

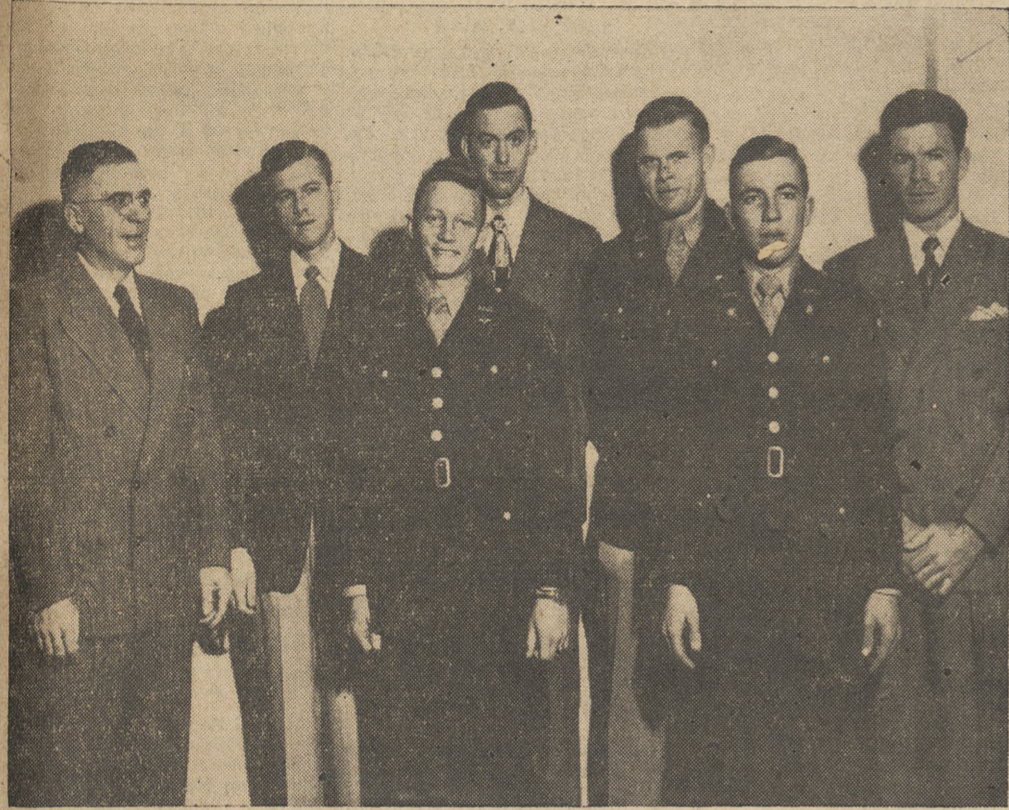
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Six students have been announced as winners of the Herman F. Heep scholarships by Dr. I. W. Rupel, head, Dairy Husbandry Department. Pictured, left to right, Dr. Rupel, Jas. E. Kennedy, Hilmer H. Schuelke, Rayford C. Kay, Percy C. Burk, Calvin Rinn; John P. Bemes.

Dogfood for a Year . . . A&M Student and Wife Win 'Second Honeymoon' Contest

Sam Jenkins, captain of the Aggie basketball team, injected a bright note in the otherwise sombre journey of A&M cagers through the North and East.

Jenkins, one of the two married squadmen, was selected to appear on the "Second Honeymoon" program in New York last Thursday and he walked off with an estimated \$500 to \$1000 in prizes plus a one-week, all expense paid second honeymoon at the Edgewater Beach Hotel at Gulfport, Biloxi, Mississippi.

A civil engineering major who will graduate in January, Jenkins gave the winning answer to the question "Why Should you have a second honeymoon?"

Jenkins replied that his marriage had been delayed by three years of army service, part of this time as a prisoner of war, and that he and Nancy (Mrs. Jenkins, a secretary in the VA here) were married in August 1947, when he was discharged. Since he wanted to continue his education, they moved immediately from El Paso to College Station. This left very little time for a honeymoon, he said.

"Everytime school lets out for holidays, they put a basketball in my hands and send me someplace to play," he continued, explaining why he and his wife had never been able to promote a honeymoon.

Included in the prizes won by Jenkins is the expense paid trip, new luggage, a wrist watch for himself and one for his wife, a man's suit and six white shirts, and a ladies suit, two pairs of shoes, a

Kyle Named To State Prison Board

E. J. Kyle, former Dean of Agriculture here, has been appointed to the State Prison Board for a six year term expiring February 2, 1955.

Announcement of the appointment was made Friday by Governor Beauford Jester.

