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With this issue The Battalion extends its farewell to the readers of the past year. It is only with a keen sense of sadness that I write the lines that forever close my association with the students of A. and M. through the medium of The Battalion. I regret that the close of the year has arrived. My connection with the paper has been most pleasant and four years on its staff have placed it on a plane of supreme importance to me. During the past session The Battalion has made an effort to please. It has succeeded I am glad. If it has failed, the blame is my own. To the staff of men who have so loyally worked without loss of interest or earnestness of purpose, I am grateful. Any successes of the paper have been possible only by their generous efforts. To the students and faculty, I am highly appreciative of the support and encouragement given throughout the year. To readers, it is my hope that you have found The Battalion of interest.

It is my desire to see The Battalion grow—keeping in step with the rapid progress made by A. and M.

### THE EDITOR

#### THE 1921-22 "BAT".

Nothing of importance is accomplished in an instant. This is the policy upon which the staff for next year's Battalion works. It took three years to put over the movement to elect Battalion staffs before the close of school. If there has been improvement in the publication this year, to this fact does much of the credit go. Even more time has been allowed this session. The staff for the 1921-22 Battalion is complete. The plans are policies have been carefully worked out. All the advice and suggestions that were possible to obtain have been sought. The Battalion for next year will be a paper rivalled by few collegiate publications. The Football, April root, and Powder Puff numbers inaugurated this year will be continued, greatly elaborated and improved. Possibly other special editions will be published. The newly inaugurated Sports Page will be developed to the fullest extent. It is planned to increase the proportion of humor and college life. To do this the news and incidents of routine must not be neglected for the sake of outside readers and particularly those of the High Schools. More space will be required. The Battalion is now regularly published twice as large (and frequently more so) as when the present Seniors were "Fish". The same rate of subscription has been charged. It is planned to build up a wide Exchange and it is hoped to send The Bat to every High School in the state. The schools of the north and east can learn of A. and M. through The Battalion alone. It stands to reason that The Battalion will need financing on a larger scale than ever before. During the present year the publication has suffered and has been severely cramped and limited for want of ample funds. For your good and for the good of A. and M., give The Battalion of 1921-22 the support it will need to be the paper you want to see it.

#### THE END OF THE TRAIL—THE PARTING OF THE WAYS.

It has been a good year. From September until the present it has been a banner year in athletics, academic work, activities, and all interests. Once or twice there have been situations which have been regretful. This much is to be expected. Absolute perfection is unattainable. With the perspective gained by departure from the Campus it will be clearly seen that the commencement now in progress is closing a year that will be recalled in proudful moments. With the final parade of the forty-fifth annual commencement, the largest student body in the history of the College will disperse to the four quarters of the globe. This is true literally. To Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America, as well as all parts of our own continent, will men go from A. and M. The largest graduating class is included in this number. Back to A. and M. the majority of all these will come. Many will never meet again. With all the joy and expectant pleasures May 24th will bring sober thoughts will be in the minds of all. A. and M. in all its phases is the common interest of this great body of men. Remember A. and M. and what it means to you. Make yourself worthy of her admiration and fulfill her expectations.

#### A MODERN MIRACLE MAN.

For more than forty years Mr. Bernard Sbisas has served the College and its student body. As Supervisor of the Subsistence Department, he has a record that is marvelous to stewards and restaurateurs throughout the state. In more than forty years, not even when the old Mess Hall burned one night in October 1911, has a meal failed to be served on time. Loved and respected by every student who ever attended A. and M., Mr. Sbisas is among those who will never be forgotten by those who are leaving at this time. When an "Ex" of "Grad" meets a student in the years to come, just as in the years of the past, the question following, "How is the team?" will be "And how is Mr. Sbisas? Does he still supply the hash?" As at every similar institution the subsistence department is the legal butt for all campus wit and raillery, but here the best spirit is always at heart and every student knows that in future there will be many times when he would rather dine on "Sbisas Hash" at Sbisas Hall, supervised by Mr. Sbisas, that be served at the grandest establishment the world affords!

