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## Dotson is Named Most Outstanding at Ft. Sill

By BILL ROSE

For the third straight year, an Aggie has been named as the outstanding cadet at the Field Artillery summer camp, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The honor went to J. T. Dotson who was presented an award to that effect by Preston J. Moore, department commander of the American Legion of Oklahoma, at final exercises Thursday July 28. Bobby Sykes was the outstanding cadet of his battery and Hubert Beutel, Jr., and Floyd Henk were the outstanding cadets of their respective platoons.

At the same ceremony, recently graduated A&M students Charles Maisel, James Kirkland, and John Flanagan were commissioned second lieutenants in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Honors to A&M

The boys from A&M ran away with most of the other honors of camp while they were at it. Perhaps the most satisfying was the attention paid the young Aggies by the local belles of Lawton and Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasaw.

The girls believed at the end of the camp that A&M was the only school represented at Fort Sill. Actually, there were seven schools there including Oklahoma, Arizona State, Colorado A&M and others. One of the big features of the social season was the inevitable Aggie party. This one took place in the sleepy little mountain village of Medicine Park. The town's usual serenity got quite a jolt when the Aggies hit it in force.

Highlight of the affair was a yell practice led by ex-Aggie R. J. Standley. The usual "joke" was furnished this time by Major Charles Ostner of the A&M Military Department.

Three Dances

There were three dances held on the post for the cadets, with girls furnished by the city of Lawton. The most memorable was the last which was held at the Officers' Club.

The program included Aggie Buddy Boyd singing several songs and a novelty number by the "Wichita Mountain Boys," called the "Fort Sill Blues." This last group was made up of Earl Edwards, Dave Sanders, and Chuck Maisel, all of A&M.

The cadets at Fort Sill claim to have shot up more of Uncle's money than any other camp this summer. In the 240 hours of practical field artillery training, over 8000 rounds of 105 mm. and 45 mm. ammunition has been fired and observed by the students.

Students Command

All of the students have occupied positions of command. Under the system of rotation of command the cadets have led their outfits from battalion to squad. A favorite expression has been "Battalion Commander today, Private tomorrow."

The big rivals among the schools have been the Aggies and the boys from Okie U. "Beat OU" should have special meaning to the artillery students this fall.

The A&M men had at least one moment of supreme triumph in the course of the camp. After the boys from north of the Red River had listened for six weeks to the unusual boasting of the Aggies, Post Commander Major General Joseph Swing made a speech in which he said that ROTC students (See Ft. Sill, Page 4)

## Consolidated Will Have New Teachers

A&M Consolidated elementary and high school will begin the fall term with a new junior high school and eight new teachers, L. S. Richardson, superintendent, said Friday.

College Station schools have been allotted 11 teachers, three of whom are Negro, and a 35 per cent increase in state funds under the Gimer-Aiken foundation fund. This is an increase of eight white, and three Negro teachers, over last year, Richardson said.

The new junior high school will occupy the building which formerly housed the high school, according to Richardson. W. T. Riedel will be the principal. Riedel has been teaching science at Consolidated for two years.

Full Time Librarian

Among the new teachers will be Consolidated's first full-time librarian, a high school principal, junior and senior high coaches, and a high school history and Spanish teacher.

Miss Geraldine Bender from Texarkana, a 1949 TSCW graduate will be the first full-time librarian. However, before school starts she will marry an Aggie.

Jim Bevan, A&M physical education student, who will graduate next month will be the junior high school coach next year, Richardson said. From Columbus, Tennessee,

Bevan attended Vanderbilt and Virginia University while a Navy trainee.

