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Aggie Cagers Play First Game Saturday

Christmas Dance Is Called Off

Activities Office Says Impossible To Get Orchestra

It has been announced by the Student Activities Office that the Corps Ball and All-Service Dance scheduled for the weekend of December 15 will not be held. Sally B. Dansby, acting head of the office, said that it was impossible to secure an orchestra for that date.

The Aggieband Orchestra is scheduled to play in Baytown at the Humble Oil Company's convention, and therefore is not available for the dances. Other orchestras must be booked as they pass through this region on the road from the east to the west coast or vice versa, and it has been impossible to find one which is not completely booked.

Only one more dance will be held this semester (not including club dances) unless plans are changed, the office said. This will be the annual Senior Ring Dance. No Corps Dances or All-Service Dances are scheduled.

Barlow, Williams To Confer With Houston Chamber

In a letter sent out last Tuesday morning, Dean Howard W. Barlow advised the heads of all departments of the School of Engineering of a conference he will attend concerning the possibility of offering a number of engineering courses in Houston.

Barlow and E. L. Williams, of the Department of Industrial Education, are to confer with the Industry-Education Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce on December 13th concerning the establishment of courses in Mathematics, architecture, engineering, drawing, industrial education, accounting and statistics, graphic arts, and the various types of engineering.

A list of the courses wanted by the Houston committee was attached to the letter and Dean Barlow asked for any additions that members of the faculty would suggest. He is to meet with the heads of the departments in his office for a discussion of these additions on December 12th. They are asked, however, to mail in their suggestions in case they cannot attend the meeting.

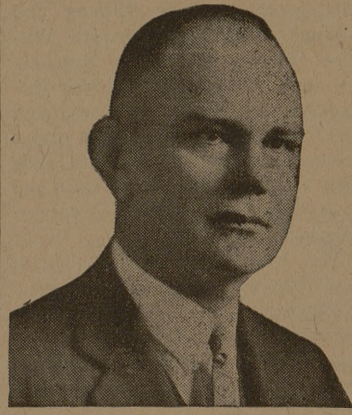
These courses, if offered, will probably be given on a tuition basis. No announcement has been made of the probable place of the offering.

Dean C. N. Shepardson, Kyle's Successor, Made Great Improvements In College Dairy

By Calvin Brumley
C. N. Shepardson's first thought when he was notified that he had been named to succeed E. J. Kyle as Dean of the Texas A. & M. School of Agriculture was of . . . "the tremendous opportunity and responsibility in carrying on the work of Kyle who established the largest agricultural college in the country."

During Shepardson's tenure as head of the Department of Dairy Husbandry he had charge of a large part of the agricultural school at A. & M. even before he was named Dean of Agriculture effective December 1. He came here in 1928 from Colorado State College to immediately head the dairy department and in 1933 he was made general manager of all college farm lands. Prior to that

Dr. T. O. Walton Is Recommended For Postmaster



Dr. T. O. Walton, former president of A. & M., has been recommended for appointment to the position of acting postmaster at College Station by Representative Luther A. Johnson.

It is expected that his appointment will be made and approved. If he accepts the appointment, he will succeed the late Anna V. Smith, who passed away last week.

Rep. Johnson made the recommendation at the insistence of friends of Dr. Walton, who found that he was interested in the appointment, which would allow him to spend all his time with his friends here. He is now a member of the Regional War Labor Board, whose headquarters are in Dallas.

Boy Scouts and Cubs Collect Paper Again

College Station will have a paper collection by the Boy Scouts of Troop 411, 102 and the Cub Scouts on Saturday morning from ten to twelve. The city of College Station trucks will be assigned to College Park, South Oakwood, and College Hills, and will be under the charge of Dr. H. E. Hampton and Troop 411. The Civil Engineering Department trucks will have charge of the campus and the North Gate area. P. J. Alwin Zeller with the Agricultural Engineering trucks and three selected cubbers, will have charge of College Hills and the area in the vicinity of Mais Grocery. The Civil Engineering trucks will be under the supervision of A. C. McGee with troop 102 and will have charge of the campus and the North Gate area.

Residents who desire to assist the scouts in this paper drive, will please tie their bundles with string in two directions and place the bundle on the curb where it will be in plain view of the collectors. Plans for this paper drive were announced by L. G. Jones, Chairman of Paper Collection.

All Bond Salesmen To Meet Next Week With Committee

Penberthy Asks Student To Buy More Stamps

W. L. Penberthy has announced that there will be a meeting of the committee in charge of the college War Bond Drive sometime during the early part of next week to discuss the problems of the Bond solicitors.

One man from each company on the campus who has been selected as bond chairman for the organization is to be present at the meeting, besides the committee which consists of the battalion commanders. The time of the meeting is to be announced either Monday or Tuesday.