#### A PILLAR TO LEAN UPON.

One of the greatest things that has ever occurred in the history of old A. and M. is the organization and development of the newly invigorated Association for Former Students. The "ties that bind" A. and M. men together are unbreakable, but without organization there could be no strength. It is the duty of every man to aid and support this Association as we are fully confident every man will. You love A. and M. So does every man eligible for the Association. Put your shoulder to the wheel. Help make the membership 100 per cent. Give A. and M. and Aggieland a pillar to lean upon in times of need.

### WALLACE PRINTING COMPANY.

To all connected with the Wallace Printing Company and to Mr. M. E. Wallace in particular, the entire Battalion Staff expresses hearty appreciation for the many courtesies and painstaking efforts extended throughout the year. The personal interest taken by Mr. Wallace and his constant aid and advice have done much to make our task a pleasant one. In all our associations we have received the greatest courtesy and consideration and we close our business relationship with the knowledge that the greatest credit is due Wallace Printing Company for the pleasing and completely satisfactory manner in which the firm has served The Battalion.

### NEXT YEAR'S BAT.

About the second or third day after your return to A. and M. in September you will be confronted with the first issue of The Battalion. Although The Bat this year has been an excellent one we are endeavoring to make a still better publication of it next year.

P. C. Franke is editor-in-chief. He has on the editorial staff: R. E. Briggs, associate editor; Pope Lancaster, sport editor; L. E. Jinks assistant sport editor; M. P. Mims, news editor; C. W. Hurley, H. L. Atkins, T. R. Strange and J. C. Mayfield, contributing editors; Tanlac Strange, humorous editor; L. Stallings, exchange editor; and H. L. Tucker, social editor. The business staff is composed of W. C. Mitchell, business manager; Hoots Williams, assistant business manager; and E. J. Howell, circulation manager.

Most of these men have had considerable experience in newspaper work. Snooks Gardner having been employed for four years on the editorial staff of the Fort Worth Star Telegram. L. C. Jinks is the sporting statistics wizard. He knows who brought in the winning run in the last of the seventh in the fortieth game played by the New York Giants in 1912. What he doesn't know in regard to athletics hasn't been written. Mims is the news editor of the present Battalion and his work this year speaks for itself.

We are planning several new departments and are hoping that each and every man in school can find something worth his time in one or more of these departments. For the "Tea-Hounds" there will be a de-

partment of society news. For those who appreciate keen wit and humor there will be a department under the direction of the immortal "Tanlac."

We are planning also to obtain an office, centrally located on the Campus, and be surrounded by a newspaper atmosphere. The proper environment is half the battle. So if everyone will make it a point to let everything he sees—no matter how commonplace it may be—present an idea for a good story, we can put out a Bat worthy of the school. Although we are not allowed but \$1.25 by the student activity fee, we are going to vary the publication from time to time, for we believe in the maxim that "variety is the spice of life."

Resolutions of Company "F" Infantry, Upon the Death of William Thomas Ward, Jr.

We, the members of Company "F" Infantry, submit the following resolutions on the death of the brother of our beloved captain, Estwill C. Ward.

Whereas, in His infinite wisdom it has pleased the good God to call unto Him the brother of our beloved Captain, Estwill C. Ward.

Therefore, be it resolved by the officers and men of Company "F" Infantry, that our deepest sympathies and condolence be offered to Captain Estwill C. Ward and his parents.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ward of Tishomingo, Okla. and that a copy be furnished The Battalion for publication.

Signed

K. L. KIRKLAND,  
T. W. RAGSDALE,  
C. J. WRIGHT,  
J. V. DRISDALE.

### LOUISIANA CLUB DINES AND ELECTS OFFICERS

At the final meeting of the year, Friday night, May 6th, the Louisiana Club dined in the private room of Sbisas Hall. After an address by President F. N. Houston of Lake Charles, the following officers for the coming year were elected: President, W. P. Patten, Goss; Vice-President, F. H. Downs, Jr., Fal; Secretary, S. W. Lee, Elizabeth; and J. A. Patten, Goss, Publicity Secretary. After speeches of acceptance discussion turned to plans for 1921-22. Covers were placed for twelve.

