

THE BATTALION

VOL. XXIX

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, DECEMBER 3, 1930

NUMBER 12

Dr. Geo. Russell To Speak Friday

IRISH POET AND AGRICULTURIST TO SPEAK ON RURAL LIFE

Dr. George Russell, nationally known Irish poet, and agricultural economist, will speak at the Assembly Hall at 8 o'clock, Friday evening, December 5. He will speak in the interest of the betterment of agricultural conditions and building up of rural life.

Previous to his arrival in the United States in September, Dr. Russell was representative of the Irish Agricultural Co-operative society. His work consisted principally in travelling over the country, acquainting himself with the farmers and their problems, establishing banks, and forming creamery and poultry marketing groups.

He is not attempting to tell America how to remedy its difficulties as much as he is trying to show them how they should try to co-operate with the farmer, and to see his side of the situation. In his talk he will tell of problems that he had to cope with.

As well as being an economist, he is also a widely read writer, and poet. He was at one time editor and publisher of "The Irish Statesman," a magazine devoted to rural life, and has written many articles under the pseudonym "A. E." Art has also interested him, and he has received quite a reputation as a painter.

At present he is on a six-months speaking tour of the United States and is coming to the college through an agreement that requires him to give one free lecture at the agricultural college of every state. His talks have already been broadcast by many radio stations over the country, including the network of the National Broadcasting company, and the talk Friday evening will be broadcast by station W T A W, College Station.

Find Carbons Of Love Letters By Sophomore

Carbon copies of love letters written by a student at A & M, apparently a sophomore with the business-like habit of keeping check on his correspondence, were found by a member of the news staff of The Battalion early Wednesday morning in his ramblings about the campus in search of news. All efforts to locate the author of the letters failed and the reporter has called upon The Battalion to aid in finding him.

So that the letter-writer will have no difficulty in identifying his work, several of the letters are being reproduced on page eight of this issue under the caption, "Love Letters of a Sophomore." Additional letters in the series found will be published until their author recognizes his handiwork and calls by the office of The Battalion for them.

The letters are typewritten and are signed simply with the writer's first name, Albert. They are all apparently written to the same person, a young lady in the home-town of the writer.

No reward is expected by The Battalion or by the reporter who found them.

GULLEDGE IMPROVING

L. J. Gullledge, '31, familiarly known as "Pete," who was partially paralyzed as a result of an automobile accident while on his way home for the Christmas holidays last year, was recently removed to his home at 4300 Lafayette street, Dallas. He was reported as recovering slowly.

IMPROVING



Dean Charles Puryear, dean of the college and head of the mathematics department, who has been ill for several weeks, was reported improving following an operation in the Bryan hospital Tuesday afternoon.

A & M, Rice A S M E To Hold Banquet, Debate

Approximately twenty senior mechanical engineering students and four administrative officers of the mechanical engineering department of A & M College have already registered to attend the joint banquet and debate of Rice Institute and A & M student branches of the A S M E at Houston, Saturday, December 6, 1930. The number of junior students to make the trip has not yet been determined.

Plans for the debate, which were left unfinished last year due to its conflicting with Engineers' Day in the two schools, were recently completed. The subject is "Resolved, that the statutes of the state of Texas should be made to include the uniform registration law for professional engineers and land surveyors adopted by the A S C E April 21, 1930." This debate, the first between the two schools, will immediately follow an informal dinner which will be attended by a number of prominent engineers of the Houston district. The hour and place for the dinner has not been announced but will be before Saturday.

Preliminary debate to choose representatives from A & M was held at the last meeting of the A S M E. F. G. Sleeper, Alexandria, La., and A. H. Rawlins, Ennis, were selected. A. H. Grantham, McGregor, is president of the local society.

