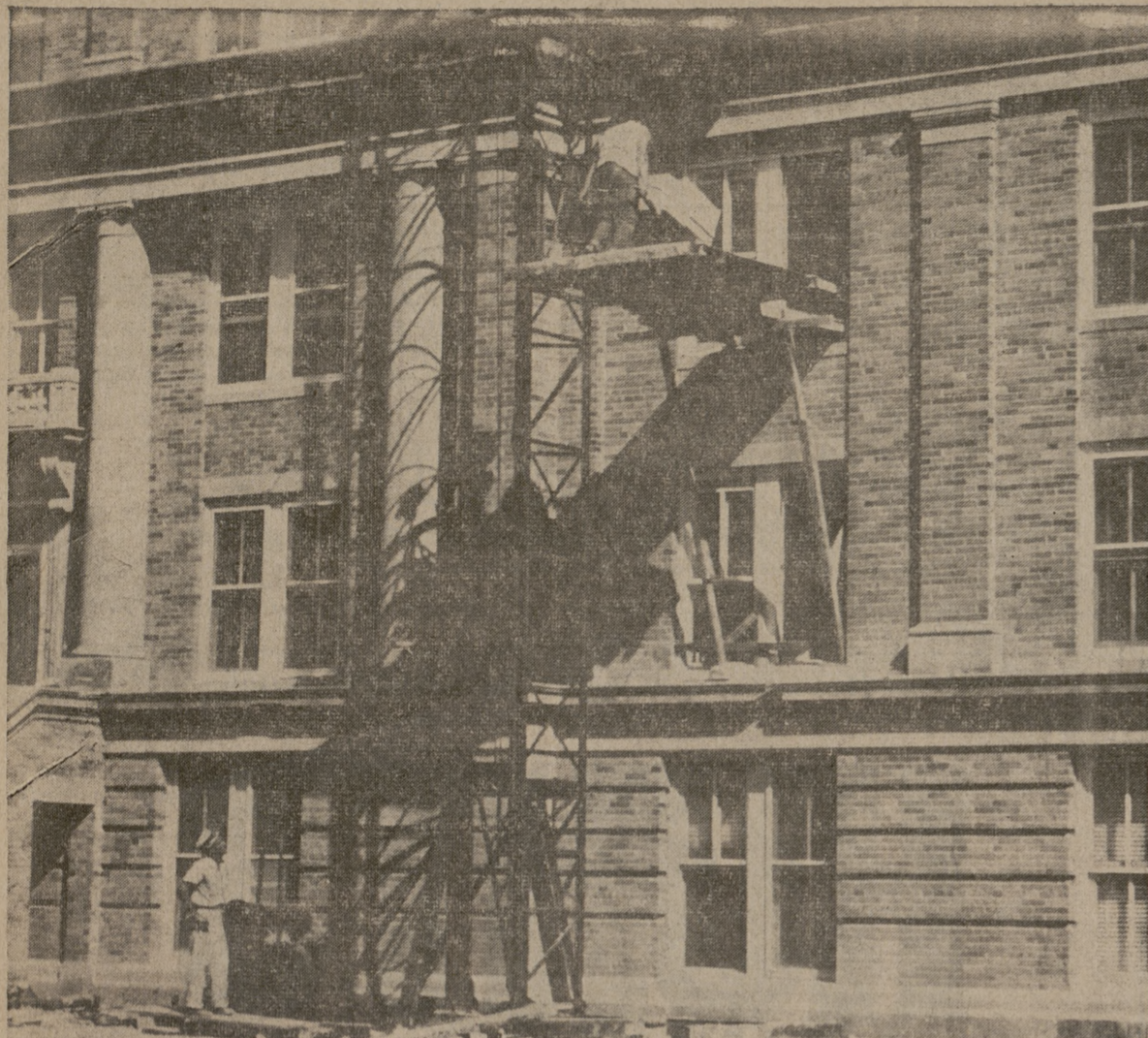
