf drawings.

Weldon B. Davis, Texas Forest Service woodworking specialist, is preparing a new exhibit on forest fire control which will show a cross section of fire detection work, including a model fire tower, jeep and other phases.

Ten color panels, each including one large and five small scenes, will be made to stand out with special lighting. Four of these panels will be on Texas trees, six on forest products and industries.

A folding plywood exhibit showing new forest products developed through research, a slide projector showing a new series on what forests give and large photos of state and national forest recreational areas, tree farms and other forest uses are also part of the plan.

In addition to the above, special features at the State Fair will include living pine trees and a bed of living seedlings used for reforestation. A special program, which include a radio broadcast, is being planned for Forestry Day at the State Fair on October 12.

The Texas Forest Service also stands ready to place exhibits at the Northeast Texas Fair at Marshall September 20 to 25, at the Four States Fair at Texarkana, September 28 to October 3, and at the South Texas Fair at Beaumont October 21 to October 30. Exhibits will also be available for a number of county fairs.

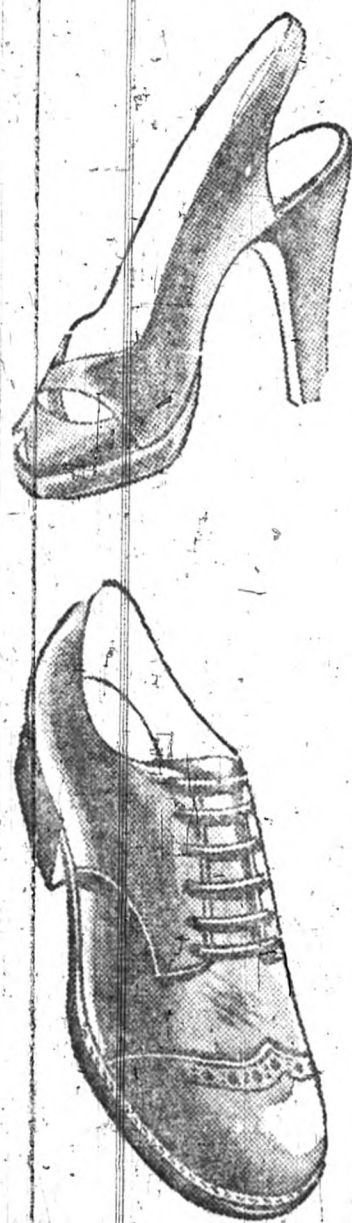
## Great Issues To Be Offered During Spring Semester

The Great Issues Course will be offered in the spring semester, S. R. Gammon, chairman of the great issues committee announced today. The course is listed in the catalogue as Administration 405 and it will meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a. m. during the second semester, Gammon said.

Gammon pointed out that students signing up for the Great Issues Course should keep Monday and Wednesday evenings open as most of the visiting speakers will address the class at those times rather than in the morning classes. All A&M seniors (those that have passed at least 90 semester hours by the end of January, 1949) will be eligible to take the course as an elective, Gammon said.

The Great Issues course was started at A&M in the spring semester of 1948. The course was designed to enable graduating seniors to understand the complex workings of national and international problems, Gammon said. H. R. Kieckhefer, Walter Dumany and other speakers appeared on the Great Issues Program last spring semester.

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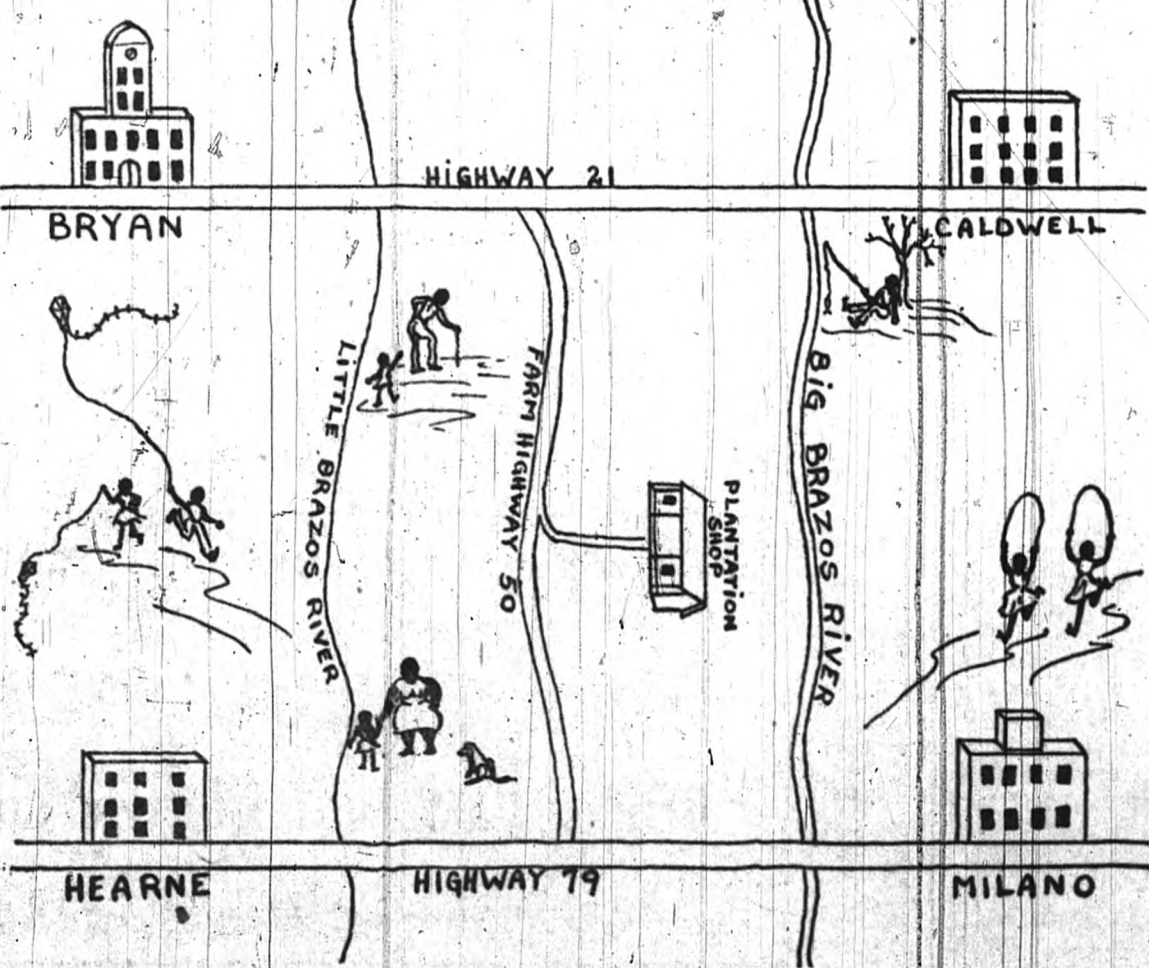
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## Memorial Center Office in Bizzell

Offices of the Memorial Student Center and college confectioneries, have been moved to the first floor Bizzell Hall, according to J. Wayne Stark, director. The main office of the Memorial Student Center is located in Room 156. Offices of the Memorial Student Center formerly were on the third floor of Goodwin Hall. Telephone numbers are as follows: Memorial Student Center, 4-1227; The Gate, 4-7474; and The Campus Corner, 4-7874.



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