



Lewis A. Burton, senior ME major from College Station, will be one of The Battalion's managing editors for this school year.

## Abbott Again Set For Annex Duties

With great capability and a soft Tennessee drawl, Dr. J. P. Abbott has carried out his duties as acting dean of the annex for the past two years.

Born in Nashville in 1904, Dr. Abbott attended Hume Fogg High School, and received his BA in

### The Colonel Gets His Wings Clipped Good

LONDON-(P)—The man slouched on the bench at London's Waterloo station was just what a military policeman should not be: Cap over eyes, buttons undone, cigarette dangling from lips. The obvious colonel in civilian clothes bristled with indignation.

"Stand up man," he said. "What do you mean by setting such a slovenly example?"

"Eh, chum?" murmured the reclining figure.

"Dammit sir, what's your number? Who's your c.o.?" bellowed the colonel.

"Now look here, mate . . ."

At that moment he was called to take his place with other extras on the station platform for filming another scene in "Seven Days to Noon." The colonel, speechless and scarlet, retreated.

English and philosophy from Vanderbilt in 1925.

He did graduate work in English at Vanderbilt University, Tulane University, University of Wisconsin, and received his PhD at the University of Iowa in 1939.

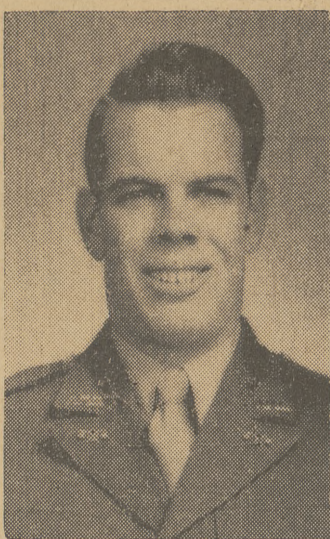
From 1926 to the present time, Dr. Abbott has been in the English Department at A&M, and in 1947 was made Assistant to the Dean of the College in charge of the A&M Annex, a position he has held ever since.

Dr. Abbott is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Association of University Professors, the South Central Modern Language Association, and the Texas Conference of College Teachers of English.

He is course chairman of English 210, 301, 328; secretary of the Arts and Science Faculty 1939-1947; member and one time president of local chapter A.A.U.P.; founder and faculty advisor of the A&M Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, a Freshman Scholastic Honor Society, and various committees of the Arts and Science faculty.

Last spring Dr. Abbott received a Battalion Award "for his capable administration of the A&M College Annex and for his untiring work with the Freshmen students."

In 1947 Dr. Abbott and Dr. Geo. Summey Jr. published "A Manual For Freshmen English."



Franklin A. Cleland has been appointed commanding officer of the Composite Regiment with the rank of colonel. Cleland is from Genoa and is majoring in chemical engineering.

## 'Fish' To Dean is Harrington Story

Dean M. T. Harrington entered A&M in the Fall of 1918 to begin a long and enviable record in the service of the college.

In running the scale from "Fish" to Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and acting Dean of the college, Dr. Harrington has proved to be a friend of the student and is always ready to lend a hand in the event assistance is needed.

Being a native Texan, from Plano, and also a graduate of A&M places Dr. Harrington in a good position to understand the everyday problems which confront students both new and old.

His biggest assets in dealing with the students are his geniality and friendliness. Any student needing his advice is immediately impressed by his sincere desire to help in solving any problem which might have arisen.

While attending college Dr. Harrington achieved many honors which come to students only by virtue of hard work and a profound interest in their school.

Corps Activities  
His corps activities include such accomplishments as becoming captain in the Infantry Shock Troops

# Oceanography Department to Be Added to Curricula in '49-50

By LEWIS BURTON

A&M has entered a new field of teaching and research. A Department of Oceanography is being organized now, according to Dr. F. C. Bolton, president of the college.

The new department is the first project of its kind in the Gulf Coast area. M. T. Harrington, acting dean of the college, said. The Scripps Institution on the California coast and Woodshole on the Atlantic coast are the only major oceanography units now operating.

Dale F. Leipper is the acting head of the new department and is making a survey of the field during the fall semester, Harrington said.

Previously, Leipper was ocean-

ographer with Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California.

**Work Begun in 47**  
Two years ago the A&M Research Foundation began the study of marine life in the Gulf Coast area. The increasing losses of oysters set the project in motion.

The research work, seeking cause for the losses of oysters, has developed into one of the major marine investigations in the nation. Biologists, chemists and others of the college staff did research work.

"In the course of the work already accomplished," President Bolton said, "it has become apparent that the Gulf Coast represents one of our greatest natural resources and that conservation measures are urgently needed. Any program of conservation or development should be based on fundamental research. While un-

derstanding this fundamental research, we must, at the same time, train scientific oceanographic investigators, since very few of them exist.

"The Gulf Coast is relatively untouched, and we feel that we should contribute to its development in this way."

**Major Field**  
The department, which is being organized by Professor Leipper, will be developed in the major field of oceanography, including studies of ocean chemistry, meteorology, marine biology, and botany and submarine geology and studies of the physical forms of waves and currents.

Specific problems under study will be corrosion and fouling, contamination control, sedimentation, beach erosion, restoration and preservation of sea life for the sea food industries and designs for off-shore structures.

In addition to Leipper, it is expected that there will be four other members on the department staff, Harrington said.

Work will be done in cooperation with the Research Foundation, the Departments of Geology, Geography, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and Chemical, Petroleum, Civil and Mechanical Engineering and the Agricultural and Engineering Experiment station of the college.

**MS Degree Offered**  
The department will be under the School of Arts and Sciences, Har-

ington said, and will offer a Master of Science degree in oceanography. Although most of the courses offered, and the research work, will be conducted in the graduate school, it is expected that some under-graduate courses will be offered to stimulate students to follow this field of study.

"No classes will be offered during the Fall semester, since Leipper is engaged in studying the field and organizing the department, Harrington said. First classes will be offered in the Spring semester.

Industries, especially the oil interests, will no doubt help the department in their research studies, Harrington added.

**Weather Officer**  
During World War II Leipper served as oceanographer and weather officer with the U.S. Army Air Forces in the Aleutian Islands. He has been with the Scripps Institution since 1946.

A native of Ohio, he took his master's degree at Ohio State University and his bachelor's at Wittenberg College. He did further graduate studies at the Scripps Institution and the University of California.

Leipper has taught at Ohio State University and the Scripps Institution, and has done much research work, Harrington added, saying that Leipper has established an excellent reputation in this field.

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When all men who wish to report for duty with the band have done so, Col. Adams said, tryouts for drum major will be held.

- LIBRARY -

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stration Building. Special emphasis is placed on the required reading material for Freshman English courses, but recreational and popular volumes are also kept there.

General reference books and popular periodicals complete the Annex library.

**Engineer's Library**  
The Texas Engineer's Library is a joint project between the College and the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. This library is located on the ground floor of the Mechanical Engineering Shops.

Students and faculty have access to this library and may borrow books and use other library materials. However, the library is developed primarily to serve the registered engineers of the state and this is done on a "mail order" business.

The librarian for the College, Paul Ballance, has offices located on the second floor of the main library.

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