

THE BATTALION

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This issue of The Battalion is published in the office of the Publicity Agent for the purpose of carrying news of the summer activities and items of interest concerning the "old guard" to the students in their homes. It is also sent to members of the graduating classes of the Texas High Schools in order that they may catch a glimpse of what the A. & M. College has to offer the student, planning to enter college.

This is to be a year of big improvements at A. & M. All of the improvements that are described elsewhere in this issue will be made. The money is on hand. It may be that the work will not be completed by the opening of school. It will be pushed steadily forward, however, and President Bizzell is authority for the statement that all of the completed improvements will be finished at least soon after school opens.

Last year there was considerable delay in the completion of the contemplated improvements but everything that was promised has been provided.

What club will win the President's prize, a banquet, by bringing back the largest number of Freshmen this fall? Last year the Houston club won. The banquet was worth while. Who will win this year?

There will be another Battalion issued early in August and again early in September. If you are planning a change of address notify the College postmaster.

WRIGHT RESIGNS NEW MAN NAMED FOR PHYSICS DIVISION.

W. T. Wright has resigned as head of the physics department of the College and has gone to Chicago where he will take work leading to the degrees of M. S., and Ph. D.

Dr. Oscar W. Silvey, associate professor of physics at Purdue University has been appointed professor of physics and head of that department at A. & M.

Dr. Silvey holds the degrees of A. B., and M. A., from the University of Chicago. He is an author of some note, having written in English and German concerning important physics problems.

"JAP" MAYO ACCEPTS JOB AT COLLEGE.

H. M. Mayo, '15, better known as "Jap" Mayo has accepted a position in the bulletin department of the Experiment Station. Mayo began his new duties Monday, July 3. Since graduation Mayo has been with the Wells Fargo Express Co.

POSTAL SERVICE IMPROVED.

The College Station postoffice, at the depot, has been placed on the basis of a second class office, instead of a third class, now enjoying the same rating as that held by the Bryan office. That means that outgoing mail will be received until 8:30 p. m. and that other improvements in the service will be made.

A. & M. MEN MAKING WINNING BALL CLUBS

"T" men in baseball at A. & M. are delivering the goods on a half dozen amateur ball clubs of the State. Nacogdoches probably has the largest representation of any club. Tom Cherry is captain and playing manager of that club. Tom was a second baseman before he went to the first sack at A. & M. and was one of Moran's most dependable men. He is playing a good game at the middle bag in Nacogdoches, according to reports from that town. Assisting Tom are "Ug" Russell, who is catching every game, Penny Thornton who has been winning his games, Crabby Powers in the outer garden, and Joe Ellis another valuable infielder.

Munch is working for Crockett and has been going good. Tom Brailsford is playing with the Crockett team. Mack Graham has been pitching good ball at Calvert and McMurray has been catching for Hearne. Sprague worked with Calvert, also, a few times. Rigney is playing short at Leonard.

The A. & M. baseball squad will be practically the same next year as this past year. Olson will be missing and Russell may not be back. The other men all will be on the job, however, and the Aggies should put out another fast team in 1917.

Y. M. C. A. LEADERS ARE BACK FROM BLUE RIDGE.

The A. & M. delegation to the Southern Y. M. C. A. College Conference at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, is back on the campus after two weeks of delightful pleasure. Frank D. Steger, Dan Kiber, M. D. Gibson, E. B. Cartwright, T. W. Temple, and R. E. Connor, represented the A. & M. College Y. M. C. A., at the Southern Conference.

Steger was a very busy man, making a number of addresses and leading several sections of study groups. The local delegation was a representative one.

Steger will remain at the College during the remainder of the summer and then will go to his new field of labor at Oklahoma State University, Norman, Oklahoma.

BOYS ON THE BORDER REPORT "ALL WELL."

If you haven't anything else to do sit down and write to some of your old A. & M. friends who are defending Uncle Sam's territory against the invasion of Mexicans. Jim Kendrick, with Co. "G", 2nd Texas Infantry at Mission, first lieutenant, reports all of the A. & M. men there with him as being well and "pretty well contented." Life is quiet and rather monotonous, being broken only by calls for help from alarmed natives. "Shrimp" Hayden, "Reveille" Brown, and the rest of the A. & M. men have been accounted for, also.

If you know their company, but do not know their address write another care Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, and the letter will be forwarded to them.

DR. MARSTELLAR BETTER.

Dr. R. P. Marstellar, who was operated on for appendicitis soon after commencement is rapidly recovering. He was taken ill on Commencement Sunday and was operated on the following Wednesday. L. P. Thomas, of the creamery department, has been ill with fever for the past two weeks. He is improving gradually.