Senior High School

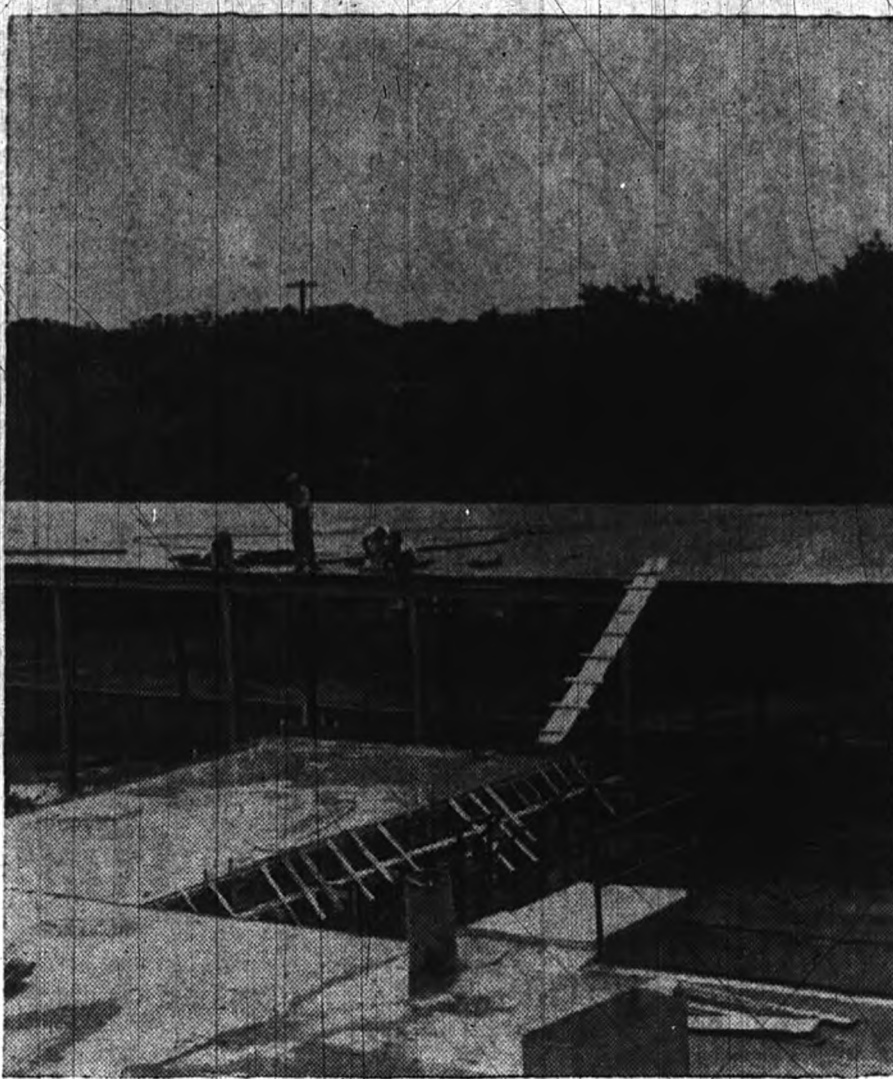
The senior high school coach will be O. V. Chafin, a 1947 graduate of Southwestern University at Georgetown. He has been assistant coach at Hearne and at Georgetown. In addition to being coach, he will teach physics and chemistry.

L. E. Boze of Carey will take the place of Richardson as the new high school principal. Richardson has been named superintendent. Boze graduated from East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, and has had nine years teaching experience. He taught at Nevada and Carey, where he was principal, then superintendent. Richardson said that Boze may teach public speaking.

History and Spanish Teacher

History and Spanish teacher at Consolidated High School will be Mrs. Sidney Sorenson, who has been teaching at Edinburg. She was graduated from West Chester State Teachers College in Pennsylvania, and received her master's degree in Spanish from the University of Texas.

Mrs. Sorenson is also a freelance writer. Many of her articles have appeared in Sunday magazine sections of Texas papers.



Recent rains have slowed work very little on the Memorial Student Center. Roofwork on the new bowling alley is nearing completion. If the present rate of progress is continued the Center should be ready for use in the latter part of next year.

## Gondoliers Strike Too . . .

## Water Streets at Venice Something New to Aggies

By DON JARVIS

Battalion European Correspondent

Venice, July 27—We had been on the road—same companions, same driver, same bus, same bumpy seats—for nine days when we left Rome. Our brief stay in Italy's capital had been pleasant enough, except possibly for the side walk vendors who stop you every ten steps and the hotel's mixup in returning our laundry to the wrong rooms.

