

SENATORIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARING (Continued From Page 1)

Senator Baugh stated that he desired "the plain, unvarnished facts" in order that a statement of true conditions could be reported and vindicate the College of untrue rumors being circulated, or remedy any undesirable conditions.

Senator Parr was next introduced and it is to the credit of the students that this man whose every action in the investigation has indicated personal prejudice and enmity towards the College was extended the same courtesies rendered every visitor and guest of the College.

Senator Bledsoe was then introduced as a man who had always supported A. and M. and who had sons educated at the College. Senator Parr came to his feet before Senator Bledsoe began speaking and stated that he would never vote against a needed appropriation for the College.

Senator Bledsoe stated that he had a son who had graduated at the institution and who in turn had a son who would some day be an A. and M. man. And that the senator himself had another son only one week old whom he was going to send to Aggie.

The Senator from our own district Mr. Harp of Mexia, was then introduced. He stated that he had driven in a car from Austin to arrive for the meeting and would continue northward that night to meet an engagement.

Judge Rogan, the oldest living alumnus of the A. and M. College, then spoke to the assemblage and by reviewing the incidents of the early years succeeding 1876 when the College first opened its doors, showed that the A. and M. spirit dated from the first "Fish" and had never decreased one iota.

Judge Cullen F. Thomas, obtained by the alumni as the best legal talent in Texas, concluded the meeting with a brief address which assured the students of the wisdom of the "old timers" in selecting the Judge as their representative.

Every speaker gave assurance that evidence collected in the investigation would not be used to bring students before the laws and College regulations regarding discipline. Judge Thomas stated that in case any such attempt was made to use this self-incriminating evidence, a report of the fact to him would bring his services freely and gladly given to the cause.

The hearing was immediately resumed in the Y. M. C. A. parlor, and the first witness called was Captain Forbes, whose lengthy testimony gave much evidence of the grossly exaggerated rumors and reports concerning hazing at A. and M.

John B. Kelterson of Houston, a Freshman, was next called to testify. He considered hazing a good thing, knew of no cadets who had found it necessary to stay out of their rooms to avoid paddling, had never heard sounds of paddling from outside the buildings, had never been brutally handled or humiliated, and had on a certain occasion gone to a Sophomore

at night and requested a paddling in order that he might sleep well and peacefully. He stated that he forgot his paddlings in two minutes, and had never had blue spots. He verified this statement by saying he had used a mirror when Senator Parr wanted to know how he could tell the color of his markings.

Earl Harpole, also of Houston, agreed with the other witnesses in lack of brutality and humiliation of hazing. Stated that if hazing was not practiced the Freshmen would simply "carry off the school."

B. C. Davis, Sophomore from Sonora, was the last witness for the night and he was dismissed at eleven o'clock when the committee closed the hearing to be resumed the following morning.

After witnessing the cadet corps at drill for a period, the hearing was again taken up at eight o'clock Saturday morning. The morning session was characterized by the tendency on the part of the committee to find out if cooperation could be obtained in abolishing paddling.

"Squirrel" L. P. Newman, Sophomore from San Antonio, was the first morning witness. He testified that he had been struck on the head by a classmate in an argument but that it in no way concerned hazing and the two had "made up" the same afternoon.

J. B. Pruett of Pecos, was the next student called. He thought hazing never ran into brutality and when he had on occasion heard sounds of paddling going on in dormitories he thought nothing of it as he had been through such affairs and found them harmless.

L. S. Almond of Del Rio, was next called. He stated that he had no "fish killer" himself as he was a freshman and knew nothing of a certain paddle described in detail by the Senator from Corpus Christi engraved "Del Rio Fish Are Good."

J. E. Bloodworth of Clarksville, Senior Class President, next testified. He knew of no brutal hazing and considered a man who could not take the hazing at A. and M. as "chicken hearted."

A. F. Mitchell, Freshman President, then testified that he considered hazing good for the College. Had never known of brutality or humiliation. He had been as good and big a man after initiation and thought paddling was a manhood developer.

"Sammie" H. Sanders of Franklin, Sophomore President, felt that he could speak for his class in saying that Sophomores would willingly try something else instead of paddling to see how it worked but thought sitting on one foot or "rooting" coins from pans of water worse than the present forms of spanking.

"Bob" R. L. Carruthers of Fort Worth, President of the Junior Class, when asked if he would cooperate in doing away with paddling said he "would cut off his right hand if necessary for A. and M., but that he did not consider hazing anything but good for the College and had experienced good in more ways than one from the paddlings he had received.

The time being near eleven, the hearing was brought to a close and the committee left via the I. & G. N. train. Much interest was created when stu-

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dents obtained several alleged "fish killers" for the committee's inspection. Senator Parr seemed deeply impressed, especially with one particular paddle to which he clung until Senator Baugh took charge of same and placed the lot beneath the table so that attention might be given to the hearing.

The investigation questions seemed to center around the testimony of the few witnesses who had appeared in Austin. Students called at College Station were not called upon for their own observations and opinions in the and the majority of these were unknown to the witnesses called.

The college R. O. T. C. now has three majors and six captains of the regular army on duty with the organization aside from approximately seventy Warrant Officers, non-commissioned officers, and private soldiers.

LIEUTS. KURTZ AND WILSON RECEIVE PROMOTIONS.

Word has just been received that Lieutenant L. A. Kurtz, in charge of the Signal Corps Unit at the College and Lieutenant R. W. Wilson, post adjutant, now hold the rank of captains. Congratulations to the new captains from the Battalion.

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