

## A&M Renames Dorms For Medal Winners

Dr. Eli L. Whiteley, his family and the families of A&M's other Medal of Honor winners were special guests Saturday for Military Weekend activities which included renaming six dormitories in honor of the World War II heroes.

More than 50 members of the six Medal of Honor recipients' families joined in the observance, including some relatives from as far away as California.

Whiteley, associate professor of Agronomy here, is the sole surviving recipient of the nation's highest honor. He is a native of Georgetown and a 1942 graduate.

William G. Harrell, 1943 graduate from Mercedes, survived the war but died in 1963.

The awards were made posthumously to Lloyd H. Hughes, 1943 graduate from Corpus Christi; George D. Keathley, Olney, 1937; Turney W. Leonard, Dallas, 1942; and Thomas W. Fowler, Wichita Falls, 1943.

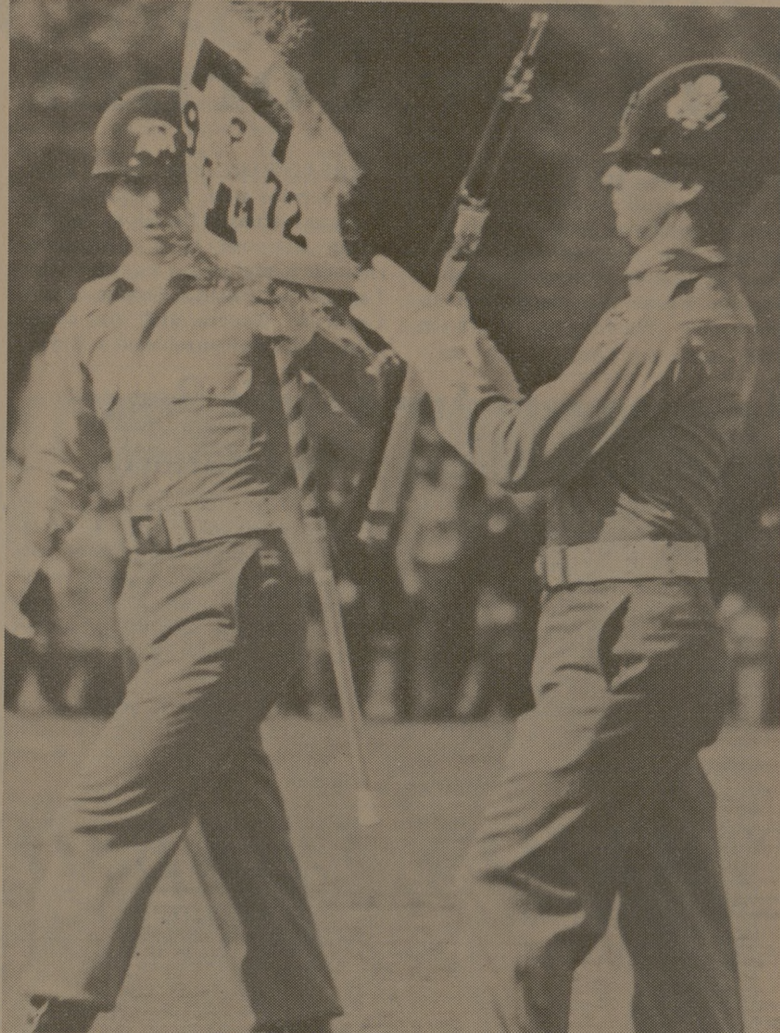
"It's a great honor to have one of the A&M dormitories named after me," noted Dr. Whiteley, "and I think all the families, including my own, are extremely proud the university has done this."

"If the young men who live in these dormitories could realize the sacrifices that these other Medal of Honor winners made, I think it would influence them in the way they conduct themselves, both here on campus and in the future," Whiteley observed.

Among the honorees were the widows of two of the men, Mrs. Inez Keathley of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Olive C. Harrell of San Antonio.

They were honored at the Corps of Cadets' first full-scale review of the year and then taken to the dormitory areas, where they visited the facilities named in their honor.

Three of the halls, Whiteley, Leonard and Harrell, are located in the Corps area, while the others are on the opposite side of the campus and house civilian students.



HEADS UP!

Fish Drill Team guidon bearer David Calvert, left, and Larry Larson exhibit fancy drill before a Military Day crowd following Saturday's Corps review. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## State Plans Help For Czech Culture

Preservation of the Czech language, culture and heritage in Texas has taken its first step through efforts of state and national education agencies and Texas A&M.

The step encouraged by A&M consists of the Texas Education Agency adding a Czech language consultant to its staff, through recently approved U. S. Office of Education support announced Congressman J. J. Pickle of Austin.

He will work with L. Harlan Ford, TEA assistant commissioner for teacher education and instructional services.

An expert in the Czech language, the consultant will be involved in language planning and area studies with schools, students and parents in Texas' 40 or more Czech-speaking communities, TEA personnel and colleges.