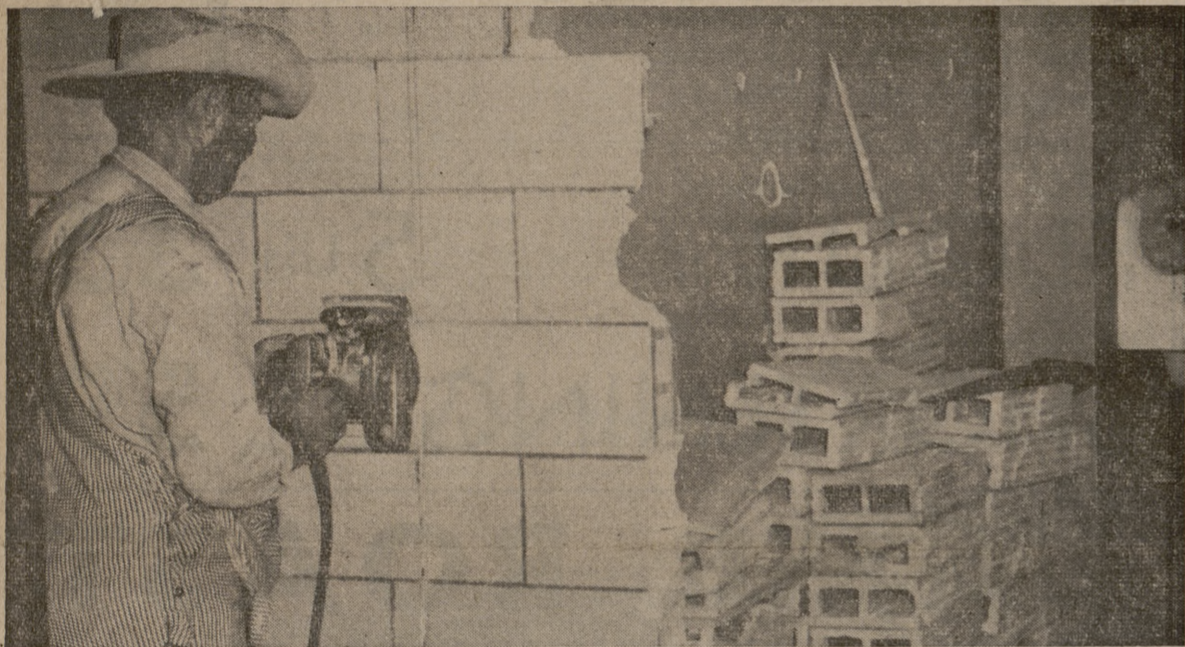


