

"Ma" Ferguson to Attend Cotton Ball

Campus "Sleuths" Successfully Use Detective Magazine Methods To Retrieve Stolen Radio Set

Recent Burglar Mystery Is Solved By Students In True Sherlock Holmes Style.

Hardly in accord with the calumniations of English professors directed toward detective story magazines, two disciples of these same magazines showed some benefit derived from these journals by applying their methods to apprehend a criminal at College Station. Oscar Hyde, recently named "Hawshaw" and Aaron Gensburg, now called "Watson", are the two valiant student sleuths who successfully trailed the villain of this tale.

Lewis Jones, cadet captain of "C" Battery, Field Artillery, noticed a stranger loitering around the first and second ramps of Pur-year during the formation for retreat last week. When the students returned from the Mess Hall after supper, the loss of a radio was discovered. Descriptions of the stranger were broadcast among the members of the battery and Hyde in particular remembered the details of the stranger's appearance. Later that same night Hyde and Gensburg were returning from Bryan on the bus when Hyde was accosted by a civilian who asked him at what time taps was blown at college. Hyde was struck by the resemblance of this civilian to the description given by Jones, and when the bus arrived at college, both Hyde and Gensburg followed him. When the trail led to the supposed scene of the crime, these student sleuths apprised the members of the student battery of their information. The battery arose in force and compelled the suspect to enter the dormitory where they proceeded to give him a "third de-

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WORK BEGUN ON JUNIOR PROM AND FINAL BALL

Committees Named To Lay Plans for Final Social Functions of Year.

Heralding the approach of Spring and Final Week, committees for the Junior Banquet, Junior Prom, and Final Ball have been named by H. C. Wendler, Boerne, president of the Junior Class.

Committeemen for these final social activities of the current college year are as follows: R. N. Reid, Fort Worth, T. L. Speed, Midland, and T. R. Timm, Hallettsville, committee in charge of the dances; T. A. Marshall, Gilmer, C. J. Anderson, Lawn, and D. M. LaRoe, Palestine, favors and programs; T. S. Roots, Marshall, A. R. Wright, San Antonio, and Virgil Peacock, Mineola, decorations committee; Jack Harding, Dallas, W. A. Herring, Taylor, and M. L. Bright, Houston, publicity.

Stanford Students Would Take Bible If Ever Marooned

Stanford is not Godless, the Stanford Daily reported this week, after asking leading students the following question:

"What two books would you take with you if you were to spend the rest of your life on a desert island?"

Most of them replied that they would take the Bible. Shakespeare's works was second choice for many of those questioned.

Sensation of Turf



Monte Parke, of the famous family of jockeys, is the new riding sensation of American tracks and is pitching the family name to an even higher level of skill than did Harry and Ivan Parke years ago. Monte has made a good start toward winning the American jockey championship for 1935.

AGRONOMY SOCIETY TO OFFER BRIDGE TOURNAMENT SOON

Funds for Traveling Fellowship for Winners of Cotton Contest To Be Raised By Tourney.

A bridge tournament, proceeds from which will be directed to the Cotton Contest traveling fund, will be held March 2 at the Bryan Country Club, under the auspices of the Agronomy Society, it was announced last week by Mrs. Curtis Vinson, tournament chairman. Winners in both contract and auction bridge and "forty-two" will be awarded prizes offered by Bryan merchants. Entrance charges will be one dollar per table, making twenty-five cents per person.

The tournament will begin at 2:30 p. m., following a luncheon in the Mess Hall. The entire afternoon will be devoted to bridge and "forty-two". The evening session will begin at 7:30 p. m., and last until all winners are decided upon.

Entertainment, in the form of various games, will be supplied throughout the entire evening for those who weary of bridge. Refreshments will be served, for which only a nominal sum will be charged.

Scholastic Standing of Aggie Track Men Well Above Average

Latest reports from the Registrar's office of this college disprove the old belief that the athlete of today goes to school primarily for the purpose of participating in athletics. This is especially true of Coach Frank Anderson's 1933 track team. With a squad of twenty-five men, including all men who are out and eligible for competition, the average hours passed were 17½, while the average course at A and M requires only 17 hours a term. Coach Anderson believes this to be a new scholastic record for any athletic team at A and M.