Penberthy, chairman of the drive, stressed the fact that the effort to sell more bonds and stamps to students has a dual purpose. Though the main objective of the drive is the same as that anywhere, to speed the victory, Penberthy says that here at A. & M. there is a need for some program to teach boys to save, and this drive seems to be just what is needed.

"If a person is taught early in life to put away a small amount of the money he gets each month, he will probably profit greatly in his later life from this habit," Penberthy observed. Also, he cited a number of cases in which men had saved considerable sums by putting away only a few cents at a time.

He concluded by expressing the hope that all the Aggies would buy a few stamps each month and win the "College-at-War" pennant for A. & M.

Smith Asks More Longhorn Photos

Marc Smith, Editor of the Longhorn, has again issued an urgent call for snapshots to be used in the company and Aggieband sections of the yearbook.

To date only four companies have turned in any pictures for their company sections, and of these, only one has turned in the required number. Smith says that there are to be about 25 pictures in each company's layout, and in order to get that many, the companies must submit 40 or 45, because a number of the snapshots will be unfit for use. Next Wednesday is to be the deadline for these pictures to be turned in.

Men who have not had their photos made for the class sections of the Longhorn, whose time for photographing has passed, will be allowed to have these pictures made in a week set aside for this purpose as soon as the freshmen pictures are all made.

Conference Schedule Begins January 6 After 11 Warm-ups With Service Teams

Cadets Lost First Game With A. S. T. Unit Wednesday; Many Footballers Out for Team

Coach Manning Smith's Aggie cagers will stage the first of their non-conference warm-up tilts at DeWare Field House Saturday night when they tangle with the cagers of the 4051st Base Unit of Camp Normoyle from San Antonio. This game marks the first of three farm-ups to be held here before Christmas and will be underway about 7:30.

Wednesday night the Aggie cagers lost a practice game to the 3800 A. S. T. U., stationed here at the college, by the score of 31 to 25.

Men who showed up the best in intramural basketball were selected by Coach Smith to form the nucleus of his team, but the end of football will find many gridders of high school basketball experience reporting. Among the men who have been working out since the first week in November and have shown up the best are Bobby Sapp, Oscar White, Charles Weinbaum, Bill McCormick, Bill Tucker, Tommy Blackstone, and Billy Jack Finannon.

Footballers who have had high school experience on the maple court and have indicated they will report for cage practice include Cotton Howell, Hub Ellis, Milton Chernov, Jimmie Cashion, Jimmie Parmer, Mann Scott, Gene Spires, Tom Daniel, Walter Higgins, Paul Yates, Morton Shefts, Don Nichols, Kenneth Voss, Herbert Ewald, Monte Moncrief, Bob Butchofsky, and Bill Geer.

"Any boys who have had any high school experience and would like to try out for the team are welcome to come out," Coach Smith said.

Non-conference games scheduled are Dec. 9, 4051st Base Unit, Camp Normoyle, San Antonio, here; Dec. 16, Ward Island Navy School of Corpus Christi here; Dec. 20, Corpus Christi Naval Air Station here; Dec. 27, San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center at San Antonio; Dec. 28, Camp Normoyle at San Antonio; Dec. 29, Ward Island at Corpus Christi; Dec. 30, Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi; and Jan. 1, San Marcos Army Air Field at San Marcos. Games are now being arranged with Bergstrom Field in (See AGGIE, Page 4)

Soil Conservation Meeting Going On Here This Week

Supervisors of soil conservation districts, covering 61 percent of Texas, held their fourth annual meeting in College Station Wednesday morning. The meeting was opened with the reading of the progress reports and a summary of district developments by Walter W. Cardwell, chairman of the State Soil Conservation Board of Luling.

Dr. F. C. Bolton welcomed the delegates to the college and W. M. Turner led the group in a song. Invocation was made by J. C. Wells and the meeting got under way. Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College of Brownwood was the principal speaker of the meeting. He discussed the relation of soil conservation to human welfare. The rest of the meeting was spent in discussing administration problems. R. M. Boswell was the discussion leader of the meeting.

Progress reports have shown that more than 22,000 Texas landowners have been assisting in beginning soil conservation programs on more than 9,000,000 acres since soil conservation has been authorized by the State.

Dr. H. H. Bennett spoke on Thursday morning to the group of delegates. Dr. Bennett is from the Soil Conservation Service of Washington, D. C.

V. C. Marshall of Temple presided in absence of W. E. Moncrief of Arlington. Marshall is the administration officer of the State Board of Soil Conservation. Approximately 150 farm and ranch owners are attending this meeting at College Station.

A meeting of the newly organized "North Louisiana" club will be held in Room 209, Academic Building, Wednesday, December 13, 1944. There will be a discussion held and arrangements made for the forthcoming Christmas party. All boys from this part of the state are urged to be there, said Leon Grosjean of Shreveport.