Dr. John M. Skrivaneck, Czech professor on study development leave in Prague, Czechoslovakia, is assisting in selection of candidates for the TEA consultant position.

Czech is the state's third most used language, after English and Spanish. The population of Texas includes an estimated half million persons of Czech extraction, many of which have some ability in the language, according to Dr. Jack A. Dabbs, Modern Languages Department head. But emphasis on use of the language in the Czech population centers is declining.

The department instructs more students in Czech than any other

institution in the U. S. and has long supported efforts to preserve the state's Czech linguistic and cultural heritage.

"For several years we have offered Czech courses and encouraged public schools to take an interest in the language," Dabbs noted.

The department works with Czech civic and fraternal organizations to set up scholarships for students of the language. Unsolicited scholarships have been received.

A&M students are supported by awards of the Supreme Lodge S.P.J.S.T., the Union of Czech Catholic Women of Texas, Mutual Aid Society of the Unity of the Brethren Church, the Czech Catholic Union of Texas, the Czech Educational Foundation of Texas and Zapadni Cesko — Bratrska Jednota.

Dabbs and his associates discussed with TEA officials means of helping preserve the Czech language, which led to the proposal and \$12,500 USOE grant.

"We feel our efforts are beginning to bear fruit," Dabbs said.

## Nicolo Marionettes Here Saturday At Lamar Junior High School

The American Association of University Women will present the children's program, "Jack and the Beanstalk" Saturday, according to Mrs. W. Kennedy Upham, public information chairman.

The performances by the Nicolo Marionettes to be given in Lamar Junior High School gymnasium on Villa Maria delight children all over the world.

Admission is 50 cents for children and 75 cents for adults, and

# New Master's Program Begun

For Agriculture Careers

Careers in modern agriculture will get a substantial boost through a new approach to professional training here.

A restructured program featuring 22 options, terminating with the Master of Agriculture degree has been initiated. The professional degree will require about 1.5 years of additional training above a B.S. degree.

In announcing this new concept of agricultural instruction, Dean H. O. Kunkel of the College of Agriculture, noted the growing opportunity and demand for professionalism in agriculture, agribusiness and related industries.

THESE PROGRAMS will be rigorous, challenging and just as demanding as the master of science programs, now used to prepare research workers," said Kunkel.

The master of Agriculture is not a terminal degree. A student may move directly into a Ph.D. program from this degree, if he desires, Kunkel explained. Careers in modern agriculture demand an exceptionally well-trained individual.

This specialized master's program is designed for those wanting graduate professional training in a specific agricultural discipline. Undergraduate students will have the opportunity to plan a program of study leading to this master's degree. Any B.S. graduate who meets admission requirements may also work on this nonthesis degree.

OPTIONS OF study offered are aerobiology, agricultural economics, animal science, crops, dairy science, economic entomology, floriculture, horticulture, plant science, poultry science, range science, recreation and resources development, rural sociology, soils, wildlife science, and fisheries science.

Five interdisciplinary options are offered in agricultural chemistry, agricultural development, food technology, natural resource development and plant protection.

To determine a student's needs in preparing for a professional career, his background in the chosen subject matter area will be examined. Courses that are appropriate to his special program will be selected from the many offerings at the graduate level.

ACTUAL WORK and experience in the field will be required for some options. For example, an animal scientist studying to be a feedlot manager will gain experience in actual feedlot operation. Degree candidates in floriculture will undergo "on-the-job" training in greenhouse and nursery management, and those

interested in training as agricultural representatives of banks will spend some time working before graduation. The amount of such field training will depend upon the individual's background and the subject area he chooses.

With a definite option plan in mind, the student can expect to

obtain his degree in a minimum of 12 months, upon successful completion of 36 semester hours.

Whether one plans his future in agricultural banking, feedlot management, seed technology, meat packing, dairy processing, insect control, plant protection or in any consultant area of agri-

culture, he can get professional training through the new master of agriculture program.

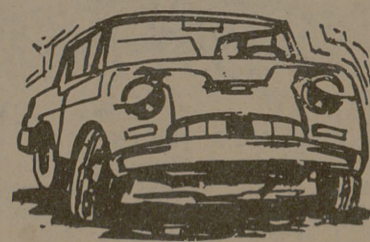
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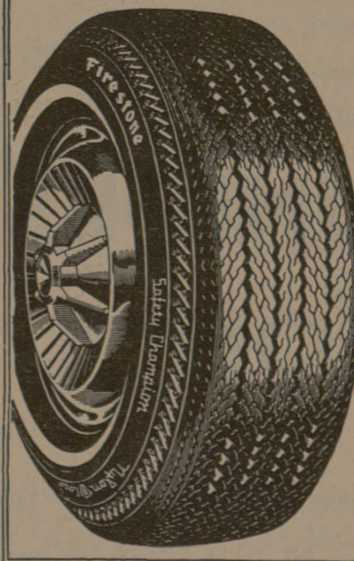
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