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## SOUTHWESTERN CHAMPIONS!

### ONE OF FIRST AGGIES TALKS TO STUDENTS

Dr. Mullins Says "One Who Does Most For His College Brags Most; One Who Does Least is a Knocker"

Last Monday afternoon the student body, assembled in Guion Hall, heard one of the four graduates of A. and M. in the ministry in an inspiring address. Alumni never fail to be interesting to present-day students but Dr. Mullins, the speaker Monday, made an unusually strong impression. Reviewing the days following September, 1876, when he entered A. and M. in its first session, he filled the audience with traditions of old and showed the strong bonds connecting the Aggies of yesterday with the Aggies of today.

Dr. Mullins stated that in '76, '77, '78, and '79 he drilled over every foot of ground about the college, stood the same formations, got the same "rams," went "down the line" to see the daughters of the faculty whom he recalled as being an exceptionally beautiful group of young ladies, broke the same (those of '76). The Doctor stated that he hoped modern cadets had improved over regulations, and in general was the ordinary, normal cadet. When at A. and M. he had no intention of entering the ministry, stated Dr. Mullins.

later, his training here was beneficial and that his four years at A. and M. were great preparation for his future work.

With such an introduction Dr. Mullins took up his subject for the occasion, "Winning and Losing in the Game of Life." Making parallel illustrations between college life and the future life of a man, Dr. Mullins deeply impressed his hearers. Giving rules for winning, the Doctor stated that "the play spirit must be put into work," that "no worthy performance was accomplished without preparation," that "seeing opportunities and grasping them were what counted," and that "the fighting spirit must be put into the game of life if success is to be obtained." Dr. Mullins made a statement in closing which will never be forgotten by his student audience, that "the man who does most for his college is the man who does the most bragging and the man who does least for his college is the man who knocks."

Dr. Mullins is in Texas on a mission for his church and was invited to address the cadet corps. He is the highest minister in his chosen faith, the Baptist, and is a man known throughout the country as one of the greatest teachers of the age.

### MAGICIAN WILL APPEAR IN LAST LYCEUM NUMBER

"Henri the Magician" Comes Highly Recommended; Last Number of Lyceum to be Thursday Night.

Hocus, pocus, presto, change! With such mysterious cantation will Henri the Magician, produce doves from silk hats and bowls of gold fish from thin air tonight at Guion Hall.

This performer comes highly recommended as one of the most pleasing magicians on the modern stage. The magician's program is highly humorous and novel. His many optical illusions will be supported by such artistry as crayon talk and designs in colored sand. A popular program is promised and the novel feature of the entertainment is expected to attract a large audience.

This is the concluding number of the Lyceum course presented during the year and reserved seats are on sale at the Y. M. C. A. It is requested that everyone purchase his ticket before the performance.

### CHIEF SURGEON OF A. & M. COLLEGE DIES SUDDENLY

DR. OTTO EHLINGER, COLLEGE SURGEON FOR 11 YEARS, DIED MONDAY MORNING.

Body Carried to New Orleans Monday Afternoon; Work Will be Carried on by His Son, Dr. R. B. Ehlinger; No Military Ceremony by Request.

The news of Dr. Otto Ehlinger's death Monday morning was one of the greatest shocks the community has ever received. It was not generally known that Dr. Ehlinger, Chief Surgeon of the College, was unwell and his sudden death was most unexpected. For eleven years Dr. Ehlinger has served the College in the capacity of Chief Surgeon and his duties have been performed in a faithful and tireless manner. As an indication of the great need felt for this man, Dr. Bizzell made request to Washington during the war that Dr. Ehlinger who was at that time serving as Captain in the Medical Corps, be assigned to the A. and M. College where deaths during the influenza epidemic were occurring with increasing rapidity. The request was granted and the soldiers and enlisted men of the S. A. T. C. profited greatly by Dr. Ehlinger's return.

Dr. Ehlinger's last appearance before the entire student body was the Wednesday night preceding his death when he presented slides and lectured the students on hygiene. His interest in the corps being presented in his statement at that time "if one man should profit from his advice he would feel that his time had been well spent."

