



RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY President-elect Nixon sits with James Cardinal McIntyre and Sen. George Murphy at charity dinner in Los Angeles, Calif. Nixon was speaker at benefit for maternity hospital and clinic. (AP Wirephoto)

## Police Training Division Chief Says College Degree Needed

A veteran police educator who "shook doors" on a midnight walking beat as a rookie before working his way up to chief of police said it's "not even in focus" when queried how soon universities might staff police departments with "degree officers."

"I put a lot of value on training and feel there is a need for a degree program, but a degree is not going to make a police officer," said Ira E. Scott, chief of A&M's Police Training Division. The division has been assisting community police departments since the early 1930's and is the only university police extension school in the state.

Scott's reply appeared to refute recent statements from other universities that officers with degrees in police science would soon be able to step into key police department positions without benefit of experience and on-the-job training.

"Officers must first be qualified," added Scott. He said they must have high moral character, good physical condition and "be able to use good judgment."

"You can't obtain all qualifications in a classroom" he continued. "Some of them can only be obtained through experience." Chief of A&M's Texas Engineering Extension Service's police division since 1967, Scott started his own law enforcement career in Lubbock in 1947 "pounding a beat." He came here in 1954, but left six years later to serve as chief of police at Kingsville. He held the position until 1964 when he returned as supervisor of the polygraph school.

"There is a need for a college in the state to offer a degree in police administration and police science," he emphasized, noting several junior colleges now confer associate degrees in police science. Students currently cannot pursue such degree plans in a senior college in Texas.

Scott admitted he felt state colleges should start thinking about a baccalaureate degree. "We're certainly living in an era that the college trained policeman is needed," he observed.

"Police work is becoming more and more technical."

He pointed out many major police departments are slowly starting to require that applicants have a minimum of two years formal training. He expects this to become a standard requirement within the next 10 years.

"There is the other side of the coin," he continued. "Before we can obtain these goals, we're going to have to have something more to offer them than the low salaries officers are paid today." While Scott sees a future need for a degree program, he is quick to add there is a need for a continuing police training program for the working policeman now.

"We at A&M believe that our own program on an extension basis—as we take it out into the state to police departments who can't spare their men—serves this need," he said.

"There is a real big problem that has yet to be discussed," he added. "It's the small town and its police problems."

Scott noted small towns are just as susceptible to crime as larger cities.

"Since many of these smaller departments will not be able to hire officers with degrees, then it is all the more important that we continue to maintain an extension police training program which will serve their needs," he stressed.

Scott and his staff—all former top-ranking law enforcement officers—teach both theory and practical application. Scott's division is not new to Texas officers. The first police conference conducted by Texas A&M extension personnel was held in Waco in 1933 with schools in Wichita Falls in 1934 and El Paso in 1935.

The Vocational Board of Education hired an itinerant instructor in 1938 to conduct police courses across the state. Transferred to A&M in 1940, the program has been continued through the Extension Service in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency. The program's enrollment has averaged over 1,000 officers a year since 1958.

On August 29, 1968, A&M's police division became the first training unit in the state to be certified by the newly organized State Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education.

## Fat-Diet Control Research Grant Gets National Institute Approval

A \$114,398 grant for continued research into diet control of the metabolism of fat has been approved by the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, announced Congressman Olin E. Teague. The research, conducted by Dr. Raymond Reiser, has been under way here since 1949 and started through an Atomic Energy Commission grant.

Several aspects of the way tissues produce fat are under investigation by Reiser and his associates. Fat is produced by animals and plants by two routes, formation of glycerol and fatty acids which combine to form the substance.

Work involves determining how the molecules are synthe-

sized, how the cell controls amounts and texture of fat produced, how it is deposited and digestive mechanisms.

"Also involved are developing techniques for handling the very, very small quantities involved and a broader investigation into the differences of fats between mammals and fish," Reiser continued.

Working in the project, originally for seven years and extended for three more, are Dr. Nestor R. Bottino Jr. and Dr. Carter Litchfield of the A&M faculty, post-doctoral fellows Dr. K. Raju and Dr. Ananda Rao of India and Dr. Eberhard Haefner of Germany, six graduate students working toward the Ph.D. and several technicians.

## 2 Vets Named Diplomats On National Board

Two A&M veterinarians have been certified as diplomats of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists.

They are Dr. Richard J. Hidalgo and Dr. Charles W. Livingston of the College of Veterinary Medicine's veterinary microbiology department.

Dean A. A. Price noted that certification means "both men have passed a written board examination and are declared members of the national board."

Livingston earned his B.S. degree from Sul Ross College in 1946 and his DVM at A&M in 1955 at which time he joined the Agriculture Experiment Station at the Sonora Ranch substation. Receiving his M.S. degree from A&M in 1961, Livingston transferred to the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1963.

On leave of absence to complete his Ph.D. requirements at the University of Nebraska, Livingston specializes in sheep diseases.

Hidalgo joined A&M's faculty in 1966 after receiving his M.S. and Ph.D. degree from Louisiana State University. He earned his DVM at A&M in 1962.

**WELL-KNOWN MAN**  
**HELENA, Mont. (AP)** — Large corporations usually receive mail in a post office drawer.

Recently, one of the state departments in Montana had occasion to correspond with the Conti-

## YMCA Launches A&M Drive To Give Christmas To Needy

Response to an appeal to help needy Bryan-College Station families have a real Christmas is underway with the first major donation by YMCA officers.

Aggies Tuesday gave nine dozen boxes of chocolate mints to the drive, said Col. Logan Weston.

"The mints are a good start to what we hope will be a very successful effort," Weston added. Weston is YMCA general secretary and religious life coordinator.

Weston has appealed to students and faculty-staff members to join the drive for food and clothing for families who will not have a Christmas unless the people respond.

He emphasized all items donated to the drive will be placed in the hands of a family really in need."

In addition to food and clothing, Weston said the opportunity is available for a university family to "adopt" a family for Christmas.

"Students and faculty-staff members wanting a more personal contact may obtain a fam-

ily's name and know in advance its needs," he continued.

Food, clothing and toys should be delivered to the YMCA.



**DRIVE GETS UNDERWAY**  
The YMCA drive to help needy families in the Bryan-College Station area started Tuesday by Aggies who gave nine dozen boxes of mints. Aggie "Y" members Gary Anderson of Dallas, left, and David Howard of Houston display part of the mints.

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2. To bring up-to-date changes in address, family status, and the business status of these men.  
3. Attend Council meetings as a non-voting member.  
4. Compile the Council minutes for the Council President's Office.  
The Council Historian shall assume office through the nomination of the Council President and confirmation by the Council. The requirements to hold office will be identical to those of any Council officer. He may appoint, with approval by the Council President, as many as three Assistant-Historians to help him with his duties and act as possible successors to his position.  
This is a prime opportunity for interested students to meet major businessmen and former students of Texas A&M. Interested students should contact Benny Sims, MSC Council President, for applications and further information.

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