No member of the team was declared ineligible due to his scholastic standing. Salvador Marquez, senior from Yorktown and captain of the cross-country team, led the list of number of hours passed with 23.

AGGIES READY FOR MUSTANG AND FROG TILTS

Reidmen To Make Last Appearance On Home Court In Tilt With Schmidt's Horned Frogs.

Jubilant over their two consecutive victories over the University of Arkansas Razorbacks, a feat that speaks well for the new power of the Aggies, Coach John Reid's five will return to Memorial Gymnasium this week to appear for the last two times before the corps before journeying to Austin to end their season against the championship-bound Longhorns on March 4. The Aggies will meet Francis Schmidt's Horned Frogs Friday night, and on Monday night will tangle with the Southern Methodist quintet. Both of these teams have already defeated the Aggies by narrow margins on previous occasions.

After defeating Arkansas, a team that the Frogs were rather hard pressed to conquer in their own backyard, the Farmers will rank as even odds to defeat the boys from Cowntown, although the Frogs are conceded by the various scribes to have the stronger team, especially since the 42-26 drubbing that they handed the hitherto undefeated Longhorns in Fort Worth on Monday night. The outcome of the Friday night battle will more than likely decide which of the two teams will be runner-up to the Longhorns, who have to win only one more game to clinch the title. The Frogs are now resting in second place with two defeats and six wins, while the Farmers have lost three games and won six to occupy third place. A victory here Friday night will not clinch second place honors for the Aggies, but it will for the Schmidt-men.

DISPLAY IN LIBRARY

A fine collection of Japanese prints are now on display in the librarian's office in the library. These may be seen during any of the library's open hours and are also for sale at prices ranging from 15c to \$1.75.

Many Visitors Expected For Architect Ball

Egyptian Motif Used By Architectural Students For Annual Beaux-Arts Ball.

Many visitors are expected to be on the campus this week-end when the members of the Architectural Club entertain with their annual Beaux-Arts Ball. The Ball will be formal and attendance will be restricted to the architectural students of the college, their professors, and their friends. Lawrence Welk and his "Biggest Little Band in America" will furnish the music for the dance which will be held from 9 until 2 o'clock in the Mess Hall Annex on Friday evening, February 24.

Elaborate decorations have been designed for the ball by T. S. Roots, Marshall, assisted by C. E. Praeger, Paris, and these are now in the process of installation. According to Roots, an Egyptian motif will be followed with much color blending being used to bring out the desired effects.

Under present plans the same decorations will be used for the regular corps dance which will be held the following night, Saturday. The Aggrieland Orchestra will play for this affair.

Officers of the Architectural Club are as follows: J. L. Chapman, Lockhart, president; R. E. O'Connell, Waco, vice-president; W. S. Blodgett, Crane, secretary; and W. O. Sanders, Bryan, Treasurer.

Cadet Makes Talk To C. E. Students

C. P. Besse, Ennis, cadet first lieutenant, Battery A Field Artillery, delivered a talk on the "History of Bridges" before the meeting of the Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the Civil Engineering Building recently.

The paper prepared by Besse delved into the history of the first bridges ever built, and reviewed the structures through the important bridges of today.

"Experts"—An Editorial

It appeals to our sardonic sense of humor to realize that the group of "experts" who made the survey of A and M College and of the government of the State of Texas came from Chicago. As the governmental and educational system of the City of Chicago is widely known to be in a state of chaos, this increases the humor of the situation.

The "experts" from Chicago were on the campus approximately three and a half days and during their investigation gave no officer of the college, or member of the Board of Directors, an opportunity to explain any of the three-hundred and eighteen pages of recommendations made by the "experts." Opinions of the "experts" were undoubtedly subject to bias and prejudice as they came to College Station with one purpose in mind and did not give President Walton, or any member of the administration, any opportunity to explain to them the workings of the college.

