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## TWENTY SENIORS ELIGIBLE FOR VALEDICTORIAN

### A & M Entry Wins Grand Championship At Annual Fort Worth Fat Stock Show

#### Seeligson Names Staff Members of "Fish" Battalion

H. G. Seeligson, recently selected editor-in-chief of the freshman number of The Battalion, announces the following editorial staff for the freshman edition of that publication: C. O. Thompson, China, Company A, Engineers, managing editor; G. D. Comnas, Cuero, Troop B, Cavalry; P. E. Griffin, Electra, E, Infantry; W. R. Russell, Fort Worth, Battery F, Artillery; and H. N. Huguelet, Forreton, Company D, Infantry, all associate editors. Art Editors are S. J. Krenek, Caldwell, Company E, Infantry; R. L. Granville, Fort Worth, Company A, Signal Corps; A. R. Wright, San Antonio, Battery E, Artillery; and G. L. Ingram, Nederland, Battery D, Artillery. J. E. Rudder, Eden, Company H, Infantry, is the sport editor.

Cartoons and other drawings have been sent to Fort Worth for engraving and copy should be in the hands of the printer in a few days. The staff hopes to have the edition ready for distribution on Wednesday, March 18, the date previously announced for its appearance.

Numerous contributions have been submitted by freshmen representing all the organizations on the campus and the editors are well pleased with the co-operation of their class mates.

#### REV. GARDNER, CHAPEL SPEAKER

Rev. T. C. Gardner of Dallas will speak at chapel next Sunday, March 15. He is state secretary of the Baptist Young Peoples Union. The glee club will give a selection.

### Campus Quiet After Tidal Wave of Femininity For E. E. and "T" Dances

By Tony Ketterson

The tumult and the shouting dies; The sweethearts and other gals depart:

Still walks to class the K-det corps, With humble and a contrite heart. (Apologies to Kipling.)

(By grapevine telegraph)—Reports were still coming in late Wednesday of the wreckage caused by the tidal wave of femininity that swept over the Texas A & M College campus Friday and Saturday as a result of the social disturbances brought about by the "T" Club and E. E. dances.

Rescue workers were reported to be having an extremely difficult task checking up on the wreckage because most of the damage was done beneath the surface of the cadet corps' masculine exterior. Veteran relief workers have been quoted as saying the total amount of damage caused by the flood might not accurately be determined for several years to come.

The "T" Club and E. E. dances were held Friday night at the Bryan Country club and in the mess hall an-

#### STOCK JUDGERS WIN THIRD PLACE; OKLAHOMA A&M FIRST

After winning one grand championship of the entire show in the yearling Aberdeen-Angus class, and two first prizes in the yearling Hereford and Shorthorn classes, the A & M representation at the annual Fort Worth Fat Stock Show will again return triumphantly to college Wednesday night. The junior live stock judges placed third after Oklahoma A & M and Texas Tech with a total of 3740 points out of a possible 4500 in the team competition.

Besides the grand champion and first places in the yearling classes for hereford and shorthorn the A & M stock received one first place in the junior shorthorn calf and third and fourth in the junior Aberdeen-Angus calf judgments. Two seconds were also received in senior Shorthorn and Hereford calf divisions. Final reports have not yet been received on sheep and hog classes, but out of the one class sheep finished, one first place in the fat yearling wether section was won.

L. C. Ranson, Lamesa, received the second highest individual award for (Continued on page 8)

#### Add Radial Drill To M. E. Dept. Machinery

A new radial drill with a three-foot swing, one of the most modern pieces of equipment of its kind, has recently been added to the machine shop of the mechanical engineering department.

The machine, having an eight-inch vertical member and costing \$2,500, is the second piece of machinery to be added to the shop within the past two years, the addition last year being an eighteen inch shaper costing an approximate equivalent amount.

next respectively. "Bill" Cornelson's orchestra from Schulenburg played for the athletes' affair while Ligon Smith's Baker hotel orchestra from Dallas furnished the inspiration for the E. E. dancers. The latter orchestra also played for the corps dance Saturday night.

The E. E. decorative motif featured a lighthouse in the center of the floor, whose beams alternately swathed the dancers in floods of red, green and yellow light; a miniature broadcasting tower on the orchestra platform; and subdued colored lights against a dark blue background of modernistic design. The "T" Club used an array of "T" blankets, pennants, and Spanish moss to complete their decorations.

"O I think A and M is just wonderful," cooed a soft creature in a dazzling white sick evening gown as the crowd jammed the exits after the corps dance.

"Yes, so wonderful," retorted her escort as he attempted to dive over the mob in front of the cloakroom window. "So keen! Inspection tomorrow at eight-thirty."

### Debaters Win And Lose In Last Week's Meets

Both victory and defeat came to members of the A & M debating club in two contests held at the college last week. The subject of both was: "Resolved that the Nations Should Adopt the Policy of Free Trade," and the judges decision in each instance went to the negative.

On Friday, March 6, Weber college of Ogden, Utah, debating the affirmative, was defeated by the local negative team. While on the following night the negative of Simmons college, Abilene, was victorious over A & M's affirmative.

R. N. Daniel and A. C. Moser, both of Dallas, represented the Aggie society Friday, while in the Saturday night fray W. O. Alexander, Gulf, and J. A. Carpenter, Dallas, argued for the locals.

### Dr. Lee Says Small Banks Going Broke

"Small town banks are not what they used to be—they are going broke", said Dr. V. P. Lee, professor of marketing and finance, in the course of his talk before the Social Science Seminar Monday, March 9, in the lecture room of the new library.

