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## J. Frank Dobie to Speak on Life Experiences Tuesday

This man, Dobie! Honored professor of English, top-notch cowboy, outstanding author, adventurer, treasure seeker, folk-lore hunter, holder of several scholarships and grants for research—all of these he is, but if you should ask him to define himself, he would reply, "I am a Texan."

This reference is to J. Frank Dobie who will be guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Texas A. & M. College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, Tuesday evening, June 22, 7:30 p. m., Sblsa Hall.

Perhaps no living person knows more intimately the customs and traditions given to America and the world by Texas and the Southwest than does Frank Dobie, its foremost publicist. Both of his grandfathers were Texas cattlemen, his father an old-time trail driver, and several of his uncles were both cattlemen and Texas Rangers. Naturally enough, he became an early age one left in range and cow camp technique.

From ranch school Frank Dobie gained a B. A. degree at Southwestern University at Georgetown and his Master's degree at Columbia University, New York City. For a while he was a newspaper reporter, school teacher at Alpine, and professor of English at the University of Texas. In World War I he was a lieutenant. From the Armistice he returned to the University, then bossed his Uncle Jim Dobie's 200,000-acre spread in the Cotulla country, taught English at Oklahoma A. & M. College, then in 1924 again became a fixture at the University of Texas as professor of English and Southwestern literature.

He is, perhaps, the most un-professor-like professor in and out of classroom. When away from Austin he forsakes that kind and heads for the "back country." Painstakingly he has collected cowboy lore and has made several expeditions into the wilds of Northern Mexico in order to record at first hand the legends and facts of the Indians and the cattlemen of the early days. He lived, worked, ate and slept with cowboys, writing down at opportune moments the gems of their never-ending stories. In his works are found the superstitions, legends, religions, customs and modes of thinking and living of the people of the land into which he was born.

Frank Dobie does not hesitate to "feud" with those for whose writings, thinking or expressions he is in disagreement.

Taking one look at the present towering main building at the University of Texas, he pronounced it "the most ridiculous thing I ever saw," and was the only man in the English Department who did not move his office to it. He remains secluded in the oldest building on the University campus among steer horns hanging from the walls, pictures of Longhorn cattle, bottles which once contained Judge Roy (The Law West of the Pecos) Bean's beer, chairs with bottoms of rope and rawhide, and other mementos of Southwestern trivia. On his office door hangs a pitted, weather beaten leg bone of a cow, on which is written an inscription designed to inform students.

## Applications For "A" Gasoline Books To Be Ready Soon

Automobile owners will begin the job of applying for renewal of basic A gasoline ration soon, Office of Price Administration officials have announced.

Forms will be available at all gasoline stations and other convenient locations next week.

The renewal application blank has two parts, one section for gasoline rationing information and the other for tire inspection data. The applicant must mail in his current tire inspection record and the back cover of his present A book with the renewal application, to his local rationing board.

## F. B. I. Regional Conference Held In Assembly Hall Thursday

As part of its efforts to cement the relationship of all law enforcement agencies in the country, representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation held a regional conference Thursday in the Assembly Hall of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. This was followed by a barbecue in late afternoon at the Bryan Country Club.

Present were peace officers from Brazos and adjacent counties, the police force of College Station and Bryan, and law enforcement representatives from military units at the College and Bryan Air Field. These meetings are conducted in different places by agents of the FBI. While meetings have been held in Bryan, the one Thursday was the first to be held at A. & M. College, according to R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., special FBI agent, in charge of the Houston district, who presided.

Each speaker stressed the necessity for the utmost cooperation between all law enforcement groups. Contrasts were drawn between the correlation of activities of the present and the "lone wolf" practices of each agency a few years back. It was pointed out that law enforcement today is a profession and that all peace officers must be highly trained to keep up "with the parade."

E. A. Gormley, manager of Texas headquarters (Dallas) of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, a former sheriff of a Colorado county, told of the organization in 1916 of that bureau to cooperate with and assist local officers in apprehending automobile thieves. As an introduction to a film shown on "Automobile Fires," Mr. Gormley stated that an average automobile weighed around 3,300 pounds, of which only 2.5% were inflammable. The theme of the film was "They Won't Burn Unless You Help Them." This film was made by the NATB in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety. It showed the actual efforts to burn two automobiles, one of present-day metal construction and the other an older model of more wood construction.