Dr. Summey Addresses Social Science Seminar

"Good enunciation, pronunciation (in the limited use of the word), intonation, proper grouping of words, and rate of speed, are the five qualities of good pronunciation," said Dr. George Summey, head of the department of English, in a lecture before the Social Science Seminar Monday, November 24. Conversation can be slovenly, dressy, or normal, but good normal conversation is the most satisfactory in the long run, Dr. Summey added.

"Our eyes, ears, and muscles are the mediums by which we acquaint ourselves with pronunciation," he said, "for it is by seeing, hearing, and practice in the use of the new words we learn that we may teach ourselves to pronounce them correctly."

Following the talk Dr. Summey ironed out many of the difficulties which the individuals in the audience had experienced.

Welfare Committee To Meet Thursday

Initial meeting of the Student Welfare committee for this year has been called by Dean F. C. Bolton, chairman of the committee, for Thursday evening in the banquet room of the college mess hall.

The committee, which is composed of members of the faculty and representatives of the student body, has for its purpose the open discussion of student problems with the faculty administrators, and problems concerning student welfare are presented to the faculty by the student representatives at committee meetings.

Students with problems to be considered are urged to give them to a student member of the committee for presentation at the business meeting which will follow the banquet Thursday evening.

U. S. Making Advance In Chemical Warfare

"The wide publicity of the developments of other nations has caused many to think that the United States is not up to date in chemical warfare equipment," said Major A. M. Prentiss, chemical warfare officer of the Eighth Corps Area, in a lecture before the Science Seminar November 17. "But many new discoveries have been made and many new inventions have been perfected in the laboratory at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, which have kept Uncle Sam in step with the other powers. Any such contrary ideas are heresay." He then supported his statement with descriptions of the newest gases, bombs, and smoke defenses recently proven by army engineers in this plant. A special motion picture was used to illustrate the talk.

For three years Major Prentiss was technical director at the arsenal, but in September of this year he was transferred to Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, and made chemical warfare officer of the Eighth Corps Area.

He said that he was very favorably impressed with the military work at A & M and also with the scholastic achievements of the college.

SANTONE XMAS DANCE

Plans for the Christmas dance were completed at the meeting of the San Antonio club Tuesday night in the "Y" chapel, E. E. Roberts, president, announces. The dance will be held at the Blue Willow Inn on the Fredricksburg road on the night of December 25. Music will be furnished by the Aggieland.

Do Aggies Prefer Blondes? May be, But Let's Find Out

Gentlemen prefer blondes.

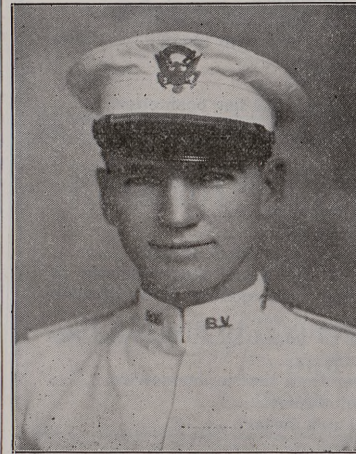
But are A & M cadets gentlemen? At least that question, and perhaps one or two others will be answered, when statistics from the questionnaire carried on page two of this issue of The Battalion are compiled and made public, for The Battalion is determined to find out just what kind of girl is most popular with the cadet corps.

And it isn't the ideal corps trip date that is being looked for either. What The Battalion wants to know is what kind of girl the average cadet would prefer to carry on the corps trip which is supposed to continue until "death do us part."

Dig down in the bottom of that trunk, bring out the photographs of all past experiences or conquests. Roll time back at least for part of a night and recall all of those dates you have had. Then pick out the trait

To Initiate 67 New Members In Ross Volunteers Sunday

R. V. CAPTAIN



Day McNeel, San Antonio, captain of the Ross Volunteers, honorary military company which will hold annual initiation of new members Sunday afternoon.

Hewitt Chosen Next Insurance Speaker

H. G. Hewitt, of The Northwestern National Insurance company, is the speaker for the third of series of insurance talks being conducted by the department of economics this term. This lecture will be given Tuesday evening at 7:15 in the chapel of the Y M C A.