It may be of interest to the readers of the Battalion to know that the chief counselor of these educationalists was an "expert" named Reeves who was formerly the head of the department of education at Elmira College, Elmira, New York. This college is a liberal arts school for girls with an enrollment of 595 in the 1931-32 session. Mr. Reeves' courses were discontinued because the demand for courses offered by his department was not appreciable. At the time that he was selected chief counselor of the committee he is reported to have been without employment.

Another angle of the reports and decisions of this committee of "experts" is that this committee said in substance that the people of the State of Texas are incapable of selecting their own officers. Their actual statement as published in their recommendations is: "Selection by popular election (the method now used to select the state superintendent of public instruction) of officers best qualified personally, professionally, and by experience to deal with the problems of education is, of course, an impossibility."

It is regrettable that the state legislature should see fit to spend money for criticisms of our government by men with such qualifications as these "experts" had.

TEXAS U. CO-ED CHOSEN QUEEN OF R. V. COURT

Complete Senior Court Announced By L. W. Storms, Jr., King of 1935 Ross Volunteers Festivities.

Miss Mary Carr Burnett of San Antonio, student at the University of Texas, will reign as Queen of the Ross Volunteer festivities this spring, according to L. W. Storms, Jr., San Antonio, King of the court. The Maid of Honor will be Miss Bernice Rihn, San Antonio, escorted by E. O. Wurzbach, also of San Antonio.

Duchesses and escorts will be as follows: Miss Lyle Seley, Waco, and D. M. Eichelberger, Waco; Miss Katherine Montgomery, Denton, and Horatio Durst, Crockett; Miss Ruth Smith, Wallis, and W. P. Machechell, Bellville; Miss Pauline Davis, Bryan, and W. S. Blodgett, Crane; Miss Leila Davis, Bryan, and W. E. Holke, Houston; Miss Alice Olivia Smith, Austin, and O. E. Ford, Crockett; Miss Emmy Lou King, Ft. Worth, and O. H. Smith, San Antonio; Miss Sarah Orth, College Station, and J. A. Aston, Farmersville; Miss Adrian Rose, Austin, and H. W. Perkins, Dallas; Miss Hortense Born, Dallas, and A. M. Emery, Dallas; Miss Jane Brazelton, Waco, and J. R. Montgomery, Waco.

The Junior escort has not been definitely decided upon, but will be announced in the near future, Storms said today. Misses Joan Neal and Patricia Carroll of College Station will be train-bearers.

The Ross Volunteers held their first drill Tuesday afternoon. At this meeting definite organization of the company into a drilling unit was effected and a drill schedule was announced. Drills will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

REIDMEN WIN DUAL VICTORY FROM ARKANSAS

Aggies Win Two Games, 25-21 and 24-23, In Fayetteville.

By winning two consecutive games from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville last Friday and Saturday nights, Coach John Reid's Texas Aggie quintet accomplished a feat that no other basketball team in the conference can boast of this year. The Farmers trimmed the Porkers in a neat way Friday night by a score of 25-21, and then came back stronger Saturday night to again roll up 24 points while the Razorbacks scored only 23.

After overcoming a 2-point lead early in the first game, the Aggies jumped into a lead that was never seriously threatened until late in the last half when a determined Hog rally brought them within a few points of a tie with the Farmers. Captain Joe Moody of the Aggies turned his ankle in the first two minutes of play and was out of the game until about the middle of the last half. Inability to make their free shots was largely responsible for Arkansas' loss. The Aggies made good 7 times out of 11 trials at free throws and led at the half 16-6.

Absence of the Razorback captain, Doc Sexton, who broke his wrist last week in a non-conference game, hampered the Razorbacks

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Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Accepts Invitation To Attend Annual Cotton Ball And Pageant

Several Legislators And Ex-Governor Jim Ferguson Also Likely To Be Present.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson has accepted an invitation to be present at the Annual A and M Cotton Ball and Pageant, providing it is at all possible for her to leave Austin at that time, according to J. S. Mogford, professor of Agronomy and chairman of the Pageant. Ex-Governor Jim Ferguson will probably accompany his wife and a number of the members of the legislature have signified that they will be here for the occasion in Mrs. Ferguson's party, Mr. Mogford said today.