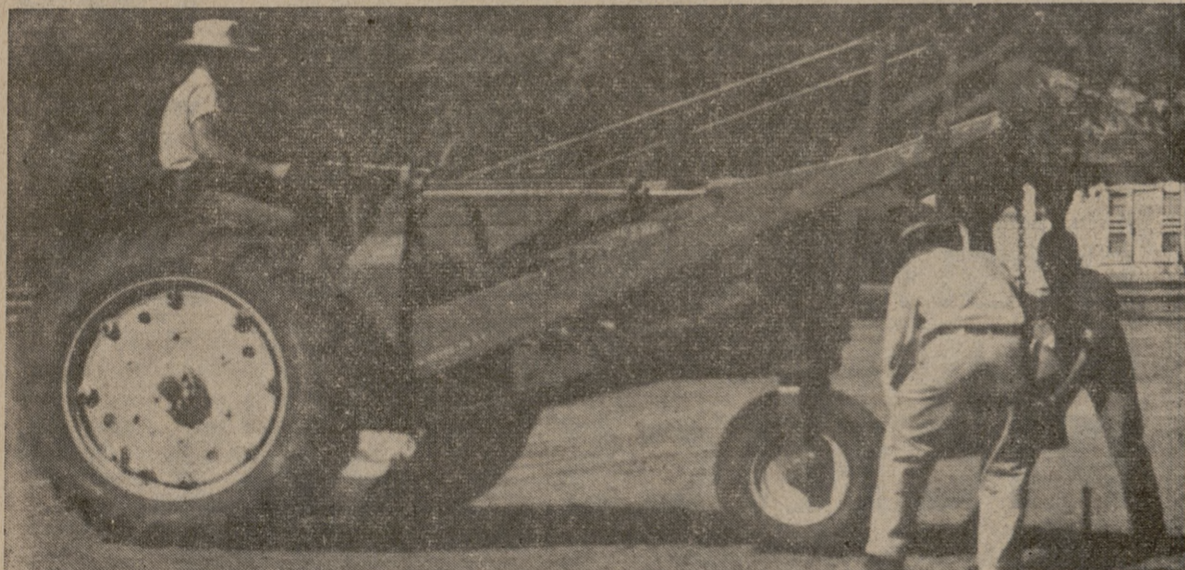
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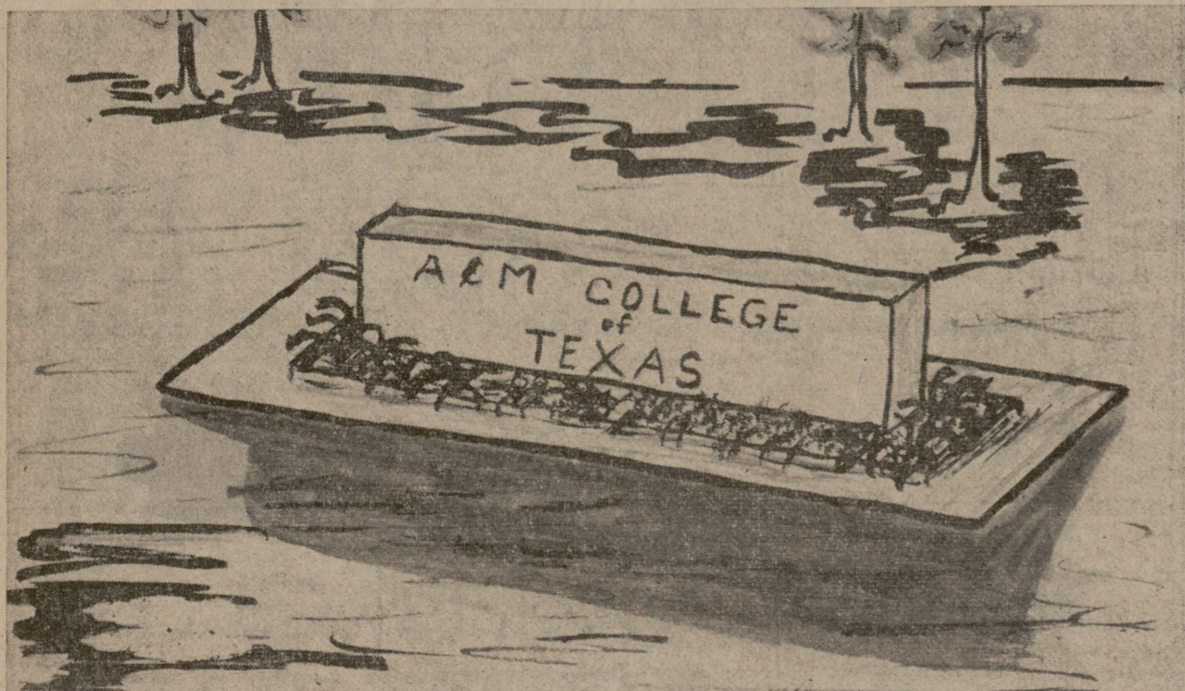
**MITCHELL HALL GETS INTERIOR RENOVATED**—Workmen are shown on the four-story elevator carrying building materials inside Mitchell Hall as part of the \$17,000 remodeling program designed to bring toilet and interior facilities of the dormitory up to date.



