

The Fightin' Aggie Band ... three drum majors to watch

# Proud, Poised, Perfect

majors were chosen by a 14-man selection committee made up of himself, the three band commanding officers, last year's drum majors, first sergeants of the two bands, band staff sergeant-major, and representatives from each of the four classes.

The Band began practicing this week for the first football game with the University of Houston here Sept. 23.

George Sessions Perry, in his 1951 book, "The Story of Texas A&M," said this about the famous band:

"I remember few more stunning excitements in my own boyhood than seeing and hearing this mighty and almost incredibly poised musical phalanx come marching onto the field. The sun danced in the bells of the burnished horns. The trombones performed their always eye-catching contortions. And the awe-inspiring strains of the 'Aggie War Hymn' moved right into your heart and set it pounding in time with the music."

Col. Adams, the present band director, graduated from A&M in 1929. He played in the band while he was a student.

## COLLEGE

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are hatched for replacements and broilers.

**Horticulture**  
Directly north of the poultry farm is the Department of Horticulture's testing plots. Pecan, fig, peach, plum and pear trees, along with vegetables, cover most of the 105 acres. Horticulture students receive experience in grafting, pruning, disease control and producing.

**Dairy Farm**  
The dairy farm is located about two miles west of the campus. With approximately 400 cows, the farm furnishes testing and research for the students.  
Milk, ice cream and other dairy products for the dining halls and Memorial Student Center are produced by the A&M Creamery from milk received from the dairy farm.

**Easterwood Field**  
Easterwood Field, two miles southwest of the campus on Farm Road 60, is the largest college-owned airport in the nation. The airport is used for passenger service and flight training for ROTC seniors.

The new Nuclear Science Center is located just south of the airport on the airport road.

**Range and Forestry**  
Joining the airport to the north is 1,180 acres assigned to the Department of Range and Forestry and the 176-acre military reservation.

The Department of Military

Science and Tactics trains junior and senior advanced Army ROTC cadets on the military reservation.

**School of Veterinary Medicine**  
The School of Veterinary Medicine is the only one in Texas and is one of the top veterinary medicine schools in the nation.  
The veterinary hospital and classroom building is located just across the railroad tracks west of the campus on Farm Road 60.

**Entomology**  
Near the School of Veterinary Medicine is the Entomology Research Laboratory. The Department of Entomology is in continual research on the biological development, habits and control of insect pests attacking farm crops and livestock.

**Plantation**  
The college plantation's 3,192 acres are located about 10 miles from the campus in the fertile Brazos River bottomland. The farm begins on the south side of the road immediately to the west of the bridge and south of Farm Road 60.

The farm's primary purpose is to assist with research work carried on by the college.

The Departments of Agricultural Engineering, Agronomy, Animal Husbandry, Range and Forestry, Entomology and Plant Pathology use the farm for direct application, testing and research on farm machinery, insecticides and crops.

Many crops are grown on the farm, the primary crops being cotton, corn and maize.

The plantation headquarters is two miles southeast of the river bridge.

## SYSTEM

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on open reservoirs to development of better row crops for Texas farmers.

The System is headed by a board of directors, consisting of nine members, appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. These board members hold office for terms of six years, with appointments staggered so that each two years three members retire and three new members begin their terms of service.

The chief executive officer of the System is Chancellor W. T. Harrington, who is directly responsible to the board. In charge of each part of the system is another executive officer—for colleges, presidents; for service organizations, directors. These men are responsible to the Chancellor for the efficient operation of their particular schools or service groups.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station engages in research ranging from developing better range grasses to eliminating insect pests; from improving beef cattle production through sire and progeny-testing programs to developing better types of grains, fruits and vegetables for Texas production.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service through its county agricultural agents and home demonstration agents working in 252 of the state's 254 counties brings information on the latest agricul-

tural research to the farmers of the state.

The Texas Engineering Experiment Station engages in research ranging from finding better processing methods for cottonseed to processing to highway design and construction work.

The Texas Engineering Extension Service provides training at short courses on the campus and through courses held in Texas towns and cities by itinerant teachers in fields which include the natural gasoline plant industry, police and firemen's training, supervisory training and instruction for municipal water and sewage plant operators.

It is impossible to briefly outline the work of the System as it affects the people of Texas. It is best to show the scope of this work by an illustration:

The Texas Forest Service, for example, engages in forest fire prevention and suppression, breeding of better pines, finding new uses for forest products and education of the people of this state in the best uses of the great natural forest resources.

To do its work it may call on men from the Engineering Extension Service—to train its crew leaders; it may use facilities of one of the Agricultural Experiment Station's greenhouses for special work; it may ask agents of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to carry special news on forestry to the people of East Texas counties.

## A&M Mess Halls & World's Largest

Shisa and Duncan dining halls together form the largest combined college eating complex on any campus in the world. Shisa Hall, built in 1912, can feed 4,000 people at one time. Duncan Hall, built in 1939, feeds 3,800 people. It takes 200 full-time employees and about 200 student waiters to prepare and serve the meals.

## MILITARY

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In both the Army and Air Force. Advanced ROTC training, leading to commissions in the Officers Reserve Corps, was given to approximately 7,000 men before the program was discontinued under the exigencies of World War II.

By December 7, 1941, some 5,000 reserve officers, trained at A&M, were on active duty helping to weld the army that was to win World War II.

An outstanding illustration of that group were the 46 A&M-trained reserve officers on duty at Corregidor and Bataan. Their epic of fighting ability in the face of insurmountable odds is military history.

In addition to some 7,000 reserve officers trained and commissioned at A&M, the college takes pride in at least another 7,000 officers of World War II. They received from the college varying degrees of military training that enabled them to quickly enter officer candidate school and to better play their part in the emergency program of training a victorious military force.

Six former students were awarded the Medal of Honor for exceptional bravery in World War II—all but two of the awards being posthumous.

Twenty-nine former students of the college have reached general's rank, ten of them as major generals.

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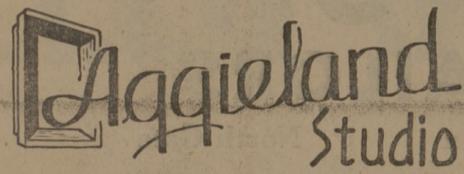
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