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FINALE

With this issue of the Battalion, the work of the 1932-33 staff is completed as next week's issue will be published by the new 1933-34 staff. The present staff has edited the Battalion during the past year, appreciating the honor that has been bestowed upon us, and trying to do our best to give the students, faculty, and administration a representative college newspaper, the merit of which we do not know, but we hope our faults and shortcomings are such that they can be overlooked, and that the staff next year will appreciate our mistakes and profit by them.

In closing, the Battalion wishes to express its appreciation for the help and advice given by Mr. J. E. Angell, business manager of student publications, and by Mr. Curtis Vinson, Tony Ketterson, and Miss Ruby Morrow of the Publicity Department, and by Mr. T. F. Mayo of the college library.

"YOUR BAND"

An open letter addressed especially to the class of '34
By R. J. Dunn, Bandmaster A and M College.

The greater and most loyal part of the student body, the ex-students and the friends and supporters of A and M, take great pride in referring to the A and M Band as the "finest college band in the south." We hope it is and, if it is, the fact is due to nothing other than the SPIRIT of the personnel that makes up the band.

Sometimes, however, we are inclined to allow our enthusiasm to obscure the actual facts. Let us glance at some of our nearby competitors in the Southwest Conference. The band at one university nearby, enjoys a practice period of two hours daily for five days each week. A minimum of ten hours. In addition, many of the members take music as a subject, sit in class five hours each week and the band plays a short concert at chapel assemblies. Twice each month the band plays a grand concert in their beautiful modern auditorium to a crowded house. In our comparison, in order to not exaggerate we will say a maximum of fifteen hours weekly.

At another of the schools in the conference they have recently built a beautiful band hall for practice and general band assembly activities, and at that school the band members receive letters.

In recent years the practice of scouting the campus for freshmen at the opening of school, for the various companies, troops and batteries, has grown steadily and we regret to state that in their enthusiasm, many upperclassmen convey a very poor impression of the band to the freshman who happens to be a musician or we might say an embryo musician, and advise them "to not apply for membership in the band," but to join their particular company, troop or battery. Bear in mind that at other schools in the conference they give musicians free tuition and other inducements.

In some cases the upperclassmen assure the freshmen that the work is so great in the band that he will not be able to accomplish his scholastic work. In the survey published at mid-term, the band stood second over a period of four years in scholastic work among twenty-six organizations. In one case last year, the bandmaster had been corresponding with a young man who performed on what we call an uncommon instrument. After about eight months correspondence, the young man came to A and M and upon his arrival he was met and talked out of joining the band.

This practice is not only unfair to "your band" but unfair to the freshman and his parents who most likely have spent quite a lot of money for a musical instrument and musical instruction for their son, hoping that at least he would maintain a contact with music while at college.

Each year the band has some distinguished students and every effort is made to encourage the band member to pass his work.

We trust that this letter will be considered "a plea" to each member of the senior class of '34 and also to our next junior and sophomore classes, when you observe a freshman arriving on the campus next September, with a musical instrument or hear one state that he has been a member of the high school band, cause him to report at once for examination for membership in the band and assure him that it is very seldom that we can afford to reject an applicant, if he can read music.

In conclusion, if this much talked of "SPIRIT OF AGGIELAND" really exists, the pulse of that spirit is right in your band and we recall several occasions when the band accompanied the football team on a trip without the corps that upon their return the yell leaders told the corps at yell practice that the band both played music and yelled as loud as if half the corps had been at the game.

Fincke and Halter Win Annual Contest For Math Students

M. F. Fincke, San Antonio, and R. C. Halter, also of San Antonio, won first prizes respectively in the annual sophomore and freshman mathematics contests according to an announcement last night at the fifth annual mathematics department banquet. Second prizes were awarded to J. W. Hull, Sonora, for calculus and D. S. Bowman, Longview, for the freshman mathematics.

W. W. Lawson, Houston, donated the first freshman mathematics prize and J. W. Porter of Dallas gave the second, while W. L. Porter, head of the mathematics department, and J. W. Mitchell, also of the mathematics department, donated the calculus awards.