"Safety Duties of Police in the War Effort" were discussed by Capt. J. O. Musick, in charge, Safety Division, Texas Highway Patrol. According to Capt. Musick, there were 1,316 traffic deaths on the highways and streets of Texas last year. He told in detail how much different war materials these 1,316 persons could have produced. Other kinds of accidents also were enumerated. In the interests of public welfare, Capt. Musick said, the traffic rules and regulations should be enforced by all peace officers.

Frank Monroe, of the Houston division of the FBI, explained "Codes, Ciphers and Secret Writings." Handling these are parties known as cryptographers. At present there are three cryptographic laboratories in the country, maintained respectively by the Army, Navy and FBI. Mr. Monroe told of some activities of the FBI in breaking up spy and sabotage rings and showed actual pictures of communications intercepted and broken down.

Last on the program was a film, "Keep 'em Sailing," depicting the methods used by a fictional sabotage ring in New York City and the apprehension of the saboteurs who were placing time incendiaries in ships carrying war goods across the seas.

WASN'T THERE A LOT? RUNS THE OLD STORY PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — "Just looking for a snake," explained two policemen when they dropped in at a South Street tavern.

Patrons rush for the door. The snake, lost from the arm of a neighborhood herb salesman whose pet it was, still is missing.



Scene from "We've Never Been Licked" showing how freshmen "hump it" at yell practice. The world premier of this picture about A. & M. will be held this summer on Kyle Field.

## First Intramural Games This Term Played Wednesday

The intramural program started Wednesday with league competition in soft ball and tennis. Rain halted all tennis matches before they were completed, but the soft ball games had progressed far enough for a winner to be named.

Although no tennis matches were completed, several matches were won on forfeits. Mr. Penberthy urges that all teams be on hand when they have a game scheduled. He also asked that the teams be at the playing field a little before playing time in order that the games could be started promptly at 4:15.

In the near future dates will be announced for the track and swimming meets and the Aggie Singaroo. Everyone should begin to get ready for these events as they are not too far off. One event that should provide a lot of entertainment for everyone is the Singaroo. Last summer over 13 companies participated in it.

There will also be tournaments in badminton, golf, and handball. The dates for these events will be announced later.

The 4th Company has been disbanded. Any teams having games scheduled with this company are advised that they are cancelled.

Some nine games were scheduled last Wednesday and Thursday. Three of these were won on forfeit. In the tennis matches F Co. won on forfeit from D Co. and 3rd Co. forfeited to A. Co. The 2nd Co. forfeited their first softball game to the 4th H. Q. Co.

In the one match that was played in the tennis league C Co. defeated 1st H. Q. Co. 2-1.

Soft ball scores were as follows: 1st Co. 11, Band 3; B. Co. 8, A. Co. 5; 7th Co. 10, E. Co. 0; I Co. 5, F. Co. 3, and 8th Co. 3, D Co. 2.

Since Aggies first started going places on week-ends and otherwise, they have been depending on tourists' generosity to get them there. This latter has usually run pretty high and there were times when the Aggie could stand there and take his pick of the passing cars for his ride. With Schickelgruber, Tojo, and Il Duce raising all the ruckus across the drink, tire and gas rationing, and what have you, this highway situation has become pretty serious at times. Where an Aggie used to leave here in the morning and beat the train to Dallas, now he's lucky if he even gets there in time for a date Saturday night, sometimes.

Anyway, when Aggies first started this highway business, they trumped up what is known as the "Aggie Line." Since that time this line has become famous all over this part of the country and other places where you'd never think anyone had even heard of an Aggie. The way the line works is this: the first man who gets on the highway, puts his bag (suit-

## LAST FREE BATT TODAY

Today's paper will be the last one to be delivered to every room. Starting Tuesday morning, only those who have paid their Student Activities Fee and have their Battalion cards, will get a paper.

L. D. Boone, head of Student Activities, urges everyone who has paid his fee, to come by the Student Activities Office and get their Battalion subscription cards as soon as possible.

The Student Activities Office is located in the basement of the Administration Building.

