

**MEREDITH JAMES AND OTHER
RECENT GRADUATES NOW
HOLD GOOD POSITIONS.**

The following letter from Dean Kyle has been handed us by Ike Ashburn. It will be of interest to the many friends of "Buck" James, and should furnish encouragement to all "bughunters":

"Mr. Ike Ashburn, Campus.
"Dear Sir—I am enclosing you photograph of Meredith James, who graduated from the horticultural department in June, 1913. Soon after graduation Mr. James accepted a position with the Brazos Valley Plantation Company, which owns a large plantation in Brazoria County. For his first year's service Mr. James received \$1,200 and board. He served during this time under Capt. William Brooks, who was general superintendent of the plantation.

"Mr. James has just signed up a three years' contract with the company which will give him entire supervision. His salary for the first two years is to be \$1,800 and board and lodging, and \$2,000 for the third year, with board and lodging.

The Brazos Valley Plantation Company has about three thousand acres of fertile land which it proposes to plant out in fig and pecan orchards. At the present time the company has about 350 acres planted to figs. It proposes in the next three years to increase its acreage to at least 1,200 acres in figs. The figs are planted eighteen feet apart each way. Every seventy-two feet there is a pecan tree planted. As soon as the pecan trees get up large enough to occupy the ground, which will be within the next eighteen or twenty years, the fig trees will be taken out and the entire proposition will be converted to pecan groves.

"Mr. James was a town raised boy. His parents had made up their minds for him to study medicine. He became so interested in the agricultural work at the college he would not consider the question of medicine. He has demonstrated to this company, as well as to everyone with whom he has come in contact, that he has splendid executive ability and that he has exceptional horticultural ability for a young man of his age. He is only

about 23 years old, but the company has such confidence in him they are willing to turn the entire proposition over to him. He will have some fifty men under his supervision.

"Besides planting out commercial groves of pecans and figs, Mr. James has built up a pecan and fig nursery. At the present time he has over three hundred thousand young fig plants and twelve or fifteen acres in young seedling pecans.

"It might also be interesting for you to know that there were six other horticultural students who graduated in Mr. James' class. They are E. W. Laake, D. T. Stevens, I. E. Cowart, Daniel O'Connor, G. H. Hall and L. J. Bower. Mr. Stevens is assistant editor of the Southern Farm and Dairy. Mr. Cowart is instructor in the horticultural department of the A. & M. College of Texas. Messrs. Laake and Bower are in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology. Mr. O'Connor is employed on the Taft ranch. Mr. Hall is in business at Houston. After being out of school two years I should say that the class would average about \$1,500 each in salary. Yours very truly,
"E. J. KYLE."

Campus Society

Five Hundred Club.

Friday afternoon, December 11, Mrs. Ellert was hostess to the members of the Five Hundred Club.

After five interesting games, Mrs. Ellert, assisted by Mesdames Bressler and Michie, served a most delicious luncheon of creamed chicken en timbales, sandwiches, olives, baked apples with cream, vanilla ice, cake and coffee.

The members present were Mesdames Youngblood, Bressler, Connor, Blodgett, Newell, Fermier, Potts, Spence, Love, Moran, Chastain, Pad-dock, Smith of Colorado, Jobson, Bagley, Richie, Hedges, Chapell, Bell, Parmalee, Wooten, Morgan, Misses Proctor.

Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Youngblood were host and hostess to the Bridge Club

on Thursday evening. Delicious refreshments were served.

MRS. HAYS ENTERTAINS.

On Friday evening Mrs. M. L. Hays entertained the members of her Sunday school class in a most pleasing way.

The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and poinsettias.

The following impromptu program was given:

Address.....President of Class
Instrumental Solo.....Mr. Steger
Address.....Mr. Bozeman
Vocal Solo.....Mr. Arnold
Oration.....Mr. Gilliam
Violin Solo.....Mr. Bates
Oration.....Mr. Hayes
Talk.....Mr. Copeland
Instrumental Solo....Miss L. Proctor
Talk.....Mr. Foster
Vocal Solo.....Mr. Steger
Instrumental Solo.....Mr. Martin

A charming two-course luncheon was served.

Dinner Party.

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wilmon Newell gave a beautifully appointed dinner. With Mr. and Mrs. Newell were Messrs. and Mesdames Youngblood, Bizzell, Friley and Dr. Brooks of Belton.

The appended invitation will be read with great interest:

"Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry Seale request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Robbie to Mr. Lloyd Loring Click, on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 30, 1914, at 2 o'clock, at their residence, Benchley, Texas."

Christmas Party.

At Mrs. Bizzell's on Saturday afternoon the ladies of the campus decided to have a Christmas party for the cadets and campus people on Christmas eve at the Y. M. C. A. building. A Christmas tree will be the chief attraction of the evening.

The following invitation has been issued:

"Mrs. A. T. Potts, Mrs. J. B. Bagley, Mrs. J. O. Morgan, at home, Wednesday, December 15, 1914, Mrs. C. B. Moran."

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Proctor of Itta Bena, Miss., will spend Christmas with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Proctor.

Mrs. Charles E. Friley and son, Charles Jr., returned home from Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Youngblood have returned from Houston.

Miss Agnes McGregor of Lobo, Texas, will be the guest of the Misses Proctor for the holidays.

Misses Inez and Edith Proctor of Houston will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Proctor.

Miss Virginia Spence, a student at the State University, and Mr. Reese Spence of Waco will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Spence.

Mrs. M. Bedell of Milano is the guest of Mrs. B. Youngblood.

Miss Mildred Mabee of Illinois is expected next week to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. Newell.

Mrs. Bolton, after a most pleasant visit with her son, F. C. Bolton, and family, returned to her home at Pontotoc, Miss.

Lieut. Brown—What is the use of artillery in the advance guard?

Dutch Hohn—To keep off the enemy.



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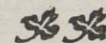
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