W. O. Vela Elected President of Debate Club for New Year

At a meeting of the Debate Club last Thursday evening, W. O. Vela, Laredo, Battery E, Field Artillery, was elected president of the club for the coming year. Vela, a junior liberal arts student, was also awarded a gold medal for meritorious forensic work this year. He participated in debates with Louisiana State University and Rice Institute.

Succeeding J. W. Wells of San Antonio, D. L. Tisinger, Garland, was elected as vice-president, and G. E. Wyse, Palestine, was chosen secretary-treasurer of the club.

Immediately following the selection of officers, I. A. Handler, Galveston, retiring president of the club, presented Professor C. O. Spriggs, director of debate, with a pipe, given by the debaters in appreciation of his leadership.

The Debate Club loses four letter-men this year, Handler, Wells, J. E. Gaston, Henderson, and R. B. Jenkins, De Leon. However, excellent material should be furnished by the Freshman Forensic Club next fall, according to Professor Spriggs.

Mayo in New York Getting Doctor of Philosophy Degree

T. F. Mayo, head librarian and professor in the English department, is now in New York taking examinations which are to conclude his work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. His dissertation "Epicurus in England" has already been approved but has not yet been published.

With the teaching staff since 1916, Mr. Mayo was appointed college librarian in 1919.

T. R. Timm To Head 1933-34 Marketing and Finance Club

T. R. Timm, junior student of Hallettsville, was elected president of the Marketing and Finance Club for the 1933-34 year at a meeting of club members Wednesday night, May 10.

Other officers elected were: J. H. Willard, Giddings, vice-president; J. R. Martin, Shamrock, secretary-treasurer; and Lee Scarpinato, Bryan, chairman of the program committee.

Heinen Is Elected Newman Club Head For Year 1933-34

J. B. Heinen, Jr., Dallas, was elected president of the Newman Club for next year at a meeting held in the club room of St. Mary's Chapel last Sunday morning. Heinen succeeds F. J. Kana, La Grange.

E. A. Olsavsky, Hallettsville, replaced T. M. Weaver, Dallas, as vice president; H. G. Seelgson, II, Dallas, was reelected recording secretary; B. F. Carter, Shreveport, La., succeeded R. E. O'Connell, Waco, as social secretary; A. P. Callahan, Dallas, succeeded E. O. Wurzbach, San Antonio, as treasurer; W. O. Vela, Laredo, was elected corresponding secretary; and F. C. Schleicher, Victoria, was elected club reporter.

Campus Personalities



DR. MARK FRANCIS

Probably no other one man has contributed so materially through scientific research to the cattle industry of this country as Dr. Mark Francis, dean of the school of veterinary medicine and chief of the division of veterinary science of the experiment station, whose fight against the Texas cattle fever has become veterinary history.

"Who's Who in America" speaks of Dr. Francis' work as follows: "Veterinarian to the Texas Experiment Station and introduced methods of producing immunity to Texas fever by subcutaneous injections with infected cattle blood; this has reduced mortality from Texas fever from about 75 to 10 per cent, and has made possible the importation of breeding animals of highest quality to Texas."

This brief comment fails to tell the romantic story and the far-reaching significance of Dr. Francis' work, not only for Texas beef cattle but for the Southwest and for the dairying industry as well.

Dr. Francis was born at Shandon, Ohio, March 19, 1863. He graduated with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State University, 1887, spent one year at the American Veterinary College, New York, some time at the University of Michigan, Berlin and Munich, 1904. He came to A and M college in 1888 as professor of veterinary science and became dean of the school of veterinary medicine in 1916.

During the period following the civil war, great numbers of cattle were taken from Texas and the Southwest to the Corn Belt to be finished for market. These cattle were infested with a tick, as was later discovered, to which they were strongly resistant, but not so became infested with a disease caused by these ticks. This disease was known as "Texas" or "tick" fever, and caused great losses among the cattle native to the corn belt.