Clark Works On Arabian Ag Project

By ROLLY C. KOLBYE

Mrs. Sallie Clark, former owner of the A&M Grill, has received a letter from her son, Joe Clark, class of '46, who is working on an agriculture project for the King of Arabia.

The royalty of Arabia made an extensive tour of the States last year, including the A&M campus, observing agricultural methods employed in this country. Numerous American agriculturists have been employed by the Arabian government to supervise modern methods of farming and to carry on research.

Clark's letter reported that he is supervisor of 800 acres on the Bydijah farm in Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia. Four hundred of these acres are in alfalfa, he said.

Clark is now leveling some land for cultivation using a diesel motor grader, and a D-8 Caterpillar. This land, Clark said, has never before been in cultivation, and 60 acres of melons have been planted.

Houses on the farm are much like haciendas found in Mexico. Clark said that lots of wild game can be hunted in Arabia. He has killed 3 foxes, 14 mallard ducks and many sand grouse.

The king's brother-in-law invited a group of Americans to his house for dinner, where they were served a whole baked chicken each, and roast camel covered with rice.

They ate with their hands, since the use of silverware is not the custom of that country, Clark's letter stated.

VA Pension Cases Increase Slightly

Compensation and pension cases on Veterans Administration rolls increased from 2,878,000 on October 1, 1948, to 2,879,000 on November 1—the first increase in six months. The peak was reached August 1, 1947, when the Veterans Administration reported 2,894,000 cases.

Use of Bryan Air Field For 1949-50 School Year Expected, Says Bolton

Extension Service Makes Changes

Appointment of a new specialist and three changes in assignments of Extension Service workers have been announced by Dr. Ide P. Trotter, director.

Effective January 1:
J. A. Gray, associate professor of animal husbandry, was appointed extension animal husbandman. He will specialize in sheep, goat, wool and mohair production, with headquarters at San Angelo.

Cudlipp Named To A&M Board Of Directors

A. E. Cudlipp of Lufkin has been named to the A&M Board of Directors by Governor Beauford Jester to succeed H. L. Kokernot of Alpine who is retiring. George R. White of Brady and E. W. Harrison of South Bend were reappointed.

All three were named for six-year terms ending January 10, 1955.

Cudlipp is an East Texas industrialist and civic leader. He is vice president of the Lufkin Foundry and a pioneer in manufacturing oil-well pumping and other field equipment.

A. F. Mitchell of Corsicana was also named a member of the State Highway Commission by Jester to succeed J. S. Redditt of Lufkin.

Mitchell is a graduate of A&M and a former employee of the State Highway Department. He is a member of the A&M Development Fund Board and has been active in former student work.

R. G. Potts of Harlingen, another A&M graduate, has been appointed to the Commission effective February 15 to succeed Fred Knecht.

These appointments will place two A&M men on the three-man board. Both must be approved by the State Senate, but no opposition is expected.

TEXAS NEW YEAR'S DEATHS HIT 38 MARK

Texas' violent death toll over the New Year's holiday was at least 38.

The number of violent deaths reported by state police from Dec. 23 to Jan. 1 was 144, with traffic taking 70 lives.

Fifteen persons were killed in traffic accidents during the New Year's holiday. Two died in a plane crash, the others by various forms of violence.

Three persons died in traffic accidents during heavy rains in southeast Texas Sunday.

Killed in three separate accidents during heavy rains in the Beaumont area Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Lucy D. Morgan, age unknown, of Magnolia Springs in Jasper county; Mrs. Ida Bell Jones, 35, Jasper, and O. C. Long, a 67-year-old Negro woman. Fourteen other persons were injured in the accidents.

Facilities Needed for 1,200 Students Off Campus; Drop in Enrollment Not Predicted

Bryan Field Annex will probably have to be used throughout the 1949-50 school year, according to President F. C. Bolton.

"Unless we have an unexpected sharp drop in enrollment," he pointed out, "we will again be faced with a shortage of dormitory rooms, classrooms and laboratories on the main campus, necessitating outside facilities to care for at least 1200 students."

Short Course On Uses of 2,4-D Scheduled Here January 20 - 21

Rice, cotton and manufacturing interests are getting together here January 20-21 for a short course on uses of 2,4-D. The meeting is primarily for custom airplane crop service operators and pilots.

It will be the first thorough coverage on all phases of the new weed killer—which has caused much controversy in the past—in the nation.

The meeting will be sponsored jointly by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service. Dr. A. A. Dunlap, head of A&M's department of plant physiology and pathology, is general chairman.

Out of state speakers include L. S. Evans of the USDA bureau of plant industry, Beltsville, Maryland; Claude L. Welch, of the National Cotton Council, Memphis, Tennessee; O. K. Hedden of the USDA agricultural engineering laboratory of Toledo, Ohio; and L. S. Hitchner of the Agricultural Insecticide and Fungicide Association of New York City.

