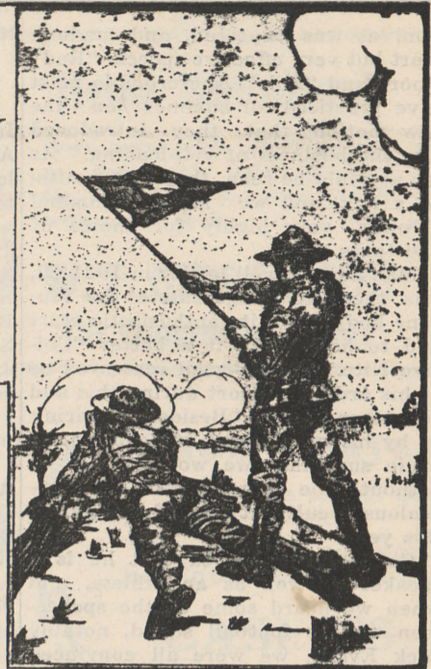




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48TH SESSION OPENED WITH FINE PROGRAM

President Bizzell Makes Opening Announcements and Introduces Speaker of Occasion.

Dr. Bizzell called the student body together Friday, September 21, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of formally opening the forty-eighth session of the A. and M. College of Texas. Guion Hall was filled to its capacity with military and civilian students and campus residents. A record breaking enrollment was made evident by the large attendance at the first gathering. Although the new students showed signs of homesickness, the morale of the entire cadet corps was exceptionally admirable. Predictions of A. and M.'s most successful year are based upon the enthusiasm displayed by the students of the college.

Dr. Bizzell introduced as speaker of the day, Dr. Splawn, a member of the Railroad Commission. Before accepting this position he was a professor of economics at the University of Texas. He has studied railroads for many years and is one of the state's best authorities on railroad commerce. Dr. Splawn has proved that it does not take a politician to hold a state position.

Dr. Splawn said that modern progress and facilities are the result of a revolutionary move called the Industrial Revolution, which reached Texas about fifty years ago. Texas was typically frontier fifty years ago. Industrial Revolution reached Texas at about the time this great college was first started.

All America can be divided into two classes, those who are interested in commerce or industry, and those who are self-sufficient. The pioneers were self-sufficient farmers but new inventions created a demand for markets and caused the adoption of policies for internal improvements. Railroads were built, canals sprang up, and steamships began to span the

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OUR PREXY



Dr. William Bennet Bizzell, M. A., D. C. L., L. L. D., Ph. D., President of the A. and M. College of Texas and a true friend to every Texas boy, is the man whom we, students of A. and M., hail as "Our Prexy." His devotion to Texas boys can be expressed only in his own words: "As long as there is a place in the Mess Hall, or one can be made, and as long as there is a tent that I can borrow and there's a Texas boy who wants an education, I'm going to see that he gets it." Listen to him, boys, follow him, study him, and you will profit from the example that he sets for Aggieland.

FRESHMEN ARE SHOWN THE REAL A. AND M. SPIRIT

Many Old Timers Are Thrilled With 'Monty' Montgomery's Exclamation of "Farmers Fight."

That period just after the first handshakes and just before the beginning of another year of real A. and M. life came to an abrupt end about seven o'clock last Friday night. Things had been dragging along rather slowly because of the usual irregularities common to the opening of every years session. Many of the freshmen had contracted the customary case of homesickness and "Wish I could see that gal" blues, and the old boys were all anxious for "College Nite" program to begin. When it did begin, A. and M. life assumed a different air, and with the help of the large number of new students, the old boys began to display the real Aggie spirit which has been, is, and always will be unsurpassed by the spirit of any other college in any land. All of the freshmen ills were alleviated.

"Monty" Montgomery led the band down the military walk and up to the steps of the Y. M. C. A., where the first yell practice was to be held. The old band never played better before, and amidst the clamor of whoops and yells, one could almost feel his old spine creep further up his back when those notes of "Wildcat" and "Good-bye to Texas University" emerged from the collection of trumpets and drums. It was a procession that will never be played in any place other than Aggieland.

The yell chief then made the prelude to his opening address and bade the bunch render "Taps" as the initial inspiration for the year 1923-24. We do not know what made it, but with voices only in pre-season condition and with a band organized only a day before, the student body made "Taps" seem to say that there is something not very consoling in store for a few other schools this year. "Cy" Edwards performed to perfec-

"FISH" HAVE ANNUAL COMING OUT PARTY

Y. M. C. A. Entertains With Reception to the Freshman Class.

The "debutants" of A. and M. made their initial social appearance Saturday night at the Animal Husbandry pavilion, with the Y. M. C. A. as the host. With a few exceptions, every member of the Freshman class was present, and that meant that the entertaining ability of the "Y" staff was taxed to the utmost.

After the picture show was over and all the upper-classmen had dispersed, the Fish were assembled in

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DAIRY TEAM LEAVES FOR SYRACUSE

Will Compete in the National Dairy Judging Contest.

Last Saturday at noon, the north-bound H. and T. C. took with it four Texas Aggies: L. D. Steffens of Smithville, W. K. Cottingham of Itasca, F. H. Downs, of Fal, La., and Conger Poage of Waco. These four boys who comprise the National Dairy Judging Team, were accompanied by Coach A. L. Darnell, associate professor of dairy husbandry. Eight men reported about the first of September and held daily

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