**THIS WILL BE NEW HOSPITAL WAITING ROOM**—As a part of the \$25,000 being spent in remodeling hospital facilities workmen are busy ripping and tearing the old walls apart making way for the new. The waiting room will be enlarged and will be located in the east wing of the hospital.



**NEW PARKING LOT BEHIND GUION HALL**—Built with money collected from parking fines last year this lot will accommodate 160 cars and is designed to alleviate parking problems behind Hart Hall. Students living in Bizzell and Hart Hall will use this lot.



**THIS IS A&M COLLEGE**—So that motorists and tourists—and tea-sippers—will know where A&M is, the classes of 1952 and 1953 left class gifts, that were matched with college funds, for the erection of these new monuments at the East Gate. They will be built of shale stone and will set back off Highway 6, one on each side, of the triangle leading toward the System Administration Building.

# Summer Repairs Cost \$72,000

By VOL (SMOKEY) DAVIS  
Battalion Staff Writer  
Over \$72,000 has been spent this summer improving college facilities for the students of A&M College, according to Howard Badgett, manager of physical plants.

Additions of two new parking lots, East Gate Monuments, remodeling of the hospital, refinishing the interior of several dormitories and general repair and replacing of dormitory facilities are among the many improvements done this summer.

A new permanent parking lot located behind Guion Hall has been provided to accommodate students' cars for those living in Hart and Bizzell Halls. An additional temporary parking lot, adjoining the old "Navasota" Parking lots, has been provided for the students living in the dormitories adjoining that im-

mediate area. The funds used in financing these parking lots come from reinstatement fees on traffic violations, according to Fred Hickman, Chief Campus Security.

Two East Gate monuments, identifying the college, will be erected in the near future. The two monuments, one located on either side of the triangle entrance at the East Gate will enable passer-byers approaching from either the north or the south on Highway 6 to recognize the college.

The funds that make these monuments possible came from class donations, matched with college funds. The class of 1952 left \$1,500 and the class of 1953 left \$1,932 to be used in constructing these monuments.

Approximately \$25,000 is being spent on improving the college hos-

pital facilities, both for the students convenience and for more efficiency and ease of operation in conducting hospital business. Under construction now, are such improvements as; a more attractive entrance to the hospital, a larger reception room with indirect lighting and new furniture, a modern reception desk for the nurses which decrease the congestion previously experienced in handling several patients at the same time. A new central nurse station located on the second floor, enabling the nurses to perform their duties with more efficiency and ease, is being constructed as part of the remodeling plans. The basement of the hospital will house the new stainless steel kitchen.

More than \$17,000 is being spent on remodeling toilet and interior facilities in Mitchell Hall.

Interior painting, refurbishing, and new plaster work is being done in Hart Hall.

Walton Hall will have a new lounge, fifty per cent of the funds made possible by the Athletic Department and the rest from the college funds.

A new attractive entrance to Leggett Hall costing more than \$14,000 has almost been completed.

New venetian blinds have been placed in Puryear Hall, Mitchell Hall, and the A&I building, at a cost of more than \$3,500.

According to Howard Badgett, the cost of the improvements on the college facilities, for the benefit of the students, is made possible only through the funds received from the revenue of the dormitories.

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### Class of 1960 May Set New Peak; Applications Number 2,136 Aug. 1

At MSC August 21

#### Chest X-Rays Begin

Chest V-Ray units moved into Bryan and got the annual Chest X-Ray Drive underway this morning at 8 a. m. at the McCullough-Dansby Furniture Company.

The units will be available for use of the public to get their chests X-Ray's at any time between the hours of 8 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. anyday except Monday until August 18.

Local expenses for the units are paid out of Christmas Seal money collected by the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association and all persons 15 years of age and older are eligible to have their chests X-Rayed.

"A part of a long-range program designed to rid our country of TB the chest X-Ray cost the individual absolutely nothing," according to Russell Hillier, County Survey Chairman.

X-Ray units will be available to the people of College Station for a day and a half August 21 and 22nd, according to Ran Boswell, chairman for College Station area.

The units will be set up in the Memorial Student Center beginning at 12 noon on Aug. 21, will operate until 5:30 p. m. that day and be available again from 8 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. Aug. 22.

"No person is too old," said Hillier, "People over 55 are more likely to have tuberculosis today than

younger folks."

"All adults should get a chest x-ray to protect their children," Hillier added. "Even though a person had an X-Ray last year, he should get a renewal for TB can develop in less than a year's time."

#### Former Student Killed In Crash

Lt. Larry L. McCelvey, '54 graduate in math and electronics, was killed Monday when his plane crashed near Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., where he was stationed.

McCelvey had contacted his base that he couldn't retract the landing gear. When he bailed out, his chute failed to open, according to his aunt, Mrs. Frances Burton, of Crockett.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Friday at the Waller Chapel in Crockett. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

Lt. McCelvey is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ann McCelvey of Gallup, N. M., parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCelvey of Crockett, and two sisters, Mrs. Bill Cadwell, Jr., and Ann McCelvey.

#### Prospective Engineers Highest Among Applicants

##### Bob Cherry Speaks On Soil Bank Act

College Station Kiwanians heard R. G. (Bob) Cherry, of A&M's Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Department, explain the Soil Bank Act at their regular meeting Tuesday in the MSC.

Giving members of the club a short background and the economic crises leading to this legislation Cherry briefly outlined just what this recent act of Congress tries to do for the farmers of our country. Pointing out the legislation is already serving some 60,000 farmers in our state the act is designed to decrease the total number of acres placed in cultivation thus limiting agricultural production of our nation bringing production more in line with present domestic and foreign demands.

Made up of two parts, an acreage reserve program and conservation reserve program, some parts of the act may continue to effect farmers for 15 years," Cherry related.

