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PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

Very few seem to realize to what extent this College goes in order to give its students the broadest possible education. Among the main features of this plan are the annual departmental inspection trips. Nearly all departments take one of these tours, and there the students are shown how the work they have studied in theory is actually applied in practice.

The Civil Engineers are about to start on their trip during which they plan to see the river dam at Austin, the famous concrete bridge there, and the sewer purification plant. In San Antonio they will inspect that town's remarkable paving system, its municipal improvements, river regime, cement mill, iron works and sewer pipe factory. If they have time, they will also go to Uvalde, where the Uvalde Rock and Asphalt plant is located.

Those Electrical Engineering students that will attend the R. O. T. C. Camp for the Signal Corps units next summer will have the opportunity of seeing the Westinghouse plant in Pittsburgh, the General Electric shops in Schenectady, N. Y., the Western Electric in New York and most of the big electrical plants in that city, as well as telephone and telegraph plants, and the big wireless stations.

The Mechanical Engineering Department will take its Seniors and Juniors to Dallas and there visit the various machine shops and power plants. They also intend to visit the northern oil fields and study the engineering problems there.

The Textile Engineers have just returned from an interesting trip during which they inspected modern mills, dye plants and a yarn mill.

The Chemical Engineers went north, to Dallas, Fort Worth and Corsicana. While in the latter town they had the opportunity of visiting the famous Helium Plant, said to be the only one of its kind in the world. They inspected a large number of plants in which they were especially interested, and returned more than satisfied with the tour.

The Dairy Husbandry students went to Fort Worth Stock Show, where they inspected the cattle on exhibition there; the Holstein and Jersey sales were attended, and all the dairies and milk companies of importance were visited.

The Animal Husbandry Department turned out in full force to the Fort Worth Stock Show, where they inspected and judged the exhibits. While they were there they met many of the prominent stock men and cattle raisers of the Southwest. Students in the Animal Husbandry Department probably make more trips than any other branch, due to the numerous and extended trips made by their stock judging teams.

The "Docs" of the Veterinary School also went to Fort Worth. They made a regular Government inspection trip of it; they studied the methods employed by Armour and Swift of killing the stock; watched government inspectors testing for diseased meats and learned new methods for prevention of diseases. Besides that they inspected the Globe Serum Co., and many other similar plants.

These inspection trips, besides being very interesting and educational, are always a very enjoyable affair. After attending one the student returning to his work, can study his subjects with a much better and clearer understanding than before—he has something definite to go by, and has learned things no text book could teach.

SABERS FOR SENIORS.

The saber was once symbolic of a commission in the A. and M. cadet corps. From his Freshman days the student looked forward to the wearing and possession of this arm. After the Senior year he carried it with him, a tangible thing to recall the days and years at A. and M. The memories of by-gone days still flood the mind of the old grad when he gazes at the saber hanging on his wall in his den and he is reminded of the best days of his life—in Aggieland. On equal plane with the diploma and ring did the Senior place his saber. To him it was not a weapon of polished steel and nickle. It was a treasure, prized and valued in no monetary terms. It represented four years of his life. His college career. His friends, "pals" and "buddies" of college days. In many cases romance clings about it for it was a custom to send it to the "only girl" who kept it until success had come to the new grad in his work. The present officers are appreciative of the effort being made by the President and Commandant to again present the sabers to cadet officers. Underclassmen will be glad to see the custom return.

SPRING FEVER.

The Commandant is right. Spring is here. With it comes the so-called "fever." The wealth of flowers, green grass and leaves, and the balmy weather offer little encouragement for work in barracks, class rooms, or laboratories. Yet, if courses are neglected now, the many social events of the spring that come in such rapid succession later on will be sufficient to cause much midnight oil to be wasted in May. Work done now is insurance against catastrophe later in the year. When the "fever" makes an attack on you, try a tonic of energy for a few days. Letting things slide will amass your duties and work for the hot weeks before the 24th of May.

