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Last week marked the ending of another season of inter-battalion football. Each year this sport, which originally evoked only adverse criticism because of the heavy drain upon the crutch supply of the hospital, has taken on a greater and greater significance. Its exact origin is unknown but it probably owes its existence to the keen rivalry that sometimes exists between companies and also an over abundance of Aggie energy which is always present. As time went on and with the development of intermural sports in other colleges the athletic department came to recognize the importance of inter-battalion football.

Each year when graduation thins the ranks of the Aggie warriors there arises the question "who will fill that hole in the line or that vacancy in the backfield?" Inter-battalion football has gone a long way towards a logical settlement of the question. It affords inexperienced men an answer to that eternal question, "I wonder if I can play football?"—a question which would never be answered for the majority if it had to be in the fall tryouts for the Varsity. Thanks to inter-battalion for answering this question for such men as Arthur Dieterich, "Silent" Miller, Harry Pinson, and a number of others.

Besides the uncovering of squad material the inter-battalion sport serves as excellent recreation for those who are not fortunate enough to have the ability to play on the Varsity teams. It has often been said that every man should be given the opportunity to take part in some form of athletics no matter what his natural ability may be. Inter-battalion offers this opportunity to everyone.

We have only four more games of basketball to play before the end of the season, twin games with Baylor at Kyle Field and a pair with Texas at Austin. Since our two most glorious victories over Rice at Houston last week end the prospects for a fourth consecutive championship are very bright. If Texas wins the remainder of her games, which is by no means a certainty since she must meet the strong Rice and S. M. U. teams, she has not a chance in case we take the two Baylor games this week-end on Kyle Field. On the other hand, we can lose both the Baylor games and split with Texas and still get the pennant.

But, as the old saying goes, "Don't count the chickens before they are hatched." The thing for us to do is go down to the gymnasium Friday and Saturday nights and cinch the "thing". A "Thresher" editorial came out week before last urging all those "Owls" who had a spark of school patriotism left to go to the Auditorium and watch the team "beat A. and M."

God pity all those, if any there be, who have not by this time gotten the AGGIE spirit, which leads them at all hazards to be present at all games at Kyle Field, not to "watch" the team win, but the HELP them do it.

AL G. FIELDS' SOLOIST AT PALACE THIS WEEK

The management of the Palace has been very fortunate in securing the services of HEMPSTEAD BENTLEY, late a featured soloist with the famous Al G. Field's Minstrels, to appear at this popular playhouse for three days, commencing Monday of this week. Mr. Bentley carries his own drop curtain and accompanist, and they put on a musical act that is seldom equalled and never excelled in small towns. They have just finished a six weeks engagement at the Melba (in Dallas), where they received unstinted applause for every song, and glowing press notices.—Adv.

"Lady Godiva," from the poem by Tennyson, at the Palace Wednesday and Thursday.

GRADUATE TAKES CHARGE OF FEDERAL AFFAIRS AT COLLEGE.

Frank W. Judd, graduate of the class of 1922, has taken a position as federal coordinator, in charge of federal student affairs at the College. He succeeds J. C. Patterson, who recently resigned to take up county agent work in Stephens county.

Mr. Judd stood high in his academic work and won recognition as an athlete while playing baseball. Since his graduation, he has been engaged in work with federal trainees at the University of Oklahoma.

Roses are red
Violets are blue,
My roll is dwindling
Since I met you.

Who's Who

J. F. McDONALD, A. M.

Head of Department of History.

J. F. McDonald came to A. and M. College five years ago as head of the Department of History. He came from the State Department of Education where he was Chief Supervisor of Public High Schools for three years. Prior to that time for five years he had been head of the Department of History in Simmons College.

Professor McDonald is a native Texan, being born in Woodland, Freestone County in 1875. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Hubbard City. He received his college education from Baylor, Yale Universities, and the University of Chicago; he took the A. B. degree from Yale and the A. M. from Chicago. After completing his work in the first two institutions he taught in the public schools of Hill county, Johnson county, and in Fort Worth, and for five years was head of Canadian Academy.

In addition to being a member of the Zeta Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, a fraternity composed of students interested in promoting the scientific study of education, Professor McDonald is a member of the Southwestern Political Science Association and is also an active member of the Texas State Teacher's Association.

Since coming to A. and M., Professor McDonald has devoted his major interest to teaching Citizenship and Government. He also takes a very active part in the religious activities at College; he teaches the Campus Bible Class which is composed principally of faculty members and their wives. The nature of his classes bring him in contact with a large number of students who admire and cherish him as a teacher and fellow man.

"Y" SECRETARY IN HOUSTON

Rev. W. H. Matthews, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, went to Houston last Tuesday evening, February 13 to attend a laymen's meeting of the First Presbyterian Church there.

FIFTEEN MEN OUT FOR JUNIOR TEAM

Students who are trying out for the Junior Livestock Judging team have been diligently working each day for some time. A contest similar to the International and the contest at Fort Worth next month, is to be held Thursday, February 22. Four sets of reasons in consecutive order are to be given by the students; this plan similar to the method used in the contests, and it is given to increase the speed and enthusiasm of the team. Eight classes of livestock are to be judged in the trial contest Thursday.

Since there are only fifteen men trying out for the team, Coach Staengel has decided to cut the number of them down until next March the Second, when the team will be chosen. The fifteen who are working for a place on the team are: J. V. Drisdale, E. Whitsit, C. Snell, J. F. Baker, Ben Whitehouse, C. M. Heald, H. K. Faucett, F. E. Flint, C. E. Hudson, W. R. Hutchinson, K. Parr, R. M. McSwain, W. C. Gainey, H. K. Henry and L. G. Rankin.

The contests in which the Junior team will participate will be held at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show on March 5 and at the Oklahoma City Fair on March 12.

COUNTRY CLUB DANCE HONORING S. M. U. BASKETEERS.

An informal dance was given by Mrs. J. A. McQueen at the Bryan Country Club last Tuesday night in honor of the S. M. U. Basketball team which had just suffered its second defeat by the Aggies. Dancing began at 9 p. m. and was concluded at 1:00 o'clock, the music being furnished by the unsurpassed "AGGIELAND SIX."

The function is only another example of the untiring efforts of the public spirited Bryan people to make our College life as pleasant as possible.

A SLIP OF THE TONGUE.

Bairfield admiring his girl's cameo rig.

"My, what a pretty camisole."

Won: "What's the Russian name for mosquito bite?"

Too: "You know. Why dontcha tell me."

Won: "Ivanawfulitch."

—McGill Daily.



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