

# The Battalion

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**SUMMER'S OVER**—School bells will soon be ringing, and it's time for Richard Davis and other first-graders to wave good-bye to carefree pre-school days. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Davis Jr.; his father is in the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology.

## Consolidated To Begin New Year Wednesday

College Station boys and girls will know for sure next Wednesday that summer is over, for the city's four schools in the A&M Consolidated School System will open at 8:15 a.m.

About 1,200 students are expected for the beginning of the 1955-56 school year. The white elementary school, under principal Mrs. Rowena Clark Creswell, expects 560 pupils this year; the junior high school expects 380; the senior high, 250; and Lincoln School about 350. W. T. Riedel is principal of the junior high; J. J. Skrivaneck Jr. heads the senior high; and W. A. Tarrow is principal of Lincoln.

Registration for the coming year is now taking place, and parents can continue to register their children through next Wednesday. Superintendent Les Richardson will have his office open Saturday morning for registration. All not registered by the opening of school Wednesday will be registered that morning. School will be dismissed at 12 noon on the first day.

School busses, both city and rural, will run in the morning and at noon. There will be no cafeteria meals served until Thursday, which will be a full day except for first graders. The first grade will go only half a day for the first six weeks.

The A&M Consolidated Independent School District includes almost all of the southern half of Brazos County. Within the school district's limits are the entire City of College Station area and a major part of the Texas A&M campus. The boundaries enclose approximately 90 square miles, the whole area being served by school busses.

The schools are administered by a seven-member Board of Trustees who serve overlapping three year terms. The members are elected at large by the residents of the school district. The Board is independent of the administration of the County School Superintendent and the County School Board.

Present members of the Board are John H. Rogers, president; Milton D. Williams, vice-president; Henry L. Allen, secretary; E. E. Brown; J. R. Jackson; Ernest J. Redman Jr.; and C. A. Bonnen.

The Board recently approved a \$362,684 budget for the coming school year. Expenses expected are \$17,200 for administration; \$183,552, white school instruction; \$44,463, Negro; \$33,000, cafeteria; \$13,194, transportation; \$22,940, operation and maintenance of plant; and \$40,690.38 for fixed charges. Receipts expected are \$13,038.20 from federal funds; \$231,877, state funds; \$357, county funds; and \$117,412, local funds.

The school district is entirely independent of the city government but contracts with the City Council to have school taxes collected by the city-employed tax assessor and collector. The district has the legal power to levy taxes, establish its own yearly budget and issue school building bonds as prescribed by statute.

Bond issues for the schools are as follows: 1939, \$75,000; 1941, \$40,000; 1949, \$125,000; 1951, \$111,000; and 1953, \$385,000. The 1953 bond issue was for the construction of the new senior high school buildings.

Consolidated has a Band Boosters Club and a Mothers and Dads Club. Lincoln School also has a Mothers and Dads Club. With the start of the school year membership drives for these clubs, which serve the school, will be starting.

The original school district was chartered in 1909, but apparently no tax-supported school was operated until 1920. Union Hill, Wellborn, Rock Prairie, and Shiloh common school districts joined with the A&M College Independent School District in 1928 to form the A&M

Consolidated Independent School District. The letters "A" & "M" in the name are not abbreviations of "Agricultural & Mechanical" and are used simply as letters, without punctuation, in the name.

Most of the original Union Hill district is now a part of the Bryan School District. The Peach Creek and Minter Springs districts were added to the A&M C.I.S.D. in 1949.

The present district has had no legal connection with Texas A&M since 1939 when the public school system obtained its own buildings and moved from the college campus. By mutual agreement, but without financial reimbursement, student teachers from the various teacher-training departments of A&M College gain experience in the local public school system. The number doing so is small since the primary purpose of the college is directed along engineering and agriculture lines.

Nearly half (41%) of the par-

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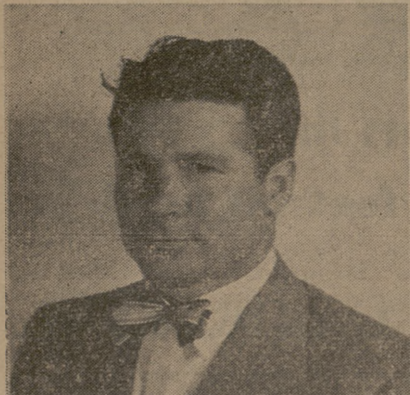
**WEEK EARLY**—Lincoln School won't open its doors until Wednesday, but Lavern Mitchell, who will be entering the first grade, is already prepared to go to school. Lavern is six years old and is the daughter of Mrs. Clemmie Mitchell.

