ESTES, MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR GOES TO UNIVERSITY OF N. C.

One of the most versatile instructors who has ever been at the Institute, Mr. James G. Estes, mathematician instructor for the last two years, has left Technology to become an assistant professor at the State College of Agriculture and Engineering of the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Estes, who was born in Texas, graduated from high school while working in the summer on an ice wagon, and doing odd jobs around home and in town. He entered the University of Texas as a Freshman in 1921.

He then attended Texas Christian University where he was an athlete and also president of the Intercollegiate. After graduating, he became a teacher at the University of Texas and later went to the University of Illinois where he was an assistant professor of mathematics. In 1933 he was appointed as an assistant professor at the Institute.

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Later, Mr. Estes returned to T. C. U. as an assistant Professor. While at the University of Illinois he had practiced boxing. In 1937 he entered a tournament in Fort Wayne under an assumed name, in order to avoid publicity. By the time his identity was discovered, he was so far in the finals in the heavyweight division. The final bout ended in a draw, and an extra round was also even. Estes' opponent is now one of the leading business men in the Big Ten, and has a "nervous break-down" every time he sees a picture of a man who is a claimant to the title.

Mr. Estes has been at Technology since 1930. He received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Illinois in 1933. While here he taught classes in mathematics, and was a member of the Institute's boxing team. In 1932 he won the school championship four times in succession. When he graduated, Mr. Estes became an instructor at T. C. U., and was later a part-time instructor at the University of Illinois, while working for his master's degree, which he received in 1937.

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