

GRIDIRON VET DEFENDS THE OLD NAME "FARMERS"

Charlie DeWare, Former Star Captain of a Farmer Eleven Responds to Request for Opinions on Recently Proposed Name of "Wildcats."

'FARMERS' MEAN 'HE-MEN'
Name of "Wildcat" Already Abandoned But DeWare's Story Too Good to Keep From Corps.

Upon my last visit at college I found there was a movement on foot to change the name of the teams representing the College in Athletics. The name most favored was "Wildcat." While one can see the sincere purpose of this seeking to find a name which would typify the old fighting spirit of all A. and M. teams and its student body, yet one who knew the College through its lean years could not be favorably inclined to the change for several reasons.

1st. A. and M. is a farmer's school; it is a "He" man's school; it is the most democratic school I believe in existence today. It does more to inculcate in the young man who attends it the knowledge that it is through internal worth and qualifications and not external that a man should be appraised and judged, that a man's blood should be red and not blue. (Blue blood being for dogs, horses, cattle, etc.) The word "Farmers" more nearly than any other expresses what the name of our college stands for. "Farmers" is the name that was taken by the first bunch of men who went out in "overalls" without any coach, or any ball, without any coach, without any money to emblazon the name of "Farmers" of the A. and M. in the athletic world, to make it a name loved by all red blooded men in Texas as well as a name honored and respected but feared by Varsity. It is they who laid the foundation upon which have been formed the many traditions that have been handed down to student bodies at A. and M. for generations to come; traditions for "He" men;—by "He" men, traditions of which you are proud, traditions which you love and traditions of which you will brag from the first Christmas of your fish year until you go to give an accounting of your period of Stewardship here. For years these boys labored on. Perhaps in
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CO. C INFANTRY FRESHMEN GIVE KEEN BANQUET

"Fish" Strange Toastmaster of Occasion; Home Eats Supplied; Two Hours of Fun and Food.

"C Company, fall out", thus the clarion call rang out and awoke the slumbering echoes in each far and musty corner of Goodwin Hall. The company having aligned itself on its regular parade was ordered to fall in by Sergeant Foster, R. F. "Senior Fish" Cape, Warden, "Navasota" Potts, "Rabbi" Bertscher, "Shorty" Sherrill and Joe Reid were ordered to fall in the "Sandlowers" squad. "Shorty" Brusenhan was corporal and handled his squad in an excellent manner.

Hair inspectors were then ordered to fall out and inspect the former upper classmen for "rinctums" and "pluckens". Fish Wilson maintains that Bradley had the best "rinctums" of all; "Revenge is sweet", thus saith the old proverb. After one exercise in calisthenics the company was marched to the "Y". Fish Casaday and Fish Sprott handled their platoons in a very military manner.

The members of the company assembled in the banquet room of the "Y" where they gathered around the tables which were arranged in the form of a "C" and were given "take seats" by the toastmaster. On looking at the eats, from back home, that were spread on the table a little tear formed in each one's eye and an unutterable longing in his soul to sing "Home, Sweet Home."

For a while the silence was only broken by the weird and unearthly sounds emitted by several of the company meal-hounds as they presented a battle front to the table and made an attack on the right wing of the enemy (chicken, etc.) Hither
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"POWDER PUFF" IS CREATING WIDE INTEREST

Spicy Contributions Being Received; Many Cadets Promised Articles By Girl Friends.

Boy, you'll be surprised! We expected it to be good, but at present the "Powder Puff" bids fair to be the most remarkably interesting number if the material being received is any indication. Practically every girl's school and the majority of the co-ed institutions will be represented. Many students have stated that they have requested contributions and girls everywhere are taking much interest in this feminine number of the Battalion.

It is urged that students obtain the widest possible variety of material and help in every way to make this feature a permanent one with the publication. Be sure to invite your girl or girls to contribute. The closing date for receipt of articles for the "Powder Puff" issue is March 9th. All girls, everywhere, are invited to contribute to this issue of the Bat.

DOCTOR TRUETT TO BE AT A. & M.

Is Reported Very Enthusiastic Over Probable Meeting to be Held on the Campus in April.