"AND THE FATTED CALF WAS SLAIN"

I have tasted many delectable dishes in my life—Mexican dinners, crackling bread and pork sausage, affaire du coeur, picnics on the green, etc., but gentlemen, the best table of eats that I ever planted my two feet beneath was the banquet in Sbisas's annex Thursday evening, given by the Fish of Company B, Infantry. There were salads, tea-bones, fruits, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, olives, celery, mints, ice cream, cakes, cigars and various other fillers and chasers.

However, it was not the appetite-pacifying effect that made the banquet the success it was, but the spirit in which the whole affair was staged. The Fish were "old boys" and the "old boys" were Fish. One laugh followed another without interruption. "Meal-Hound" Schaedel when told to shim-

my went through the pantomime of flagging a freight train. "Slide Rule" Clark, "Corona" Denison, "Bicycle" Giesecke, "Cradle Snatching" Finney and others were told to explain how they acquired the handles on their names. Towards the last the speeches drifted into more serious veins. The officers of the company made brief talks commending the Freshmen upon their enthusiasm, their abilities, their generosity and their loyalty to their organization and as I sat and listened and watched, I couldn't help but wish that Senator Parr could see what I saw. Not an action was made or a word spoken that did not betray the friendship and love between the Fish and the "old boys." Oh, for the words that I could speak the thoughts that arise in me.

Why is a proud girl like a music box? Because she is full of airs.

Resolutions Adopted by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association at San Antonio, Texas, March 17, 1921.

WHEREAS, The Feed Control Service of this State, in accordance with facts obtained by the investigation of feeds and feeding problems, maintains higher standards of quality for cottonseed meal, cottonseed cake, and other feeding stuffs, than practically any other state, and

WHEREAS, It being the experience of this Association that those having technical knowledge derived from the investigation of feeds and feeding problems are best qualified to enforce the provisions of the feed law without fear or favor, and in a manner consistent with the best interests of this State; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, at its forty-fifth annual convention, at San Antonio, Texas, on March 15, 16, and 17, 1921, go on record as opposed to any interference whatsoever with the present administration of our feed law, or to the consolidation of this service with the State Department of Agriculture, or any other branch of the State government, until such time as it may seem advisable to put all administrative functions pertaining to agriculture under a long-time board so that those having the administration of the Feed Control Service, and similar regulatory services, may be free to perform their duties uninfluenced by political changes in the State's government; And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Governor Neff, and to each member of the Senate and House of the State of Texas.

SECOND YEAR TWO-YEAR MEN PLAN PICNIC.

For the first time in the history of A. and M., the Second Year Two-Year men are planning to have something out of the ordinary. On the 16th of next month, and old fashioned country barbecue will be given in honor of the class. Each man in the class is expected to invite his best lady friend in order that no one will be left holding the sack on the girl proposition. It will be an occasion where there will be an "all day dinner and singing on the ground."

There will be none of the "stylish dress"; for everyone is expected to be attired in a way that will be appropriate for a barnyard dance. Aprons and overalls will be in the style for this affair as everyone is expected to be comfortable as well as to eat and enjoy the moonlight.

The "Meal Hound" contest will be staged about sundown. This part of the program is arousing a great deal of interest as there are several competitors who claim to be champions. The girls will be able to decide upon the champion, if all get an even start, but some are forming plots to get on the "inside" of the plans in order that something else may be put "inside" first.

The chief feature of the program will come when everyone feels like that it will be safe to move around after the fight for the meal hound championship. The orchestra is now working on several selections for the barnyard dance. The "square dance" and the "Old Virginia Reel" are the chief feature of the program. It has been rumored that there will be plenty of "tanlac" and "Lemon Extract" with which to "spike" the ice tea, but these reports have no authentic sources.

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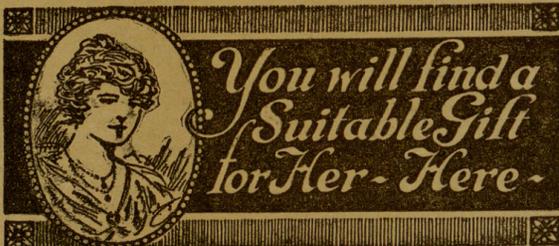
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