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With the coming of springtime all the world throbs with new life and the Fish are awakened from their winter sleep. All Fish are essentially the same, and the A. and M. Fish are no exception. They have long manifested signs of an awakening but hitherto nothing definite has resulted. This issue is, in some measure, an indication that the Fish are again on the move, and endeavors to present a definite expression of Fish thought and Fish activity.

We do this, not in a spirit of boastfulness, nor do we aspire to be other than Freshmen. But we are well aware that Fishhood must soon pass away, and then Sophdom as surely as Seniorhood approaches. The true wisdom is to be always seasonable, and to change with a good grace in changing circumstances.

It is well known that the Fish is a necessary evil in college circles. He is a true son of Ham, a hewer of wood and a drawer of water. Every morning upon rising he is confronted with the appalling fact "I am a worm! I am a worm!" Nothing which he does can find favor in the eyes of his superiors. Daily he strives to understand why he is allowed to live, why he is admitted to the same table with upperclassmen, what excuse the faculty offers for allowing him to come to A. and M. He has even gone to the Biology Department to inquire the biological function of the worm. He is fully contented with the place in life which kind Nature has assigned him and thanks Heaven and Char-

## WEEKLY TIP.

"Yet the deepest truths are best read between the lines and for the most part, refuse to be written."

les Darwin that he is at least classed above the vegetables.

Just as the Fish owes every upper-classman an apology for being a Fish so do we offer an apology for this edition. If we do not meet with your approval kindly bear with us. Remember, we are simply Fish and Fish are not supposed to know much after all.

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The purpose of the Freshmen in this issue, therefore, is to give voice to their class spirit. We shall not make much of this, our maiden attempt in journalism. We simply wish to give our message to the other classes, to briefly review our history, and to show our willingness and responsibility which new occasions place upon us. To the other classes of the college we extend our hearty appreciation of the work which they are doing and the debt we owe them as a class. We hope our message will be received in the spirit in which it is given. Nevertheless, as this is quite a novel undertaking for us, it is with some trepidation that we loose this edition to the public.

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We wish to thank those who helped to make this Edition possible. Especially do we wish to thank the Freshmen of each company, who organized in response to the appeal, and made a definite contribution to the paper. To those who did not, we feel that you have not the true spirit of the '21 class. We hope that, as you advance further into your college career, you may by association absorb the '21 spirit from your progressive fellow classmen. We wish to express our indebtedness to the Editor and Manager of the Battalion, and to Mr. Wallace of the Wallace Printing Company for their kindly assistance and many helpful suggestions.

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Prexy, in his "family talk" the other night expressed his desire for an A. and M. school song. The need of an appropriate school song has been keenly felt for many years. It is almost incredible that a school like A. and M., so widely known for its pep and loyalty, could have gone for so long without a school song. For a school song is as necessary to a college as a flag to a nation. It is the embodiment of the tradition, the spirit, and the ideals of the college.

Probably one reason that we have so far gotten along without a song is because we have used "Wild Cat" as our martial anthem. Everyone knows the effect it has upon the corps. When the band strikes the first note of "Wild Cat" every cadet rises, removes his cap and cheers madly. No team could fail to do its best with such support. But "Wild Cat" has been used by other schools and does not really belong to us. We want a song of our own. One that we can cherish always and claim as our own. It is the duty of those who can to produce one.

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"We have been asked by the Freshman Class at A. and M. College to send them a picture of the president of the C. I. A. Freshman Class, and a write-up of the class activities. We kind a believe they would like to have a picture of every member of the

## FRESHMAN C. I. A. FRESHMAN CLASS



MISS THELMA BALCOM

On September 18, 1918 four hundred and twenty-one Freshmen registered at the College of Industrial Arts for the sessions work. They possessed all the characteristics of "Fish" and accordingly classified as such. At the regular class election the following officers were elected: Fanabel Hull, president; Annie Wolf, vice-president; Thelma Balcom, secretary, and Kate Ayers, treasurer.

Red and green were chosen as the class colors, but, due to the reading of rules and regulations by President Bralley, the beautiful green of the class was dulled on October 1 by blue cambray. The old Fish tried to make the new Fish feel slightly more at ease in their new home by giving them a "hop", and then came club invitations. But the Dallas Fair—what Freshman does not remember Oct. 20 and the grand parade?

class, although they did not have the nerve to say so."

The Lasso, Freshman Editor.

You are right. The picture of a C. I. A. Freshman girl would be an unlimited source of inspiration to any A. and M. Fish. But, since the space in our Edition is limited, we thought the President of the Freshman Class would suffice, and, through official channels, made the request for only the one photograph. But our failure to apply for a picture of every member of the class was not due to lack of "nerve". If there is any C. I. A. Freshman who is not loath to part with her photograph, we will be delighted to enter into negotiations promptly.

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Every progressive A. and M. student should take an interest in the coming High School Meet and contribute to its success. Such a splendid aggregation of younger athletes on our field is a rare occurrence, and we cannot well miss any of the contests. We shall not only see some excellent records made, but shall have the privilege of being hosts to some of the best athletes in Texas High Schools. Many of these men attend College next year, and will be observant of the advantages A. and

We meant to be studious and dignified, but with English quizzes, chemistry and demerits, what person, much less a Freshman, could be dignified? We lost much of our verdant green color in those first few days and fast became sophisticated. We began to frequent the Dean's offices; we became movie fiends, and indulged in other such evils, and of course boxes from home and midnight feasts were the order of the day.

When we had a tacky party on a rainy night which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Honors we had many. We've been elevated above even the reserved Seniors and the faculty, and our class is the largest in a large college, and is growing daily. But honors will continue to come for the basket ball pennant MUST be ours.

M. has to offer. It is our duty as loyal students, to show them A. and M.'s interest in High School athletics, and the advantages and opportunities she offers in a College career. There will be few restrictions placed upon us during the day. There is no reason why every loyal cadet should not be there. Let us attend the meet en masse and give them an example of the true A. and M. spirit.

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1st cadet: "I sent my girl a telegram last week and received a box of candy in two days."

2nd cadet: "I sent my girl a wireless and got a box in twenty-four hours."

3rd cadet: "I sat down to write my girl a letter and a fellow brought me a box so I didn't write."

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The following army officers were seen at the Red Cross Jitney Dance in Bryan last Saturday.

General Enjoyment.  
Private Tete-a-tetes.  
A Captain of Industry.  
Corporal Punishment.  
Major Enjoyments.  
General Nuisance.  
Major Feet Fired.