For several years preceding his death Dr. Ehlinger had been slightly ill and on the morning he died, he asked his son, Dr. R. B. Ehlinger, to answer the sick call hour at the hospital as he did not feel well enough to get up. Two hours later, at nine o'clock young Dr. Ehlinger returned and found his father dead. Mrs. R. B. Ehlinger and little son were in the house at the time but knew nothing of the surgeon's death.

Dr. R. B. Ehlinger accompanied the body to New Orleans. Due to the request made by the family, no military ceremonies were held. Only the Senior staff officers in company with many faculty members and Campus residents accompanied the body to the train.

Dr. Ehlinger was born and reared at Ehlinger, Texas, the town bearing the family name. He was a graduate of Vanderbilt and Tulane University. His son, Dr. R. B. Ehlinger, who has been connected with the College during the past year will serve as Chief Surgeon and continue the work of his father. Dr. Ehlinger is an A. and M. graduate of the '13 class and is also a graduate of the Tulane Medical College.

### Y.M.C.A. OFFERS COURSES IN SOCIAL STUDY

Four Branches of Study Will be Given by Prominent Members of Faculty and Student Pastors.

The Y. M. C. A. will offer, beginning Monday night, a series of courses for students interested in the subjects listed here: Social Problems of the City, Prof. F. B. Clark; Rural Social Problems, Prof. Garnett; Home and Foreign Mission Study, Prof. McDonald; Bible Study Classes, Revs. Brown Matthews, Vivion. The courses will start Monday night. Any student desiring any of these courses are requested to sign up at the "Y" office and the hour of the course will be adjusted in the evenings to suit the convenience of men desiring particular courses.

### SENATORIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARING AT COLLEGE STATION IN PROBE

NO STUDENT EXAMINED KNEW OF BRUTALITY OR HUMILIATION AND CONSIDERED HAZING AS PRACTICED AT A. AND OF BENEFICIAL NATURE.

#### CIRCULATED RUMORS RING FALSE

Of Thirteen Students Called Before Committee None Could Verify Wild Reports Being Circulated; All Knew College Authorities Opposed Hazing; "Fish Killers" Exhibited.

Some two hundred or more students were at the station Friday afternoon to witness the arrival of the senatorial investigation committee appointed to probe hazing conditions at the A. and M. College. Every student desired a close range view of Senator Parr, a man considered remarkable and unusual to them by his complete inability to get the college man's viewpoint of the subject at hand. The committee consisting of Senator Baugh, Chairman, Senator Bledsoe and Senator Archie Parr were met by the president, commandant and the deans, Judge Cullen F. Thomas, representing the Aggie Alumni Association, arrived via the same train with the committee. The visitors were carried to the Y. M. C. A. in cars and were assigned rooms. The investigation procedures began immediately and students were notified to report for interviews and examination. The Y. M. C. A. parlor on the second floor was given over for the scene of the investigation. The first case considered was that of Archibald Forbes of Houston, a student who testified forcefully that his reason for leaving A. and M. at a time when he lacked only three demerits of having the required number for expulsion was entirely due to hazing conditions. The first witness was E. B. Luder, Jr., of San Antonio. The cadet stated that he had never been severely paddled nor did hazing interfere with his studying. He had never known anyone suffering brutality or humiliation in hazing processes. He considered the hazing at A. and M. a good thing.

