

Regents exercise authority over A&M system

The guardians of the \$350 million complex known as the Texas A&M University System often go unnoticed by a student during his four-year sojourn of education at this university.

Even so, the board still does its job.

The University Board of Regents is responsible for governing the institutions in its domain. The board sets policies and adopts the budget for the system.

All authority in the system is invested in the board, but the board, in turn, delegates responsibility to the administration of each facility under its jurisdiction.

Texas A&M University, with total assets of \$250 million, is only one of eleven institutions known as the Texas A&M University System. Others in the system include Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Moody College.

In addition, seven institutions offering state-wide services to residents are members of the system. These are the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricul-

tural Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service, and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

Board members are appointed by the governor to serve six-year terms. Three appointments are made to the nine-member board every two years.

Clyde Wells was reappointed to a third six-year term on the board in 1973 and currently serves as its president.

Wells, a 1938 TAMU graduate, is a rancher and businessman. He lives in Dallas and is general manager of the J. R. Black Estate in Granbury.

Richard Goodson was appointed in 1973 and is vice-president of the board. He graduated from TAMU in 1927 and is a director and former president of Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Goodson is chairman of the executive committee of Dallas Federal Savings Association and is a di-

rector of the Southwestern Life Insurance Co., the Brown Shoe Co., and the Hillcrest State Bank.

H. C. (Dulie) Bell Jr. of Austin was appointed to the board in 1971. The 1939 TAMU graduate is president of the Central Texas Equipment Co. and the Central Texas Bearing Service. Bell is also a director of Austin National Bank.

Bell, a member of the Aggie Band while at A&M, was wounded during World War II and left the service as a major.

Alfred Davies, a 1935 TAMU graduate, was appointed to the board in 1975. Davies lives in Dallas and is executive vice president of Sears, Roebuck and Co., Southwestern Territory.

Davies is on the board of directors of Sears, Roebuck and Co., Allstate Insurance Companies, Inc., Homart Development Corp., Republic National Bank of Dallas, Republic of Texas Corp., and Lone Star Gas Co. of Dallas.

Davies also served four years as a lieutenant colonel in the infantry during World War II.

William H. (Skip) Lewie Jr. of Waco was appointed to the board in 1971. He is a 1950 TAMU graduate.

Lewie is president of Waco Ready Mix Concrete Co., Inc., and Neeley Sand-Gravel, Inc. of Waco. He is also director of the National City Bank of Waco.

Lewie served in the Air Force for two years during the Korean War.

Joe H. Reynolds, a 1947 graduate of Baylor Law School, was appointed to fill an unexpired term in 1972 and reappointed in 1975.

Reynolds has practiced law in Houston since 1949 and formed the firm of Reynolds, White, Allen and Cook in 1966.

Reynolds served as second lieutenant in the Marines and saw action in the Pacific during World War II. He served as a captain with front line troops during the Korean War and received the Purple Heart and other awards.

Mrs. Wilmer Smith, a 1939 Texas Tech graduate, was appointed to the board in 1973. She is only the second woman to serve on the board.

Mrs. Smith is a former school teacher and was named "Texas Woman of the Year" in 1961 by Progressive Farmer Magazine. She is a resident of Wilson.

Ross Watkins, a highway bridge contractor and a rancher, was appointed to the board last year.

Watkins is a resident of Uvalde and is on the board of directors of Associated General Contractors and the First State Bank of Uvalde. He is director of the Texas Independent Cattlemen Association.

Watkins was a member of the Construction Battalion of the Navy during World War II.

Samuel Whittenburg of Amarillo is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He was reap-

pointed to the board in 1971 and is currently serving his third six-year term on the board.

Whittenburg is publisher of the Amarillo Globe-Times, the Amarillo Daily News and the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Whittenburg's Globe-News Publishing Co. has received a Pulitzer Prize and Headliner's "Publisher of the Year" award.

Dr. Jack K. Williams, president

of Texas A&M University, received his doctorate from Emory University. Williams spent four years as an officer in the Marines and was overseas from 1944 to 1946. He attained the rank of major.

Williams was vice president for academic affairs at Clemson, a Commissioner of the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System and vice president for academic affairs with the

University of Tennessee System before becoming president of A&M University and the System in 1970.

In addition to many academic and professional memberships and awards, Williams is on the Board of Directors of Frozen Express Industries, Inc., Clayton and Co., Campbell gart, Inc. and the Diamond rock Corp.



BOARD OF REGENTS: (sitting, left to right) Mrs. Wilmer Smith, Wilson; Clyde H. Wells, Granbury, chairman; Richard A. Goodson, Dallas, vice chairman; (standing, left to right) Joe H. Reynolds,

Houston; Ross C. Watkins, Uvalde; Alfred I. Davies, Dallas; S. B. Whittenburg, Amarillo; H. C. Bell, Jr., Austin; William Lewie, Jr., Waco.

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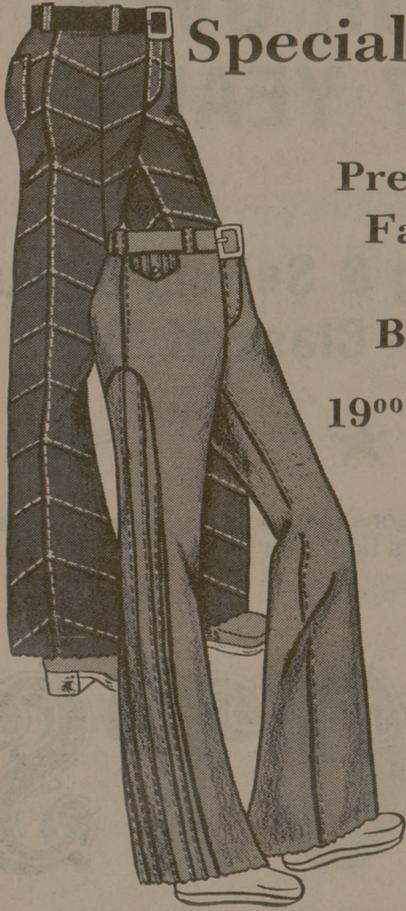


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