But the trip north through the mountains was long and tiring. Everyone was snapping at each other's throats by the end of the day, and our overnight stops in Siena and Florence did little more than postpone the arguments till the next day.

Yesterday, however, we came to the most pleasant city yet—that mecca of all resort towns, Venice.

As we came to the city limits, much like the approaches to Galveston, we had to park our bus in a large garage and take a "taxi"—a motor boat—to our hotel. We'd heard of Venice's water-streets all our lives, and that didn't seem too strange. But when we saw that signal light at a canal crossing and a traffic cop at the corner, we began to think we were in dreamland. But it's real enough and has its many drawbacks.

Last week, for instance, the gondoliers went on strike against the motorboat drivers, complaining that the motorboats were ruining their trade—they charged less, got there faster, and made waves, frightening the passengers. I don't know if their strike was successful, but I'll side with the gondoliers. It's a pleasure just to watch their skill at handling those boats with one oar on one side.

Venice's ideal climate and picturesque beauty attracts many tourists. Americans are here by the thousands, and prices are very high. We are all glad that our hotel bill includes meals so that our expenses are cut to a minimum.

But when we do buy something we learn the European way of selling. An article has a price tag on it simply for a "come-on." The salesman usually doesn't expect to get that much for it, and many times, especially when buying from peddlers, we've been able to buy an article at one-third the price originally asked. Wouldn't they be

surprised at our silly American ways?

They are surprised at one thing we do. Breakfasts here consist of one menu—some small hard golf-ball-like rolls and coffee or chocolate. The noon meal is the main meal of the day, and after stuffing it down everyone takes his afternoon snooze.

Probably 95 percent of the shops in Rome were closed between 1:30 and 4. They just couldn't understand our willingness to go anywhere or do anything except sleep during those hours!

Our French bus driver especially has become irked with us, and many times when we've insisted that he drive on after lunch, continuing his speedy pace of 35 m.p.h., he has seen some shady spot on the roadside, stopped, and announced the bus was too hot, we would stop there for an hour.

Of course we had been siesta-ing all along in good old history classroom style. The bus is surely hard to get comfortable in, though.

Tomorrow we leave Venice to head for Switzerland. But there are still many towns left where the people will look up in surprise; first at the "American Express" sign on our bus, then at the Texas Aggie sticker on the window, and then at the strange sounds of "hulla balloo caneck caneck."

## Owen Reassigned; Replaced by Lewis

Lt. Col. Glenn B. Owen, senior infantry instructor, ROTC, since September 1946, has been assigned to the Student Detachment Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Colonel Owen saw service overseas from April 1944 to April 1946 in the Pacific Theater. He will leave for his new post August 20.

Lt. Col. William F. Lewis, infantry, a 1940 West Point graduate, will succeed Colonel Owen. He is with the Air Command and Staff School, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

Colonel Lewis spent 43 months overseas in the Asiatic, Pacific and Iceland theaters.

## Book Gyp Artists In College Area

An attempt to sell reference books at exorbitant prices in College Station area has been called to the attention of The Battalion.

Reports said that door-to-door salesmen making calls were charging prices for reference books that were way above normal.

People in doubt about the prices of books can get information from the College library.

## Duke is One of Seven Outstanding At Hood

By C. C. MUNROB

Camp Hood Batt Correspondent (Cav.)

James H. "Red" Duke, senior yell leader for 1949-1950, Friday was named the outstanding cadet for Company G, cavalry, at Camp Hood during final exercises for the ROTC summer camp.

The title of outstanding cadet in each company was the highest award made to any of the 835 college students attending the 1949 summer camp.

Duke, together with outstanding cadets from the six other ROTC companies was presented to the last summer camp assembly at the War Department Theater.

Three other A&M men were named as outstanding cadets in their platoons. They were Chester M. Bell, Jr., 3rd platoon of Company A, infantry; Joe E. McConnell, 3rd platoon of Company E, infantry; and Carroll F. Cogan, 1st platoon of Company F, cavalry.

Five Get Commissions  
Commissions as second lieutenants in the Officers Reserve Corps were presented to five A&M cadets at the final exercises.