## Dr. Killough Tells Cotton Production History to Students

The history of cotton production was reviewed by Mr. Killough. It was grown, he said, in India, Egypt, the islands of the West Indies, and in Central and South America before the time of Christ. In the old world it was known as vegetable wool and countless voyages were made by traders from the early European countries to secure cloth made from the cotton of Egypt and India. Columbus mentioned the cotton of the West Indies in his voyage of discovery in 1492, and Cabeza de Vaca's report of his journey across Texas told of the cotton grown by Indian tribes he contacted.

Primitive types of cotton are known to have existed in Texas and Louisiana before the coming of the white man, but the greater development of the cotton industry in the cotton belt of this country was due to later importations of seed from Mexico and the West Indies.

When the boll weevil came into this country from Mexico, it was stated, it almost destroyed the industry and it was necessary to

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## About this hitch-hiking...

By Ben Fortson

case, I mean) down on the shoulder of the road. The next man coming up puts his down behind the first one and so on. Only one man at a time stands on the road and flags the passing (?) cars. When one stops, that man, and only that man, goes up to the driver and asks him where he is going and how many he has room for. The driver tells him and if he says he can take three, the first three in line get their bags (I still mean suit cases) and get into the car. The next man in line immediately gets on the highway and starts flagging the cars.

When an Aggie is picked up by a male motorist, he introduces himself as soon as he gets into the car. If the motorist is a female, the Aggie tells the lady, "My name is John Aggie," or what ever it happens to be. If something should go wrong with the car while the Aggie is in it, he does what he can to help his benefactor fix it, and does not leave him until the trouble is righted.

This business of "up-streaming" is strictly taboo down here with

## Dr. Humbert Speaks Before Students of 1943 Cotton School

"We reap what we sow," was hammered home Thursday to students enrolled in the 34th Summer Cotton School at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas by Dr. E. P. Humbert, head of the Department of Genetics.

The 1943 Summer Cotton School began May 31 and will continue through July 10. It is being conducted under the direction of Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of the Department of Agronomy.

Some 50 students, including for the first time several women, are enrolled in the present Summer Cotton School. While the majority are from Texas and the Republic of Mexico, there are several in attendance from other cotton states and Latin American countries.

Dr. Humbert's lecture was one of a series by authorities on different phases of cotton production and manufacturing. His full address was on "The Pure Seed Grower and Quality Cotton Production." It was announced that Dr. Humbert would meet with the 1943 school group on other occasions to go more in detail on this subject.

In the address Thursday, Dr. Humbert gave a general picture of the factors involved in assuring cotton growers of obtaining the best grade of seed possible for planting, the difficulties encountered in the program, and he told what Texas authorities have done and are doing to overcome them insofar as is possible.

Prior to 1924 seed improvement and promotion was a matter of individual activity, Dr. Humbert stated. In that year a law passed by the Texas Legislature became effective and remains in force today with only few amendments. Under this law a State Seed and Plant Board was created. The purpose of the law and the program it set up is to establish sources of purebred planting seed true to varietal name for the benefit of the purchaser. Operation under the rules and regulations of the Board is voluntary, inspections of plants in the fields are made by authorized inspectors and tags of certification are issued only those growers who qualify. Considerable improvement in the general quality of cotton grown in Texas has been under this program, according to Dr. Humbert, and great impetus has been given community production, the growing of only one variety of cotton in each community or district.

For too many years it has been the custom of mills to buy cotton on appearance, on grade and staple, Dr. Humbert said. To buy on a real basis of quality and not at "hog-round" prices, consideration should be given to spinning utility, or strength. Further adoption of the practice of community cotton production will facilitate

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## Kadet Kapers to Have Best Show Ever Tonight at 6:15

## Soph Elections To Be Held At 6:30 Wednesday Night

The election of officers for the first and second semester sophomores will be held Wednesday night at 6:30.

The second semester sophomores, of whom there is a majority, will hold their election in the Assembly Hall. The first semester sophomores will meet in the Y.M.C.A. Chapel. Both meetings will begin immediately after supper at 6:30 and be over by 7:00 or soon after.

It is urgent that everyone concerned attend these meetings. After the presidents of both sophomore classes are determined, they will appoint a committee to set the date for the sophomore ball to be held later this summer.

Other officers to be elected are the vice-presidents, secretary-treasurers, and historians. Thursday night at 7:00, the second semester freshmen will hold their elections also, but in the Assembly Hall due to their large number.

