

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GROWS IN INTEREST

Last Meeting Largely Attended; A Live Program and Good Eats

Monday night the Horticultural Society, composed of Junior and Senior Horticultural students, held a lively meeting. A majority of the members were present as these meetings have gained the reputation of being too good to miss. Mr. W. H. Friend was in charge of the entertainment for the evening and presented an excellent paper covering his observations of horticultural conditions and progress in France.

Mr. Fred Brison then made a very interesting talk on the Peach Industry in Camp County. Mr. Brison is a resident of this county and was well informed upon his subject. His remarks were very valuable to the society and were in accordance with the horticultural industries of all Texas localities.

Mr. L. Levy of Marlin, made the concluding talk of the evening. His subject was The Commercial Evaporation of Fruits and his paper was exceedingly interesting, the topic being discussed in detail and unusually well prepared.

With the conclusion of the talks refreshments were served and the society spent a delightful half-hour devouring the heaping stacks of sandwiches and before departing, all pockets were filled with pecans from a big box sent to the students by Mr. C. A. Allen of Marlin for whom a delegation of Horticultural students did some pecan budding last spring.

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Holly in the window, mistletoe hanging from the chandelier, turkey in the oven, presents weighing down the glittering tree, Christmas cheer in the air—and the holidays have at last arrived!

For many weeks the foremost thoughts of the fifteen hundred students at A. and M. have been centered about this merry season, and the pleasures it will bring. Home. After three months absence. Won't it be great?

The Fish will strut in his home town for the first time as a full-fledged college man. The old men will once more thrill the hearts of their friends with brilliant tales of the old college. And every one will tell the story and reap the honors of our Thanksgiving victory.

It will be good to see the folks again and tell father and mother how hard you have been working (and watch diligently for every mail in order to condemn the evidence of Mr. Friley's report before it reaches the paternal eye!). Oh, the untold pleasure of sleeping until noon. No interfering bugle to annoy the peaceful morning slumber. No Sbis hash for two whole weeks. No classes. No quizzes. No drill. Oh, boy! It is worth going through it all to be able to fully appreciate the pleasures of home.

And the eats! Such as every man of us is fully convinced cannot be equalled in any other home in the state! Biscuits! Real, honest-to-goodness smoking hot biscuits. The great Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. And you in your old chair at the table, the center of attraction—for truly, absence makes the heart grow fonder.

But best of all—seeing the girl of all the world. In fact, the sweetest, prettiest, most lovable girl on earth.

Your honest opinion, now, isn't she? And just think how glad she will be to see you once more. And how annoyed her dad will be to see you once more. And annoyed her dad will be when the wee small hours find you comfortably ensconced before the glowing coals of her fireplace.

There's no question but what Christmas is the best time of all the year. And after a quarter's constant application, none can reap the season's pleasures to the fullest as can the boys from A. and M.

COMPANY H FISH BANQUET

On last Friday evening, the Fish of Company H, honoring the old boys, rendered one of the most successful banquets ever given in the history of the school, in the hallway of Bizzell Hall. For a decorative theme the college colors were taken up and carried out very successfully. Maroon and white streamers hung from the corners and falling in the center to the letters FISH H. Clusters of holly and mistletoe were used with great profusion in the charming adornment of the hallway denoting the approaching Yuletide season.

Harold C. Simon, of San Antonio, who had previously been elected Fish toastmaster, opened the banquet with a message of greeting to the company and to the visitors, in which he showed the oratorical eloquence of an Edmond Burke. Immediately following, the party was seated and partook of the sumptuous repast which was before them. By the place cards of the company officers were found beautiful gifts from the Fish, as a token of friendship and an appreciation of their services.

After the banquet, the old boys and visitors were called on for short talks in which they expressed their appreciation to the Fish. Much enthusiasm and pep was shown by the Fish throughout the banquet in their frequent remarks to the old boys.

Those who enjoyed this hospitality with the company were: W. T. Burne, E. E. McQuillen, K. J. Edwards, A. L. Ballard, L. E. Sumner, D. A. Singleton, D. O. Giles and R. E. Bridges.

It was unanimously agreed by all the old boys that the banquet excelled all others of previous years and the Fish of H Company are to be complimented on their ability as entertainers and that they are the first to carry out this custom this year.

E. COMPANY FISH WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Another good team gone wrong. The Fish from Company A Signal Corps, bit off a chunk that was thoroughly indigestible when they attempted to defeat the irresistible team of Company E. They were doomed to defeat to begin with, it was foreordained that they should taste the bitterness of defeat because the team that attempts to overcome the fighting machine of Joe Brown's is trying to attain the impossible. Ask anyone who has watched the E Company team in its spectacular career this season and they will tell you that it is the best Fish team that has ever been seen in action at A. and M. College.

The E. Company Fish sent the Signal Corps off of the field with the small end of a 18-0 score last Sunday. The Signal Corps resorted to open field playing; in fact it appeared at times that they were playing basketball instead of football. One Signal Corps slime threw the

ball to another man and said that he did not want to carry it.

E Company played the usual game with lots of fight and pep. The game was slow during the first half but after the E slimes got warmed up things began to pop and continued to pop during the rest of the game. This come-back spirit has been the chief characteristic of the team's playing this year and it has enabled them to go through the season undefeated and to carry off the company honors.

If any company team thinks that they can handle the E slimes just let your representative whisper the word in Joe Brown's shell-like ear and a game will be arranged therewith, immediately if not sooner. This challenge remains open day and night and no one is barred.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

On next Thursday, December 25, from 9 o'clock in the morning until late at night, there will be a very important session of the local chapter of the H. W. D. (Hard Working Dozen) in the Senior Civil Engineering drafting room on the third floor of the Civil Engineering building. The meeting will be presided over by "Cueball" Richie.

The meeting will be held for the purpose of establishing working relationship between the Senior civil engineers and the design of deck plate girders. There seems to be a dire need for some such relation and it has occurred to the president of the chapter that such a meeting will be of benefit to all concerned.

Santa Claus is expected to arrive during the night and leave a nice problem on the board ready to be worked and turned in for correction. Mr. Richie has promised to fill this obligation in the failure of Santy to arrive. The program will

WE wish you a most enjoyable Holiday Season, and may the New Year be filled with even more pleasures than you can dream of at this time.

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and men who stay young.

consist of a lecture by the president on the economical depth of tie plates of the necessity of ten hours study, followed by a recitation by M. Leon Ortego on the design of Mexico City. After this the chapter will tackle the problem left by Santa Claus, and staying with it until satisfactorily completed by all. Refreshments will be served about four o'clock consisting of slide rules and E-60 Loadings.

It is fully known that all Senior C. E.'s will be present and they will be delighted to have any visitors who may be able to leave their various Christmas morning chores. A good time will be endured by all.

"BAT" STAFF HEADS OF FORMER YEARS PAY VISIT TO PUBLICATION

During the Thanksgiving holidays The Battalion was honored by calls from "Skinny" J. W. Williams of Cooper, Texas, editor-in-chief of the '17 "Bat" and a most energetic staff member during his entire college career; and "Snitch" C. L. Babcock of Galveston, Texas, who edited The "Bat" in '18 and likewise lent his personality to the old paper during his three years' attendance at A. and M. Both of these men had their college years broken by their entrance into Uncle Sam's Army. Both became efficient officers and upon discharge "Skinner" became a "Casual" in A. and M. and "Snitch" became a benedict. Mrs. Babcock accompanied her husband on his visit to the old school and met many of his old college chums and bunkies of the Training Camp days.

New York.—The Reserve bank has raised its interest rate to member banks from 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 per cent.