

Tuesday Declared Dewitt Greer Day

Tuesday has been proclaimed "Dewitt C. Greer Day" by officials of the Bryan-College Station community and Texas A&M University in recognition of the state highway engineer's 40 years of Texas Highway Department service.

The special tribute to Greer coincides with the opening of the 40th Annual Texas Highway Short Course which will be conducted at A&M Dec. 13-15. The entire meeting will be dedicated to the veteran highway leader.

Greer joined the Highway Department in 1927, four years after receiving his civil engineering degree from A&M, and for the past

26 years has served as state highway engineer, the department's top administrative post.

The proclamation officially designating "Dewitt C. Greer Day" states in part:

"The Texas Highway Department, under his (Greer's) administration, has enjoyed the full confidence and respect of the citizenry while more than doubling the state's mileage of highways and expanding almost five billion dollars of public funds."

Also noted in the document is the fact that Greer administers the largest highway department in the world and directs an employment force of more than 17,000 persons.

The proclamation was announced Wednesday by Brazos County Judge W. C. Davis, Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce President James D. Ingram, Bryan Mayor Jack Conlee and College Station Mayor David A. Anderson.

A resolution passed by A&M's Board of Directors states that Greer "through his devotion to duty, his dedication to service, his engineering acumen, and his outstanding ability as an administrator, has made a major contribution to highway development in Texas and this nation . . . and is today universally recognized by other highway officials in this nation as the dean of highway administrators . . ."

Earlier this year, Greer was named a distinguished alumnus of A&M.

Opening session of the short course will be devoted to personal tributes to Greer. Speakers include A&M President Earl Rudder; Herbert C. Petry, Jr., of Carrizo Springs, chairman of the Texas Highway Commission; J. H. Kultgen of Waco, commission member; State Sen. William T. Moore of Bryan, representing Gov. John Connally; E. M. Johnson of Jackson, Miss., president of the American Association of State Highway Officials; and A. C. Taylor of Fort Worth, regional engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

Also S. J. Matthews of Austin, executive director of the Texas Municipal League; Nueces County (Corpus Christi) Judge Noah Kennedy, representing the counties of Texas; H. C. Heldenfels of Heldenfels Brothers Contractors, Corpus Christi, representing the highway industry; and Weldon Hart of Austin, executive vice president of the Texas Good Roads Association.

Greer is past president of the American Association of State Highway Officials and has received the organization's coveted Thomas H. McDonald and George S. Bartlett awards. The latter award is presented annually in association with the American Road Builders Association and the Highway Research Board.

He also has represented the highway interests of the nation in three international conferences abroad and was instrumental in establishing A&M's internationally recognized Texas Transportation Institute to conduct research for effective and enduring highways.

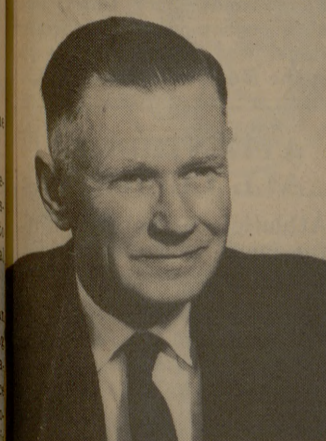
Kiwanis International and the American Public Works Association selected Greer as one of "Ten Top Public Works Men-of-the-Year" in 1962.

Three members of the Teacher Training Division of Texas A&M's Engineering Extension Service are participating in the American Vocational Association Convention this week in Denver, Colo.

They include head teacher trainer B. M. Hackney and instructors Louis R. Maneely and Eugene C. Fisher. Hackney is a delegate to the Iota Lambda Sigma section. ILS is a professional fraternity for vocational people.

The 60th annual AVA convention ends Friday.

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Dewitt C. Greer will be honored Monday for his 40 years of service to the Texas Highway Department by the people of Bryan-College Station and Texas A&M.

Contract Given For Course In Maintainability Engineering

A contract to develop and conduct an accredited graduate-level course in maintainability engineering for the Red River Army Depot at Texarkana has been awarded Texas A&M University, announced President Earl Rudder.

The unique agreement calls for A&M to instruct graduate engineers and physicists, in cooperation with Army officials, in a two-year government training program for the Logistics Intern Training Center of the depot.

The special course will be developed and presented through A&M's Industrial Engineering Department, headed by Dr. Albert W. Wortham. About 96 scientists will study at A&M and Texarkana in the first four classes.

Department Professors R. L. Street and Dr. Robert J. McNichols will instruct the program, including eight months training at the depot and four months at A&M.

Under the contract, A&M will provide the second year of instruction, with the top-ranked engineers and physicists' first year of work under direction of the

Maintainability Engineering Division staff. The program schedules 18 months of classroom work and six months on-the-job participation.

Herchel E. Lynch, acting chief for the maintainability engineering training program, was at A&M this week finalizing program details, working out schedules and course curriculum. Lynch graduated from A&M in 1956 with a bachelor degree in civil engineering.

The program objective is to train engineers in research, development and design of new weapons systems in order to minimize maintenance burden costs.

The new discipline in engineering will include 75 college semester hours in maintainability engineering, reliability engineering, quality assurance and control, metrology, operations research, dynamic instrumentation, computer science, statistical analysis and prerequisite courses in probability, statistics, applied mathematics, management and logistics.

The first class of 19 began graduate study in February, 1966. The second class started last July. The third class — presently being recruited from the nation's colleges and universities — begins instruction in July, 1967.

"This program will cover material from the cradle to the grave," Dr. Wortham explained. "Maintenance costs, acceptance criteria and early-stage design are a few of the areas to be studied."

Aggie Ex Is Recipient Of Army Citation

Army Maj. Joe V. Wagstaff of Henderson, former A&M student, was presented the Bronze Medal at Nha Trang in Vietnam.

Member of the Class of 1955, Maj. Wagstaff was decorated at Field Force Headquarters for meritorious service in combat operations against hostile Vietnam forces.

The intelligence officer has since returned to the United States with assignment at Fort Lewis, Wash. Wagstaff's wife Judith and two children reside at Spanaway, Wash.

The son of Mrs. Alma McCormack, Route 4, Box 8, Henderson is a graduate of Henderson High School.



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