HOMER FRY VISITS MANY TEXAS TOWNS AS LANDSCAPE EXPERT.

Homer Fry has been a busy man during the summer. He has visited a half dozen Texas towns and prepared plans for the beautification of lawns, parks, and grounds in front of public buildings. This is a distinct service to the towns visited. Just now Fry is working out plans for the beautification of school grounds at Rusk.

F. W. Hensel, head of the landscape gardening division, has visited Waco and other Texas towns, serving as judge in "Beautiful lawn contests."

Fry will graduate in 1917.

SEEN ON THE CAMPUS.

W. B. (Bebb) Francis, '15, who has been spending the year, studying veterinary medicine at Cornell, Ithca, N. Y., is spending the summer on the campus with his father and mother Dr. and Mrs. M. Francis.

R. B. (Tubby) Ehlinger, '13, a medical student at Tulane University, New Orleans, is at home for a brief visit with his father and mother Dr. and Mrs. Otto Ehlinger. He will leave the latter part of August for a few weeks visit at Mule Shoe on a ranch.

Horace Sawyer is working with the department of buildings and grounds at the College, and is charged with overseeing the summer improvements. He has been offered a good job on road construction at San Saba, however, and may accept that.

HERE'S A STORY FOR YOU.

There is a story concerning a negro who was arrested in New Orleans on a charge of vagrancy. The negro protested his innocence and insisted that he was a hard working "nigger". "What do you do," asked the Judge. "If you are such a hard working negro tell the Court what your occupation is."

"Yes Sah, I'se a hard-wuking nigger, I is," said the Senegambian. "I'se got a job boring worm holes in antique furniture."

Joe Rogers is engaged in much the same work. Joe has been puncturing Old Mother Earth for the past few days making test holes for a new pipe line, being in the employ of the Building and Grounds department. "Rail Head" says it is fine training and that he expects to be in ideal condition for the football season.

Look for yourself in the A. & M. "movies." The pictures are so clear and so bright that the men in the Bernard Sbisla Mess Hall and elsewhere may easily be recognized. This picture is in the hands of the Exclusive Feature Film Service of 1917, Main St., Dallas, Texas, and may be rented at unusually low figures. Have your "movie" men correspond with that service for rates, etc. There are 2,000 feet of the picture.

SEEN ON THE CAMPUS.

W. J. Crocker, of Dallas, spent several days visiting friends in Bryan and College last week returning from Houston.

H. E. Runge, of Galveston, spent Saturday and Sunday in Bryan and College, the guest of friends.

C. D. Stoner, Lakeland, Fla., is at College preparing to take civil service examinations early this month. He will probably accept a position in Humble or with the Waco Light & Power Co.

A letter from W. H. Waterhouse, Pittsburg, Pa., reports the presence of a large number of A. & M. men in that city.

Mack Graham, of McGregor, who is pitching for the Calvert team, has been on the campus a number of times lately.

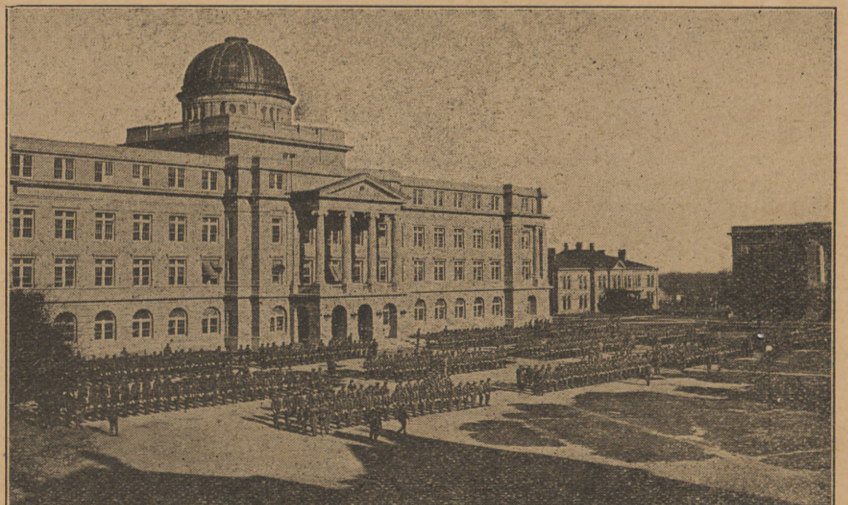
J. D. McMurray, of Cuero, enrolled in the summer school goes to Hearne nearly every day to catch for that team.



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