Representatives of the American Rice Growers Association and Civil Aeronautics Association will also take part in the meeting. The CAA recently prohibited applications of 2,4-D in dust form from airplanes.

A demonstration of airplane spraying equipment is scheduled at the college-owned Easterwood Airport under the direction of Guy Smith, airport manager.

Cotton farmers—who have reported heavy cotton damage when 2,4-D was dusted on nearby rice fields to control weeds—will hear a progress report from Dr. R. Ergle A&M chemist, on the effects of small amounts of 2,4-D on the development of cotton plants.

Speakers from A&M include M. K. Thornton, agricultural chemist, who will report on damage from 2,4-D in Texas and other areas; Dr. R. D. Lewis, station director, who will discuss the outlook for research with weed killers; and J. D. Prewitt, extension vice director, who will review the responsibilities of the Extension Service in the safe use of 2,4-D.

D. D. Clinton, Harris County Agricultural Agent, will cover "The cotton farmer and 2,4-D," while E. C. Tullis, plant pathologist of the Beaumont station, will discuss meteorological conditions governing safe applications of the weed killer.

Dr. Dunlap, Station Vice Director S. E. Jones, and Extension Assistant State Agent E. C. Martin will preside.

Agromony Society Schedules Picnic

The annual Agromony Society picnic will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Bryan, Virgil C. Caraway announced this morning. Fried chicken and all the trimmings will be served. Dancing will follow the dinner.

Tickets are one dollar each and must be purchased from Miss Taylor in the agronomy office in the Agriculture Experiment Station Building by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Caraway said.

Transportation will be available at 6 p.m. Thursday in front of the Agriculture Experiment Station.

Cloyce M. Terrell Takes Army Tour

Cloyce M. Terrell, a 1948 graduate from Plainview and second lieutenant in the Infantry Section of the Organized Reserve Corps has reported to the Army for a three year tour of duty, Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, senior army instructor for the Organized Reserves in Texas, announced today.

He is stationed with the 2nd "Hell on Wheels" Armored Division at Camp Hood, Texas.

Medical Students, Fifth Year Men Draft Deferred

New exemptions for graduates of advanced ROTC, subject to service under the Selective Service Act, have been announced by Lt. Col. W. S. McElheney, Executive Officer of the Military Department.

The following persons are exempt: Those pursuing courses of instruction which normally require five full academic years of college-level training for a baccalaureate degree will be called to active duty following completion of five academic years of college-level training (not to extend beyond five calendar years) or completion of the course, whichever occurs earlier.

Those who are accepted for, or scheduled to enter a recognized school of medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, theology or divinity, will not be ordered to duty so long as they are successfully pursuing fulltime courses in these fields, to include required internships.

There are at present, President Bolton pointed out, 2,506 dormitory rooms available on the main campus, which would house 5,012 students at two to the room. In addition, there are 870 college-owned apartments and trailers, which would accommodate one married student each. This offers housing for 2,529 students on the main campus.

At present 1,358 students live in privately-owned quarters as day students. This leaves a surplus of over 1,200 unmarried students to be housed in some means off the main campus. Approximately that number are housed this year at Bryan Field Annex.

Classrooms, Labs Full "The room shortage is not, however, our most serious problem," President Bolton added. "Today we have every classroom and laboratory filled all but a few hours a day. Bringing in another 1,000 to 1,200 students might be accomplished by crowding three students in most of our rooms, but could not be handled without starting classes at seven in the morning, running some through the noon hour, and possibly conducting some classes at night. This is impossible, if we are to continue to operate efficiently under a military system."

Marvin C. Nichols To Address TSCE

Marvin C. Nichols, consulting engineer of Ft. Worth, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the J. T. L. McNew Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Civil Engineering Lecture Room, a reporter for the organization announced.

Nichols, who has been practicing civil engineering in Texas, will speak on "Water Supply and Treatment for Texas Cities."

Conference Sportsmanship, Organization of A&M System Rank High . . .

Student Center And Turkey Game Named Highlights Of Year

By LARRY GOODWYN

They stemmed from footballs in Memorial Stadium and state-wide political issues to closed rooms involving million dollar business deals but, in any event, A&M's ten top stories of 1948, made news, not only at Aggieland, but across the state as well.

The Battalion's annual rankings of news stories throughout the year produced a selection of events that touched almost every major division of the college. Sports, administration, military happenings, student-prof relations, new buildings, and changes effecting the status of A&M years in the future, were included in the ten stories that finally survived an hour long session of The Battalion editorial board.

The opinion was not unanimous and there were some hot words when it was all over, but, for better or worse, here are the "Ten Top Stories of 1948 at A&M."

