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In Memoriam

Yesterday Texas education experienced one of its severest losses in the death of Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs. For half a century, Superintendent Marrs has been a great influence in the development of public schools and primary education in this state and it was in continuance of this work that he received the stroke that resulted in his death. We offer our sympathy to the bereaved but we feel that the sting is partly condoned by the knowledge that he died while actively serving his state.

Student Elections

Student elections and politics are receiving much more attention this year than in past years as was evidenced by the fact that six men have already turned in petitions as candidates for two offices. Of these, four are running for chief yell leader, and two for editor of the Battalion. No candidate had been announced for student representative on the Student Publications Board late Monday night.

School politics here in the past, have been very quiet, and in most instances, elections have been held more or less as matter of procedure. But with two men of experience in the race, and two dark horses making last minute entry, the interest in the race for yell leader promises to be very interesting, to say the least.

The candidates for editor of The Battalion are both members of the staff and have been very instrumental in the publication of the paper this year.

We do not take sides in the elections, as we feel that this being a student election, it is not the task of the paper to give undue publicity to any particular candidate.

Instead, we feel that we should ask the students in selecting the man for each office, to consider the responsibility attached to each position, and vote for the man most likely in their judgment to conscientiously fulfill his duties of office. This is the purpose of all elections. To select the best man in the opinion of the public.

Music Appreciation

Students who took advantage of the opportunity to hear Dean van Katwijk's recital at Guion Hall some weeks ago probably heard the last musical presentation that will be held on the campus this year. Of the number of students here, it is interesting to know that there were a gratifying number of them present at the recital.

It is evident from the attendance at the last concert that a series of musical presentations given through the year would receive the attendance of a large number of the students, as well as the faculty and campus residents. Notwithstanding the fact that performers of this kind are expensive and difficult to secure in the southern states, it is possible that some of the noted members of this art, which will likely appear in the larger cities of the states might find it convenient to give a night showing here en route from the southern metropolis to those in north Texas.

In the meantime, those who attended the last recital are anticipating similar programs and it is hoped that more attention will be given to entertainments of this nature in getting artists for campus concerts.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Senior Elections

In the last news issue of the Battalion there was much said about the valedictorian election being one decided by the color of the hat cord or the design of the insignia of the majority. The same editor who wrote this editorial last year went to great lengths to criticize the Longhorn because it was predominated by a certain "Honorary" society. Now just a year later the same editor takes a different attitude and pans the entire Senior election because there were not enough members of this "Superior" society to elect their candidate.

It is interesting to know that nearly every Freshman and Sophomore election is determined by the color of the hat cord but the two upper classes go even farther than that and determine their elections by the social and not the intellectual standing of their candidates. The only reason that every election ever held by these two classes are not "hat-cord" elections is that this society has no hat cord.

How could that election have been determined as hinted when the number of students having classes with the valedictorian are just a small percentage of the total number of votes that went to the winner, and the number of votes switched to him by a losing candidate was only 19? I suppose that this election has been determined on the same basis that a class officer was elected, by acclamation! What kind of an election was that, I wonder.

It is truly a deplorable condition that allows a student of this college to make such false insinuations just because both he and the loser belonged to the same society. We can only hope for better losers in the future. May every coming election turn out with the most intellectual candidate receiving the honors if his personality justifies it.

(Signed)

