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ALL AGGIELAND MOVES TO DALLAS SATURDAY

Barfield Chosen Freshman Prexy

**Brown Chosen Vice-President;
Golasinski Secretary**

At its first meeting of the year last Saturday, the freshman class elected R. E. Barfield, Port Arthur, president, L. D. Brown jr., Cleburne, vice-president, and F. A. Golasinski, Houston, secretary. All three men are members of Coach Higginbotham's freshman football team, and former high school stars.

Owing to the lack of time, the election of freshman candidates from which the editor of the fish edition of the Battalion will be selected was postponed until a later date.

An interesting talk by D. B. Marburger, superintendent of buildings and college utilities, on the economic condition of Russia, and the possibilities of American engineers in that country was the feature of the regular meeting of the A S C E held last Friday night in the Civil Engineering Building. Following the discourse an open discussion between the students present and the speaker was held.

Mr. Marburger said that since Russia is undeveloped in comparison with the modern nations of today, and is now spending much money in building railroads, power plants, and large electrical units, the possibility of the

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T. E. APPROPRIATION

An appropriation of \$2,400 has been made to the department of textile engineering for the purchase and installation of laboratory testing equipment. Professor John B. Bagley, head of the department, has recently returned from Greenville, S. C., where he attended the Southern Textile Exposition for the purpose of studying the latest improvements on cotton and silk mill machinery. As yet no definite plans have been made for buying of the new material.

WHERE TO GO

Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Palace, Gloria Swanson in "What a Widow."

Saturday night—Assembly Hall, "The Grand Parade" with Helen Twelvetrees and Fred Scott. Preview—Palace, Benny Rubin and Louise Fazenda in "Leathernecking."

Sunday afternoon—Palace, a free matinee presenting Charles Farrell in "Liliom."

Monday—Palace, "Leathernecking."

Tuesday and Wednesday—Palace, "Way for a Sailor" featuring John Gilbert.

Wednesday night—Assembly Hall, "Holiday" with Ann Harding and Mary Astor.

Friday night—Assembly Hall "All Quiet on the Western Front."

Thursday afternoon—Assembly Hall, Shakespear's play "Twelfth Night," presented by the Ben Greet players.

Thursday night—Assembly Hall, "Hamlet," presented by the Ben Greet players.

Volunteers Add Twelve Seniors

**R. V. Company To Drill At
Thanksgiving Game**

At a meeting of the Ross Volunteers held in the Y M C A chapel last Sunday final plans for the exhibition drill at the Thanksgiving game were made and the election of seniors for the year was held. The drill will be given immediately following the "T" formation between the halves of the A & M-Texas game.

The following men were elected: J. S. Dial, Sulphur Springs; J. Y. Aldridge, Bonham; J. O. Woodman, Austin; D. F. Cheaney, Electra; R. C. Rippstein, San Antonio; T. B. Ketterson, Houston; C. L. Nealon, San Antonio; C. C. Stroud, Fort Worth; A. A. Robinson, Galveston; Neal H. Bean; Carl McKelvy, Valley Mills; and W. H. Phelps, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The company's quota will be attained at the junior election on November 16 and the initiation will be held the first Sunday following the Thanksgiving holidays.

Scholastic Record Is Better This Year

The percentage of students doing unsatisfactory work this year is smaller than in any year since 1925, according to word received Wednesday from the office of the Registrar. A total of 1270, or 52.4 per cent of the enrollment, were reported failing in from one to seven subjects, as compared to 1,509 in 1929, 1,622 in 1928, 1,400 in 1927, and 1,278 in 1926 for the same period of the semester.

Of the total number not passing 634 were deficient in only one subject, 365 in two subjects, 198 in three, 55 in four, 17 in five, and one in six subjects. Last year 717 of the 1,509 failing were unsatisfactory in one subject, 475 in two, 212 in three, 71 in four, 31 in five, and 3 in six courses. It is interesting to note that 14.2 per cent of the 15,892 courses being taken at A & M this year are not receiving the minimum grade of C. Actual attendance in all schools of the college on November 1 was 2,423.

Electrification Meet Considered Success

The Rural Electrification Conference, held last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday was a marked success, and will be long remembered by the 100 people who attended as a milestone in the progress of rural life, according to reports from the agricultural engineering department. The large group was composed of farmers, representatives of power companies, and farm newspapers and magazines.

The purpose of the conference was to bring together men and women interested in the application of electricity to agriculture, to discuss common problems, and to present information made available through research and practical experience.

One of the features of the program was the exhibit of all types of farm electrical equipment, including everything from refrigerators to feed mixers. The conference was adjourned in time for the visitors to attend the football game Saturday.

Shreveport Invites Cadet Corps, 1931

Between the halves of the Aggie-Gentlemen game last Saturday representatives of the A & M club and Chamber of Commerce of Shreveport, Louisiana, with the student body and faculty of Centenary College, cordially invited the cadets to make the 1931 A & M-Centenary football game a corps trip. The invitations of, "Come to Shreveport and the state fair is yours," and "Come to Shreveport and we will give you an old-fashioned creole welcome," were most enthusiastically accepted by the corps.

A barbecue of "the best Texas beef," a free picture show at the Strand theater, free tickets to the state fair and other entertainments were promised the corps.

Of course the final decision in the matter rests with the senior class of '32 but from recent favorable comments of the present juniors, although conjectural, it will be a reality.

Plan Armistice Chapel Program

For the dual purpose of observing Armistice Day, and presenting senior officers with their commissions in the ROTC, there will be a general assembly of the corps in Guion Hall Tuesday, November 11. The program will begin at 11 o'clock, and will be patriotic in nature.