For seven years prior to coming to A. & M. Shepardson was in charge of the Dairy Department in the Animal Husbandry Department of Colorado State College. For a time he served as an inspector for the Colorado State Dairy Commission and as an Extension (See DEAN, Page 4)

An Editorial QUESTION . . .

Wednesday the Dallas Morning News published a letter from Horace H. Shelton of Austin. Shelton in his letter was somewhat indignant for reasons which A. & M. students have been unable to fathom.

Shelton's letter: "I imagine that thousands of Texas parents who witnessed the A. & M. parade Thursday morning in Austin for the football game are asking themselves this question: "How does it happen so many young men, apparently in the best of health and within the draft age, are not in the armed forces?"

Certainly our boys are there. To me, it seems particularly out of place that these young men, clothed in the uniform of their country, are parading to a football game instead of to the battlefields, where 11,000,000 other young men are fighting gloriously for their country.

The press here reported many fist fights Wednesday and Thursday nights between students of A. & M. and the University of Texas, but do not report any volunteers for overseas duty." Horace H. Shelton

A. & M. REPLIES:

It is surprising that the Dallas Morning News, which has chronicled the fighting record of A. & M. in column after column during the present conflict would print such a letter as Shelton's without a companion article about A. & M.'s war record.

Shelton seems to have disregarded A. & M.'s contribution to the war effort in his complaint. In replying the Cadet Corps is willing to use the same measure.

At the present time there are 1,893 students enrolled in Texas A. & M. The majority of these were in the parade in Austin. Of this total number 1,025 cadets are below 18 years of age. One hundred and ninety are studying veterinary medicine, a course which the government deems necessary to the war effort; 31 are over the draft age of 38; 65 are veterans of World War II; 180 are unfit for military service; 1 is a service man; 356 are in reserves awaiting call to active duty; and 45 are students from Latin America not subject to United States military service. This figures in percentage that 81.2 percent of the A. & M. student body is ineligible for military service for the reasons stated. Only 18.8 percent are subject to military service and that number is steadily decreasing.

One other thing was not considered in Shelton's letter. The government has constantly reminded young people below draft age that their most important contribution to the war effort is knowledge which they can obtain in schools. Last fall, near the time for schools to reopen after the summer vacation, there were governmental efforts to convince young people that they should return to school.

What of the young boys at A. & M.? Their government had asked that they stay in school. They were willing to comply but they still wanted to do more. They are at A. & M. "in the uniform of their country" gaining all the knowledge possible in a short time and in addition they are receiving military instruction in preparation for the time when they will be old enough to enter the armed service.

For the record there are a few other items that should be included. In the present war A. & M. has 9 major-generals, 16 brigadier-generals, 12,000 commissioned officers from colonels to second lieutenants, and 4,000 enlisted men in the army. There are 601 Aggies in the Marine Corps, of which one is a major-general, 300 are commissioned officers, and 300 are enlisted men. In the navy A. & M. has 250 ex-students holding commissions and 250 enlisted men. Three hundred and fifty Aggie-exes are dead in this war, 67 are missing, and 118 are prisoners.

These figures quoted were compiled by the A. & M. Registrar's Office, Department of Information, and Association of Former Students.

A. & M. will indulge in no spectacular generalities nor will A. & M. resort to sarcastic innuendo to bolster its patriotic reputation. Facts, statistical facts, are enough.—Calvin Brumley, Editor.

Aggieband Orchestra, Singing Cadets To Perform At Baytown Celebration

An invitation has been extended to the Aggieband orchestra and Singing Cadets to give a program Saturday, December 16, in commemoration of the one billionth gallon of 100 octane aviation gasoline by the Humble Oil Company.

Employees of the Humble Oil and Refining Company and Humble Pipe Line Company and Humble Production Department will attend the celebration from December 14 to 16. The climax of the convention will be a dance Saturday night, at which the Aggieband Orchestra will play.

Plans have been made for the orchestra and choir to leave Saturday by bus for Baytown. W. M. Turner expects to be back at college sometime Sunday. The group will consist of the 18 members of the Aggieband and 35 members of the Singing Cadets.

Promotion Given Ex-Aggie In Italy

15th. A. A. F. in Italy—Lionel H. Clark, 23, of 1708 Drew St., Houston, Texas, pilot of a 15th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Lieutenant Clark is a veteran of numerous combat missions over enemy occupied territory, and has been awarded the Air Medal.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clark of Houston, and he is a graduate of San Jacinto High School. Prior to entering the A. A. F., Lt. Clark was a student at Texas A. and M. College.

Garden Club Met At 3 p.m. Today

A meeting of the College Station Garden Club was held at 3:00 p. m., on December 8th, Friday, at YMCA lounge. Dr. Guy Adriance delivered a talk on roses. Anyone having a rose in bloom was asked to bring one. This talk was interesting to anyone having roses or planning to have a rose garden this spring.