



## ROCKY ROAD TO KNOWLEDGE

Education comes much easier today than it did a generation ago. Before the advent of the school bus and other modern facilities, rural children often walked several miles to a little country schoolhouse where they acquired the rudiments of knowledge.

Conditions in the cities and towns were some better, but were far below present standards. Vast strides have been made in the field of education, both urban and rural.

But hard work and diligent application are just as essential in the acquisition of learning today as they were a generation ago. There is no royal road to knowledge. The path to learning is through rugged areas and over crude, rocky roads.

The basis of true education is spiritual, not material. Schools that fail to inculcate a knowledge of God and a spiritual interpretation of life are failing in their highest purpose. The Church and the school are co-workers in the field of human knowledge. We must give them our support.

### THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the sake of his community and nation. (3) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Proverbs	3 13-26
Monday	Matthew	7 24-27
Tuesday	I Peter	3 8-12
Wednesday	Acts	10 34-42
Thursday	I Kings	19 9-12
Friday	II Kings	23 1-3
Saturday	Matthew	25 1-13

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# College Station Churches Open . . .

## Rev. O.B. Richardson New Pastor of CS First Baptist

Returning students who attend the First Baptist Church of College Station will see a new pastor behind the pulpit this fall.

Assuming duties as pastor Sept. 1 was Rev. O. Byron Richardson, who replaced Dr. R. L. Brown. Dr. Brown has resigned after serving 30 years as the Baptist leader.

Rev. Richardson came to College Station from Baytown, where he was pastor of the Woodcrest Baptist Church. He formerly headed Baptist churches in New England and in Neches, Tex.

### Baylor Graduate

A 1945 graduate of Baylor University, Rev. Richardson has completed in addition, two years work at the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth toward a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He

has completed all resident work on a Master of Arts degree at the University of Houston.

Baptist work at A&M began in the early fall of 1920 when Rev. and Mrs. Brown arrived from Ridley Park, Pa. They were the first Baptist student secretaries ever elected by the denomination.

During the 30 years since that time, the church was organized in 1923, a church building was erected in 1928, an auditorium seating 1,000 was dedicated in 1942, and the \$95,000 Student Education building was completed last year.

In addition, a Baptist Student Center has been erected across the street from the church plant.

### Attended All Meetings

While they have been in College Station, either Dr. Brown or his wife have attended all State Baptist Union conventions, Southwide Baptist Student Union conventions and two International Baptist Youth conferences. One of the latter was in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the other in Zurich, Switzerland.

Dr. Brown has delivered 6,929 sermons and addresses while here. He has visited 202 institutions, 1,650 churches, and attended 12,795 meetings. The number of miles traveled totals 739,254, according to his records.

Even though the Browns are retiring from the church's leadership, they plan to continue an active part in Baptist work in the area and over the state.

## Mgebroff Will Head Church Alliance Group

The College Station Ministerial Alliance, composed of representatives of every church at College Station and of the local YMCA, is aimed toward unified efforts of the churches to serve the college and community. The common problems of the churches and church relations to the campus are discussed and worked out by the Alliance.

Officers for the year 1950-51 are Rev. Fred Mgebroff, pastor of the American Lutheran Church, president; James F. Fowler, minister of the A&M Church of Christ, vice-president; and J. Gordon Gay, associate secretary of the YMCA, secretary. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month and on special call by the president.

Immediate plans of the Alliance include the arrangements for Church Emphasis Week to be observed by all churches at College Station September 24 - 29, Rev. Mgebroff said. A religious canvass of College Station will be conducted by the Alliance soon after the beginning of the fall semester.

The Alliance will also cooperate as much as possible with Religious Emphasis Week to be held in February, according to Rev. Mgebroff.

## Christian Science Meetings Arranged

Regular services are held each Sunday at 11 a.m. by students interested in Christian Science. Meetings place for the group, the Christian Science Society of College Station, is in the Assembly Room of the YMCA.

Testimonial meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the same room.

In April of 1949, the local society was officially recognized by the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

The Christian Science Student Organization was also established several years ago as a branch of the Mother Church. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Readers for the coming school year will be chosen at the beginning of the fall semester.

## Increase Seen In Membership Of Lutherans

With all freshmen to be housed on the campus this year, the Lutheran Student Association is expecting a large membership this year, according to Ken Bernhardt, president of the association last year.

Plans for election of officers and regular meetings of the LSA will be announced soon, he said.

A&M's Lutheran Student Association is sponsored by the College Station Lutheran Church, of which Rev. Fred Mgebroff is pastor.

The year-old student center will again be open daily for all students, Rev. Mgebroff said. The center was completed during the summer of 1949 and was used extensively by students during the past year, he said.

