

**FIGURES SHOW THAT
EXTENSION SERVICE
PRODUCED RESULTS**

**Clarence Ousley Makes Able Plea for
Funds for That Department Be-
fore Legislative Committee.**

In what has been termed one of the most able appeals ever made before a legislative committee in Texas, Clarence Ousley, head of the Extension Service of the College, last week addressed the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives in favor of appropriations for his department. By way of recapitulation, Mr. Ousley summed up the results that have been achieved by the extension service within the past few months.

"Governor Ferguson is reported in the newspapers as having said a few days ago to a subcommittee of this committee that extension work is not producing results," said Mr. Ousley. "I credit him with perfect sincerity in that view, for from personal statements to me I know that he does not believe that college professors can teach practical farming. But while I credit his sincerity I know he is in error.

"I have shown this committee by the records now before you that the extension service in one year has reached directly 81,448 persons. In addition it has helped to direct and to sustain by some \$6,000 various undertakings of the Federal Department of Agriculture, the chief of which is the farm demonstration work now established in seventy-nine counties. I have furnished you with voluntary statements from 138 farmers in forty-five counties, testifying to personal benefits in amounts varying from hundreds to thousands of dollars, and if I had the time I could furnish the testimony of thirty-odd thousand more who have received similar benefits through farm demonstration work, girls' canning club work and boys' corn and pig club work. The Federal appropriation for this service for the next fiscal year is precisely the same as for the current year; hence there can be no hope of expansion of this work except through the Legislature, and the records before you show that it is now earnestly desired in twenty-five counties and that quite as many more counties would accept it if we could offer it.

"I have shown you that we have organized 157 diversification and marketing associations in sixty-four counties with the aid of thoughtful and patriotic business men, and I have given you concrete examples of savings in co-operative sales, which prove the expenditures in this service are not a tax upon the people, but an investment in economy and the prevention of waste. You must remember that the work of co-operative marketing is only barely begun, for we cannot market crops until they are grown, and we are now in the period of growth. Returns upon this work will not fully appear until summer and fall.

"I have shown you that we are carrying the teachings of the experiment stations, the demonstration agents and the laboratories to more than ten thousand farmers through our short courses, or movable schools, and that there are twice as many demands for this service as we can supply.

"I have shown you that the agricultural committee of the State Bankers' Association and numerous practical bankers have endorsed our plan of basing farm credit upon the raising of food and feed, and that this work has been accepted by the Department of Agriculture as the foundation of

successful farm financing and dependable rural industry.

"I have shown you that we have made a successful beginning in the aid of farm women by organization for study and assistance from the college, and that for the first time the State, through this department, has concerned itself in the welfare of the "better half" and the hitherto most neglected half of the farm home. This is in addition to the home demonstration work or the girls' canning club work now established in thirty-one counties, which is reaching the farm home by teaching the farm girl.

"I have shown you that by demonstrations in terracing we have saved thousands of acres of land from erosion and the waste of soil fertility, estimated by an intelligent and disinterested observer, whose letter is before you, as more than \$10,000 in the single County of Denton this year, with like testimony available from a hundred other counties. By reason of our neglect of soil conservation Texas, which a few years ago ranked first in cotton production per acre, has now fallen behind such supposedly wornout States as North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. I have shown you that similar results have been accomplished by demonstrations in drainage and other problems of farm engineering, to say nothing of demonstrations in silo construction, dipping vats, barns, poultry houses and other farm buildings, and I have presented requests from a score or more of counties for advice in drainage and farm engineering.

"I have shown you that we have suppressed hog cholera in fifty-seven counties, that we have furnished expert advice in road building and road maintenance in fifty-one counties, that we have contributed by expert advice to successful dairying in 140 communities, and that we have answered personal inquiries from 32,500 farmers, asking for advice on every phase of agriculture and animal husbandry.

"I have shown you that the Federal government offers us \$35,000 for the next fiscal year and \$65,000 the following fiscal year upon condition that the State duplicate these appropriations, and that if you fail to make these appropriations you will reject this bounty of the Federal government. I have presented to you information from several typical States to show that appropriations for similar service in States of like size and character are as great or greater than the appropriations we are asking, and that no other State has failed to accept this Federal appropriation under the Smith-Lever act, but has duplicated it to the fullest extent.

"I present this evidence and this situation for your consideration with the Governor's opinion that extension work is not producing results."

**A LITTLE STORY
OF COLLEGE LIFE**

A certain well-known Senior and a young lady of the campus climbed to the roof of the Main Building one evening at about sunset the past week, to enjoy the view of the beautiful stretch of country which can be seen from that height. They sat for a time drinking in the glories of the vast panorama of green which spread out for miles around and before them. They next fell to talking, and so interested in their conversation did they become that they did not observe that dusk was falling.

About this time a number of Senior E. E.'s came around the corner of the

E. E. Building from supper. Observing the couple sitting on the roof in the half light, they decided they would play a prank on them. Accordingly, they went into the E. E. Building, rigged up the necessary apparatus, and from a window in the southeast corner, suddenly turned the glaring spotlight on the surprised couple and began to call, "Look at the moon! Look at the moon!"

But the two young people were not to be bested, and continued to sit there. By this time the cry of "Look at the moon!" had attracted the attention of cadets in a nearby dormitory. They looked out, took in the situation, and added another cry: "Take intervals!" This was getting too public for the couple on the Main Building, and they beat a hasty retreat.

**CONCERTS BY BAND
ATTRACT VISITORS**

Concerts by the excellent band of the A. & M. College are proving popular features. Each Sunday afternoon the concerts attract a large attendance from Bryan. The programs given under the direction of B. P. Day, leader, always are well balanced. The program for Sunday's concert follows:

1. Turkish March—"L'Odlasque"..... Kritschner
 2. Grand Medley—"Superba"..... Dalby
 3. Overture—"Sky Pilot"..... A. M. Lawrence
 4. Selection—"Faust"..... Gounod
 5. Intermezzo—"Heart Strings"..... John W. Casto
 6. Selection—"Martha"..... Fr. von Flotow
 7. Waltz—"Cecile"..... Frank W. McKee (By Request.)
 8. March—"Flag Day"..... Carl Schramm
- Finale—"Star Spangled Banner."

**SPECIAL SERVICES
MARK MOTHER'S DAY**

Last Sunday was the day set aside by the President of the United States for the memory and honoring of mothers. The day was, as usual, observed at A. & M. The captain of each company invited some young lady to pin white flowers on the men before going to chapel. After this ceremony, which was carried out with much fluttering of the heart on the part of the cadet, the corps marched to chapel. Services were again held in the gymnasium. Before the sermon, Dr. Bizzell made a short talk in which he requested each student to write home that day to his mother.

The preacher on Mother's Day was Dr. H. F. Cope of Chicago. His sermon on "The Religion of the Honest Man" was one of the best that has been heard at A. & M. With such men as Dr. Cope speaking every Sunday, it will not be long before marching to chapel will be looked upon as a voluntary custom.

**FACULTY TURNS
DOWN PETITION**

The faculty, after considering the petition of the Senior class that they be excused from examination their last term in college in those subjects in which they might make a passing grade, has declined to grant the petition. The reason they give is that granting such a privilege would set a precedent which undergraduates, now or later, might point to in asking for exemption, and that they, the faculty, are not ready yet to take such a step with reference to the whole corps.

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