### 13 New Teachers

## School Adds To Staff

Thirteen new teachers — eight for the white school and five for Lincoln School—have been added to the staff of the A&M Consolidated School System.

Mrs. Catharyn Worley will be in charge of a new second grade section, and Mrs. Lois Rogers will teach a newly-formed fifth grade section. The number of sections in both these grades was increased this year because of the rise in enrollment.



Dr. Les Richardson  
School Superintendent

### A Few Notes On Personnel At Consolidated

Dr. L. S. Richardson has been superintendent of A&M Consolidated Schools since 1949. Before that date he served as principal of the high school, and prior to that he was football coach. He has B.A. and M.A. from A&M and his Ph.D. from the University of Houston.

The high school principal is J. J. Skrivaneck Jr., who has served in this capacity since 1952. He holds his B.A. and his M.A. degrees from the University of Texas.

W. T. Riedel, principal of the junior high, received his B.A. and M.A. from A&M. He taught both in Texas and in Mississippi before coming here as principal in 1949.

Another principal who came here in 1949 is Mrs. Rowena Clark Creswell, who is in charge of the elementary school. Mrs. Creswell was at Tarleton State College before coming to A&M Consolidated. She was awarded the B.A. and M.A. degrees by the University of Texas.

W. A. Tarrow, principal of Lincoln School, has been in the teaching profession for 30 years, the last 14 of which he has spent here. He has been principal for seven years. He is a graduate of Prairie View A&M and holds an M.A. from that school.

Other new teachers for the grade school are Mrs. Maryann Caywood, first grade; Mrs. J. W. Sorenson, third grade; and Mrs. Janette Godfrey, fourth grade.

Added to the faculty of the high school are Mrs. Florence White, typing instructor, and Mrs. Dorothy Rush, who will teach English. Larry Hayes has been added to the physical education department. Horace Schaffer was moved to head coach.

The new teachers for Lincoln School are Eunice Williams, second grade; Jean Williams, fourth grade; James Stewart, seventh grade; Eural Henson, eighth grade; and Emamel Mack, industrial arts. All are graduates of Prairie View A&M.

Recent resignations in the white grade school were Mrs. Doyle Letbetter, Mrs. Flora Dale, Mrs. Ray George and Mrs. Dorothy Criswell.

Thomas Ryan, high school commercial teacher, will teach and work toward a doctorate at North Texas State College. Jim Bevans, who resigned to enter the insurance business, taught physical education and was high school coach.

Returning teachers in the white elementary schools are Mesdames Lewis Knowles, Louis Coke and Eleanor Manning, first grade; Mesdames L. P. Dulaney, Georgia Williams and Jack Kent, second grade;

Mesdames C. K. Leighton, Mary Camp and Frank Coulter, third grade; and Mesdames Grace Skrivaneck, C. K. Esten and Jack Sloan, fourth grade.

Edsel Jones, and Mesdames H. L. Heaton, Frances Brusse, A. R. Owen, V. E. Schember and D. W. Fleming will resume their duties as instructors in junior high.

Back at the high school will be Mrs. S. S. Sorenson, English and Spanish; Mrs. A. R. Orr, mathematics and Latin; Mrs. Mildred Byrd, home economics; Charles L. Byrd, vocational agriculture; William Miller, history; A. R. Orr, mathematics; K. C. Morgan, general science and biology; Robert Knapp, English and chemistry; and J. D. Chaney, business manager.

Educational specialists returning to their posts will be Mrs. Shirley Frazier, speech therapist; R. L. Boone, music director; Mrs. J. W. Barger, art instructor; and Mrs. J. T. Duncan, librarian.

Returning to Lincoln Elementary School are Julia Campbell, first grade; James Hawkins, sixth grade; Audrey Ford Rogers, third grade and Madelyn Howard, fifth grade.

J. R. Delley, history; L. E. King, science; Thay M. Owens, home economics; and Pearl Carter, English, will resume their duties at Lincoln High School.