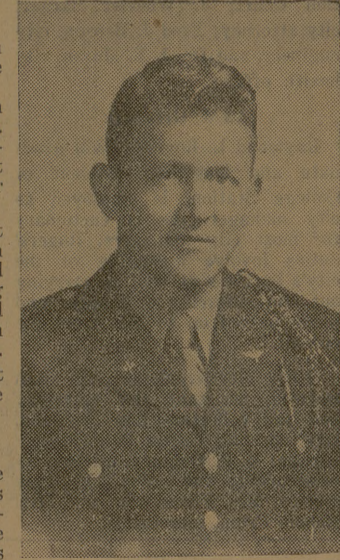
Rev. Mgebroff will begin his third year of working with A&M students this fall. He is a graduate of Texas Lutheran College at Seguin and has done seminary work at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

## After 400 Years, Too . . .

Vatican City—(AP)—Evidence of rivalry 400 years ago between Raphael and Michelangelo—two Italian titans of art—was discovered recently.

Prof. Decoleo Redig De Campos, assistant to the Vatican Museums, studying Raphael's famous frescoes, on The Loggias at the Vatican palace noted that one of the central figures had been re-cast in the fresco. The new figure Raphael inserted portrayed Michelangelo dressed as a captive and bound to the chariot of

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Curtis Edwards

Edwards, a senior range and forestry major from Houston, has been named chaplain of the corps for 1950-51. As chaplain, he will lead prayers before evening meals for the corps and will act as a liaison between churches of the area and the cadets.

## Baptist Student Union Planning Full Program

The A&M Baptist Student Union, working in connection with the Baptist churches of the College Station-Bryan area, has planned a full program this fall for Baptist students of the college.

On Sept. 10, a college-sponsored church period for freshmen students will be held. A "barbecue round-up" is planned Friday, Sept. 15 at the Baptist Student Center, across the street from the College Station First Baptist Church, at 1:30 p. m.

"Campus for Christ" will be the title of a student revival planned Sept. 24 through Sept. 30 at the First Baptist Churches in both College Station and Bryan.

The Baptist Student Union—better known as simply the BSU—serves as a link between the church and the student. It strives to help Baptist students find a church home, sponsors religious activities on the campus, and provides "Christian fellowship for all Aggies," according to its leaders.

Center of activities for the BSU is its center at the North Gate.

Officers for the BSU this year will be Arlon White, president; Ray Roberts and Tommy Duffy, enrollment vice-presidents; Drexel Toland, social vice-president; Harold Pruet, devotional vice-president; Edwin Lloyd, stewardship vice-president; Vernon Martin, secretary; Donald Howard, missions chairman; Eddie Apel, Christian citizenship chairman; David Rice, publicity chairman; David Mitchell, music chairman; and Al Higgins, magazine representative.

Baptist Student Secretary is David Alexander, who supervises and coordinates the work of the Union and its officers.

## New Church Soon to Greet College Methodist Students

Rev. James F. Jackson, pastor of the A&M Methodist Church, and Robert Sneed, director of Student Religious Activities for the A&M Wesley Foundation, have announced their fall schedule.

Church school will be held at 10 each Sunday morning, and will be preceded by a coffee hour at 9:45 to give the students a chance to get acquainted with each other. Morning worship will begin at 11, evening worship at 7:30.

A special picnic is planned for all new students on Sept. 10, beginning shortly before the evening service. Invitations have been sent to all entering freshmen. A motion picture will be shown and the officers of the Wesley Foundation and the Church will be introduced.

Each Wednesday evening, starting Sept. 20, a fellowship supper will be given for all Methodist students. Religious Emphasis Week will begin the following Sunday.

Last year the Methodist students started publishing a bi-monthly newspaper, the Wesleyan Window. The size of the paper will be enlarged this fall and will be sent to all Methodist students throughout the school year, Sneed said. Additional men are needed to work on the staff, he added. Sneed's office is now located downstairs in the tabernacle.

"The purpose of the A&M Methodist Church is to serve the students and the Methodist families located around the campus," Rev. Jackson said. "Our activities will be planned for recreation, fellowship, and inspiration, and our services will be built around the students and for the students."

A new tabernacle, the second of three new church buildings, is now under construction. Completion is expected in the latter part of this year. The new building will seat 900 persons and will have the most modern of church Sunday services, a sing-song is tentatively scheduled for Monday night, Sept. 25. On Tuesday night, a student forum is planned.

An all-church dinner is scheduled for Wednesday night, Sept. 27, which will be followed by another forum and sing-song Thursday night. A religious movie will be shown Friday night.

## St. Mary's Starts Fall Mass Schedule

St. Mary's Chapel will return to its regular schedule of Sunday masses at the beginning of the school term in September, according to Rev. T. J. Valenta, priest of the chapel.

Two masses will be held each Sunday, one at 8:30 and another at 10:30 a. m. Confessions will be held each Saturday evening from 6:30 until 7:30, with Confession also before each Sunday Mass.

Getting underway again this fall will be the Newman Club, student group sponsored by the Catholic Church. Plans will be made for several social functions throughout the year, to be announced at a later date.

In addition to his duties as priest for the College Station church, Rev. Valenta is assistant pastor to Rt. Rev. J. B. Glessner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bryan.

