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SENIORS TO INVITE INSPECTION BY LEGISLATORS

Ex-Students Express Confidence In Madison Bell

Special Committee In Meet With Athletic Council Denies Bell's Position As Mentor Not Stable

Express Confidence In Athletic Council To Handle All Sports Problems

Unanimous support of Coach Madison Bell and vote of confidence in the ability of the A & M athletic council to handle effectively any athletic problem that may come before it featured the expressions of members of a special athletic committee of the A & M former students association in joint meeting here with the athletic council of the college. The ex-students committee met at the invitation of the college athletic council, of which Dean C. E. Friley is chairman, to take official cognizance of recent rumors and reports concerning the athletic matters at the college. Burt E. Hull, Houston, acted as chairman of the meeting. The ex-students committee included representatives of local A & M clubs at Houston, Dallas, Waco, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Port Arthur and Corsicana.

While no set resolutions were adopted, members of the ex-students committee decried recent reports suggesting instability of Bell's status as coach at A & M by reason of the Aggies' poor showing in the 1930 conference grid schedule. The group accepted invitation of the athletic council to hold similar post-season meetings annually for discussion of athletic matters.

Members of the ex-students committee present included Burt E. Hull, Houston; A. P. Rollins, Dallas; R. J. Potts, Waco; Tyree L. Bell, Corsicana; E. P. Haltom, Fort Worth; Ross

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Organize First A & M Press Club

Publication Staffs Hope To Stimulate Interest

With the expressed purpose of improving and stimulating interest in student publications on the campus, members of the staffs of the four A & M student publications Monday completed organization of the Press Club of the A & M College of Texas.

Officers for the present year were elected at the meeting Monday and a constitution, to be submitted to the authorities of the college for approval. Robt. L. Herbert, Lufkin, was chosen president of the club with C. V. Ellis, Wichita Falls, vice-president, and A. C. Moser, Dallas, secretary-treasurer. Curtis Vinson, director of publicity at A & M, was elected faculty sponsor and advisor.

Besides creating interest in student publications, the club expects to stimulate interest among students of the

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Russell Urges Back To Farm Movement

Asking the question, "How will the city perpetuate itself?" Dr. George Russell, Irish poet, orator, idealist, and economist, in an address to the Social Science Seminar advised the return of a large part of the population of America to rural life.

"I was alarmed to learn recently that in your country since 1920, 4,000,000 persons have left the land, and 89,000 farms have ceased production," said Dr. Russell. If this condition continues, Dr. Russell said that in a generation ninety per cent of the people will be in the cities with ten per cent on the farms, and since in four generations the energy of the country is worn out by the unhealthy city life, from what source will the future citizen of the metropolis come?

Dr. Russell, who is on a six months lecture tour of the United States, is not only urging this exodus from the city to the farm, but also the building of a rural civilization similar to the one existing in Ireland today.

Munson Addresses A S C E On Floods

A speech by Prof. T. A. Munson, professor of railroad engineering, on floods was the feature of the meeting of the A S C E last Friday night.

It was brought out in his talk that the floods that do the most damage are of the shortest duration. Their control is affected only by engineering devices that have been established before the flood. These are different for each particular instance, and much engineering skill is required to handle the situation properly.

Some interesting facts were brought out on the possible manner by which the Brazos River may be controlled. This was by building retaining basins along the river for the storage of water during the rainy season of the year. Through the improvement of the river bed this stream would be navigable for several miles inland, and with the regulated flood of water, through the use of these storage basins, the river would carry sufficient water all during the year for navigation.

This could only be brought about by government legislation, and would involve the expenditure of \$1,000,000

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DELEGATES TO "Y" MEET.

D. W. Sherrell, Kerens, I. C. Corps, Harlingen, M. L. Cashion of the Y. M. C. A., and Dean Charles E. Friley are the delegates from A and M to the National Student-Faculty Conference, which will be held at Detroit, Mich., December 27-31. The party will leave here at noon December 25.

Longhorn Art-Work Sent To Engravers

A shipment of over 450 pieces of art-work, valued at \$8,000, for the 1931 Longhorn has been made to the engravers, according to E. M. Moore, editor-in-chief of the yearbook. Early shipment of the work for engraving earned a discount of approximately \$500, Moore said.

With work progressing at its present rate during the next few months, it is likely that the book will be ready to go to press by the latter part of March.

Russians In Search Of New Home Visit Here

Five former Russian leaders who were expelled from Russia because they opposed the Soviet form of government, were visitors on the campus this week, according to report from the Aggeland Inn. They and northerning throughout Texas and northern Mexico with the idea of finding a suitable place of founding a colony for those who have been expelled from Russia because of political affiliations.

