

dale and get a suck with him. I wish you would bring Cy Edwards some new sergeant stripes if you don't pass them all out at C. I. A. or Prairie View. We sure do like our 1st sergeant. Remember all of our lieutenants in Company "I" too, and tell them I asked you to. They might excuse me from Physical Culture after Christmas.

There's a big football player down here named Firpo Forgason. I heard him say the other day that he sure would like to have "ZAZA." I don't know what or who "ZAZA" is, but Mr. Forgason is a deserving man. So if you have any "Zazas," I wish you'd bring him your best one.

There's a cute little senior down here from Marshall named Nathaniel Parker Turner. I know he'd like a Charlie Chaplin mustache, because he's been trying to grow one all the year.

Santy, I guess you see that I'm not a bit greedy, and I'm not asking you for a lot of things. But if you have a new recipe for cleaning guns, please bring it to me. Captain Drisdale has joined Col. Turner's Pistol Team (just to get a suck) and I have to keep his pistol clean all the time.

I wish you would bring your latest manual on "How to Play Ping Pong" to Captain George Lewis. They've started a Ping Pong tournament in his room, and he can keep it in there for the use of all the contestants.

If you have any suggestions for girl's Xmas presents, I wish you'd tell me about them. There's a cute little girl in Bryan named Lila Wickes that I want to give a present to.

Don't forget to have all your reindeers shod before you start out on Christmas Eve night and bring some extra hame strings. Dick Wilson wants you to bring him a flashlight, and if you get in the dark anywhere, I'm sure that Dick would be willing for you to use his flashlight.

If you ever expect to come to College Station, let us know. We want you to make a speech at yell practice.

Indebtedly, yours,  
Signed:

(By an "I" Company Freshman)  
The secretary is desirous to have many other letters turned in, because Santa's stock is limited and he must make his assortment of gifts right away. Although the letters cannot be printed in the Bat columns, Lt. Bonnett assures all writers that the letters will be safely delivered to Santa Claus.

The Battalion vouches for the integrity of Exchange Editor Bonnett and furthermore extends its heartiest wishes to its readers for a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

PERSONALS

E. F. Simpson and J. F. Leatherwood visited in Caldwell Saturday and Sunday.

A. P. Morey spent the week-end in Hempstead.

H. M. Tatum and E. Chapa had business in Houston Saturday.

J. R. Borden spent the week-end in Navasota.

Prexy Huff, Tommie Black and Jack Williams made a semi-annual visit to Navasota during the week-end. They were not used to being in such a large city and got lost. They missed their train and had to walk home.

THE GROWTH OF TEXAS  
A. AND M. COLLEGE

By Fred B. Norris (Student of Journalism).

Since 1914, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas has had a phenomenal growth.

It was the first year of Doctor William Bennett Bizzell's presidency. Doctor Bizzell came to A. and M. College from our sister school, the College of Industrial Arts.

I shall attempt to visualize for you this unsurpassed development thru the enrollment, physical improvements, and elevation of scholastic standards since the advent of Doctor Bizzell.

During the scholastic year of 1914 and 1915, there were registered only 917 in the regular session and 308 in the summer session. This enrollment steadily increased until 1918 and 1919 when it totaled 1817. While in 1922-23 there were 2170 students registered in the regular session, an increase of 134%. In the summer session there were 1935, an increase of 528%, or over five times more than in 1914 and 1915. (1922-23 was used instead of 1923-24 because the enrollment is not complete for this year).

There was not an inch of concrete sidewalks on the Campus in 1914, while now it boasts of practically three miles.

Since 1914 the following brick buildings have been added to our plant: Agricultural Building, Guion Hall, Bizzell Hall, Animal Husbandry Pavillion, Experimental Research Building, Third Floor of the Y. M. C. A., Physics Building, Mechanical Engineering Shops, Mechanical Engineering Building, Mess Hall Annex, Francis Hall, Power Plant, Buildings and Grounds Building, Dairy Barns (tile), Hog Colera Building, Ice Plant, and Extension of Laundry Building.

Improvements other than those of brick construction: Military Science Building, Alpha and Beta Halls, New Water Tower, complete equipment of the Athletic Field, 99 "Bungaletts", Military Walk, all permanent road improvements, new hot house, wool scouring plant, and Consolidated School.

Other buildings in course of construction are the Dairy Products Building, Assembly Hall, and Extension Building. This makes 42 brick buildings. The College is situated on 4,000 acres of land with a total valuation of \$4,000,000.00.

The scholastic standards have been improved until now the entrance requirements are on par with the best institutions in the South. Applicants must have fifteen college credits to be admitted as students of Freshman standing.

The grade point system has raised the quality of the Student's work so that to graduate he must make practically an average of "B" for his four-year course.

There were only 600 students in 1914 taking degree courses while there are over 2,000 already taking courses embracing a degree for 1923-24. This points out that, thru gradual elimination of the two-year courses and short courses, the College can now devote its entire time and attention to the degree courses.

"And have you a father?" asked the charity worker of a ragged urchin.

"Nope, he replied, "Pa died of exposure".

"Poor man! How did it happen?"

"Another guy snitched, and they hung him".

E. W. CRENSHAW, JR.

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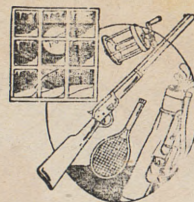
AND A PLEASANT RETURN TO A. AND M. IN 1924



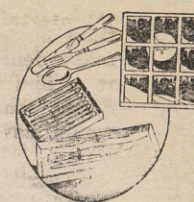
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