Returning to their administrative posts are J. J. Skrivaneck Jr.,

high school principal; W. A. Tarrow, principal of Lincoln School; W. T. Riedel, junior high school principal; and Mrs. Rowena Creswell, principal of the elementary school.

All schools in the system will begin work on Sept. 7. Starting time has been changed from 8:25 to 8:15 a.m., but dismissal time will remain the same.

The following holidays were approved by the Board of Trustees: Thanksgiving (Nov. 24 to 25); Christmas (Dec. 19, 1955 to Jan. 1, 1956) and Easter (March 29 to April 2). There will be a holiday in March so that teachers can attend the T.S.T.A. District Convention.

The school year will end on May 29, 1956.

### Turkey Course Scheduled Here

A turkey short course, sponsored by the Poultry Husbandry Department, will be held on the campus Sept. 12-16.

Registration will be conducted in the Reid Laboratory at the Poultry Center beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12. All meetings will take place in the Reid Laboratory.

About 40 people will be present for the course, which is under the direction of E. D. Parnell.



**IN RECOGNITION**—Forty-six Junior Bowlers received certificates of merit for successfully completing the summer Junior Bowling classes conducted by John Geiger, MSC Bowling Alley manager. Shown are the 34 boys and girls who were at the presentation ceremonies Friday night. Kneeling in front are the two boys and two girls who received trophies for outstanding improvement and learning. They are, left to right, Lunette Fazzino, Tommie Letbetter, Connie Lyrdahl, and Furman Isbell. Geiger is kneeling on the left.

### South and West

## US Industry Moving

American industry is on the move on a completely unprecedented scale—and the trend of the moves of industry is definitely toward the South and the West.

Speaking at the fifth annual Industrial Development Course being held at A&M today and tomorrow, Charles Layng, associate editor, Industrial Development of Atlanta, Ga., told the conference that the industrial giants have announced plans for new plants involving

### Weather Today

Today will be partly cloudy, with lower temperatures but no chance of rain. Low today was 71 degrees; high yesterday, only 90 degrees.

## Junior Bowlers Get Certificates

Forty-six boys and girls received achievement awards Friday night, certifying that they had successfully completed the 11-week Junior Bowling Classes held this summer at the Memorial Student Center bowling alleys.

John Geiger, manager, who instructed the classes with the assistance of A&M Bowling Club

expenditures of from fifty million to a billion dollars each. "Thousands of small industries, too, are laying plans for moving elsewhere," the Atlanta editor declared.

Layng said that "the competition for new industry is bitterly keen." He declared that the first thing in attracting industries is to learn what industries it is possible to attract.

"What about the South?" the speaker asked. "The Southern Association of Science and Industry predicts that our territory will gain more than three thousand multi-million dollar factories in the next ten years and many more smaller ones. Included will be more than 200 multi-million dollar plants that

will be making products of which we haven't heard today, because they haven't yet been invented."

"There is an increase rather than a diminution of the southward trend of a large number of industries. Our pleasant Southland continues to hold a strong lure of manufacturers. On the other hand, never forget that competition is getting tougher every day."

## Harrington At Biloxi For Conference

Dr. M. T. Harrington, chancellor of the A&M System, is participating as a guest in the Southern Regional Education Board's fourth annual Legislative Work Conference in Biloxi, Miss., which will end tomorrow.

Delegations of legislators appointed by the governors of the 14 states of the Southern Regional Education Compact were welcomed by Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin representing Gov. Hugh White of Mississippi before settling down to study the crisis in higher education resulting from rapidly expanding enrollments.

The Conference has as guests the presidents and representatives of the governing boards of the major state colleges and universities of the region. Also present as observers were a delegation appointed by the governor of West Virginia, which is considering ratifying the Southern Regional Education Compact.

The Board has advocated state and regional planning on a long-term, continuing basis to prepare for the doubled and tripled college enrollments expected during the 1960's and 1970's.

## Cadet Officers To Be Oriented

Cadet officers and non-commissioned officers of the cadet corps at A&M will undergo a two-day orientation course Sept. 7-8. About 175 students will be on hand for the orientation instructions, prior to the opening of school Sept. 19. Purpose of the course is to prepare cadet officers to take command of the corps of cadets. Newly-appointed officers and non-coms who will attend include the entire cadet corps staff, regimental commanders and their sergeant-majors, battalion commanders and their sergeant-majors, and the company and squadron commanders with their first sergeants.