Visalia, Calif.—(AP)—This clerk didn't know much about farming, but he sure was resourceful. So reports Angelo Jordan, a rancher, who asked a hardware store clerk for some gopher traps. The clerk said he was out, but suggested a lawnmower instead. "You can cut their heads off while you mow the grass," he told the flabbergasted farmer.

Foundation building, in the area where the old tabernacle now stands. A tower unit will also be built onto the church.

Rev. Jackson received his B. A. from Mercer College, Georgia, and his B. D. from Duke University. After spending a year at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, working toward his Ph.D., he returned to the United States and married the former Miss Helen Thompson of Swainboro, Ga. They now have a daughter, Virginia, and a son, Jim Jr.

## Stribling Heads A&M Christian Church Group

One of the main points of interest for students attending the A&M Christian Church will be the regular Sunday evening Disciple Student Fellowship, according to Rev. James Moudy, pastor of the church.

President of the Fellowship is Jim Stribling. The group meets every Sunday evening at 5 for the meeting and a supper. President last year was Allan Eubank.

Regular services will be held each Sunday, Rev. Moudy said. Morning worship will be held at 11, preceded by Sunday School at 9:45.

### Buffet Supper Set

During the first week of school, a Sunday evening buffet supper is planned, in addition to the regular supper meetings. Suppers will be held on both Sept. 10 and Sept. 17.

During the second week of school, from Sept. 24 to Sept. 30, the church will hold Church Week Services. Following the regular Sunday services, a sing-song is tentatively scheduled for Monday night, Sept. 25. On Tuesday night, a student forum is planned.

An all-church dinner is scheduled for Wednesday night, Sept. 27, which will be followed by another forum and sing-song Thursday night. A religious movie will be shown Friday night.

### Began in 1948

The A&M Christian Church began for students here in the summer term in 1948, according to Rev. Moudy. It was moved to its present building in the following year.

Since such a large part of the congregation are A&M students and their wives, eight students are on the board of deacons for the church.

Rev. Moudy came to College Station in the fall of 1948 as the first pastor of the church. He was previously associate minister of the University Church at TCU in Fort Worth, and had been a chaplain with the 102nd Infantry Division.

## Burmese Royalty Asks More Pensions

Rangoon—(AP)—Burma's ageing princes and princesses, hard hit by high living costs in the Republic of Burma, want increased Royal pensions to help them get by. These descendants of the once mighty King Mindon who ruled Burma before the British, banded themselves into the Burmese Royal Family Association and decided to approach the Burmese government for "sympathetic consideration" because they are unable to earn a livelihood.

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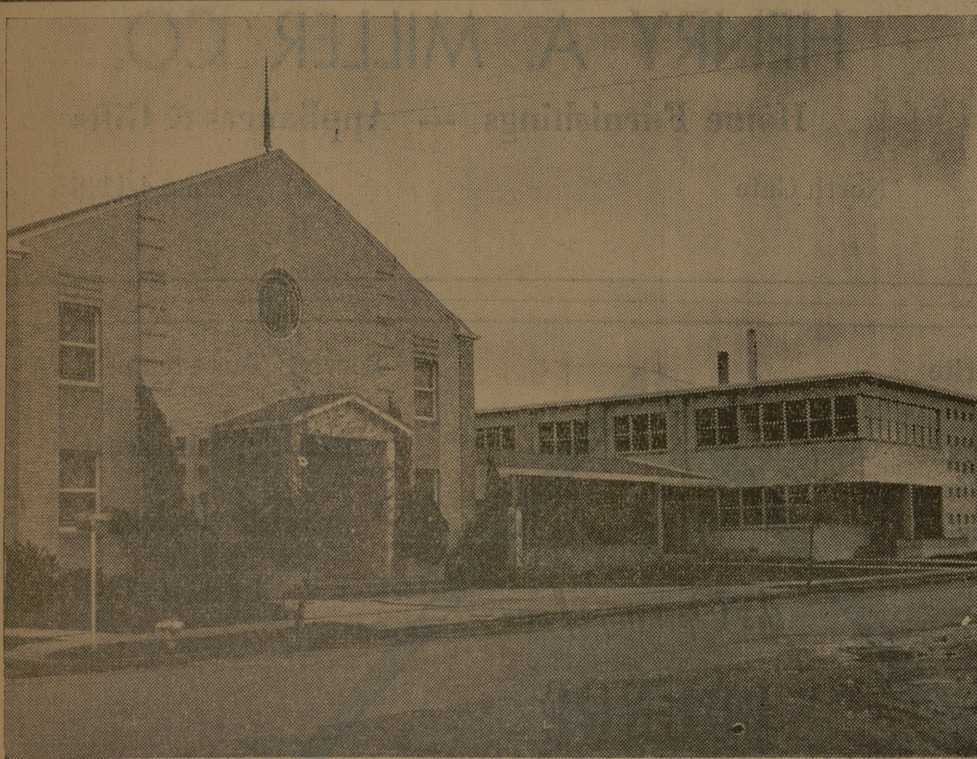
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