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College Radicals Start Bonfire Three Weeks Early; Fire Quenched After Student Body Is Aroused

Tragic Incident Not Without Its Humor; Five Hundred Thinly-Clad Aggies Take Part in Extinguishing the Blaze.

This is a year of "New Deals." Started primarily in an economic sense, the term has evolved into far-reaching fields; A and M having felt its effect in no uncertain terms. Monday night, November 13, another chapter "Let's Burn the Bonfire Three Weeks Sooner" was begun, and, had it not been for the timely arrival of the fire department, might well have been completed.

The almost tragic incident was not without its humor; put five hundred thinly-clad, yelling men on a drill field at two o'clock in the morning trying all conceivable methods of putting out a fire and humor is the only possible result. The world's largest volunteer fire department went into action with intense enthusiasm and no cooperation. Spontaneous commands of "Put the hose here!" "Point that thing on the other side!" "The middle! That's where she needs it!" all contributed to the combined effect that the stream usually missed the fire and drenched the volunteers. Numerous drenchings had their effect; the would-be helpers finally retired to the sides to allow the regulars to quench the fire in a methodical manner.

Thwarting the next attempt to start the bonfire will be left wholly up to the students for, according to John E. Mitchell, Commandant, the fire department will not answer the next alarm.

Freshman Forensic Club Will Debate On Co-ed Subject

A. B. Basset, G. L. Rowsey, J. M. Cooper and J. H. Hanna To Debate Subject; "Resolved, That A and M Should Be Open To All Girls Students."

The first program of the Freshman Forensic Club Thursday night, V. K. Sugareff of the history department talked on "America's Recognition of Soviet Russia."

Professor Sugareff predicted that the U. S. will recognize Russia permanently, but said we would have to meet her requirements, few of which are known to just newspaper readers.

Following the enlightening as well as sprightly talk, the meeting was thrown open to discuss our government's desire to reopen trade relations with Russia. The United States needs foreign trade but more than that, they want Russia as an ally or friend in the event of war with Japan. The Japanese press immediately suspected this to be President Roosevelt's real motive in inviting a responsible representative of the Soviet government to Washington, Professor Sugareff said.

The speaker pointed out the circumstances leading up to President Roosevelt's invitation. At the London Economic Conference last June, Maxim Litvinoff, Russia's commissar of foreign affairs, made the startling announcement that his country expected to spend a billion dollars in foreign trade. The representatives of the several nations were soon dickering for a share in this market, and England, France, and Italy have already succeeded in making trade agreements with Russia. But the Soviets set down rigid rules, making each nation sign on the dotted line as a promise to pay for a large part of the Russian products in

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Eleven Seniors Take Annual R V Congratulations

Election of Junior Members To Be Held This Week; Initiation of All New Members Scheduled for December.

Customary congratulations were extended to the eleven seniors recently elected into the Ross Volunteers on Kyle Field the afternoon of Sunday, November 12. New senior members of the "honorary military and social organization" are: C. M. Davis, Mertens, "F" Infantry; H. K. Westerman, Liano, "D" Infantry; B. A. Hochmuth, Houston, "C" Cavalry; R. C. Hermann, Yoakum, "D" Field Artillery; E. C. Ullrich, Hallettsville, "C" Engineers; Chas. C. Van de Putte, San Antonio, "D" Cavalry; M. F. Stiles, Houston, "A" Coast Artillery; H. H. Whitfield, Houston, "A" Coast Artillery; R. M. Rutledge, Dallas, "D" Cavalry; J. J. Taylor, Shreveport, La., "D" Cavalry; and R. J. Anderson, Marshall, "B" Cavalry.

Election of juniors will take place sometime this week and their congratulations will be held at Kyle Field next Sunday afternoon. The annual initiation of new members, both seniors and juniors, will be held in December, prior to the Christmas holidays. Election of the King of the Festival and various committees will take place at a banquet held following initiation ceremonies.

Majors J. P. Wheeler and B. F. Delamater have been chosen sponsors of the Ross Volunteers for this year.

A & M DEBATERS ARE INVITED TO MEET WITH USC

The Southern California Forensic Society Proposes A Two-Year Contract Between the Two Schools.

