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SENIORS ORGANIZE A RIFLE CLUB

O. W. GREENE, PRESIDENT; O. F. WASHAM, SECRETARY; E. C. RACK, CAPTAIN.

TO CONTEST FOR MEDAL

On last Sunday evening the Senior Rifle Club of the college was organized, which club is affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America.

The following officers were elected for the present scholastic year: President, O. W. Greene; secretary, O. F. Washam; treasurer and captain, E. C. Rack.

During the past few years A. & M. has always had a team to compete in the Intercollegiate Outdoor Rifle Shooting Competition, but has always fallen along about sixth or eighth place. With the advent of the 1913 Springfield rifle to take the place of our old Krag's, it is hoped that this year's showing will be materially improved over that of the past. Six men are to compose the team, and it is hoped that all Seniors will take an interest in their rifle practice and do their best to make the team. We have an excellent 600-yard range of four targets, and it has been learned from competent authority that we will soon be equipped with an indoor range, where excellent practice may be obtained with the U. S. subcalibre rifles.

Every man who qualifies as a marksman, sharpshooter or rifle expert will be given a button designating him as such. A medal is also given by the National Rifle Association to each club annually for a members' match, and all Seniors may compete for this medal. E. C. RACK.

ENGINEERING NOTES.

Mr. Geo. D. Marshall was with the "Feed Yourself" train, operated under the direction of the Bexar County Highway League and San Antonio Real Estate Exchange over the S. A. U. & G. Ry. and the S. A. & A. P. Ry. He reports having delivered 40 lectures on "Good Roads, the Foundation of Community Building." The total attendance was 6,800 or more.

The new motor to drive the centrifugal pumps in the hydraulics laboratory has been installed, and Prof. Miller, as well as his Juniors, are very much interested in their experiments.

T. L. Bell has been ordered to report to his party on the Mississippi River.

SMITH ELECTED VALEDICTORIAN.

At the Senior election held Tuesday afternoon Marvin W. Smith was elected valedictorian by a considerable majority.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The regular Episcopal services will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Chapel Sunday at 3 p. m.

THE A. & M. GLEE CLUB HAS DELIGHTFUL TOUR

Many North Texas Cities and Schools Are Visited By the Club—Show To Large and Appreciative Audiences

ONE ROUND OF OVATION

There are several towns in Texas that have been "Glee Clubbed" by the A. and M. organization during the past two weeks, and it may be said by way of parenthesis that these towns are happier for the "clubbing." The A. and M. College Glee Club this season provided the best program in its history just one grand string of successes.

The club began its series of concerts at Bryan on February 22, and four days later appeared at College Station. After the concert at the college auditorium, the club, accompanied by the Zouaves, Miss Anita Park, reader; Mrs. Abbie Lambert Marshall, soprano; and C. A. Case, baritone and director; F. D. Steger, business manager, and Ike Ashburn, publicity agent, set sail in a special tourist car for the annual road trip. The first stop was Carroll Chapel, Baylor University, where a large audience heard and applauded the concert numbers. The club met with a very hearty reception at the hands of the Baylorites, and at the conclusion of the performance were guests of the college girls at a reception in Burseson Hall.

On Monday night the club appeared at the Hippodrome Theatre, playing to another large and enthusiastic audience.

Tuesday afternoon the club and the team of Zouaves gave a free show at the high school auditorium in Fort Worth. All numbers were heartily applauded. That night they appeared at T. C. U. At Decatur Baptist College the succeeding night the program was met with hearty applause, and the little town established itself forever

in the hearts of the A. and M. friends because of the friendliness and courtesy of its people.

Denton, the land of dreams, proved another splendid town for the A. and M. representatives. Many there were who enjoyed the evening meal at C. I. A., and that night the hearts of the A. and M. boys were made to flutter by the presentation of a handsome bouquet of flowers by the C. I. A. Glee Club. At the conclusion of the concert the A. and M. people were the guests of the Barraca class at a reception.

Friday night, in many respects, was one of the best of the entire trip. The young women of the T. W. C. received the boys from 7 until 8 o'clock, and the reception was marked by the courtesy and friendliness displayed by the authorities of that institution. The program was better received than elsewhere, save possibly Decatur and Denton, and after the concert the Glee Club and the artists accompanying them formed the center of attraction.

An uneventful trip home on Saturday completed the tour.

The program was one that merited wide appreciation and the club and Zouaves this season certainly put the college on the map. Miss Park and Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Case were features of every concert, and Mrs. Marshall and Miss Park won the love of every cadet on board the special.

The trip, from a financial standpoint—well, the earnings wouldn't start a national bank, but it was worth it, wasn't it boys?

IKE ASHBURN.

MAGICIAN BRUSH PLEASES CORPS

PERFORMS MANY MYSTERIOUS TRICKS, INCAPABLE OF BEING DETECTED.

LAUGHTER IS CONTINUAL

The college lyceum audience was once again delighted Monday night by the tricks of Brush, the magician. He kept his audience in alternate bursts of laughter and tense moments of expectation. His tricks, while mostly the familiar ones so often seen, were so neatly performed as to defy detection. (Continued on Page 4.)

ED. L. AYERS GETS A BIG PROMOTION

ASSISTANT ENTOMOLOGIST BECOMES CHIEF NURSERY INSPECTOR.

OLD POSITION NOW OPEN

Commissioner of Agriculture Fred W. Davis has appointed Ed. L. Ayers as chief inspector of nurseries. Mr. Ayers was formerly assistant entomologist of the Texas Department of Agriculture, and in that position made good. Altho only 22 years of age, Mr. Ayers is recognized as an expert in (Continued on Page 4.)

FEATURES OF THE NEW CURRICULUM

WORK MORE ADVANCED—14 UNITS REQUIRED—SEVERAL NEW COURSES.

GENERAL SCIENCE COURSE

Beginning next year a new course of study will be installed at the college and many changes will occur in every department. New courses have been established and the present courses have been greatly improved. Perhaps the most welcome feature of the new curriculum is the fact that the schedules, as a rule, will be from four to six hours a week shorter than they are at present. This, however, will not affect the present classes, as they will finish under the old curriculum.

The most radical changes have been made in the agricultural department; much of the academic work has been discontinued and purely agricultural work has been established in its place. Next year's Freshmen will have three years of chemistry to conquer before they can be Seniors; instead of one term of military science, they will have three terms. Much of the Sophomore work of this year will be Freshman work next year. The agricultural student will have more opportunity to specialize, as much of the work in the Junior and Senior years is elective.

The new general science course, which is really and agricultural course, has received much favorable comment, and promises to be one of the most popular courses of the future. It presents a splendid opportunity to the man who wants to study agriculture from a scientific standpoint.

There is a new two-year course in agriculture and also one in engineering. These courses will serve as regular courses and also as sub-Freshman courses. The entrance requirements for these courses are only eight units; upon completing the first year of either of these courses the student receives six more units, making fourteen units which are required for entrance to the regular four-year courses.

The most prominent changes made in the engineering department consist of the addition of a general engineering course; also a course in military engineering. The latter includes a great deal of military science, and requires six weeks' work in a United States army camp in the summer both the Sophomore and Junior years. Many of our military geniuses will find an outlet for their martial inclinations if they select this course.

OFFICIAL T. A. M. C. DESIGN ADOPTED.

The Athletic Council has adopted an official T. A. M. C. design which all wearers of that emblem will be expected to use. The four letters are interwoven so as to be circular in outline. The design may be found on bulletin board No. 4.