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# Husband-wife team receives Ph.D.'s

d a near-pioneer life at Texas A&M University May 7 when they ate in plant breeding. come the institution's first couele to receive Ph.D. degrees at the same commencement.

Read, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Read of Dublin, Texas, has mpleted work for the Ph.D. in enetics. Mrs. Read, daughter of

land Springs, receives her doctor-

Both have major interests in cytogenetics and studied buffelgrass for dissertation research.

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their academic programs. "The children (Tambria, 13, Heather, 9, and Pattillo, 7) were

a big help," Mrs. Read admits. "We trust the children and they stayed at home helping with the cooking and house work.'

Read said the work day started at daylight and continued until midnight or later seven days a week, due mainly to their work with plants requiring constant

He reports June 1 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Plant Science Research Division in Salinas, Calif., to begin cytogenetic research on sugarbeets. Mrs. Read is looking for a teachingresearch job in the Salinas area.

Both come from Texas farm life, including work on the farms. Mrs. Read's family is a part of Texas history. Her grandfather, Pattillo Higgins Sr., discovered the Spindletop Oil Field near Beaumont. Her father, Pattillo Higgins Jr., discovered the original sexual buffelgrass and his grass farm in Sutherland Springs is one of the best known in Texas.

The Reads expect little trouble communicating with each other about their work. "She knows as much about my

work as I do," James explained. "Our degrees are so closely associated that we each know what the other is talking about. If one of us

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Read Mrs. Pat Higgins Jr. of Suther- both were enrolled full-time in wants to go fishing, the other can take over the greenhouse," he quipped.

They admit there are disadvantages.

"When we both work in the same office, you can't come home telling the other about how hard I worked," Mrs. Read said. "We know what the other has done."

Read graduated from Dublin High School in 1958, served a three-year tour in the Army and graduated from Tarleton State's two-year program in 1964.

He received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Texas A&M. He held research and teaching assistantships at A&M and a National Defense Education Act fellowship.

Mrs. Read graduated from Alamo Heights High School and received a B.S. degree in biology from Trinity University in 1956. She has a master's from Texas

Her experience includes teaching at the public school and university levels in San Antonio, Bishop, New York, Texas A&I and A&M. She holds a teaching and research assistantship at

There have been a number of women who earned Ph.D. degrees at Texas A&M, but Mrs. Read is the first to obtain the degree at the same time as her husband. the Registrar's Office reports.

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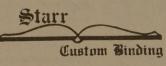
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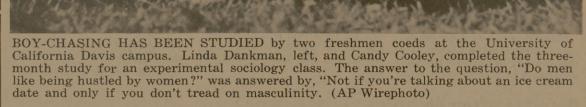
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Colglazier Jr. of San Antonio, Rex B. Grey of London, England, Dr. John M. Knox of Houston, and Norman N. Moser of Dekalb. The four men were selected jointly by the university and its Association of Former Students.

the May 8 commencement exer-

Geology prof given party

Professor Fred E. Smith, veteran geology teacher, was surprised Thursday with a retirement barbecue party at Friendly Acres More than 100 of Smith's friends

and the university attended. He will conclude 23 years servive with retirement this semester. Smith and his wife Odette, who have made College Station their permanent home, leave May 31 on

an European tour. A former oil industry paleontologist and Air Force Reserve major, he joined the A&M geology faculty in 1948. Smith has been assistant to the geosciences dean

for the past two years. For the last 10 summers, the enthusiastic rock-hound has conducted a geology institute for exceptional high school students under National Science Founda-

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these men of achievement," President Dr. Jack K. Williams said. "They present evidence of the effectiveness of A&M's role in higher education to the people of Texas and the nation." Colglazier, a 1925 civil engineering graduate, attained the

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highest grade ever held by a reserve officer on active duty in the U.S. Army. At the time of his retirement at Fort Sam Houston in 1966, he commanded the They will be presented awards at Fourth Army. He retired as a lieutenant general with 40 years of commissioned service.

Considered one of the world's authorities in the field of logistics, Colglazier made special studies of logistical situations in Europe for NATO at the request the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Also since retirement, he made logistical studies of world oil reserves while on special assignment to the Secretary of Defense.

Grey, president of ITT Africa and the Middle East, has been from the College of Geosciences with the European operations of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation for the past 10 years. Under his leadership, the functions of 30-40 ITT companies have tripled in size. Grey was president of his own firm and then associated with Dresser Industries before joining ITT in

Born in El Paso, he studied mechanical engineering at A&M before entering World War II. After the war, Grey studied at the University of Houston and

chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston. A native of Dallas, he was head yell leader before entering the Navy in 1944 after his junior year. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1947 at A&M and his M.D. in 1949 at Baylor.

Recognized as an authority in the field of dermatology, he has published over 215 technical papers in scientific journals. The Department of Dermatology at Baylor is recognized throughout the world. It has received important research grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Surgeon General of the Army, the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, the Veteran's Administration, and others. The department also is the leading aca demic center in research on venereal diseases.

Moser initiated the screwworm eradication program in the Southwest while serving as president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. While serving as chairman of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, he was successful in combining its efforts and those of the Beef Council into one effective organization.

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