Most of the former Russians who contemplate settling in this country are at present located in Jugo-Slavia, where they live in one community of 15,000 population. They have built a Russian university there to perpetuate Russian art and literature.

According to Dr. Fasil Bensin, Ex-chief of agriculture under the Czars regime, the colony, if located in Texas will have a population of thirty or forty thousand, and the enterprise will be backed to the extent of \$55,000,000 by a New York corporation.

Other members of the party besides Dr. Bensin were: Dr. John V. Klirinkar, C. S. Shulakoff, J. Chermolov and Nickolas Bayokoemow. These men were authorities on agronomy, horticulture and mining engineering. After leaving College Station they intend to visit the lower Rio Grande valley.

Appoint Committee to Investigate Second-Hand Uniform Problem Here

Appointment of a committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing on the campus a secondhand uniform store resulted following the introduction of a proposal to that effect at the first meeting of the year Thursday evening of the Student Welfare Committee, joint student faculty body for the consideration of student problems. The recommendation was introduced by A. C. Moser, junior representative of the welfare group.

The committee, composed of Major J. E. Sloan, faculty representative; Ray Walker, senior representative; A. C. Moser, and Robt. L. Herbert, editor of the Battalion, was asked to present its findings at the next meeting of the Welfare Committee.

According to the proposal made by Moser, financial benefits derived from the secondhand store could be used for the general benefit of the student body and the clothing sold through it would be inspected and passed on by a supervisor officially

Seniors Vote to Ask Legislators Investigate Conditions on Campus

Student Injured In Three-Story Plunge

Losing his hold on the window sill as he was attempting to get into his room, T. P. Porter, Terrell, sophomore in "H" Company, Infantry, fell from the third floor of Law hall Monday afternoon, and was seriously injured. He was taken to the hospital where he received first aid treatment, and is reported to be recovering.

As he was without his key, and it was necessary for him to get into his room at once, Porter attempted to enter by climbing from the gable over the entrance of the third ramp to the window of his room. Some pecan shels left on the window sill caused him to lose his hold, and he fell from the window to the ground, where he landed on his feet. The bones of one heel were crushed, and the arch-bone was fractured.

Vaughn Will Address Social Science Group

The next meeting of the Social Science Seminar will be held January 12, at which time assistant Professor G. C. Vaughn of the department of economics will speak on the subject, "Regulation of Public Utilities."

While attending Chicago University last summer, Professor Vaughn took considerable work under Martin G. Glasser, a recognized authority on the economics of public utilities.

The lecture will deal with the regulation of rates of public utility commodities and will be divided into three groups. These groups are: (1) the economic characteristics of public utility industries; (2) judicial fair value and the price level, and (3) the need for a definite rate-base for fixing public utility rates.

Motion Prompted By Rumors In Regard To Hazing At A & M

Several members of the Texas Legislature will be invited to informally visit A & M for the purpose of personally investigating actual conditions which exist here, according to a motion which was carried almost unanimously at a meeting of the senior class Saturday afternoon.

The motion to invite the legislators follows the recent publication of letters to President T. O. Walton, decrying the hazing situation at A & M, and members of the class expressed belief that the investigation would result in quelling rumors which are said to be grossly exaggerated.

"We firmly believe that the visit of the legislators will correct any mistaken ideas that the exaggerated reports may have caused them to form," Ray Walker, president of the senior class said. "Conditions have been misrepresented in such a manner that we believe some step should be taken to let the people of the state know just what the truth of the matter is."

Other business passed on by the class at its meeting Saturday included the appointment of a committee to select graduation invitations. C. A. Schwoppe, Waring; C. L. Pickett, Post; and Fred S. Buford, Dallas, were named members of the committee.

Cotton Elected Volunteer King

67 New Members Initiated Sunday Afternoon

James A. Cotton, first lieutenant in C Troop, Cavalry, was elected king of the Ross Volunteers at the banquet held in the banquet room of the mess hall Sunday night. The banquet followed the initiation of twelve seniors and fifty-five juniors.

Other officers elected include John Winslow, Menard, first sergeant, Phillip Gregory, Ft. Worth, and Donald Ralph, Farmersville, line sergeants. Tom Bagley, College Station, will be chairman of the music committee; Ed Roberts, San Antonio, decorations; L. T. Burns, Yoakum, tea dance; Jack Harrington, Plano, programs and favors; and Fred S. Buford, Dallas, floor and arrangements.

Cotton is vice-president of the Scholarship Honor Society; he is a member of the Student Welfare Committee, and officer in the A S C E. The queen and members of the court who with Cotton will reign over the annual festivities at A & M April 16, 17 and 18 will be announced later.

Short talks were given at the banquet by A. C. Love, class of '97, former second lieutenant in the R V Company and John W. Singleton, '28.

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