

Dad, this is our weekly paper. Keep it for me - somewhere.



The BATTALION



The Start is the Beginning

Published Weekly by the Students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

VOL. XX

BRYAN, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 22, 1926.

NUMBER 1

REPRESENTATIVE PRAISES A. & M. ORGANIZATION

San Angelo Representative Expresses His Appreciation of Cooperation of Faculty and Students.

The following letter of appreciation has been received at A. and M. and has been widely published over the state: "Through the medium of the press of Texas, I desire to address the President, Faculty, and Student Body of the A. and M. College, and express to them my highest appreciation of the wonderful cooperation from each department during 1925 and 1926.

"We are proud of the A. and M., proud of your achievements, proud of your noble manhood, proud of the record you are making, and if I can be of service to you as one of the State Representatives, please command me.

"During the regular session of the 29th Legislature I felt it a duty to introduce a resolution asking that 'hazing' be dispensed with in the A. and M. This resolution was amended to include all State Schools and carried by a large majority.

(Continued on Page 4)

COLLEGE NIGHT ONE OF BEST IN HISTORY

Program Featured by Speeches of Officials and Exes.

Last Friday night at about seven fifteen the residents of College Station and the surrounding territory realized with a start that the Texas Aggies were once more back in their regular haunts and were again preparing to win glory and honor for their school upon the gridiron. The first "Farmers Fight" brought back into existence the indomitable Aggie spirit which increased as each speaker had his say and with each yell. Yell Leader Jake Langford started the festivities by introducing his assistants for the year and followed up with a short talk. President Walton

(Continued on Page 5)

FRESHMAN WEEK FEATURES FIFTY-FIRST REGISTRATION

Total Registration Will Pass 2300 Figure.

The Fifty-first year of the College was opened with a special program known as Freshman Week. This is the first time that such a comprehensive system has been employed here, but it seems to have been a success because the "Fish" had three days in which to become oriented before the upperclassmen got here. They made tours of the campus and heard addresses by President Walton, and Colonel Ike Ashburn on the customs and history of A. and M., as well as talks by others on the faculty. Entertainments were given for the "Fish" in order that they might become better acquainted and not get too lonesome during the first few days.

Registration this year seems to have been one of the busiest times ever experienced in the history of the College. The total registration at Monday noon was 2228 and there are still a few more men to be registered. The closest approach to this

figure was in 1924-25. There are approximately 950 Freshmen registered, the largest number of "Fish" ever accepted in one year at A. and M. Last year there were about 820 Freshmen in College. Nearly all of the old men are back, and with the increased number of Freshmen, this throws the total registration far above last year. The complete figures and numbers in each class cannot be furnished at present, but the approximate figures show that the current year will probably show an appreciable increase in number in each class.

According to a test held last year by Freshman Coach J. R. Bender, on six hundred Freshmen, Texas college boys average one-fifteenth of an inch more in height than boys in Eastern schools. The test also showed that seventy-five percent of the Texas Aggies do not use tobacco in any form and that the majority of them do not drink coffee.

SENIOR D. H. JUDGING TEAM IS SELECTED

Team Will Be Tendered Banquet Thursday Night at D. H. Pavilion.

The Dairy Husbandry team will leave College Station Friday night for Dallas, the first stop on their annual judging tour. The following men, selected from the D. H. seniors by Prof. Darnell, after a period of intensive judging, will make the trip: R. B. Davis of Lubbock, H. L. Richards of Waco, W. G. Boyd of College Station and S. Baker of Fort Worth.

After a short visit in Dallas the team will go to Kansas City to practice judging on the Longview herd there. The next important place on the route will be Waterloo, Ia., where the team will spend a week at the Waterloo Dairy Congress before going

(Continued on Page 4)

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS NOW UNDER WAY

Mess Hall Annex Will Be Completed By December.

Hollywood will have an addition of fourteen new bungalows, which will be built across the Bryan-College Trolley line. They will be built practically the same as the other bungalows. They will be finished in about two weeks, being started early this week.

All the dormitories during the summer were painted and repaired as well as possible. The dormitories are now in very good shape. The cost was approximately \$30,000.

The annex to the mess hall will cost approximately \$100,000. On the first floor there will be a banquet, a reception, and a dining hall, and in the

(Continued on Page 4)

EXTRA "BAT" SUBSCRIPTION IS STARTED

Contest Will Begin In Earnest Tonight as First Battalion is Published.

Many first sergeants have already signed up enough extra subscriptions to THE BATTALION to entitle them to praise in the final count, while others have not yet started their campaign. Company pride, the hope of winning the honor of publishing a special edition of the "Bat", and a prize to the hard-working sergeant who turns in the highest per cent of extra subscriptions are all combining to lend color to the annual contest.

The quality of THE BATTALION is largely determined by the funds at hand, and every extra subscription means just that much towards a better student publication. With the largest student body in the history of the College to back it and the knowledge of the fact that the College family in its fifty-first year looks forward to progress, the staff of THE BATTALION hopes to put out a paper that will meet with the support and approval of the entire student body.

JOHN TARLETON TRANSFERS ARE MADE SERGEANTS

Forty-Four Junior-Fish Made Sergeants at A. and M.

Forty-two graduates from John Tarleton last year, who are now registered here, have received notification of their appointments as sergeants in the R. O. T. C. This is the first time that graduates of John Tarleton have been appointed to an office in the cadet corps here without first having spent a year at the institution. Such action has been advocated for the past several years and as a last request the class of '26 asked the present Senior class to attempt to remedy the "junior-fish" condition. Heretofore men from our junior colleges have

(Continued on Page 4)