The forensic society of the University of Southern California has invited the debate team of Texas A and M College to enter a reciprocal contract for debates between teams from the two schools. In a letter received by C. O. Spriggs, professor of public speaking and debate team coach, the Californians stated that they were interested in arranging a date to debate with Texas A and M while on their tour during the month of March.

The proposed contract states that the host institution shall guarantee twenty-five dollars and provide twenty-four hours entertainment for the visiting team. It is their wish that the A and M team schedule a debate at Los Angeles for the following year. The Southern California debating society suggests that the Pi Kappa Delta question: "Resolved, that the Powers of the President of the United States Be Substantially Increased As A Settled Policy" be argued this season.

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Howell Was Speaker At Recent Meeting of Masonic Society

E. J. Howell, registrar, talked on "The Significance of the Masonic Emblem" at the regular meeting of the Masonic Club Thursday night, in the Mess Hall parlor. After Mr. Howell's talk a short business meeting was held. Refreshments consisting of coffee and cakes were served. Plans for the future will be made at meetings to be held each month. The club's first entertainment, a barbecue, was given at the "Y" cabin Thursday evening, November 9th.

LEADS JUDGING TEAM



A. B. KYLE

A & M Finishes Fifth In First Livestock Meet

Texas Aggie Judging Team Placed First In Sheep; A. B. Kyle Is Ninth In Field of Sixty-Five.

The Texas A and M International Livestock Judging team, in competition with teams from twelve colleges, finished fifth in contests held Saturday at Kansas City, Mo., in connection with the American Royal Livestock Show. The Texas A and M team placed first in sheep judging. In individual scoring, A. B. Kyle, ranked ninth in a field of sixty-five contestants.

In a telegram received Monday by D. W. Williams, head of the animal husbandry department from J. H. Knox, professor of animal husbandry and livestock judging team coach, it was learned that in the other events Texas A and M ranked as follows: fifth in cattle, ninth in hogs, and tenth in horses. Ohio State University captured first place in the contests and the next four places were awarded in the order named: Iowa State College, Oklahoma A and M, University of Nevada, and Texas A and M.

Mr. Williams announced that the Texas A and M team will enter the international collegiate livestock judging contests to be held Saturday, December 2, in connection with the International Livestock Exposition, which will be in progress in Chicago at that time. The team will practice at the University of Missouri at Columbus on Friday, November 24, and will then go to Chicago for the opening of the Show there on November 26.

This year's team is composed of Kyle; R. T. Alexander, Canadian; F. Gremmel, Pettus; E. J. Hughes, Dublin, and Earnest Goule, Menard.

S M U Mascot Loses Tail When Freshmen Slip Through Guard

Peruna has no tail. The diminutive pony mascot, weighing only 200 pounds, that paraded so gracefully during the half of the A and M - S M U game November 11 was shorn of that beautiful flowing decoration sometime during the mite's visit to College Station.

While the mascot's guards had gone to refresh themselves with a cold drink, some ferocious khaki-clad cadets set upon the poor defenseless creature who had been left tied to a post and sheared it to such an extent that now the modest horse, taking his loss seriously, makes it a point to always keep that spot where his flowing black tail used to be backed up against a fence.

A new tail of yarn woven in S M U colors was contrived by Bob Goodrich, director of the S M U band, however, and now Peruna is gradually becoming accustomed to the new appendage.

A lover without indiscretion is no lover at all.—Thos. Hardy.

THANKSGIVING DANCES

On November 29, after the bonfire, the Aggieband Orchestra will play for a dance in the mess hall annex from ten until one. The following night Dave Harmon and his fourteen-piece orchestra will furnish music for the annual Thanksgiving Ball, which lasts from nine until two o'clock. Script for the Wednesday night dance will be \$1.00 and admission to the Ball will be \$2.00.

ROSS VOLUNTEERS TO ATTEND ANNUAL BRENHAM MAYFEST

Military Organization To Give Exhibition Drill at Brenham's Annual Attraction; Bryan Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Trip.

A and M's Honor Military Company, the Ross Volunteers, have just completed plans and arrangements to give an exhibition drill at the Brenham Mayfest next spring, according to an announcement made today by Ross Reid, secretary and treasurer of that organization.

The exhibition drill, which is to be sponsored by the Bryan and Brazos County Chamber of Commerce, will be the first appearance of the Ross Volunteers at the Annual Mayfest in Brenham, an affair that time has made traditional, and should add very much to the attraction of the already colorful event. Though it isn't definitely known yet, it is expected that the Ross Volunteers will also act as an escort to the reigning king and queen of the Mayfest.