Plans for the Ball, which is to be held April 7, and which promises to be one of the outstanding events of the year, are practically complete according to Allan E. Bryant, Corsicana, president of the Agronomy Society. The students of the College of Industrial Arts are to select the Queen of the Ball and the King will be chosen from the A and M Cadet Corps, Bryant stated.

A banquet lasting from 7 to 9 p. m. will precede the ball and will be followed immediately by the Cotton Pageant in which seventy-five girls will promenade wearing cotton dresses cut in the latest styles. These dresses are to be furnished by some of the leading textile manufacturers of the South. The Pageant is to be followed by the Ball.

In the event that Governor Ferguson and her party find it convenient to attend, they, together with the King and Queen of the Ball, will occupy the reviewing stand during the Pageant.

Turns Pro Wrestler



Stanley J. Sokola, captain of the University of Pennsylvania's foot ball team last fall, has turned professional wrestler and will try to earn as much as he did in the mat sport as he did on the gridiron. He will not quit college to follow his new profession.

LARGE NUMBERS OF ENTRIES RECEIVED IN STORY CONTEST

Several Authors Have Already Submitted More Than One Story In Battalion Contest.

Students who are planning to enter manuscripts in the Battalion Short Story Contest are reminded that Saturday, March 4, is the last day on which stories will be accepted. The contest closes promptly at noon on that date.

Up to present time a fairly representative number of stories have been received but more are anticipated before the deadline is reached. Several of the authors have contributed more than one manuscript and naturally those writers have a greater chance to win one of the cash prizes to be given for the three best stories.

J. P. Abbott, C. O. Spriggs, and Harper Brown of the English department of the college will serve as judges in the contest and their decisions will be rendered as soon as possible after the close of the contest.

Annual Meeting for Student Volunteers To Be Held In March

Notice has been received that the South Texas Union of Student's Volunteer Movement will hold its annual meeting in Austin on March 3, 4, and 5.

Fellowship of students interested in Christian missions is the purpose of the meeting and the general theme will be "The Task Unfinished". The program will include talks by members from Africa, South American, China, Korea, Japan, and Mexico, according to Lillian Gorzycki, of College Station, president of the society. Reverend Norman Anderson, pastor of the A and M Presbyterian Church, will be the devotional leader.

FREE SHOW

There will be a free picture show sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. next Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, "The Man Who Played God with George Arliss. Also a screen song 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart.'

RIFLEMEN WIN THIRTY-SEVEN MAJOR MEETS

Having won thirty-seven of their last thirty-nine matches, First Lieutenant J. E. Rierson's Texas Aggie Rifle Team appears to have clinched one of the three places on the Eighth Corps Area Medal Match. A place in this match is necessary to be eligible to compete in the National Intercollegiate Matches.

The Aggie team suffered only two defeats during the past two weeks. During this same period the A and M team defeated practically all of the best Intercollegiate Rifle Teams in the country.

High score for this season to date was made by G. R. Rhine, San Antonio, who shot 389 out of a possible 400. T. J. Guerdum, also of San Antonio, made a score of 385 out of a possible 400 during the past week, which is the highest score ever made by a freshman in the history of rifle competition at this college. C. J. Anderson, Lawn, has shown the greatest improvement of the year during the last three weeks when he raised his average from 335 to 375. Kenneth Tucker, Burkburnett, and Charley Tosch, Mesquite, have shown decided improvement within the past weeks, also. Lieutenant Rierson said.

The following men are firing in one or more of the positions in the Eighth Corps Area Medal Match: G. R. Rhine, T. J. Guerdum, G. H. Samuels, Roy Huffaker, Jack Maljell, and J. A. McDavitt, all of San Antonio; Captain W. G. Allen,

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Corps Dance Saturday Night In Mess Hall