Jack Hull of McKinney was the second witness called. He thought he had seen a paddle 20 inches long, knew of no brutal hazing, had been in "bullpens" where 20 or 30 students sang told jokes, and smoked. He did not think there was such a thing as an official "fish killer." He knew of the Archibald Forbes case indirectly. Captain A. L. Forbes of Houston was the third student called to testify but as the hour was near six, the session adjourned for the evening meal and the committee and College representatives witnessed the battalions at retreat and viewed the column of troops as they marched to Sbis Hall for mess. A corps meeting in Guion Hall was announced and students marched to the assembly hall immediately after supper. Dr. Bizzell, after making a brief explanation of the purpose of the meeting, introduced the chairman of the committee, Senator Baugh, a young man serving his first term in the Legislature, a soldier of twenty-eight months service in the great war, and a man of great personal appeal and strength of character. His remarks immediately won the students and their attitude toward the investigation and the committee was considerably altered by his understanding of the student viewpoint, his own attitude toward the school, and the outline of the purpose of the committee as he, the chairman, considered it. His appreciation of the unusual pep, solidity of support, and the esprit de corps was admitted and his admiration for the College in general was expressed. Rounds of applause greeted almost every remark. (Continued on Page 4)

### "Fish" Wage Muddy Torch Light Parade Battle in Darkness When Aggies Conquer

The Signal Corps and Battery "Fish" proved beyond doubt Tuesday night that "Boys will be boys" when aided by the privileges preceding the Wednesday holiday, they met in the most conglomerately oozy, muddy battle ever waged by two opposing forces. Back and forth between the respective strongholds, Fortress Mitchell and Fort Leggett, the two elements fought, bitterly contesting every inch of the muddy battle ground. Fatigue clothes and slickers served as armor and mud pies shaped like turkey eggs served as ammunition. So intent was the effort of each opposing body to completely overwhelm the enemy with College Station mud, no notice was paid to the "Fish" troopers who arrived and concerted their efforts in an attempt to restore peace and order and to stop the conflict by indiscriminately splattering representatives of both standards. The Infantry and Aviation "Fish" arrived too late for participation but warwhoops from end to end of the campus signified endorsement of "Fish" from everywhere. The simultaneous arrival of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Cape, Night Sergeant Brittain, and the bugle call, tattoo, caused an orderly if somewhat rapid withdrawal of all and in a remarkably brief period quiet reigned again as suddenly as it had disappeared. Next morning the "Fish" of both organizations lined up on opposite sides of the Military Walk with brooms, mops, hose, and buckets and policed the battle grounds. Three hour hikes for punishment in the afternoon of the holiday brought the pack-bearing "Fish" home singing "What the Hell Do We Care!" Yes, red blood will show and it flows in the veins of every Aggie "Fish." They win and lose in fun and sportsmanship and take their punishment like men.

### BANKER-FARMER CONFERENCE TO CLOSE TONIGHT

MANY GUESTS AT A. & M. FOR SECOND ANNUAL MEETING BANKERS AND FARMERS.

Sessions Open Thursday Morning With Prominent Speakers; Attendance Reduced by Weather Conditions and Times.

The opening session of the Banker-Farmer Conference was called to order Thursday in Guion Hall at 9:30 a. m. by P. L. Downs, presiding officer for the morning session.

After an introductory in which Mr. Downs reviewed the First Annual Conference, outlined the origin and purpose of the meeting, described the condition of the times in which we are now living, and expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the hospitality of the College, he introduced the first speaker of the morning, Dr. W. B. Bizzell President of the College, who extended a welcome to the visitors on behalf of the students and faculty, before taking up his subject of the morning, "Factors in Financial Credit."

The program was continued until 12:30 when the meeting adjourned for dinner in Sbis Hall. The afternoon session was given over to the College for addresses and demonstrations of interest to every agricultural follower. Judge Ramsey presided at the night meeting. Music was furnished by the College band and addresses by Mr. Sapiro, foremost authority on cooperative marketing in the country, and Col. Clarence Gately, former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture of the United States an authority on cotton problems.

The sessions today were attended by larger audiences than yesterday and the Conference will close with the night session. Group meetings take up in detail many important matters of the day. The primary purpose of the Conference is to promote harmony and cooperation in business associations between farmers and bankers, two professions greatly dependent upon each other. The session now closing has discussed to extent the reduction of cotton acreage for the coming season.

The program of the Conference follows: Guion Hall, 9:30 P. L. Downs, Presiding Officer.

