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## GOVERNOR STERLING SIGNS OIL LANDS BILL

### GENERAL STUDENT ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 20-21

#### Students to Choose Battalion Editor, Publication Board Members, Yell Chief

##### "Y" Cabinet Retreat Is To Be Beautified

Work on beautifying the grounds about the Y M C A cabinet's new "retreat" on the island in the lake, which was once a part of the old college zoo, will be started soon under the supervision of those "Y" cabinet members who are majoring in landscape art. The ground will be terraced and shrubbery and Bermuda grass planted.

The "retreat," a small building made of three shacks of the Hollywood group that were presented to the group by President T. O. Walton, will be used hereafter by the cabinet as an official meeting place. Cost of moving the shacks and of beautifying the surrounding grounds on the small island will be covered by funds set aside for that purpose by the cabinet.

In order to move the shacks to the island, it was necessary to make a fill of cinders between the island and the mainland, but these cinders will be removed soon and a small wooden footbridge built. The "retreat" is for the exclusive use of the "Y" cabinet, as this was one of the provisions required before the group was given permission to use the land.

##### Dorm. For Married Likely In Summer

Preparation of two sessions of summer school of two weeks each have been completed and the catalogue containing information explaining the several features of the sessions this summer is now being published. The first session opens June 8 and closes July 18; the second session will start July 20 and will close August 29.

In addition to the courses taught last summer, courses in architecture and engineering research will be offered. In addition to the 90 members of the regular staff who will teach this summer there will be several outside instructors teaching rural education, agricultural education, industrial education and history. Dean C. H. Winkler of the school of vocational teaching is director of the summer session of this year.

The total enrollment of the summer session of last year was about 1,000, of which 150 students were enrolled in the graduate school.

Several courses are being offered this summer for the first time, among these is the training for rural school teachers and supervisors. About 30 young women have already signified their intentions of enrolling for this work. In view of larger enrollment of women students attracted by this work provisions are being made to open one or two dormitories for women students and possibly for married couples.

##### ELECTION DATE SET EARLY TO COMPLETE PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Announcement has been made by F. E. Bortle, chairman of the committee on student elections, that the general election in which all chief officers of the student body are chosen will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 20 and 21. Ballots will be cast in the rotunda of the Main building on these days, Bortle said.

Offices to be filled in the election are those of editor-in-chief of The Battalion, student representatives on the newly created publications board and chief yell leader for the college year 1931-32. The offices of Battalion editor and yell leader are to be filled by members of the class of 1932. One representative is to be chosen from the class of 1933 and another from the junior class for the publications board. The sophomore representative will serve during his junior and senior years.

Nominations for any of the offices may be made by petition to the election committee. These petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five members of the junior class in those cases in which the officer to be elected is a junior and by twenty-five members of the sophomore class in the case of the representative to be elected for a two-year term.

Petitions for nomination must be turned in to Bortle or to the editor of The Battalion before noon Wednesday, April 15. Petitions must be filed before nomination is approved and no names may be written in on the ballot, Bortle said.

##### P. L. Downs Contest To Be Held Friday Eve

Preliminaries in the P. L. Downs oratorical contest will be held Friday night in room 316 of the main building. All but five speakers will be eliminated at this time, but the winner of the Sophomore Speech contest also will be allowed to enter the finals on May 1.

The contest was first started in the spring of 1926 by P. L. Downs of Temple, one of the first graduates of A and M. It is open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and the winner will be presented a handsome, solid gold medal.

In the preliminary contest Friday night the speakers will be required to give a five minute talk on their selected subject. They will be judged by a committee of judges not named as yet. In the finals speakers will be allowed ten minutes in which to talk.

W. O. Alexander of Calif won the contest last year with a speech on "Political Issues in Texas," while B. A. Clutter of Good Cheer, Iowa, was given the verdict in 1929 on his talk on "England, Mother of Governments."

##### SHIRO HOKE WINS MENTION IN COLLEGE HUMOR ALL-AMERICAN

Cecil Hoke, captain and center of the Aggie cage team during the past season who was named by most scribes and critics as a member of the mythical all-Southwest quintet, received additional honor when he was given mention by Les Gage, sports editor of College Humor, in announcing his 1931 all-American selections. Gage's comment follows:

"Coach Bassett of Arkansas commends Cecil Hoke of Texas A & M. 'Hoke was a master of body and foot movements and an excellent shot. His defensive work was the best of all the centers in the Southwest and he led his team in scoring.'"

#### Publications Board Members Selected By Dr. T. O. Walton

##### BOARD WILL BE COMPLETED IN STUDENT ELECTION APRIL 20-21

Faculty representatives on the new A & M Student Publications Board, plan for which was recently given faculty approval, have been named by President T. O. Walton as follows: Dean F. C. Bolton, school of engineering; Curtis Vinson, director of publicity, and George B. Wilcox, professor of rural education.

