

The Battalion

SECTION II

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Scholarship Given By Former Student

The training officer of the Royal Thailand Police Force has made a contribution to A&M, to be used as a scholarship honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Jones of Houston.

Ernest Jefferson Check, 1950

Dean Trotter Offers Help For Students

A wide variety of graduate fellowships and assistantships are available in the Graduate School here, Dean Ide P. Trotter has announced.

These fellowships and scholarships are available in the fields of agriculture, biological science, engineering, physical science and business administration.

A graduate fellow devotes full time—16 semester hours maximum—to study and research. The stipend varies with the appointment and will range from \$1,000 to \$2,250. All graduate assistants, rendering half time service, may carry a maximum of 12 semester hours of academic work.

Graduate teaching assistants receive \$1,200 for nine months during their first year. After satisfactorily completing two semesters of a graduate program, they may receive \$1,350, Trotter said.

Research assistantships, in cooperation with the Agricultural Experiment station and the Engineering Experiment station, are available to qualified students. These are usually 12-month appointments ranging from \$1,500 upward.

A & M graduate, now a captain in the Royal Army of Thailand and in charge of police force training, made the contribution . . . to thank properly" Jones for help given Check in his senior year at A&M.

Check received \$335 back in his senior year as a reward for achievement. This record is an annual grant from Jones to some senior who has made an outstanding record in college despite severe financial handicap. Check was given the money on the basis of his having worked an average of 60 hours a week during his three previous college years, while carrying a full load of subjects and maintaining an exceptionally high grade average.

He is the youngest of 11 children of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Check of Commanche.

Following his graduation from A&M, he went to work for an export firm and in 1951 was sent to Thailand.

Possessed of exceptional linguistic ability he soon mastered the language of the country. He liked the people and Thailand; the liking was evidently mutual for within a few months he was given a contract with His Royal Majesty's Government as police training officer, and was made an honorary captain in the Royal Army of Thailand.

In November and December of 1954 he returned to the United States accompanied by Gen. Phao Sriyonal, deputy premier and director general of the Thai police force. On this tour he and the deputy premier visited various military posts and the Service Academies at West Point and Annapolis. (See SCHOLARSHIP, Page 4)



STRIPPED OF CITIZENSHIP—Jesus Valadez, a native-born Texan whose citizenship has been taken away by immigration authorities, is shown above with members of his family at their home near Navasota. Immigration authorities charged that he "wilfully remained out of the country to avoid military service and ordered him expatriated. The attorney for Valdez, a farmer, said the decision will be appealed. Above in back row from left to right are Mrs. Valadez with Jesus, Jr., in her arms, Valadez, and son Norbert. In front from left to right are Marie, Hector, Marta, Verta and Rolando. The couple also has another child, not in the picture.

Band Makes Plans For UCLA Trip

The A&M band is making plans for the longest out-of-state trip in its history next year.

The band will go to the A&M-UCLA football game in Los Angeles, Calif., the Aggies' first game of the season.

All 240 marching members of the band will make the week-long trip, said Col. E. V. Adams, band director. Adams said the band would spend a week preparing for the trip, which will probably be made by chartered bus.

"YOUTH" MUST BE SERVED

SAN FRANCISCO — Four old golf devotees say the game keeps them young. They play Lincoln park five times a week and shoot around 80. They are Dr. Leon J. Richardson, 87; Chester Murphy, 82; Capt. Richard Smith, 80, and the youngest, Ernie Doidge, 79, called "Junior."

Emotional Makeup Helps To Produce Accident Proneness

AUSTIN — Does someone in your family—or perhaps you yourself—seem to have repeated accidents?

It could be due to "accident proneness."

That's the phrase coined by the experts—psychologists, industrialists, physicians, insurance men and others on the theory that many accidents result from the victim's emotional make-up.

Studies by agencies interested in health and safety have shown that relatively few people are responsible for a high percentage of accidents. Conclusion: a person who has one accident is more likely to be involved in another than a person who has had none at all.

State Department of Health studies confirm this. For example:

A public utility company, trying to cut accident rates among truck drivers, ordered an investigation of every factor which could be contributing, from weather to reaction time of drivers.

Truck accidents increased despite an intense educational campaign. But when drivers with bad records were shifted to other jobs, the company's driver accident rate fell to a fifth of the former rate.

The transferred drivers? They kept on having accidents in their new jobs and at home.

The experts have traced definite personality patterns in accident prone people. Almost invariably they are impetuous, following impulses without deliberation or planning. Their decisiveness is, in reality, a drive for independence and self-reliance in the situation of the moment.

For the most part they have a history of neurotic traits in childhood. They simply reach a point, in their failure to handle an emotional situation, when an unpleasant happening becomes a physical and emotional necessity. Result: an "accident."

While admitting the part accident proneness plays, Texas State Health Officer Henry A. Holle would stress environmental hazards and biologic conditions like fatigue, temporary stress-produced inattention, impaired vision or hearing, and underlying disease.

"Too much emphasis on accident proneness tends to obscure the need of correcting defects in industrial equipment, slum housing, inefficient traffic systems, and inadequate playgrounds."

Ag Ed Juniors To Observe High Schools

Thirty-five agricultural education juniors will visit 29 high schools all over the state for a week of observation training, beginning Feb. 21.

The purpose of the week, a part of the agricultural education course, is to acquaint students with methods of organizing and conducting vocational agriculture classes and supervising field trips and projects, said E. V. Walton, head of the agricultural education department.

High schools send invitations to the agricultural education department here each year, and the department publishes this list for the student to choose the school he wants to visit.

Since the students must pay their own housing, food and transportation, most students pick schools near their hometown if possible, Walton said.

The students keep a day-by-day account of the week of training and are required to write a detailed report when they get back to school.

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