In 1888, Dr. Francis took up his work on the tick fever problem which was then developing into a gigantic problem for the Southwest. Attempts were made to immunize the Northern cattle by inoculating them with injections of blood serum of immune Southern cattle but this failed. Next, it was attempted to create immunity by inflicting young cattle with the virulent blood in the fall of winter time when the attack would not be fatal. Gratifying results were obtained from this work, and in one case, the death rate of a herd which had been formerly between fifty and eighty per cent was reduced to approximately five or six percent. Later a systematic eradication of the tick was undertaken by the Department of Agriculture and the dipping process developed by Dr. Francis was enforced by law in the state of Texas. Much of Dr. Francis' work was done while suffering the ridicule of press and platform who derided his study of the disease as "wanton waste of public funds". However, the results of Dr. Francis' investigation have saved the state of Texas far more than the cost of the entire Experiment Station.

In 1930, Dr. Francis was nominated to receive the Capper Award for Distinguished Service to American Agriculture. Another honor was bestowed upon Dr. Francis this past week end, when the Texas Academy of Science gave him an honorary lifetime fellowship in the Academy, this being the first fellowship of this kind given to any Texas scientist since the reorganization of the Academy.

Dr. Francis' hobby is the collection of fossils of animal life that flourished in prehistoric days. He has been engaged for forty-four years in the work of identifying relics of prehistoric animals that roamed Texas. As a result he has gathered at A and M, a museum collection containing the largest assortment of specimens to be found in this section of the country. Most of the zoological collection belongs to Dr. Francis personally but he has announced that he expects to donate the collection to the college.

Novel Architectural Problem By L. M. Cook To Be On Exhibition

Striking a new note in the field of architectural design, L. M. Cook, Dallas, graduate student of the A and M architectural department, has completed to scale a plaster model of a large suburban home, according to Ernest Langford, head of the department of architecture.

Being complicated by a creek and other irregularities in the terrain, the sight was most suited to Spanish type of architecture which was followed closely in design. Each piece, including a swimming pool and terraces, was modeled separately in clay and cast in plaster of paris. The carvings around the windows and on the doors were done to exactness, even showing the nails.

This problem is the first of such detail and size to have ever been constructed here and it will be left on permanent exhibition in the architecture department, Mr. Langford said.

Texas A and M Track Stars To Compete In National Track Meet

At least two, and maybe three members of Coach Anderson's track and field team will journey to Chicago about June 9 to participate in the National Track and Field Meet. They are Honk Irwin and John Herring, weight man and hurdler respectively. The other man has not yet been selected.

Irwin was picked to go last year, but the trip was put off. His heaves in the shot put last year won him a place on the All-American roll, and probably he will get recognition in the discus also this year. Honk will have to compete against Torrence, giant shot putter of Louisiana State and the present holder of the Southern Conference record of 52 feet.

Herring will have to run against probably the best hurdler in the United States, Jack Keller of Ohio State.

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OTTS ELECTED TO EDIT TECHNOSCOPE FOR YEAR 1933-34

Ferguson, Owens, and Bruns Get Positions On Next Year's Staff.

J. G. Otta, Cuero, junior student in mechanical engineering, was elected to edit the 1933-34 Technoscope at a meeting of the advisory board of that publication Friday night, May 5. Other members selected to fill positions next year were: J. N. Ferguson, El Paso, associate editor; F. E. Owens, Edna, circulation manager; and S. D. Bruns, Louise, business manager.

Otta requests that anyone who may be interested in working on the Technoscope get in touch with him immediately, as preparations are now being made for the next issue, which will be published in September.

Harper Winner of Annual Freshman Agronomy Contest

I. W. Harper, College Station, will have his name engraved on the W. S. Howell trophy which is on display in the Agriculture Building, as a result of taking first place in the annual Freshman contest in crop production held by the Agronomy department recently.

Others placing in the contest are listed in the order of the highest scores: B. M. E. Smith, Jr., McKinney; A. A. Crowover, Nacoma; D. P. Gallman, Cotulla; and D. W. Lay, Beaumont.

Awards for the winners of this contest are donated by the A. M. Waldrop Company, Morris Schulman, the College Tailor Shop, and the staff of the agronomy department.

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