The board personnel will include nine members in all, six student and three faculty representatives. Editors of each of the four student publications automatically become members of the board and two members are to be elected from the student body at large. Student members of the board so far are A. O. Saenger, editor-in-chief of The Longhorn for 1931-32, and F. B. Lester, editor of The Aggie Countryman for the new year. Editors of The Battalion and The Technoscope for 1931-32, yet to be elected, will complete the student membership from the publications.

Editor of The Battalion for next year and the two student representatives-at-large for membership on the board will be elected at student election to be held Monday and Tuesday, April 20-21.

The board is expected to hold an organization session and to consider the plans for putting all the publications named under one manager at a meeting to be held early after the election of members to complete its personnel.

##### NOTICE SENIORS

Permission has been received to enable seniors to order their invitations on any day up to and including Saturday, April 11.

#### Bill Giving A & M \$200,000 Annually Approved by Governor on Wednesday

##### Urge Juniors Attend Prom And Banquet

An effort to get as many juniors as possible to bring dates to the junior banquet and to the junior prom already has been inaugurated by class officials. A poll of the class by companies will be started the latter part of the week in an effort to determine the approximate number of juniors who are planning to attend these functions.

"We must know," class president George Fix said Wednesday, "the number of juniors and the number of girls who will attend the banquet, in order to make out our budgets and to arrange for the favors and other incidentals."

"There never could be too many girls at a dance here, and we're going on the theory of 'the more the merrier.' If every junior were to bring a date, the prom would be a complete success, for there will be enough surplus seniors present to complete the requisite number of stags."

As is the yearly custom, the juniors also will have charge of the final ball.

##### 224 Students Eligible For Distinguished List

Two hundred and twenty-four students were eligible to be distinguished at the end of the first term, a recent survey by the registrar's office shows. Students who amassed a total of 25 or more grade points during the first term were included on the list, as it was considered that there would be little likelihood of anyone having less than this number making enough the second term to bring his total to 54 grade points, the number necessary to be rated as a distinguished student.

Two students of agriculture led the list, G. E. Beeson, sophomore from St. Louis, Missouri, accumulating 42, and G. W. Davis, junior from San Antonio, also making 42 grade points during the first term. Dallas was better represented than any other city, having 23 representatives on the roll. San Antonio was second with 17, and then in order came Fort Worth with seven and Houston with six.

##### Dr. Jacobs To Address Sophomores At Banquet

Dr. William States Jacobs, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Houston, and well known lecturer and after dinner speaker will talk at the annual banquet for the sophomore class which has been announced for Monday night, April 13. Dr. Jacobs is popularly recognized over the state for his wit and humor and talks of a light nature.

Aside from his activities on the stage and platform, he is the owner of a fine herd of Brahma cattle, which (Continued on page 6)

##### BILL SIGNED IN PRESENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF BOTH A & M AND TEXAS

Governor Ross Sterling Wednesday afternoon approved House bill No. 368 making a division of the income from the royalty investment of the University of Texas oil lands between the university and the A & M College of Texas.

The bill gives A & M \$200,000 annually for each of three succeeding years and thereafter assigns one-third of the income of the royalty to the college with the remainder going to the University of Texas.

The royalty now amounts to approximately \$17,000,000 and is invested in United States bonds. It is the interest from these bonds and others to be bought as the royalty increases which it to be divided between the two schools. The income from the grazing leases is to be retained by the university.

Present Wednesday when Governor Sterling approved the bill were Dr. H. Y. Benedict, president of the university; Judge R. L. Batts, chairman of the board of regents; Dr. T. O. Walton, A & M president; and Judge Byrd E. White of the A & M board of directors.

#### Hiway Short Course Expected Draw Many

Early reports from the civil engineering department concerning enrollment in this year's annual short course in highway engineering are that the attendance will be the largest in the history of the department. Attracted by the unusual program which has been prepared under the direction of J. J. Richey and J. T. L. McNew of the civil engineering department and Gibb Gilchrist, state highway engineer contractors, engineers, and road men from all over the state will be here for a three day session starting Thursday morning and continuing until noon Saturday.

The short course, which has been put on yearly by the civil engineering department with the co-operation of the state highway department, has had continued increase in attendance, and the interest taken in the program this year indicates that it will establish itself as a permanent event to be largely attended and widely recognized.

The program is as follows: Thursday Morning—Chairman: J. J. Richey of the civil engineering department.

8:30—Registration, Y M C A lobby.  
10:00—Address of welcome.  
10:30—The Preservation of Lumber with Creosote, by R. E. Meyers of (Continued on page 6)