Two other exhibition drills are now being considered by the members of the Ross Volunteers, of which the Annual Battle of Flowers held in San Antonio each Spring is one. Further announcements will be made concerning the other two trips contemplated.

Preparations For Bonfire and Yell Practice Rushed

Matty Bell and a Number of Prominent Ex-Students Will Give Short Talks At Bonfire.

Chief Yell Leader "Pete" Connor and his assistants are rushing preparations this week for the big yell practice to be held the night before Thanksgiving. The yell practice preceding the University of Texas-A and M game at College Station has always been the most colorful of that particular year at Aggie land, and this year's rally will be no exception.

The cadet corps will assemble in front of the Y M C A steps soon after supper Wednesday night. After a brief yell practice there, the students will gather around the big bonfire on the drill field.

Short talks will be made by head coach Matty Bell, Horatio "Preacher" Durst, "Red" Thompson, Beaumont Buck, and other prominent ex-student of A and M.

Debate Club Holds Practice Debates On Current Topics

In a discussion of the current intercollegiate question, "Resolved, that N R A is Detrimental to the Best Interests of the United States", C. A. Montgomery, Denton, upheld the affirmative in a practice debate with J. N. Boswell, Plainview, and T. M. Brown, Houston, at a meeting of the Debate Club held Thursday night. Following the debate the entire club joined in the discussion of the question.

For the next meeting, to be held on the first Thursday in December, members will debate the current

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ELECTED



DR. T. O. WALTON

Walton Named Head of Land Grant Colleges

President of A and M Is Elected President of Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities at Chicago Meeting.

Dr. Thomas Otto Walton, president of Texas A and M College, was elected president of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities, at a meeting of that body in Chicago last week, November 13-15.

Other officers elected at the Chicago meeting of the Association were President Walter E. Clark of the University of Nevada, vice-president; and Professor Leland of the University of Minnesota, secretary of the executive committee.

Dr. Walton, who will be serving for the second consecutive year as a member of the executive body for the Land Grant College Association, was vice-president of the same body last year, and was named as Secretary of Agriculture in President Roosevelt's Cabinet by the entire South last spring. Prior to becoming president of A and M, Dr. Walton was connected with the Texas A and M Extension Service.

The major problem confronting the Land Grant College and Universities Association, of which the Extension Service and Experiment Station is a part, is the anticipated twenty-five percent cut by the Federal Government.

TURKEY DINNER TO BE SERVED IN THE FORM OF BANQUET

The Banquet Will Be Served To the Various Organizations On Different Evenings.

This Thanksgiving will mark an innovation in the method of serving the annual turkey dinner. In an effort to give a better dinner and to serve with some suggestion of style, the usual noon-day meal served on the day preceding Thanksgiving will be replaced this year by a dinner in the form of a banquet and served to the various battalions on different evenings.

The order in which the organizations will be served is as follows:

Thursday, November 23, 2nd Battalion Field Artillery
Friday, November 24, Cavalry,
Saturday, November 25, 1st Battalion Infantry,
Sunday, November 26, Engineers and Band.
Monday, November 27, 1st Battalion Field Artillery.
Tuesday, November 28, 2nd Battalion Infantry.
Wednesday, November 29, Coast Artillery and Signal Corps.

Dinner is to be served promptly at five forty five.

The menu to be served is as follows:
Fruit Cocktail, Celery and Olives, Oyster Milk Stew, Roast Turkey with Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Yams, String Beans, Salad, Hot Rolls, Biscuits, Mince Pie, Ice Cream, Nuts and Ass't Fruit, Coffee.

Neither fear, nor wish for, your last day.—Martial.

The many still must labor for one.—Lord Byron.

Homer Norton To Relieve Bell As Head Of Physical Education Next Fall; To Conduct Spring Training

247 Rifle Team Aspirants Enter Varsity Tryouts

Every Collegiate Rifle Team In the United States Is Challenged by Aggie Marksmen; First Match In January.

Two hundred and forty-seven cadets participated in the tryouts for the varsity rifle team held November 8-17, according to Lieutenant J. E. Reiersen, director of rifle marksmanship. In addition to this large number, each of the twenty-eight organizations in the corps will enter ten-man teams in the intramural contest, bringing the total to more than four hundred and twenty-five from which to choose members of the varsity team this year. Practice for the intramural contest began Monday of this week and record firing will begin December 6, continuing until December 19.