Cadet Major Ray Walker, Wolfe City, president of the senior class, will call the Roll of Honor, and W. G. Carnahan, Center, will deliver a short address on Armistice Day. After an introductory speech, Dean Charles E. Friley will present the cadet commissions. The program will be closed by a short prayer and the Star Spangled Banner.

Article By Sugareff Appears In Magazine

The November issue of the Current History Magazine, published by the New York Times, has an article written by Prof. V. K. Sugareff of the History Department. The article, "Italian Penetration of the Balkans," is substantially the speech which Prof. Sugareff delivered last year at the opening banquet of the Social and Science Seminars of this College.

The article reviews Italy's efforts to build up a colonial empire and her failure to attain that goal. Italy's African possessions have failed to attract her surplus population. Prof. Sugareff shows how Italy, regenerated under Mussolini, has made the Adriatic Sea an Italian lake, either by conquest or through international agreements. There is a thorough analysis of Italy's economic penetration of the Balkans, indicating Mussolini's economic control of Albania, loans to the various Balkan States, and a revived potential commercial relation between Italy and the Balkan States since the World War.

E. O. Siecke, Director of the Texas Forest Service, was honored last month by being elected president of the Association of State Foresters for the ensuing year, according to the Texas Forest News, issued by that department.

S M U-A & M GAME OCCASION OF FIRST OFFICIAL TRIP OF SEASON

**Shakesperian Players To
Appear Here Thursday**

On Thursday, November 6, Sir Philip Ben Greet, noted shakespearian actor and authority on the English drama, will present his company at the Assembly Hall in two performances, "Twelfth Night," in the afternoon, and "Hamlet" in the evening. These plays are being given under the auspices of the A & M theater club.

Theatrical circles in England and America have acclaimed these players highly in recent years both because of their peculiar style of presenting the drama with such simplicity that "nothing detracts from the play's significance," and because of their knowledge of the "forgotten art of speaking words."

The company comes here from an engagement at Rice Institute, and will continue from here to another at Texas University.

Offer Prizes For Engineering Essay

A first prize of twenty-five dollars, for the best paper on the subject, "Contractual Relations Between the Owner, Engineer, and Contractor" written by an engineering student of this school has been announced by Don Lee, Executive Secretary of the Associated General Contractors. A second prize of ten dollars is also offered. The contest is limited to engineering students of Rice, A & M College, University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, and Texas Technological College. The winner of first place in each school will be eligible for competition in the state contest for the above named schools, the first prize of which is fifty dollars. This contest is being conducted by the A. G. C. on recommendation and cooperation of the American Society of Civil Engineers, who feel the need of a clearer and more definite understanding between the engineer and the men with which he does business, namely the owner, and the contractor.

All papers whether entered in the state contest, or in the college only will be judged by the same men, and should be mailed to Don Lee, Executive Secretary, Texas Branch, Associated General Contractors, Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas, by February 15, 1931, in an envelope containing only the name of the institution from which it is sent. All papers will be numbered and will be judged accordingly. The judges of the contest are: the Texas State Highway Engineer, president of the Texas Section of the A S C E, and the president of the Texas Highway Branch, A. G. C.

Papers will be limited to 4,000 words, and brevity will be preferred as long that it does not sacrifice quality of thought and narrative.

Aspirants who are considering entering the contest are suggested to read an article on this subject by Dean Marston, a past president of the A S C E.

The fact that this contest is being conducted by the Associated General Contractors and the American Society of Civil Engineers does not limit the contestants to students of civil engineering, but is open to all engineering students.

**Dallas Mothers And Ex-Students
Preparing Royal Welcome
For Cadet Corps**

Final arrangements for a parade in Dallas as a feature of the initial corps trip of the year Saturday have been made, according to announcement by Captain T. C. Harry, assistant professor of military science, who, with Frank E. Bortle, cadet colonel, went to Dallas over the week-end to confer with Dallas officials about the trip.

Three special trains, the first leaving College Station at 4:30 a. m., the second and third at ten minute intervals, will transport the Aggies. Upon arrival of the trains at 9:30, 9:40 and 9:50 respectively, the cadets will detrain, form at the foot of Main street, proceed up Main past a reviewing stand at the City Hall to the H. & T. C. tracks where they will be dismissed. The grand marshal of the parade will be Colonel L. E. McGee of the Texas National Guard who is also the commandant of Peacock Military Academy of Dallas.

The infantry will probably lead the parade, followed by the artillery and composite regiments. Plans to have the bands of S M U and Peacock Military Academy to march with a regiment, so that the music can be heard by all, were included in the arrangements.

Transportation to and from the game will be furnished free to cadets by the Dallas Street Railway Company. Entertainment in the form of a special midnight show, also free to

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Potter Lecture To Be Next Thursday

"The Rise of Humanism" is the subject of a very interesting talk that will be given next Thursday evening, November 13, at 8:00 o'clock in the assembly hall, by Dr. Charles Francis Potter, well known speaker and lecturer on subjects pertaining to religion, philosophy, and sociology. The lecture is being given under the auspices of the Science, and Social Science Seminars.

Dr. Potter has spent his entire life in the study of the theory of religion, the social issues of the human race, and the science of humanity.

An experienced speaker and author of several hundred papers on these subjects as well as a book, "The Story of Religion," he is well informed on his subject and will carry the listener through an interesting evening of discourse on almost any problem that may be brought up. At present he is making a short tour of the country, for a limited time, speaking from a list of several subjects. The address will be entirely informal, and a general discussion will follow in which any problem or question may be brought up.

Tickets for the lecture are being issued to all company, battery, and troop commanders, and opportunity will be given every student to attend. No seats are being reserved, but a section will be set aside for the students only. The price of admission is twenty-five cents, which is charged only to defray expenses of the speaker.