My skin is all bloated,  
It wrinkles, it sags;  
I am stewed to the limit,  
The last of my jags..

My heart is gay,  
As a song bird in June.  
I feel no remorse  
For I'm a prunee.

—Record.

### SENIOR-JUNIOR AND CORPS DANCES. 1920-21.

Report of Social Committee: C. W. Sherrill, chairman; J. D. Cape, C. B. Warden, S. C. Evans, G. W. Martin.

Date	Kind	Receipts	Expense	Loss	Gain
Oct. 1	Stage	\$ 36.70	Music \$ 12.00 Wax . . . . . .75		\$ 14.00
			Total . . . . . \$ 12.75		
Oct. 17	Corps	97.00	Music . . . . . \$ 27.00 Programs . . . . . 16.00 Floor . . . . . 25.00		
			Total . . . . . \$ 68.00		25.00
Oct. 23	Corps	87.00	Music . . . . . \$ 30.00 Floor . . . . . 22.00 Programs . . . . . 15.00 Piano Tuning . . . . . 7.00		
			Total . . . . . \$ 74.00		13.00
Jan. 1	Senior-Junior	81.75	Floor Wax . . . . . \$ 7.20 Help . . . . . 2.00 Change . . . . . 15.00 Music . . . . . 31.50 Floor . . . . . 24.00 Decorations . . . . . 7.00 Programs . . . . . 10.00		
			Total . . . . . \$ 96.70		14.75
Nov. 11	Corps	229.20	Music . . . . . \$104.00 Help . . . . . 3.00 Floor Wax . . . . . 31.70 Tel and Ex. . . . . 5.00 Programs . . . . . 17.50		
			Total . . . . . \$161.20		68.00
Feb. 19	Corps	60.00	Music . . . . . \$ 31.50 Floor . . . . . 25.00 Programs . . . . . 10.00 Piano . . . . . 1.00 Help . . . . . 2.00		
			Total . . . . . \$ 69.50		9.50
Mar. 19	Corps	85.00	Music . . . . . \$ 36.75 Floor . . . . . 24.50 Help . . . . . 2.00 Personal . . . . . 1.00 Decorations . . . . . 19.00 Programs . . . . . 5.00		
			Total . . . . . \$ 79.25		5.75
Feb. 21	Senior-Junior	60.00	Music . . . . . \$ 42.00 Floor . . . . . 24.00 Decorations . . . . . 8.00 Programs . . . . . 17.50 Help . . . . . 2.00 Personal . . . . . 1.00		
			Total . . . . . \$ 95.00		35.00
Apr. 2	Corps	75.00	Music . . . . . \$ 36.00 Help . . . . . 2.00 Floor . . . . . 24.50 Programs . . . . . 10.00 Incidentals . . . . . 1.50		
			Total . . . . . \$ 74.75		25
May 9	Corps	55.00	Music . . . . . \$ 31.50 Floor . . . . . 24.50 Help . . . . . 2.00		
			Total . . . . . \$ 58.00		3.00
Dec. 11	Corps	79.25	Music . . . . . \$ 31.50 Floor . . . . . 24.50 Programs . . . . . 10.00 Help . . . . . 2.00		
			Total . . . . . \$ 68.00		11.25
Total for all Dances Losses				\$62.25	
Gains					\$137.25
Total Gain				137.25	62.25
Check on payment of Senior Representatives to Austin		\$ 50.00		\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00 \$ 25.00
					Now in treasury.

Signed,  
C. W. SHERRILL, Chairman,  
JOHN D. CAPE,  
C. C. B. WARDEN,  
S. C. EVANS,  
G. W. MARTIN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 19th day of May, 1921.  
S. G. BAILEY,  
Notary Public for Brazos County, Texas.

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