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## Mr. and Mrs. R. McFarlin, Philanthropists

Students at the A and M College of Texas for many generations to come will pay homage to the names of Robert McFarlin and his wife, who Tuesday presented deeds for property valued at \$1,500,000 to the College, the proceeds of which are to be used as an endowment for the McFarlin Memorial Student Loan Fund, to be administered by the Association of Former Students.

Money derived either from the profits earned through the operation of the farms included in the endowment or from the sale of the property will make up the fund, and unless immediate sale of the property is made it is not likely that the Former Students will have a materially increased loan fund at their disposal next year, but in years to come it is quite probable that thousands upon thousands of students at A and M will benefit through the philanthropy of Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin.

The present student loan fund of the Former Students' Association amounts to approximately \$60,000, a sum made almost insignificant when placed beside the possibilities which are now visible as a result of the gift of the McFarlins.

And so the students, former students and friends of the A and M College of Texas join the thousands of others throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have benefitted and still are benefitting from the benevolence of this couple in a pledge of everlasting gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McFarlin.

## Letting Building Contracts

Action of the Board of Directors in authorizing the advertisement for bids on the erection of the new Agricultural Engineering building does not mean that all local building in the future will be done by contract or even that the Agricultural Engineering building itself will be erected in that manner.

Their action seems to be more or less an experiment, testing the relative values of the bidding system advocated by contractors of the State and of the plan now used, in which all work is done by the architectural and building departments of the College; for if none of the bids submitted are satisfactory, the erection of the Agricultural Engineering building will be placed in the hands of the College, as in the past.

Included in the specifications which bidders must consider is the stipulation that student labor must be used by the contractor who is awarded the work, indicates that the Board considered the problem from every angle which might affect the students of the College.

Members of the Board should be praised for their just handling of the problem and for their efforts to assure the A and M student body the best possible equipment with the least possible expenditure.

## College Irresponsibility

College students are susceptible to almost all kinds of temptation, and their mischievous acts frequently place innocent ones, in a position of responsibility for the time, in embarrassing predicaments.

Such was the case Tuesday night when a group of students became impatient in waiting on the driver of their courtesy truck and took the vehicle to College themselves sans driver, sans permission and sans the knowledge of the members of The Battalion staff responsible for the borrowed property.

Imagine the surprise, to say nothing of the embarrassment, of the members of that staff Wednesday when they learned of the incident. Apologies were offered by the editor and accepted by the department whose truck had been commandeered, but there is no doubt that the next time that department head is asked to aid a student activity he will remember the time when some inconsiderate students took liberties with his property. It is wise for students to consider the results of the act before they commit it; thus saving themselves and others subsequent inconvenience.

## Lowering The High Cost Of Education

A and M College students next year will be permitted to pay their scholastic fees in quarterly payments instead of in lump sums at the

beginning of each semester as they do now, and it is quite possible that their fees will be considerably lower than those of the present time, as a result of action of the Board of Directors in its recent meeting here.

The Board authorized the College to collect fees in four payments each semester in the future and appointed a committee to consider the advisability of lowering the College fees. Another committee is already at work endeavoring to work out changes in the uniform which will reduce materially that item of expense.

Needless to say, introduction of the quarterly payment plan, coupled with a reduction of fees and uniform cost, will be welcomed by the student body, but it is also likely that the College will benefit in other ways as well.

A plan which will make it easier to meet the financial requirements of a college education will no doubt result in an increased enrollment, probably not as high as that of four or five years past but certainly one larger than A and M boasts this year. Students who have been forced to drop out because of financial difficulties will find it less difficult to return and many new students who would otherwise not be able to enter college probably will find it easier to enroll.

Quarterly payments also will reduce the total amount of notes which the College and Association of Former Students find it necessary to make at the beginning of each term, which, with the increased enrollment, should result in an increased amount of funds in hand for the College.

It is quite possible that a reduction of fees will also result in a higher scholastic average in the student body since many of the students who now find it necessary to devote a portion of their time to partially earning their expenses will be able to devote more time to scholarship.

And what seems to us to be one of the most worthwhile results should be a less dissatisfied student body. This year above all others in recent times has been fraught with unrest which may be laid to financial difficulties. Satisfaction among the students should result in high scholastic achievements as well as a greater "esprit de corps."

