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SIKES AND HUNT RETURN FROM TRIP

Trip Proves to be Treasure of Sight-Seeing as Well as New Experience in Intersectional Football.

Joel Hunt and "Siki" Sikes, after having a brilliant part in the West's victory over the East in San Francisco, have returned with stories of a most enjoyable trip. Leaving College Station, Tuesday, December 13, they spent twenty days on the trip, being the guests a greater part of the time of the Shriners of San Francisco.

The first stop was made in Dallas, Tuesday evening, where they were joined by Gerald Mann of S. M. U. and were guests at a banquet given by the Mustangs. Then, in company with Mann, they went by Fort Worth, where they were joined by Rags Matthews of T. C. U. The quartet, who were the Texas representatives on the All-West team, left Fort Worth Wednesday morning for San Francisco.

When the four reached Colorado Springs, Colorado, they were greeted with a snow storm and weather that registered three degrees below zero. Taking advantage of a lay-over in Denver, they went to Pikes Peak, and other points of interest, viewing some of the canyons which have made that section famous. Friday was spent in Utah, their route taking them near Salt Lake and other points of note.

San Francisco was reached Saturday morning. The Texas men were met at the train by a committee of their hosts, the Shriners, and also by Tubby Brewster of T. C. U., and Bailey, an old A. and M. man, and were taken to the Mark Hopkins Hotel, one of the most ex-

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AT MID TERM ANNOUNCED

Seventeen Students Working for Graduation in February

Announcement has been made by the Registrar's Office that there are seventeen candidates for degrees to be awarded in February at the close of the first term, eleven for the B. S. Degree, three for M. S. Degrees, two candidates for the B. A. Degree, and one for the degree of doctor of veteri-

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A. & M. RECEIVES 600 ACRE GIFT

Revenue to be Used in Loan Fund for Forestry Students.

At a luncheon of the Houston Club on Jan. 2, announcement was made by John H. Kirby, millionaire lumberman and financier of Houston, that he had made a New Year's gift of 600 acres of land to A. and M. College. The tract will be selected by the faculty of the forestry department from any land the donor owns, and will be used by the Forest Service division of the college as a demonstration and experimental farm for scientific development of forestry, and for the study of reforestation.

Mr. Kirby has his boyhood home in the vicinity of Peachtree Village, in Tyler County, and has expressed the desire that the tract be selected from this county. Selection of the land will be made soon by a committee which will include E. O. Siecke, director of the Forest Service, and the site may be chosen from any part of the 600,000 acres of land owned by the Kirby Lumber Company in East Texas.

The gross revenue from the tract will go to create a student loan fund, and will be administered by the Association of Former Students in the same manner as other loan funds. It is expected to be called the Kirby Student Loan Fund and will be applied with reference to students who include forestry in their studies. Mr. Kirby announced that in time, after proper development, the land should produce a timber revenue of \$15,000 for the loan fund. He is expected to visit Aggeland soon to discuss with President Walton the details of his gift.

FIVE MOST POPULAR SENIORS ELECTED

Will Grace Popularity Section of Longhorn

Every year the Longhorn has a section entitled "Most Popular Seniors," and each time these pages are graced with the pictures of the five most popular seniors. At a recent meeting of the Senior Class, the men who are to honor us this year were elected, and Joel Hunt, Allen

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DEBATERS TO MEET U. OF CALIFORNIA HERE ON JAN. 18

Hope to Instill in Boys Interest in Intellectual Activities

Time has honored the custom of neglecting the organization of clubs or societies that foster intellectual development other than that of technical skill. Apparently the average Aggie has no idea of the importance of a sound working knowledge of public speaking, which is an essential of leadership. Any community will call on the graduates to lead their activities. By virtue of their training, A. & M. students will be leaders of their communities and the duties of leadership consequently will fall to their lot.

Several organizations heretofore unheralded have recently come into being with the sole purpose of training men to think and speak. The support and interest manifested in this movement has been very pleasing and has encouraged the officials to bring teams from other institutions for competitive relations.

On Wednesday, January 18, the University of California will debate for the first time with the A. & M. team. California's representatives are George Moncharsh and Stuart E. Strong, both seniors in the College of Letters and Sciences. Both are seasoned debaters, the former with two years of varsity experience and the latter with three years.

The question for debate is "Resolved, that Democracy is a mistaken Ideal." California will uphold the affirmative, A. & M. the negative. It is hoped that this debate will be greeted with all the enthusiasm and interest of which Aggies are capable.

WALTONS HOST TO SENIORS AT RECEPTION

Seniors Express Gratitude for First Social Gathering

Dr. and Mrs. T. O. Walton gave a reception in honor of the Senior class Monday evening from eight to eleven o'clock. The occasion was entirely informal and nothing but mirth reigned throughout.

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CREATORE'S BAND HERE FRIDAY

Noted Band Master to be Assisted by Soprano and Harpist.

Giuseppe Creatore and his Band will fill an engagement in the Assembly Hall, A. & M. College of Texas, College Station, the night of Friday, Jan. 13, beginning at 8 o'clock, M. L. Cashion, secretary of the College Y. M. C. A., under the auspices of which the concert will be given, has announced.

The announcement that Creatore and his Band will appear at College Station is expected to be received with much interest by local music lovers in view of the international fame and popularity of the well known conductor and his stellar aggregation of musicians. Creatore is now on his Coast tour, a tour that commenced last June with a three weeks engagement at the Million Dollar Steel Pier in Atlantic City and will end with a seven weeks engagement in the same city next June. His Texas itinerary includes four cities of the state. His Band has already appeared at Fort Worth and San Antonio. It will come to College Station after appearing at Austin and after the engagement here will go to Houston for a concert Jan. 15.

For twenty-five years this popular Italian band conductor has been interested in the works of the young American composer, believing that the works of American composers should play a prominent part in all musical programs. Since he made his debut under Oscar Hammerstein hundreds of young and ambitious leaders have taken him as their example

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MORE REPORTERS FOR BATTALION WANTED

All men who are interested in writing news articles or acting as reporters in any capacity for the Battalion, please see me at once at 40 Gathright. Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen are eligible to accept this invitation and are urged to take this means of doing work on the Battalion for carrying on any journalistic ambitions they might have harbored at one time or another.

EDITOR BATTALION.