Address—"Factors in Financial Credit," W. B. Bizzell, President, A. and M. College of Texas.

Address—"Making Cotton Loans Safe," Eldred McKinnon, President, Texas State Bankers' Association.

Address—"The Work of the Farm Bureau," J. T. Orr, President, Texas Farm Bureau.

Address—"Closer Cooperation Between Bankers and Farmers," Ed. Hall, Commissioner of Insurance and Banking.

Appointment of the following committees: Banker-Farmer Relations; Cotton Acreage Reduction; Live Stock Industry; Agricultural Research; Ag- (Continued on Page 4)

### DANCE FOR FEDERAL STUDENTS MONDAY NIGHT

"Wandering Six" Will Supply Jazz at the Shirley for Dance Held by Federal Students.

Arrangements have been completed for the dance to be given Monday night, March 7th, for the Aggie Federal students. The dance will be held at the Shirley Club, Manager Bailey having given permission for the entire lower floor of the main building to be used. The Wandering Six, a jazz orchestra now in Bryan, will provide music for the occasion. Many Federal students have signified their intention of being present and a brilliant evening is anticipated. The dance begins at 8:00 p. m. and lasts until eleven o'clock. This is the first dance given solely for Federal students.

### NEW UNIFORM ADOPTED FOR NEXT SESSION

English Style Blouse Adopted With Leather Belt; Effort Being Made To Insure Best Material.

The cadet corps next year will appear in dress uniform of different nature than has ever been worn before. The faculty committee consisting of Major Ashburn, chairman, Dean Puryear, Prof. Bolton, Major Daugherty and Mr. Chatham, have recommended a blouse made in the British Army style, with shirts of materials to depend on weather. The present cap, trousers, shoes and leggings will be worn.

The new blouse will be of English cut, pleated back, with bellows pockets, brown leather belt at the waist. Officers will wear the shoulder straps with the belt, known in the army as the Sam Brown pattern. The color patch designating the arm of the service will be worn on the blouse lapels with the R.O.T.C. button just above. Non-commissioned officers will wear the regulation chevrons on both right and left sleeves at points half way between shoulder and elbow. The R. O. T. C. shield will be worn on the left sleeve and the gold star, signifying a Distinguished College, will be worn on the right sleeve. Service decorations and chevrons may be worn in the regulation manner of the army. Shirts will be of O. D., linen, cotton, or silk, according to preference and weather. The black four-in-hand tie will be regulation and white collars and cuffs will be worn for dress formations and social affairs.

The new uniform will be extremely neat in appearance and will add greatly to the comfort of cadets. An overcoat of army pattern may be adopted. A committee from the Junior Class is working to insure the best material, lowest cost, and best fit that can be obtained.

SOUTHWESTERN CHAMPIONS. The Aggie basketball team clinched Conference honors by defeating S. M. U. last night in the first game of the Dallas series.

SCHOOL WAYS AND DAYS. You can always tell a senior, he is so sedately dressed; You can always tell a junior, by the way he swells his chest; You can always tell a freshman, by his timid looks and such; You can always tell a sophomore, but you CAN'T TELL HIM MUCH!

### JUNIOR STOCK JUDGING TEAM HAS BEEN NAMED

Will Meet Oklahoma Juniors at Ft. Worth Monday; Thence to Oklahoma City for Second Contest.

The stock judging contest, held for the purpose of determining the Junior Stock Judging Team, was completed last Wednesday with the following named men winning a place on the team: Atkins H. L., Carlisle, J. T., Dinwiddie, O. D., Foster, W. S., Hale, F., Knapp, W. L., and Love, W. M.

The team will meet the Junior team from Oklahoma A. and M. in Fort Worth next Monday, and then, after a weeks practice at Ft. Worth, will go on to Oklahoma City, where they will have another contest with the Oklahoma Aggies. Before returning, our team intends to spend a few days in Oklahoma for practice in stock-judging. Coach Stangel expressed great satisfaction at the showing made by these men, and also wished to commend the work done by the three men that failed to make the team.