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Dr. Al B. Nelson, history and government professor at Texas A&M, has received a silver bowl from fellow faculty members for 30 years service.

Dr. Nelson plans to retire this summer.

The faculty also presented an orchid corsage to Mrs. Nelson for contributions and services to the department and faculty wives.

AMONG THOSE present at a dinner in the Memorial Student Center honoring Professor Nelson were three department heads with whom he has worked: Dr. S. R. Gammon, 1925-54; Dr. R. W. Steen, 1954-58; and Dr. J. M. Nance, since 1958.

Nelson earned his doctorate in Latin American History at the University of California at Berkeley in 1937 and joined the A&M faculty that fall. He earlier received M.A. and B.A. degrees from Texas Christian University.

DR. NELSON has seen the Department of History and Government grow from less than 10 majors in history to more than 212 majors in history and 125 in Government. The faculty numbers 27 full-time members compared to the original five.

The department now offers a

full-fledged program through the Masters of Arts and looks forward to a division into separate history and government departments. The division has been approved by the Texas A&M Board of Directors and awaits approval of the Texas Coordinating Board.

## Society Schedules Dinner May 18

Texas A&M meteorologists' work in the recent Line Islands Experiment will be described at the annual dinner meeting of the College Station chapter of the American Meteorological Society May 18.

The 6:30 p.m. banquet will be in Room 2C of the Memorial Student Center, announced Dr. Dale Leipper, chapter president.

"Problems and Experiences of the Line Island Experiment" will be covered with slides and discussion by Dr. Aylmer Thompson and Capt. Donald Frazee of the Meteorology Department.

Dr. Thompson said the program will be "semi-popular", with research trip information of interest to wives and scientific results for professors.



## PR GRADUATION

Edwin Cooper (left), assistant to A&M President Earl Rudder, presented diplomas to 119 Bryan-College Station businessmen and employees participating in a recent public relations course sponsored by the B-CS Chamber of Commerce. He is shown with Chamber President J. B. (Dick) Hervey (center) and Frank A. Driskill, course instructor.

## Aggies Produce Top P.R. Turnout

It took the Aggies to produce the state's top turnout for public relations course presented by the University of Texas Extension District Education.

A record 119 Bryan-College Station businessmen and employees participate in the evening course sponsored by B-CS Chamber of Commerce.

The president and executive president of the chamber are Texas A&M graduates, as is the division chairman and all the committee members responsible for arranging the course.

When it came to selecting a graduation speaker, the honor fell to Edwin H. Cooper, assistant to A&M President Earl Rudder.

The course instructor, Frank A. Driskill of Austin, was surprised. He, too, is a former A&M student and taught marketing and advertising here 30 years ago.

Driskill shouldn't have been surprised. He, too, is a former A&M student and taught marketing and advertising here 30 years ago.

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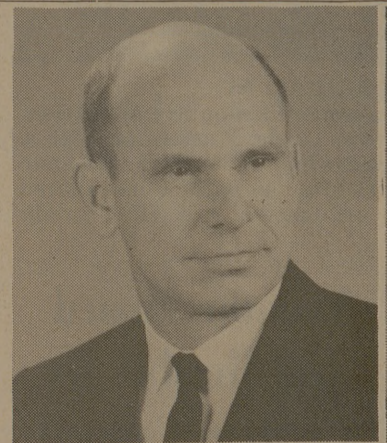
a member of the following honor societies: Chi Epsilon, Sigma Gamma Tau, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi and the Society of Sigma Xi.

Dr. Samson is chairman of the official board of the A&M Methodist Church and a board member of the Wesley Foundation of Texas A&M.

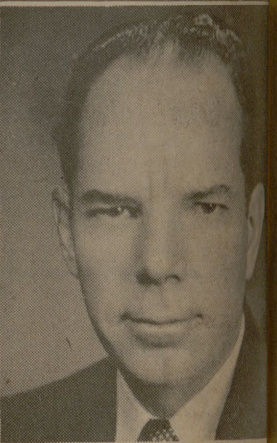
Dr. Maurer, a past president of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, came to Texas A&M in 1964 after 20 years of active duty with the U.S. Army.

UPON RETIREMENT, Colonel Maurer was presented the nation's second highest peacetime decoration, the Legion of Merit, for his outstanding accomplishments and service to his country and the world of veterinary medicine.

Maurer earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree from Washington State College in 1937 and his Ph.D. from Cornell. He entered the Army in 1941 and



CHARLES H. SAMSON



FRED D. MAURER

worked with the War Disease Control Station in Grosse Isle, Canada.

After the war he was sent to Africa to conduct research on animal diseases which could inflict disastrous losses among the livestock population. He was commended by the government of Kenya for his contributions to knowledge about such diseases as

African Swine Fever, Rinderpest, Rift-Valley Fever and others.

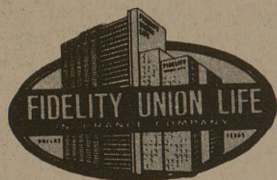
IN 1955 the colonel was signed to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology as chief of the Veterinary Virology Section. He spent three years in the Middle East studying a disease which caused the death of 300,000 camels, earning the Commendation Medal for his research.

## JUNIORS - SENIORS

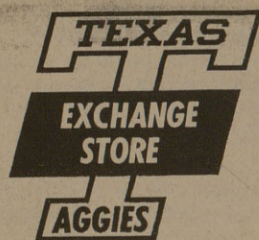
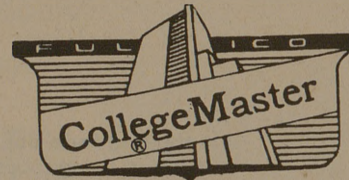
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