

# Secretary Retires, Ends Long Association With A&M

A secretary with a flair for dealing with people retires with her boss Aug. 31.

Mrs. Nettie Crenshaw, administrative secretary to Dean of Students James P. Hannigan, ends 24 years at A&M.

Except for "time out for two sons," she has worked at A&M since 1935. The last five years were with Dean Hannigan.

"The thing I've enjoyed most is getting to know students and working with them," Mrs. Crenshaw said.

The first person visitors encounter at the dean's office, she is vital to its operation and admired by co-workers for her abilities.

"Nettie is a super outstanding secretary," Dean Hannigan said. "She does a lot more than the average secretary and handles a heavy percentage of visitors. Many problems and requests never get past her. Her long service at A&M provides most answers to questions we get."

Dean Hannigan also cited Mrs. Crenshaw's "great friendship" with student leaders, her outgoing personality and "extremely accurate" work with budgets and other office work.

Besides direct student contacts, the dean has organizational responsibility for the Housing Office, University Hospital, MSC, YMCA, deans of men and women, commandant, veterans advisor and

foreign student advisor. "Mrs. Crenshaw treats people like part of her own family," observed Dean of Men Charles Powell. "She is a very effective person. Nothing ever seems to upset her."

Another facet of the former Texas Agricultural Extension Service secretary's ability was highlighted by Malon Southerland, assistant to the dean.

"Mrs. Crenshaw is able to pry from a student what his or her request actually is and properly assist them in seeing the individual or office that can solve their problem, whether the dean or another campus office," he said.

He also cited her "memory for places, events, people and associating one with the other."

Associate Dean Howard Perry said the retiring senior secretary

"is a real asset to our offices. She is an efficient secretary and extremely helpful to students, parents and visitors. If she doesn't know an answer, she finds it."

"Mrs. Crenshaw tells it like it is," observed a student leader.

Powell noted she is looking forward to retirement, "because she's a lively person. She wants to turn her time to her home and husband."

"I can hardly wait," Mrs. Crenshaw remarked. "There is so much to do, furniture to refinish, photo albums to put together for the boys—things I've long planned but never had time for."

She was previously secretary to directors of the Agricultural Extension Service, the Agricultural Experiment Station and former Agriculture Dean R. E. Patterson. She worked part-time another

two years for the

and Biophysics Department. Her husband retired as personnel director of Public Schools. Sammy works in Bryan, Sammy works in Acoustics. Harry has been headmaster at Allen. Harry is a recent graduate, master's. Harry and his attended Southwestern University.

## 'Bomberos' Registered

Students from nine countries and four states were on hand Monday for the Spanish-speaking fire school at A&M.

"Bomberos," as firemen are called in Spanish-speaking countries, came from Texas, Arizona, Colorado and Ohio; from 21 states in Mexico and Spain, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Colombia, Honduras and Peru for this year's school.

Total registered students for the school is 123, according to John R. Rauch, instructor at the Texas Firemen's Training School. This represents an increase of two students over last year.

The students are joined by 68 instructors, administrative personnel and manufacturers' representatives. They will supervise and assist in classroom and field training exercises.

A large block of the students were flown from Mexico City in a chartered aircraft by the Mexican Association of Health and Security. All the students were treated to a banquet given in their honor by the Amigos Club of Bryan Sunday.

The "bomberos" will attend week-long classes ranging from basic firefighting to combating petroleum, gas and chemical fires.

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