"Casual observers would say that this is due to hard times," said Dr. Lee, "but there is a fundamental change coming into the banking business. Since 1914 the costs of the banker have increased, but income for his services has not increased proportionately." This change and the chartering of too many banks by short-sighted federal and state officials have caused the enormous number of failures in recent years, and the 1326 failures in 1930.

The minimum capital required to obtain a bank charter is entirely too low, believes Dr. Lee. A \$25,000 capital is required for national banks, and \$17,500 for state banks in Texas. "A legal minimum of \$50,000 would improve the situation," he said.

The newest thing in the banking business is the consolidation movement. It has developed until now ten percent of all banks belong to chains or consolidations. "Many people are opposed to the chain movement," said Dr. Lee, "but public sentiment is shifting."

Following the lecture, Dr. L. G. Jones, president of the seminar, announced that the next meeting will be March 23. At that time Dr. E. N. Jones, professor of biology, Baylor university, will speak on "Educational Work in Yellowstone National Park". It will be illustrated by a special moving picture.

### E. E. Students Leave On Inspection Trip

A party of about fifty students of the electrical engineering department left Sunday for Dallas on the annual inspection trip of the power plants, engineering projects, and other places of interest. They will be gone about five days.

While in Dallas they will visit the plants of the Dallas Power and Light company, the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, Western Union, Gray- (Continued on page 5)

### Seniors to Choose Five Leaders In Election Mon. and Tues., March 16-17

#### Architects to Give Beaux-Arts Ball Friday, March 20

Invitations to the annual Beaux-Arts ball, to be held in the mess hall annex Friday, March 20, have been extended to the architectural clubs of Rice Institute, Texas University, and Texas Tech, former students of the A & M department, and to members of the American Institute of Architects, according to R. C. Rippstein, president of the local chapter. Decoration and other preparations have already begun.

The decorative theme will be modern, and carry out the scheme of a hotel roof dance floor. Added to this will be a unique lighting effect. Russell Ward's Fort Worth orchestra will play.

#### Hillel Club Completes Dance Arrangements

Final arrangements for the annual dance were made at a meeting of the Hillel club Sunday. April 25 was definitely set as the date, and the Aggie-land orchestra chosen to furnish the music.

The challenge of the University of Texas club to debate on a subject to be selected later was accepted. M. J. Block, Ft. Worth; Morris Bock, Dallas; I. Levine, Ft. Worth; and I. J. Handler, Galveston, were elected to represent the local group.

#### Friley Will Teach In Chicago Summer School

Dean Charles E. Friley of the School of Arts and Sciences has recently been notified of his re-appointment to the faculty of the University of Chicago for the summer session of 1931. He will lecture in two courses on the problems of college administration.

Dean Friley was a member of the (Continued on page 5)

#### J. H. QUISENBERRY LEADS CLASS WITH 299 GRADE POINTS

Twenty seniors having a total of 200 or more grade points have been referred to the senior class by a committee for this purpose as candidates for the position of valedictorian of the 1931 graduating class. Fifteen of this number will be eliminated by ballot in a two day election, while a final choice from the remaining five will be made at a class meeting.

Procedure for the selection of the valedictorian has been changed this year to eliminate much of the confusion that has taken place in past years. Members of the senior class will vote in the rotunda of the Academic building Monday and Tuesday, March 16-17, on their five favorites for the position. Requirement for eligibility was set as 200 grade points by the committee, consisting of A. L. McKnight, T. J. Andrews, and Paul Wilson, selected by Senior Class President Ray Walker.

J. H. Quisenberry of Goodlett, agricultural student, led the list with a total of 299 grade points, an average of 42.71 grade points per term in his three and a half years as a student here. J. E. Latta of Tyler, senior in chemical engineering, ranked second with 266 1-2 grade points, 32 1-2 behind the pace maker. Six of the twenty have more than 225 grade points to their credit.

Ten of the 20 candidates are registered in the School of Engineering, while eight are listed as students in the School of Agriculture. The School of Arts and Science has two prospects in the list.

The 20 high point men of the senior class, listed in order of their grade point attainments together with their home towns and their courses, are as follows:

J. H. Quisenberry, Goodlett, Ag., 299; J. E. Latta, Tyler, Ch. E., 266 1-2; P. L. Morgan, Leesville, La., M. E., 240 1-2; E. H. Brady, Oklahoma City, Okla., E. E., 238 1-2; T. R. Richmond, Kyle, Ag., 237; T. B. Ketterson, Houston, L. A., 234; T. M. (Continued on page 8)

### Horseshoe Pitching, Water Throwing, Now R. V. Drill---Spring Has Come!

"Humpanie-e-e-e tenshun! By the silent manual, present arms."

Believe it or not, spring really is here. Along with horseshoe pitching, washer throwing, dreamy eyed cadets and mushy letters, the beginning of Ross Volunteer drill each year is considered an infallible sign that the warm period almost is upon us. And when R. V. Captain Day McNeel called the company to attention for the first time Monday night, veterans of the cause brought back memories of haunting waltzes beneath canvas canopies while scores of onlookers reviewed once more the many time well-planned maneuvers for their April vacation period.

To some seventy odd new members of the company that first drill was a session of bewilderment. What to

do next? Left shoulder, right shoulder, charge, present, order arms, or throw the darned rifle at the one next to you? Order eventually emerged from chaos, however, and by the time the drill was over even the newest member from the Artillery (for the Artillery members it was, perhaps, a first meeting with the Model 1903, calibre .30, magazine loading, U. S. army rifle) had mastered the rudiments of the silent manual done in 41 counts once repeated.

The Volunteers will drill every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until the R. V. holidays. The purpose of these practice drills is to whip the company into presentable shape to present their exhibition drill beneath floodlight during their half-week celebration in April.