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Bearden Banquet Set For Friday

An appreciation banquet honoring Harold D. Bearden, retiring contributions to Vocational Indusdirector of A&M's Engineering trial Education throughout the Extension Service, has been sched- state, Bearden has received hon- returning in 1947 as assistant uled Aug. 31 in the Krueger- ors and awards from numerous director of the Industrial Exten-Dunn Dining Hall.

Set for 7:30 p.m., the banquet groups. will feature Reagan Brown as He fi guest speaker. Brown, an Extension sociologist with TAMU's Agricultural Extension Service, is on leave as a special assistant to Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

Associated with A&M for 27 years, Bearden assumed the directorship of the Engineering Extension Service in 1954. The number of staff members has increased substantially and the total of individuals served by the training services offered by the department has more than dou-

Welcome Back Picnic Friday

A&M students, faculty and administrators will mix formally Friday at the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate "Welcome Back Picnic."

It will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wayne Stark in College Station.

The annual event enables new student leaders and members of the MSC Council and Directorate committees to meet MSC staff, faculty advisors of MSC committees and administrators.

Bill Davis, executive vice president for projects, said that in case of rain the supper will be in Hensel Park.

The MSC picnic is one of several events that precede the start of A&M's fall semester classes

Aggie Players **Tryout Tuesday**

Aggie Players will organize Tuesday for the 1973-74 theater

Tryouts for two major fall productions, "The Devil's Disci-ple" by Shaw and Moliere's "School for Wives," will begin at the meeting, announced C. K. Esten, director.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be in Building "J" on the second day of classes of the fall semester.

The Aggie Players is the production company of the English Department's Theater Arts Section, chaired by Esten. He emphasized that A&M students need not be enrolled in theater arts courses in order to join the Players and take part in productions.

"The Devil's Disciple" will be staged in October; "School for Wives" in December.

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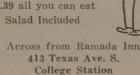
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organizations and professional

He first came to A&M in 1943 as an instructor in supervisory training with the Industrial Extension Service, an office which was enlarged and renamed the Engineering Extension Service in

Recognized for his outstanding 1948. He then served for a time served as director of War Indus- sion Service, under Bearden's as an area supervisor for the tries Training, headquartered at guidance, has grown to supply Texas Education Agency before sion Service.

Before joining the staff at A&M, Bearden taught school in Nocona and served as coordinator of Diversified Occupations in Sweetwater, San Angelo and

During World War II, he

Lubbock. He is a graduate of some 22,000 people each year in Lamesa High School, Texas Tech extension training courses con-University, and the University of ducted over the state. A major

Born in Avery, Texas, Bearden is one of five sons of Henry G. and Stella Bearden. He is married to the former Doris Parsons. They have one daughter, Mrs. W. J. Merrell of Bryan.

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