Hewitt is well known among the insurance companies over the country, and at present is life agency director of Texas for his company, and holds the degree of certified life underwriter. This rating has virtually the same qualifications for an insurance man that C P A has for an accountant. He is believed to be the only man in Texas holding this certificate.

Having experienced the hardships of a lecturer on a chautauqua circuit, as well as once having been a college professor, he is an experienced speaker, and capable of easily holding the attention of the audience throughout the evening. He will discuss various phases and problems of the insurance company.

These lectures are free and students and others are cordially invited to attend.

12 Seniors And 55 Juniors To Be Added To Company

Initiation of new members of the Ross Volunteers will be held Sunday afternoon in the Animal Husbandry pavilion, Day P. McNeel, San Antonio, captain of the company has announced. W. H. Markle, Port Neches, W. G. Free, New Orleans, La., and Maurice Sessions, Austwell, are in charge of arrangements.

Twelve seniors and fifty-five juniors will enter the organization. The seniors are: J. S. Dial, Sulphur Springs; J. Y. Aldridge, Bonham; J. O. Woodwam, Austin; D. F. Cheaney, Electra; R. C. Rippstein, San Antonio; T. B. Ketterson, Houston; C. L. Neal, 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 juniors are: T. S. Austin, Houston; C. B. Beard, Ft. Worth; J. P. Christian, Abilene; R. B. Collier, Houston; J. T. Connally, Waco; R. H. Cotton, Abilene; P. F. Crozier, Fort Worth; Z. C. Dameron, Del Rio; H. P. Dansby, Bryan; Fred Earheart, Houston; J. D. Edgar, Cuero; C. W. Fichtner, San Antonio; G. J. Fix, Dallas; W. F. Franklin, Douglas, Arizona; A. L. Gambrell, Farmersville; A. A. Golasinski, Houston; L. C. Gosch, Austin; R. P. Gregory, Fort Worth; R. A. Harling, Houston; C. W. Herring, San Antonio; W. W. Hewitt, Groesbeck; J. L. Keith, Beaumont; E. M. Kimbrough, Haskell; H. F. Kothmann, Mason.

A. C. Love, Ennis; E. T. McCoun, San Antonio; J. M. McMillan; San Antonio; A. C. Moser, Dallas; F. W. Mueller, Kennedy; R. G. Murchison, (Continued on page 2)

Architectural Dept. Buys \$2,500 Texts

Valuable standard architecture texts have been added to the architectural library, according to Ernest Langford, head of the department. The volumes represent an expenditure of \$1,000 toward the purchasing of the list of books compiled by J. H. Jansen, architectural book publisher of Cleveland, O., as the most valuable books written on architecture. Up to this time A & M has spent \$2,500, the complete list would cost \$20,000.

The books range in price from one to one hundred and twenty dollars. A list of the most valuable ones follows: "English Homes" by H. Avray Tipping, a set of eight volumes illustrating some of the most notable houses in England from the Norman and Plantagenet period about 1066 to the late Georgian period of 1820; "Dictionnaire Raisonne de L'Architecture" by Violette-le-Duc, ten volumes covering all architecture during the eleventh to the sixteenth centuries, published in 1863 in French and never translated into English. "L'Art Roman en Italie" by Martin and Enlart, contains plates showing exteriors, interiors, and details of cathedrals, churches and other buildings in the Romanesque style.

One of the most important of the recently acquired books is "Masterpieces of Architecture in the United States." The architectural masterpieces were selected by a jury of the twelve foremost architects in America. Typical examples are Lincoln Memorial, Freer Art Gallery, Detroit Public Library, Madison Square Presbyterian Church, Nebraska State Capitol, Shelton Hotel, and Tribune Tower.

On your marks, get set, turn to page two and start scratching.