Major General Albert C. Smith, commanding general of the Second Armored Division, handed the certificates of commission to Aggies Chester M. Bell, Jr., Leonard O. Colman and Bill C. Nichols of the infantry.

Two cavalry cadets also received commissions from General Smith. They were Albert J. Busch, Jr. and Paul B. Walls.

In addition to the outstanding cadet awards and the commissioning ceremonies, recognition was given those cadets who had been winners in inter-camp sporting events during the past six weeks.

Sports Medals Given  
The Aggies who were given medals were Wendy Elliott of Company F for winning the ROTC camp diving championship and Gene Holt of Company G for being a member of the winning 100 yard relay team.

Bill Billingsley of Company G was also given a medal as a member of the championship 200 yard relay team.

Colonel E. H. Keltner, ROTC camp executive officer, made the awards.

A&M cadet Bob Speer of Company B, infantry, was a member of the camp softball championship team and also received a medal.

Presidents Attend  
Present at the final exercises in addition to the ROTC regiment and members of the Camp Hood and ROTC camp staffs were the presidents of three of the schools with cadets attending summer camp.

Those schools represented by their presidents were Allen Military Academy, New Mexico Military Institute and Oklahoma A&M.

At the conclusion of the exercises the entire ROTC regiment participated in a final review on the camp parade ground.

Arnst Makes Expert  
James E. Arnst, A&M cavalry cadet attending ROTC summer camp at Camp Hood, was awarded an experts medal for the M1 rifle at ceremonies held during the final days of the summer training.

Arnst scored 187 points out of a possible 210 to tie for second place in the cavalry companies. First place went to John F. Hamilton of Oklahoma Military Academy who scored 192 points.

Arnst tied with James E. Grallman also of O.M.A.

The rifle medals were presented to all cadets who qualified at recent range firing at Camp Hood.

Sharpshooters Medals  
Sharpshooters medals were awarded to 28 A&M cadets. They were George Harris, James "Red" Duke, Stanley Beck, Bucko Wyler, Glenn Ramey, Duane Strother, Bobby Lowe, and Louis Lawson.

Joice Cox, Tommy Cooper, Delmar Libby, Ed Lueckemeyer, Terry Anderson, Weldon Kinnison, Bill Pumphrey, and Johnny Gimarc.

Major Parsons will probably be ordered overseas upon completion of a 10-month course at the school. He and his wife and four children, will leave here August 20 and will report to Fort Leavenworth August 22.

## WEATHER

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday with scattered mostly daytime thundershowers near the upper coast; not much change in temperature; moderate variable winds on the coast.

Major Greer was one of two A&M officers who assisted in the operation of the 1949 cavalry summer camp. Captain David J. Moran of A&M was the 1st platoon leader of Company F.

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SHOWERS  
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## Hutchison New Horticulturist

John E. Hutchison '36, began his duties as associate extension horticulturist at A&M, today.

Hutchison is a native of Itasca. He graduated from Itasca High School in 1931 and received a BS degree from A&M in 1936.

For the past year, he has been doing graduate work under a Sears-Roebuck Fellowship and will receive his MS degree from A&M at the end of the second term of summer school. The MS degree will be in horticulture.

From 1936-39, he taught vocational agriculture at Missouri City and from 1939-45 he held the same position in the Bay City High School. He was appointed county agricultural agent in Matagorda county in August, 1945 and served until he was granted leave of absence to do graduate work.

## MSC Not Delayed Because of Rain

Work on the Memorial Student Center has not been delayed by the recent rains. K. R. Simmons, construction superintendent, said today.

All work has been going according to schedule and the deadline of November, 1950, will be met, Simmons added.

At the present time, the laying of brick and Austin stone comprise the major part of the work being done, Simmons said. The most progress, however, has been made on the bowling alley and pool hall where steel decking has been laid and the roof completed.

No important units are expected to be finished by September as the bulk of the work scheduled consists of wiring, plumbing and brick laying.

Cadets T. E. Huddleston, B. L. Huebner and S. C. Hooks of A&M in foreground, study the operation of the J-35 jet engine on test blocks at

Chanute Air Force Base. Eight hundred air force ROTC cadets are attending the summer camp there.