"Texas has put 1,820,000 acres in the soil bank this year," he said. (See KIWANIS, Page 5)

The number of new students having contacted the Registrar's Office and applied for admission to A&M in September has reached 2,136, as of Aug. 1, according to H. L. Heaton, registrar.

Included in this figure are some 316 transfer students who will not be freshmen academically.

Compared to last years' new students numbering 1,850 this is an increase of 286. In 1955 203 transfer students attended A&M for the first time.

Broken down in their fields of major study the class of 1960 runs something like this: School of Engineering will get the largest number-1,271; next those selecting general curricula number 279; School of Arts and Sciences interest 272; School of Agriculture is picked by 210 and the School of Veterinary Medicine completes the freshmen with 104 applicants selecting it as their major study.

In the past the "mortality rate" among the freshmen has averaged about 10 percent of the total while the transfer students average between five to 10 percent.

"Current wage scales and the drought account for the large numbers interested in engineering," said Heaton. "Those boys usually entering the field of agriculture have seen too much hot weather and to little rain the last few years."

#### Sonic Boom Explained To CS Lions

College Station Lions had some of the mysteries of the "sonic boom" explained to them at their regular weekly meeting Monday in the MSC.

"This 'boom', or loud explosion, is caused by an aircraft exceeding the speed of sound," explained Capt. M. J. Steger, USAF, "and is a continuous rolling noise."

"This noise is caused by the aircraft as it builds up shock waves after exceeding 750 mph," he added. "The T-33 trainer in use at Bryan AFB cannot cause a sonic boom as it is incapable of exceeding the speed of sound except without wings and diving straight down."

These sonic booms have been known to break windows, break plaster, and demolish light structures. The pilot can aim this boom where he desires and the Air Force is presently working of this as a combat potential weapon, according to the former West Pointer.

"A pilot has no sensation of causing a 'boom', he has only his air-speed indicator to show him his speed," the captain said.

#### Two Former Aggies

##### CHS Gets 13 New Faces

Thirteen new faces will be among the faculty of A&M Consolidated Schools when classes begin Sept. 5. One teacher has been hired to fill the ranks of those teaching in the elementary schools and the remaining 12 will take their places in either the junior or senior high classes.

Of the 13 teachers, six are replacements and seven will step into new jobs, according to Dr. L. S. Richardson, superintendent. Mrs. Elora Dale will return to the faculty after a years' absence. She taught here previously for three years and will teach the third grade.

Mrs. Irene Southern will fill the vacancy of Mrs. Mildred Byrd, who moved to Austin, as homemaking instructor. Mrs. Southern received her B.S. from the University of Arkansas.

Coming to CHS as physical education instructors from Arkansas Mrs. Patricia Welch will serve both the junior and senior highs.

Holding a music degree from Wesleyan College, Frank G. Coulter will join the staff as musical director in junior high. He formerly taught at Vernon and Amarillo.

A graduate of Mississippi State College, Mrs. Kathleen Brown for-

merly taught at Snook. She will teach science in junior high.

Reading classes in junior high will be taught by Mrs. Rosemary B. Nye, formerly of Oklahoma.

Two new English teachers in the junior high grades will be Mrs. Sarah E. Baugh and Mrs. Nellie Zachry. Mrs. Baugh taught in the Corpus Christi school system for 13 years and Mrs. Zachry comes to College Station from Forsan.

An A&M graduate, Bartlett Holland, moves here from Mercedes and will teach history in junior high.

Two new teacher-coaches in senior high grades will be Arthur D. Bright and Edward L. Logan. In

#### Wilkinson Wins Trophy At Camp

Bryon R. Wilkinson, senior engineering student from Colorado City, was awarded a marksmanship trophy by Brigadier Gen. N. A. Costello, commanding general of Fort Leonard Wood at a final review Friday in Missouri.

Wilkinson topped all other cadets in his ROTC Company with a mark of 229 out a possible 250 during recent rifle competition as a part of the engineers' summer-camp activity.

#### Ramsey Speaks To A&M Club

The Brazos County A&M Club will hear Jones Ramsey, sports news director for A&M, when the club holds its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, the clubhouse on Ehlinger Drive.

Supper will be served to the group and several business matters will be discussed, said K. A. "Cubby" Manning, president. A committee report will be made on plans for construction of a patio slab adjacent to the club house. All Aggies in the county are urged to attend the meeting.