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## ARCHITECTURAL CONTEST ENDS

Winner of Medal Offered by Witchell Yet Unannounced.

The contest for a gold and a silver medal awarded annually by Mr. Frank O. Witchell of the Firm of Lang and Witchell, architects, Dallas, to architectural students doing the best work on a specified problem in the advanced courses in design, closed Saturday of last week.

Ernest Langford of the Architectural Department announced that Mr. Witchell had agreed that for this year the medals would be awarded for the best design presented in the solution of the Third Problem of the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design—"An Office Building."

The department urged students doing the third project to make an effort to present solutions worthy of the award, since one of the regulations governing the awards is that the problems must be of unusual merit and discretion, and in case the problems submitted are unworthy, or are lacking in general character, presentation, etc., Mr. Witchell reserves the right not to award either medal.

Students in advanced courses in design began work this week on the solution of a problem submitted by The River Oaks Corporation of Houston, who are offering a prize of \$50. to the student who on or before May 1930, submits the design of a residence limited to the Colonial, the French, the English, and the Spanish styles of architecture, with such modifications of each as may be practicable.

The program of this competition (Continued on Page 5)

### "THAT LONGHORN"

You have heard about it, thought about it and have talked about it. The staff has thought it over, talked it over, "cussed" over it, and now, have just about worked it over. The copy work for the 1930 Longhorn will all be in the printers hands within a very short time. We must turn in our order soon for the exact number of copies we want printed. If you want an extra copy or a De Luxe copy, be sure to see Norman at 4 Milner, sometime this week. Only a small down payment is required.

## COLLEGE POWER PLANT CARELESSLY ENTERED BY INTREPID RAILROAD CAR

Last Wednesday afternoon about 5:50 o'clock, all was quiet in the boiler room of the College Power Plant. Suddenly, over the hum of the boilers, over the whir-r-r-r of the generators, came a terrific crash. The men in the boiler room looked around just in time to see the end of a car loaded with coal come crashing through the 18-inch brick wall, bringing with the shower of "Irish Confetti," a large "I" beam, completely removed from its base. There were several men in the boiler room at the time, including several negroes. One of the latter, it is said,

saw the beam falling and before it hit the floor was out of the room, up to a twelve-foot platform, without the aid of a ladder, and into the Engineer's office. Everyone was badly frightened but no one actually hurt.

It has not been determined exactly how the car happened to get loose, but it is thought that it got away from a switchman. It completely removed two windows and a column. The damage to the building was estimated to be about \$1800.00, according to Chief Engineer Hines, of the Power Plant.

## Sixth Oratorical Contest Now Sure of Wide Entrance

Many Prizes Will be Offered to Winners of Contest This Year.

Although March 25 is the closing date for entries in the Sixth National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest on the Constitution, already 81 colleges and universities from 29 states have written to P. Caspar Harvey, national director, Liberty, Mo. Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., national winner in 1925, was the first school to enter the 1930 contest.

Although April 15 is the closing date for each school to select its representative, the distinction of being the first orator to win his local contest goes to F. B. Farr, A. and M. College of South Carolina, Clemson.

The competition for the greatest forensic honor open to college students in America foreshadows bringing together this year the largest (Continued on Page 5)

## Eastman Delivers Lecture on Russia to Students Fri.

Speaker proves to be as Interesting As Was Advertised.

And then we find that after we have paid our admission fee and are about to seat ourselves for an enjoyable educational lecture, that our speaker has not been properly presented in announcements of his appearance—he is a Doctor—and the one which we have especially for your note is the Dr. Max Eastman who spoke last Friday night at the assembly hall on "The Present Situation in Russia." His subject was changed because he could not obtain enough slides to properly represent his intended lecture on "Two Russian Revolutions."

Dr. Eastman spoke very clearly and the influence of his ideal speaker, Lenin, on him was evident as he continued in his unemotional, though (Continued on Page 6)

## GIESECKE MAKES STUDY IN EUROPE

College Architect Returns After Interesting Study Made.

Dr. F. E. Giesecke, director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and College architect, has recently returned from a trip to Europe which he undertook to study the organization and operation of engineering research stations and also the management of prisons with especial reference to the classification and segregation of prisoners insofar as these features should be used as the basis for the design of prison buildings.

In pursuance of his plans he visited engineering research stations, or engineering schools, or related engineering establishments in Charlotten-Dean Charles Freily.

Prague, Vienna, Munich, Zurich, Stuttgart, Reutlingen, Karlsruhe, Rheydt, Essen, Rocholt, Cologne, Paris and London. In addition, he visited twelve prisons in various European countries.

His impressions of European prison management are being recorded in reports which are sent to the members of the Texas Prison Commission and also to those newspaper representatives who accompanied the Texas Prison Commission on its tour of inspection last summer. Reports relating to engineering research in Europe will be made to the faculty of the School of Engineering.

Professor Giesecke reports that his trip was a pleasant one, that he met with a very friendly reception at the hands of European engineers and received donations of many technical books, magazines, manuscripts and photographs of value in his studies.

### NOTICE TO SENIORS

The Invitation Committee will start taking orders for the Senior invitations on Friday of this week. You can place your order with any of the following men: E. J. Bradley, 33 Foster; H. U. Bible, 7 Hollywood; Curtis Everts, 60 Law; Ed. Mitchell, 62 Puryear; E. J. Urbanousky, 60 Milner. A deposit of 1-3 the total cost is required on each order of invitations or personal cards, and all orders must be turned in by April 7th in order to place them in your hands by May 1st. Chairman of Invitation Com.

## CUPID'S CAPERS COST CADETS

More than one hundred and fourteen dollars were spent for telegraphic Valentine greetings originating in Aggieland, and over five hundred and fifty boxes of candy, in the high-powered boxes were mailed. Somebody is in love, or should we say, home-sick? Well, it's a safe bet that not much of the poetic senti-

ment went to respective home folk. There were two hundred and ninety-six messages telegraphed during Valentine Day, to say nothing of the special delivery letters and telephone calls. Beware, freshmen, that you are not accused of failure to observe staunch hard-hearted conventions set (Continued on Page 5)

# CORPS DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

Barker Found Real Games at

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 Brewitt 70  
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