## Thank You!

The Battalion wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to members of the student body, members of the faculty, College authorities, the Palace Theater, and residents of the campus for the whole-hearted co-operation and support which they gave toward making its benefit show Tuesday a success.

It is regretted that the picture presented was not of the calibre advertised. When ordered the picture had not been cut or censored and was one which would have been welcomed by almost any audience.

So deftly did the censors wield their shears in cutting the version which was received here, however, that the continuity of the play, as well as much of its effect was destroyed.

For this we ask forgiveness, and for your loyalty we again say, "Thank you."

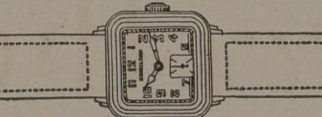
## Boxing, Wrestling, And Golf In March

Boxing, wrestling, and golf will be the next on the intramural program, each of which will make their debut Tuesday, March 1. As has been the custom in the past years, the boxing and wrestling will be divided into classes from 115 pounds up to the heavyweight classes which include all over 175 pounds. This way of division gives every man a chance to enter his class so that there will not be over four pounds difference in his weight and the weight of the class that he wishes to enter.

The boxing contests will consist of a three round bout, with a limit of four rounds in case of a tie at the end of three rounds. The wrestling contests will have a limit of nine minute or one fall to determine the winner. Any number of contestants can enter these contests from any organization.

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form, with the rising moon shining through the trees in the background, was colorfully painted in modernistic design portraying dancers, modernistic buildings, and clever pastel shade. Decorations were left for corps dance Sat. nite.

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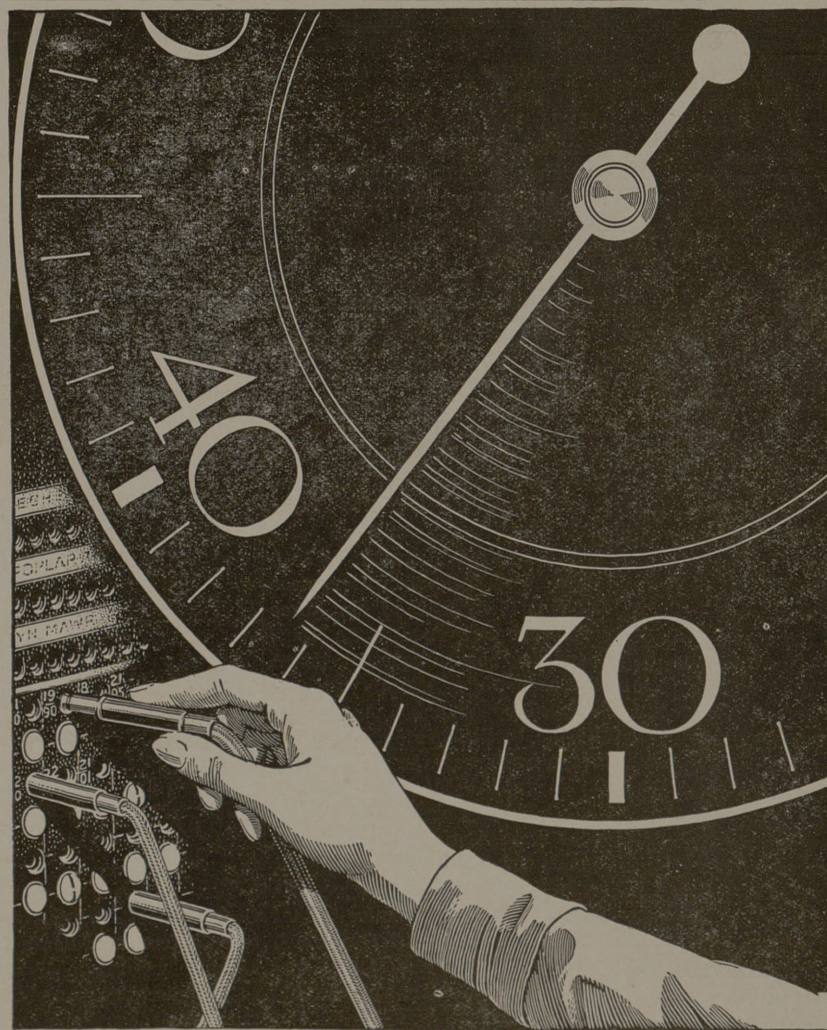
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