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# Cotton Gets Top Chemistry Award



Dr. Albert Cotton

Dr. Albert Cotton, the Robert A. Welch Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at A&M, is the winner of the American Chemical Society's 1974 Award for Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Inorganic Chemistry.

The award, sponsored by the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works of St. Louis, consists of a \$2,000 honorarium and a certificate. It was established in 1963 to honor chemists who have demonstrated extensive contributions to inorganic chemistry in such fields as teaching, writing, research and administration.

Dr. Cotton came to A&M in 1971 after 17 years of teaching and research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received his B.A. degree from Temple University in 1951 and the Ph.D. from Harvard in 1955. Cotton also holds an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Temple.

A textbook Dr. Cotton wrote with Prof. Geoffrey Wilkinson of England, "Advanced Inorganic Chemistry," is considered the

"bible" of inorganic chemistry today. Another of his texts that is used universally is "Chemical Applications of Group Theory."

Cotton's research has centered on the links that can arise between metal atoms in certain inorganic systems called coordination compounds. The professor's description of the metal-to-metal bonding in one particular rhenium chloride complex was adapted by the Soviet Union and the compound was placed on one of

their postage stamps. Recipient of many honors, including the first ACS Award in Inorganic Chemistry (1961), Prof. Cotton is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Chemical Society, the Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Crystallographic Association, the Society of Biological Chemists and the National Academy of Sciences.

## English Department Adds Professors

A&M's English Department has added three new assistant professors to the faculty.

Dr. Harrison E. Hierth, department head, announced the appointments effective Sept. 1.

The new professors are Dr. Jerome M. Loving, formerly at Duke; Dr. Hubert H. McAlexander Jr., Mississippi, and Dr. Merrill D. Whitburn, Michigan.

Dr. Loving, American literature specialist, received his Ph.D. this year at Duke and taught earlier at Robert Morris College in Pittsburgh. His B.A. and M.A. are from Penn State and Duquesne, respectively. He served a tour as a Navy commissioned officer before going to Morris College.

The American novel and William Faulkner are interests of Dr. McAlexander. He was an instructor at Mississippi several years before enrolling for Ph.D. graduate study at the University of Wisconsin. It was awarded

this year. He was an NDEA fellowship recipient at Ole Miss, where his first degrees were awarded.

Also an NDEA Fellow at Michigan, Dr. Whitburn received the B.A. and M.A. degrees there and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. The professor's specialties are 18th Century literature, technical and creative writing. During 1962-64, he was a translator, broadcaster and writer for Interacciones Demitag and Voice of Germany in Bonn and Cologne. Whitburn was a speech writer and editor with Western Electric Co. in New York and Indianapolis in 1965-67.

## Texas Farmers Set New Levels In Production

Texas farmers and livestock raisers are setting new production levels this year, Agriculture Commissioner John White reported.

Records, according to White, are being tied or broken for wheat, cotton, grain sorghum, corn, peanuts, soybeans, oats, barley, rye and rice. Texas is first in the nation in cotton and grain sorghum and fourth in wheat production.

Texas cattle on feed total 2.3 million, said White, about 700,000 more than the second-ranking state, Iowa, and an increase of nine per cent over last year. White said cattle producers marketed more cattle during June and July than they did a year ago, proving that they are not holding back because of the price freeze on beef.

White predicted that removal of the beef price ceiling will not cause skyrocketing of meat prices and may even help bring them down.

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