## First Yell Practice This Semester Was Held Thursday Nite

The first Yell Practice of this semester was held Thursday night on the grass between Walton Hall and the hospital.

The Practice started right after supper at 6:30 and broke up at approximately 7:00. The band, under the direction of Colonel R. J. Dunn, U. S. A. retired, was present.

After the election of class officers takes place, at the first opportunity, the permanent Yell Leaders will be elected. They will consist of one second semester sophomore, who will act as Head Yell Leader; one first semester sophomore, as assistant Head Yell Leader; one second semester freshman and one first semester freshman.

According to those present, the Yell Practice turned out good, the only objection being the large number of new and old freshmen who did not know the yells and songs.

After the election of the permanent Yell Leaders, there will be more Yell Practices later on this semester.

## Ford Advocates Factories Moving Close To Farms

In one of his rare interviews, released in the July issue of the Woman's Home Companion, Henry Ford, who will celebrate his eightieth birthday on July 30, scans the future of America and pronounces his opinion on a variety of topics including the industrial outlook and the decentralization of industry.

To anxious mothers and wives who wonder how we are going to find jobs for all the boys when they come back from the war, Mr. Ford, who has just resumed the active presidency of his company, offers the comforting assurance that "unless we are much more foolish than I think we are, this country will find a way to swing back into productive employment after the war without much of a break." And he believes that "if we handle our postwar affairs properly and heed the voice of experience, there need be no unmanageable postwar depression."

Along with the predicted upsurge of postwar industry, Mr. Ford hopes to see the process of industrial decentralization get under way. "There is little reason any more," he maintains, "for industries to be crowded in cities." (See FORD, Page 4)

Kadet Kapers will feature a better-than-ever program Saturday night when they put on a home-styled skit showing "how movies are made." The skit which was written by Marvin Brown of the Singing Cadets and entitled "We've Never Been Kissed" is a take-off for "We've Never Been Licked." It is by popular request that the Kapers is presenting this skit which went over so well last semester. The "drammer" was put on by a group of Aggies in April, and it should go over well again this time when the freshmen get to see it.

"Pinky" Hull, a top-notch piano artist from Houston, will be on hand to show what a real artist at the piano should do and it will be worth any Aggie's time to attend the program put on by Jenkins. Hull is really an artist, and those who have heard him say that he knows his stuff.

The Singing Cadets will feature songs of the service again as an added bit to the program. A special arrangement of "The Spirit of Aggie Land" will be rendered also.

The program begins at 6:15 tonight and the Assembly Hall should be packed to see this well-rounded show which is free to all. Every one is invited and urged to come. You will enjoy it and it will be a relaxation from a week of study. This will be one of the best Kadet Kapers program ever put on so don't miss it.

## WAAC Will Be At Bryan Recruiting Office Until July 5

Third Officer Myrta D. Jakkula, of the W. A. A. C., is in Bryan at the Army Recruiting Office until July 5th. She will be glad to interview all women between the ages of 21 and 45. Any questions in the minds of those eligible women interested in the Corps will be answered by Third Officer Jakkula.

There is a great need for more women to join in this all-important work of setting free more men of the Army to go into combat. It is hoped that anyone interested will go at once to the recruiting office and learn more of the absorbing work and attractive pay offered by the WAAC. Office hours are from 8:30 till noon.

## Meat Shortages Are Cause of Riots In Mexican Capital

MEXICO CITY—More than 1,000 butchers rioted Thursday at the city slaughter-house when they were told the supply of meat would satisfy only one third of their needs.

Police dispersed the mob with tear gas.

The rioters stoned the slaughter-house and the market where meat is sold. They tried to smash a barricaded door, attacking twice before they were dispersed.

## Engineer Students To Meet Monday In Lecture Room

All engineering first-semester freshmen in the following sections will meet Monday afternoon, June 21, at the time indicated. The sections listed will meet in the M.E. Lecture room, third floor of the M.E. Building.

Sections 55, 56, and 57 meet at one o'clock.

Sections 69, 70, and 71 meet at two o'clock.

Sections 61, 62, 63, 64, 73, and 74 meet at three o'clock.

Students who have classes at the hour indicated need not report to the meeting but should report to the office of the Dean of Engineering without fail at their earliest convenience.