Edgar Brinkman, student representative on the committee with Reverends Brown and Vivion who went to Dallas last week for an appointment with Dr. George W. Truett, announces that Dr. Truett is very enthusiastic over the meeting which is being planned for the last of April or first of May. Dr. Truett is widely known as one of the strongest ministers in the entire South and A. and M. has long tried to obtain him for such a meeting as now seems possible, the first of its nature ever held at A. and M., an idea introduced by Dr. Bizzell. Dr. Truett is an exceedingly busy man and the time approximated above will be his only opportunity to appear at A. and M. this year. The students will be fortunate to have the opportunity of hearing this series of sermons. Dr. Truett plans to visit A. and M. for a week or ten days at least.

CH. E. STUDENTS MAKE TRIP OF INSPECTION

Route is Changed to North Texas Points This Year; Many Chemists in the Party.

Dr. C. C. Hedges announces that plans and arrangements are now fully completed for the inspection trip of Junior and Senior Chemical Engineers. In the past, this trip has been made to include only the industries of South Texas. However, Dr. Hedges has evolved the scheme of visiting South Texas one year and North Texas the next. In this way a student will have had the opportunity of seeing the industries of both sections of the State before he graduates. This plan has the additional advantage of bringing to the attention of North Texas industries the work of the Chemical Engineering Department of A. and M. and the character of engineers it turns out. South Texas has already come to look to this college for recruits, largely because of these annual inspection trips. This year's tour will take in Corsicana, Dallas, and Fort Worth; much good should result both for the students and the College.

The party will leave College at midnight Sunday, February 27th. Debarcation will take place about reveille Monday morning at Corsicana, and the day will be spent looking over the plants of The American Well and Prospecting Co., Magnolia Petroleum Co., and The Southland Cotton Oil Co. Dallas will be made Monday night after supper via the interurban. The inspection of the Texas Co., and the Texas Portland Cement Co. will take up all of Tuesday. Wednesday will complete the stay in Dallas with visits to the Sewell Paint and Glass Co., and the Washington Cotton Oil Co. The
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"Sole-Killers" From State Make Hit with Jazz in Aggieland

A surprise awaited the cadet corps Sunday night at Sbis Hall when the Original "Sole-Killers" rendered selections from their repertoire of "dance music so different" during the evening meal. En route to northern points for engagements, the orchestra stopped off at Aggieland for a brief visit and made quite a hit with the corps thru their *modus operandi*. Adept in the art of riding astride on the piano, displaying their pep thru their shoulders, and in other ways combining the stunts of contortionists with the strains of hypnotic jazz, the "Sole-Killers" found the key to popularity at A. and M. Encore after encore was insisted upon and the musicians obliged for an hour the cadet corps and casuals. The entire student body surrounded the orchestra and met each offering with hearty applause. The "Sole-Killers" consist of Jimmie Burnette, Allan Montgomery, Roy James, Dick Hamel, Elgin Teal, Jimmie Maloney, and Jack Brown. It will be recalled that Maloney was a member of the A. and M. orchestra and Military Band during 1919-20.

A. & M. Develops New Variety "Hound" for Own Requirements

No candidates for "tea-hounds" being announced since the Waco Cotton Palace, and the student body tiring of the more than common meal-hounds, society-hounds, hounds for work, hounds for dance, news-hounds, joke-hounds, and all the other canine similes, the more recent termination of "Mail-hounds" is coming vogue. The new variety of the species has many followers. The characteristics by which they are known are quite pronounced. This is the species which can be seen in vicinity of the Faculty Eychange, hovering near a mail box, during the entire period of mail distribution and fifteen minutes margin at each extreme included. Arriving on the scene of action before the Postmaster, the Mail-hound remains until every letter, postcard, paper and package has been distributed. Occasionally he may be observed to open a box—usually returning the mail piece by piece as the length of his face increases with each disappointing address. Frequently he uses the mail box as a speaking tube thru which to shout at the Postmaster, asking him if the mail is all put up; if so, why? If not, when? The new pack increases rapidly.

HOOVER CHOOSES A. & M. GRADUATE AS HIS ASSISTANT

Dean Nagle Announces A. and M. Engineering Graduates' Standing With Employing Firms.

A letter to the editor from Dean J. C. Nagle of the School of Engineering gives some interesting facts concerning A. and M. graduates in their respective fields. The letter follows: Some of your readers would probably be interested in an item which appears on page two of the Houston Chronicle in its issue dated February 20, which article bears the headlines: "Hoover Picks Austin Man as His Chief Engineer Aid."

