

Valued Steer Head Given To College

The mounted head of a steer, who in his life time, became famous because of his enormous size, has been received by the department of agriculture as a gift from the heir of the late Col. Driscoll, well known ranchman and prominent Texan. Historically, it is of considerable value in the narrative of events of the cattlemen of past days.

The steer was born in Hayes county on the Blanco river in 1875. It was the property of Col. William Good, who sold it when a yearling for the small sum of three dollars to Col. Driscoll. He took him to Kansas in 1876, when he drove 3000 head of cows across the country to market. The steer was allowed to run on the open range in Kansas until he was four years old. At this time, he weighed about 1,600 pounds.

His size at that age, attracted such attention that he was shipped to Chicago, where he was put in the stock yards, and exhibited. He spent the rest of his days in the stock yards, and grew until he weighed over 3,000 pounds at the age of ten. When he was slaughtered, the head was mounted, and presented to Col. Driscoll at Austin. It hung in the Driscoll home for several years, and was later removed to the lobby of the Driscoll Hotel.

It stayed there until some years ago when the hotel was sold. Then it was taken by the Colonel's grandson, to Spearfish, N. Dakota, where it was apparently forgotten. Revival of interest in it by Col. C. C. French, led to its location there, and Mr. Driscoll kindly consented to give it to the college with the understanding that it was to be displayed in the Memorial Live Stock building when it is built.

Although it has been over fifty years since it was mounted, the head is still in excellent condition, and is very impressive of the unusual size of the animal. The exact breed of the steer is unknown but the tint of the hair, a very deep red, indicates that it must have a slight trace of Brahma blood. The horns are very beautiful. Long and gracefully curved, and highly polished, they are five feet, ten inches from tip to tip, and are a great deal longer, actually, measuring along their curved surface. It would be almost impossible to tie the steer with the ordinary calf-rope, for the smallest part of his neck measures forty-eight and one-half inches.

The mounting at present is in the office of Dean E. J. Kyle, of the school of agriculture and may be inspected at any time.

Plans indicate that the Memorial Live Stock building mentioned is to be built following the completion of the Chemistry building, and the erection of the Agriculture Engineering building.

Mothers' Day Honored with Many Events

Sports And Ceremonies Combine For The Event

Flowers, colorful, early summer frocks, ideal weather and numerous visitors made for the past Mothers' and Dads' Day one of the most complete and most successful that the college has realized since the inauguration of the day some years ago. A complete program was arranged to entertain the Sunday visitors and and special features were arranged for those who arrived Saturday.

Saturday afternoon a horse show on the drill field and a dual tennis meet between Texas University and A & M on the courts northeast of the campus offered to the visitors two interesting activities lasting the entire afternoon. During the early part of the night open house at the mechanical engineering department, where interesting mechanical work was going on in all of the shop's divisions, held the attention of the mothers and dads, as well as those students who chose to attend, while a corps dance in honor of the many visiting parents and loved ones entertained until midnight.

The flowers pinning ceremony, in which the cadets in formation were privileged to be decorated with flowers by visiting ladies, began at ten o'clock and was followed by a review of the corps by the guests as the corps went to pay homage to their mothers at chapel. This completed the morning program.

In the afternoon dinner with the

cadets in the mess hall, campus inspection, a Ross Volunteer Company drill and a band concert by the Aggie Band gave to the visitors a full afternoon and the last ended a week end of activities to be long remembered for its completeness.

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