1. **STUDENT CENTER**—The awarding of the contract to the McKee Construction Company to build A&M's new million dollar plus Student Union won the nod as Aggieland's top story of 1948. The significance of the event and its influence on the future at A&M added to the importance as a new story of the letting of the Student Center contract. Still more than a year away from completion, the Student Memorial Center promises to be big news throughout the coming year as well.

2. **14-14 TIE WITH TEXAS**—The Thanksgiving "victory" in Memorial Stadium in Austin, undoubtedly the most "gladdening" of 1948's news stories, was given the second spot. Ending a 24 year reign of successive Longhorn victories in Memorial Stadium, the Aggies

14-14 tie received many first place votes and finished a strong second.

3. **SPORTSMANSHIP IN CONFERENCE**—The wholeheartedness with which the entire Southwest Conference has taken part in good sportsmanship rated the third spot. Because of the interest shown in the annual sportsmanship award inaugurated by The Battalion last year, the awarding of the trophy this spring shapes up as a major event.

4. **REORGANIZATION OF THE A&M SYSTEM**—The Administrative shuffle which elevated Gibb Gilchrist to the Chancellery and Dr. F. C. Bolton to the Presidency ranked fourth among the stories of 1948. Probably the most far-reaching as far as its influence of the future of A&M is concerned, the reorganization story also included the elevation of Dean M. T. Harrington to the post of acting dean of the college and D. W. Williams to Vice-Chancellor of the A&M System. Under the new organization, presidents were installed for the first time at John Tarleton, NTAC, and Prairie View, and the administration of all measures effecting the members of the system was coordinated under one man, the Chancellor.

5. **PRESIDENT BOLTON'S INAUGURATION**—The inauguration ceremonies on November 18 for President Bolton gained the fifth rung of the 1948 news ladder at Aggieland. Featured by a Corps Review in honor of the new president, the ceremonies marked the fourteenth time a president has stepped into A&M's presidency, in the college's 60 year history.

6. **MILITARY**—Two notable changes occurred in the realm of the military department. First was the reactivation in the spring of the Ross Volunteers, an honorary company, which was inactive during

the war. The unit composed of juniors and senior distinguished for military and academic achievement made its first public appearance during the Muster ceremonies last spring and appeared again as honor guard for Governor Beauford Jester at the Thanksgiving Day football game. The other important change brought Col. H. L. Boatner to the post of commandant of the College, replacing Col. Guy S. Meloy.

7. **CONFERENCE TRACK STORY**—The successful defense of their Southwest Conference Track Championship by Colonel Frank Anderson's track team earned the seventh spot on the title. Sparked by top heavy victories in the field events and the quarter mile events, the Aggies established themselves as a perennial power in the cinder sport and are favored to repeat again in '49.

8. **POLITICS**—The successful campaigns of Peyton McKnight, James Prensal, and Andy Rogers for posts in the State Legislature placed politics on the list of A&M's top stories. Another political item: The unsuccessful campaign for the United States Senate by F. B. Clark, former professor in the Economics Department.

9. **BIZARRE OCCURRENCES**—Unusual events rated front page mention several times during the course of 1948. The holdup in broad daylight of a janitress outside the Petroleum Engineering Building highlighted the spring semester which also included several raids, successful and otherwise, on department offices prior to exam week.

The appearance of an "unidentified" schmo on the campus early in the fall created speculation for days on the campus before the mystery was finally solved. The election to discover A&M's Ugly Man involved two weeks of campaigning on the part of 29 entrants and a

runoff election between five contenders that resulted in the election of Charlie Munden.

10. **RATING OF INSTRUCTORS**—Winding up the Battalion's list of top stories for 1948 was the ranking of profs by students. Filling out standardized forms which asked student opinion of instructors according to "scholarships, fairness, and ability to present subject," the ratings were held early in 1948 and were regarded as a definite step in the realm of progressive education.

There they are, A&M's top stories of 1948 as seen by The Battalion's editorial staff. There undoubtedly is some question concerning the relative merit of each story. They were judged both on the basis of current student interest and an overall importance and effect of the story to A&M as a whole. Thus, the football game with Texas ranked high on student interest, but its overall importance could not match the building of the new student center.

Honorable mention stories for 1948 included the ranking of College Station at the top of Texas' health list—a real tribute to local merchants—and the installation of lounges in each two dorms. The latter accomplishment, bringing immediate remedy to a need that the Student Center promises to satisfy to a greater degree when it is completed, probably ranks first on the student's "appreciation" list for '48.

The editorial board added the accomplishments of that Fighting Texas Aggie Band as a post script. According to the unanimous decision of the staff, the Band won every engagement in which it participated.