The man referred to as having been selected by Herbert Hoover, president of the American Engineering Council of the Federated American Engineering Societies, as executive secretary of the Council is Lawrence Wilkerson Wallace, president of the Society of Industrial Engineers. Wallace is a past president of the Indiana Engineering Society, a member of the International Railway Fuel Association, Western Railway Club, Master Car Builders' Association, Academy of Political and Social Science, and numerous other organizations. He is also a past grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

"Gopher" Wallace graduated from the Mechanical Engineering course of the A. and M. College of Texas in June 1903. He registered at the College from Garfield, Texas, but was born in Austin, Texas, August 5, 1881. For some years after graduation he was in the service of the Santa Fe railway. About 1907 he was appointed instructor in car and locomotive design in Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, and served in that capacity for some years during which time he also took a degree at Purdue. Mr. Wallace was promoted to the rank of professor of railway engineering and industrial management in Purdue University and was regarded as one of
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INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE MOVES TO COLLEGE TODAY

Hazing Investigation Will Be Completed On Home Territory—Many Students Will Be Examined.

TEXAS PRESS LAUGHS
Senators Baugh, Bledsoe and Parr With Judge Cullen F. Thomas, Judge Rogan and Col. T. N. Jones Will Proceed With Hearing.

The Legislative Committee of Senators Parr, Bledsoe and Chairman Baugh arrived today and resumed the hearing of the hazing investigation at A. and M. Judge Cullen F. Thomas, representing the Alumni Association, Judge Rogan, representing the College, and Col. T. N. Jones, representing the Board of Directors, are present for the concluding scenes.

It is expected that many students will be called for examination by the committee and the sessions will probably be open to none other than the College officials with the exception of those called for examination. Students seem to be displaying little interest in the investigation now other than to read with eagerness the discussion in the daily press of the state. Many larger papers have taken the stand that the investigation is not worth while and that even though hazing in some forms should be existent, it is only to be expected, A. and M. being no different from other schools throughout the country.

Freshmen continue the old custom of secretly planning elaborate banquets and organizations are giving them for the upper classmen who are being investigated for "cruel and brutal treatment" of these same Fish. Such action seems to indicate the complete satisfaction of the large Freshman class with existing conditions. Many ex-students and alumni write their friends in College that in their opinion the investigation will prove fruitless and that they are still A. and M. men, stronger than ever before!

EX-AGGIE FRESHMEN ON HAZING.

BY S. E. OGLE.

Lafayette, La., Feb. 19th, 1921.

Senator A. Parr,
State Capitol Building,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of February 12th, concerning hazing at A. and M. College at hand, for which I thank you. I am glad of this opportunity to tell you of my experiences along these lines while at A. and M. In direct answer to your question, I will state that I have never been hazed or even threatened with hazing while at A. and M. My resignation from College has no bearing upon the hazing question at all, and as a matter of information will state that I intend to return to A. and M. next fall and complete my work.

Of course I do not say that A. and M. is free from the usual college pranks and jokes. Even our model State University, at which I was a student for one year, is subjected to that in a mild form. I have, myself, had practical jokes played upon me and of course in turn retaliated—but this was all done in the spirit of fun. During my entire stay at A. and M. College, I have as yet to meet a student or sar of one, who has been subjected to harassment, abasement or degradation in the eyes of his fellow students. The stunts that the students play upon each other tends to bind them together, and suppression of this natural outlet of youthful enthusiasm will make A. and M. a school more on the order of an old maid's home. The boys at A. and M. have very little outside amusement and quite a bit of spare time, so they are forced to manufacture their own amusement, without injury to either person or property, and also quite in line with their taste. In closing, I wish to take advantage of this opportunity and say that any man who resigned from school because he could not enter into the spirit of college life is a quitter, through and through, and the poorest kind of a sport.

I would be very glad to appear before your committee in person and will do so if you wish. I may be reached as follows: S. E. Ogle, 404 Times-Herald Bldg., Waco, Texas.

Very respectfully yours,

S. E. OGLE.

Mr. A. Parr,
Senator 23rd District,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

In answer to your letter of February 12th, I will simply say that I was not hazed at A. and M. College.