Challenges have been issued to all the collegiate rifle teams and it is expected that at least one hundred of them will accept. Though the Aggies' first match will not be held until January, varsity lettermen are already working hard to hold their places on the first string of the thirty-man squad.

A benefit show will be presented Friday night, November 24, in the Assembly Hall to raise money for sweaters and to meet other expense that may be incurred during the year.

LEE GIVES VIEWS ON THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS

The Real Cause of the Depression Was the Poor Distribution of the National Income.

"Money For the Consumer" was the subject of a talk given by V. P. Lee, professor of marketing and finance, before the members of the San Antonio Forum at San Antonio Friday, November 17, and before the Marketing and Finance Club in the Asbury Room of the library Monday, November 20.

Dr. Lee opened his speech with the statement that the real underlying cause of the depression was the poor distribution of the national income back in the prosperous times of the 1920's. Too much of the annual income went into capital goods instead of in the pockets of the laborer, farmer, and stockholders who have spent it for consumer's goods.

In closing, Dr. Lee stated that government backing of labor and consumer cooperative organization, radical change of government regulation of banks in behalf of the public interest, and strict regulation of sales of securities to the public are some of the things that may be done in the future to prevent production capacity from getting too far ahead of the purchasing power of the public.

Williams Speaker At Meeting of the A S M E Thursday

At a regular meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers Thursday night in the Agricultural Engineering Building, D. W. Williams, head of the animal husbandry department, was the principal speaker.

Mr. Williams spoke on "Types and Classification of Horses in Texas." He laid particular stress on the value of the Racing Bill in the future breeding and development of horses into racing and polo stock.

Centenary College Coach Comes To A and M With Brilliant Coach Record; Will Be Youngest Coach In S.W. Conference.

Homer H. Norton, head coach of Centenary College, will relieve Matty Bell as head of the department of physical education and head football coach next year, Dean E. J. Kyle chairman of A and M's athletic council announced Thursday.

Norton will be in charge of the Aggie athletic program including baseball, football, and track. He will remain at Centenary until spring at which time he will come to College Station to direct the spring training of the Cadets.

Brilliant success at Centenary College has marked Norton's record at that institution since he became head coach in 1926, when he relieved Bo McMillan. During the eight years there, his teams have won fifty-four games, lost fifteen, and tied eight, marking up a total of 1,446 points to opponents 501. In 1927, the Gents were untied and undefeated and in 1932, duplicated this record until the last game of the season when Arkansas held them to a nothing to nothing tie.

The Gents have not tasted a defeat in the last seventeen starts, eight of which were against Southwest Conference teams. They have not been scored on in the last thirteen games and they have played such teams as the Southwest Conference offers plus L S U, the team that gave Arkansas a 19-0 licking earlier this season. Norton, who is only 35, will be the youngest coach in the Southwest Conference.

Tosch Is Elected President of The A & M Press Club

C. A. Tosch, Mesquite, Adjutant of the Second Battalion Infantry, was elected president of the A and M Press Club at its first meeting Thursday night, November 16, in the Asbury room of the library. Other officers elected were Jack Sloan, San Benito, second lieutenant of Company "B" Infantry, and J. G. Otts, Cuero, Captain on the Infantry Regimental Staff, secretary-treasurer.

All students connected with the four publications of the campus—The Battalion, Longhorn, Texas Aggie Countryman, and Technoscope—make up the membership of the Press Club. Curtis Vinson, Director of Publicity for the college, is sponsor of the Club, and T. F. Mayo, college librarian and professor in the English department, is an honorary member.

Plans were made to sponsor a Press Club literary award contest, though it will not be definitely decided upon until later. Sketches of keys that were made last year were inspected by the members and they decided to adopt one of them for a club emblem at the next meeting. A banquet will be given soon, at which an outstanding speaker will address the members.

CHARTER PROHIBITS FLOW OF LIQUOR AT NORTHWESTERN

Evanson, Ill.—Repeal of prohibition will have no effect on the status of Northwestern University as far as the liquor question is concerned, the administration announced this week.

No liquor may be sold within four miles of the university, under a clause contained in the charter which established the institution.