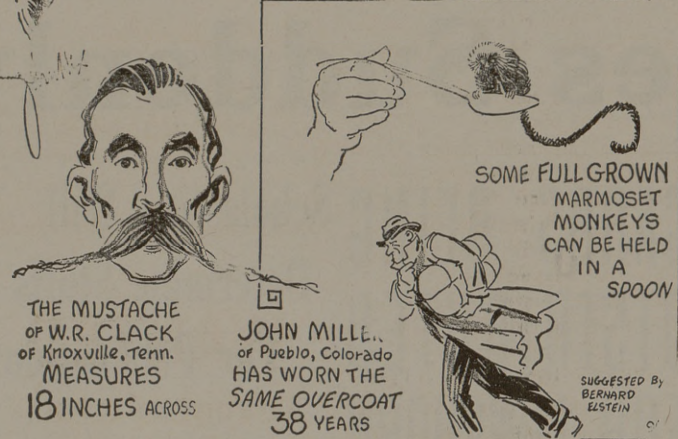
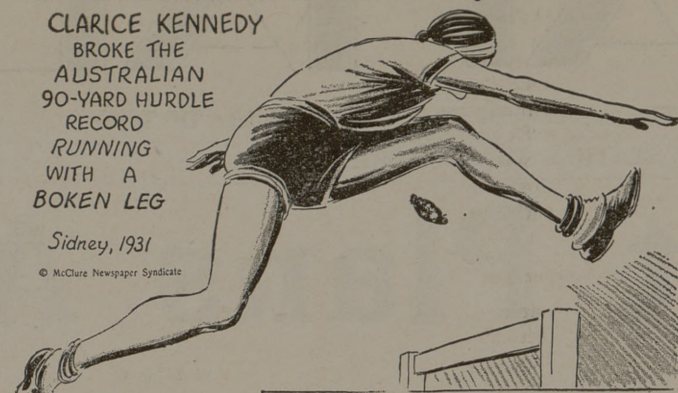
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ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lame Bode

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Sport Sidelights

By W. J. Faulk

Not a bad week end, so the "wise boys" would say, when the Aggie track and baseball teams made a startling comeback on Saturday afternoon to score easy victories. Those aspiring track teams whose hopes run high in the direction of conference title in the 1932 meet may well take notice that A and M's thinly clad intend to be in the thick of the fight.

"What-a-race," and some race is due to be run, ere the season reaches the end and a conference champion is crowned in baseball this spring. Rice Institute's Owls, the conference "high-steppers" and surprise team of the loop, appeared to be running "wide-open" through the two-game series with Coach Higginbotham's champions until "Bob" Scheer took things in hand and set them down in the second affair.

There is no doubt but that Rice is represented by one of the league's heaviest hitting teams, as a group, and with pitching similar to that given them thus far they are due to go places. Uncle Billy Disch has failed for the first time in years to have a consistent conference winner, but cannot be counted out of the race. Texas University is charged with three defeats, while a similar number are chalked up against A and M. Rice has lost but two, but let it not be forgotten that Rice plays only fourteen games, which may be their undoing.

T C U's Horned Frogs also present a problem not easily solved by contending teams, but can hardly be thought of as a serious threat for the crown, due to the fact that they play only ten games. Baylor's Green and Gold will probably not be in the running for the flag but are sure to figure in some dramatic upsets before the race closes.

Reports from Waco's premier scribe of the sport world, the renowned and honorable Jinx Tucker, states that after the ensuing road trip the Aggie nine will probably be definitely out of the chase. Well, maybe so, and then maybe not. We realize that Mr. Tucker

has unlimited faith in the ability of Baylor's Bruins but he seems to have forgotten that A and M also has a baseball club, and no set-up at that.

"Just another competing team" were the Aggies when the triangular track and field meet began at the Horned Frog stadium Saturday afternoon. But as the meet progressed the T C U and Baylor athletes were not told but instead were shown that the test of a team is competition.

There is no doubt but what Coach "Andy" Anderson's Aggie trackmen have improved more than any group this season, in the conference. Doped at the opening as "has beens," because they were hampered materially by injuries and sickness they refused to quit, but instead struggled along, bettering their old marks in every meet until at length their efforts proven not to be in vain.

A and M, Rice, T C U and Texas will compete for the track title this season with Baylor and S M U more as spectators than participants. S M U is due to take some points in the weights and Baylor will do well to count at all.

Maybe Mr. Elbert "Slime" Turner of Rice Institute, whose articles appear daily in the Houston Post, will have something to say about the mark set by "Honk" Irwin in the shot put Saturday. Mr.

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Turner recently quoted "Honk" as saying that he would win the shot put at the conference meet, to which Turner replied that this was probably only a boast on the part of Irwin and in all likelihood could not be upheld since Percy Burke of the Institute and Howard Sprague of S M U could toss the 16-pound sphere around 48 feet with little effort. Doubtless, both Burke and Sprague will be in the running, but we still think that "Honk" will be first and probably will set a new record.

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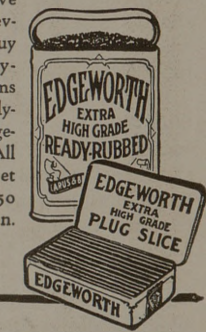
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