But I would like to make the remark that, if the Senate would pay less attention to the attacks that are made upon A. and M. and would give their attention to the needs of the school, much more good would be accomplished for the money spent and better feeling all around would be the result.

Very truly yours,

C. H. SCHWANER.

RICE PLAYERS FORFEIT CHESS MEET TO A. & M.

Failure of Two Players to Arrive for Meet Gives Aggies Victory By Score of 10-5.

The Chess tournament between A. and M. and Rice that promised to be a very interesting affair turned out rather disappointingly, due to the failure of two of the Rice players to make their appearance. Each team was supposed to have five players, ranked according to their merits. As it was, the two men that failed to

show up were number one and five, thus preventing A. and M. from showing its best. The fact that those games were forfeited to our team was little satisfaction, as the members would rather have played and taken their chances on winning. The official score was 10 to 5 in favor of A. and M.

The team is to go to Houston for a return engagement with Rice in the near future.

"T" CLUB STUNT NIGHT.

Come to the Gym to see the 'Fats' and 'Leans' tie up in a cage contest. Also the B Troop gloom dispellers along with boxing and wrestling will be on hand. Admission 25c. Gym Saturday night.

STOCK JUDGING TEAM RECEIVES TROPHY CUP

Loving Cup Presented at International Show by Percheron Society of America Received.

Secretary Ellis McFarland of Percheron Society consents to write special articles for Battalion to appear in early issue.

The International Stock Judging Team has received the trophy cup won by them at the Chicago show. This handsome loving cup was offered by the Percheron Society of America to the winning team in the intercollegiate contests in judging Percheron horses. The trophy will be placed on exhibit in the A. H. building in the room devoted to this purpose.

Secretary Ellis McFarland, of the Percheron Society of America has consented to write an article especially for the Battalion to be of particular interest to Animal Husbandry students. The article will be of keen interest to the large senior class in this course, who graduate in a few months and either enter stock raising or some other phase of the livestock industry.

SUNDAY IS DATE SET FOR UNIVERSAL PRAYER

A. and M. Will Conform With International Plan for Observance of Worthy Occasion.

At 7:00 a. m. Sunday morning in the Y Chapel, the cadets of the college will offer a Sunrise Prayer, State Secretary Echard acting as leader for this occasion. This is a service new to A. and M. and on this day of Universal Prayer it is hoped that many students will be present.

Sunday evening at 7:00 p. m. as previously announced, at a special bugle call, everyone on the campus is requested to stop whatever may be the task at hand and for five minutes join in the concerted prayer that will be sent up at this hour thruout the world. In denominational services, pastors, will halt in their sermons for these prayers. In their rooms or on the campus, students are asked to observe this moment with a prayer.

BANKER-FARMER CONGRESS MEETS HERE NEXT WEEK

ONE THOUSAND BANKERS AND FARMERS TO BE COLLEGE GUESTS.

BIG QUESTIONS ARE ASKED

Second Annual Conference Called to Discuss Cotton Acreage and Other Urgent Questions; Many Noted Men To Be Speakers; Date March 3rd and 4th.

The Texas Bankers' Association and farmers of the state meet at College Station March 3rd and 4th for their second annual conference. Last year this convention assembled for the first time, choosing the A. and M. College as its place of meeting due to the number of specialists located here and the general interest of the association in the institution. More than 800 farmers and bankers were registered at the meeting last year and the number is expected to exceed 1000 at the present convention.

The purpose of this association is to promote agricultural pursuits in the state, place farmers and bankers on a better plane of understanding, and permit each profession to profit by the knowledge of affairs possessed by the other. Many speakers of reputation in their lines will be on the program being arranged by President Bizzell, Dean E. J. Kyle and Commandant Ike S. Ashburn. The reduction of cotton acreage will be a prominent question before the association. The meetings are open to students who are urged to attend certain sessions at which topics of particular interest will be brought up.

The visitors will be guests of the College and it is probable that some of the military organizations will pitch pup-tents and camp during the association's meeting. This was the plan followed last year, the students asking that they be given this privilege of turning over their barracks to those attending the conference. Many fathers whose sons are attending A. and M. will be present and students are asked to invite their fathers and friends to this conference. Wide publicity is being given the Second Annual Meeting due to the urgency of question to be considered.