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# r. Richmond To Retire After 42 Years Service

When Dr. T. R. Richmond retires June 30 at A&M after almost 42 years of federal service, he'll do so with mixed emotions. Behind will be a productive ca-

reer in cotton genetics. Ahead beckon many years of traveling to visit children and old friends, and an undiminished enchantment with his 20-foot sailboat. The agronomist's transition to

a new life style will be helped considerably when co-workers

and other admirers honor him have carved a permanent niche with a retirement reception June 27. Activities begin at 3 p.m. in the USDA-ARS Veterinary Toxicology Conference Room.

Richmond's current position is principal research agronomist with the USDA and professor at A&M and he is in charge of the state-federal cooperative cotton genetics and improvement program at the university. His accomplishments over the years

in agricultural history.

Dr. Jarvis Miller, director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, said the scientist's leadership in cotton improvement research has helped to maintain the fiber as one of the nation's major farm commodities.

"His insight and innovative thinking have established the broad research base that allows cotton to conquer new problems

and to meet the demands of modern production," Miller said.

Another colleague of many years, Dr. J. Rex Johnston, director of the Oklahoma-Texas Area, Southern Region, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, said Richmond foresaw the many problems that would face modern cotton production, and he collected germplasm to provide material to meet those challenges. "Dr. Richmond early recog-

nized the need for more information on the basic biological properties of cultivated cotton and on variability of the germplasm," Johnston pointed out. "He supported such when little other support, financial or otherwise, was forthcoming. Under his leadership, the research group at College Station became the major center for cotton research." In recognition of his efforts and success, Richmond has re-

ceived the Cotton Genetics Research Award and the USDA Superior Service Award. He also has been technical advisor for cotton agronomy in the ARS Southern Region, and represented the USDA last year on a cotton study in the Soviet Union. More recently, he served as research leader for the Southwestern Crop Genetics and Improvement Institute at Texas A&M. The assignment covered studies on small grains, grain sorghum, forages, sunflowers and peanuts, as well as continuation of lead-

ership in cotton improvement. He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, Ge-netics Society of America, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Society of Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta.

Thomas Rollin Richmond was born near Kyle, Hays County, in 1909. He entered Texas A&M in 1927 and received his BS and MS degrees in genetics in 1931 and 1938. His doctorate came in 1947 from the University of Minnesota.

The young geneticist joined the USDA upon graduation from A&M in 1931. He returned to the campus in 1936 as a joint employee of the USDA Agricultural Research Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

In recent years, he was employed solely by ARS, but has participated in the federal- state cooperative program at A&M.

Dr. Richmond and his wife, Beth, and the sailboat live at 505 Crescent Drive in Bryan. Mrs. Richmond, an accomplished sailor, can spell her husband at the helm anytime.

Although the couple will have traveling and house and yard duties to occupy their retirement years, none of these will be at the expense of sailing. First things first, the Richmonds say.

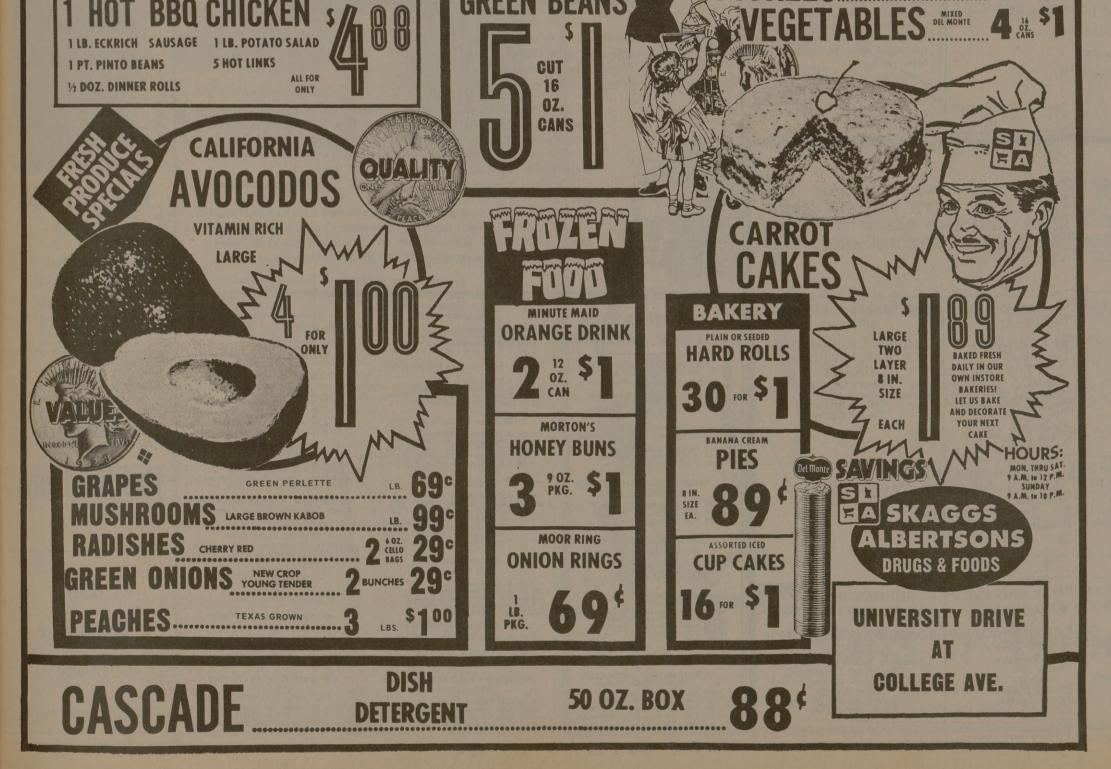
## **ID** Card Needed **For Pool Entry**

University identification cards are now being required for entry to either Wofford Cain Olympic Pool or the Research Annex Pool, announced Dr. Carl Landiss, head of the Health and Physical Education Department.

Students need only show their regularly issued ID card for free admittance to either pool, Landiss noted.

Faculty and staff, other than those already having season passes, must present a university identification card in addition to the charge for entry to Wofford Cain. In the future, the ID must be shown at time of purchase for





a season pass. Only the identification card is required for use of the annex pool.

Faculty and staff may request ID cards through their depart-ment heads, Landiss pointed out.

## **USMC Team Here**, **ExplainsPrograms**

A Marine Corps officer selection team will be on campus Wed-nesday and Thursday to explain the Corps' commissioning programs and administer aptitude tests to interested students. The team, headed by Capt. W.

E. Lucas, will operate an information booth in the Memorial Student Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

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