

# Letters Are Awarded To 48 Athletes

### Participants In Six Late Sports Cited by Council

The athletic council has awarded major varsity letters to 13 members of the baseball team and 22 members of the varsity track team. Minor sports varsity letters have been awarded four members each of the polo, tennis and golf teams and one member of the fencing team.

Numerals were awarded 16 members of the Freshman baseball team and 13 members of the freshman track team.

Marion C. Pugh, of Fort Worth, former all-state high school back, was the only Aggie athlete to receive three athletic awards this year. He received freshman numeral in football, track and baseball and missed a basketball numeral by only two and one-half minutes of required playing time.

Lettermen in baseball include: A. D. Alsbrook, Brinham; W. M. Bell, New Braunfels; Henry Cohn, Dallas; J. G. Cooper, Dallas; J. K. Doran, Midland; A. H. Karcher, Jr., Giddings; C. V. Kirkpatrick, Houston; R. E. Lindsey, Kurten; J. E. Nolan, Houston; A. T. Polakovich, Fort Worth; R. S. Stone, Holland; B. O. Timmerman, Rockdale; and R. J. Williams, El Paso.

The track lettermen include: F. C. Cloudt, Rocksprings; A. C. Decker, Grov; P. C. Dillon, San Antonio; Henry Dittman, Goose Creek; J. T. Faubion, Freeport; C. Y. Griffin, Weslaco; M. E. Hogan, Waco; C. F. Maynard, Pearl; J. A. McLean, Brady; J. K. Mills, Groesbeck; R. S. Moser, Stephenville; J. O. Nearest, Flatonia; H. F. Pottbaum, Wrenar; R. E. Schiller, Jr., Columbus; B. E. Schroeder, Lockhart; M. A. Shields, Dallas; L. B. T. Sikes, Leonard; H. H. Storms, San Marcos; C. P. Strother, Port Arthur; D. S. Todd, Crowell; R. D. Vittek, Granger; and Roy Young, Port Arthur.

Polo lettermen include: John Bryan, San Angelo; D. W. Hicks, Bandera; G. A. Jones, Alpine; and F. W. Jordan, Marfa.

Tennis lettermen include: S. W. Levine, Corsicana; G. P. Mitchell, Galveston; L. M. Walls, Seguin; and Reswick Wray, San Antonio.

Golf lettermen include: R. B. Livingston, Amarillo; I. Q. Mayhew, Brady; W. D. McMahon, Longview; and R. L. Sherrill, Temple.

Alvin Goodstein, Dallas, received the only fencing letter awarded.

Freshman numerals in baseball included: W. B. Bass, Houston; E. F. Boyle, San Francisco, Calif.; S.

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# Seniors To Wait Until Next Year To Elect Officers

### Older System To Be Employed by Members Of Class of 1939

The junior class this year will revert to the old system and will elect their officers in the fall of next year, instead of electing them before the term ends, as did the present senior class. The reason that the election was held in the spring last year was to organize the class better to meet the strained conditions. It is the opinion of the junior class now that the boys will know each other better after camp and can elect the better men to the different positions.

The officers to be elected are president, vice-president, secretary, historian and parliamentarian. The social secretary has already been selected. The election will be held the second Sunday after school starts next year.

# Rollins Chosen A.S.C.E. Prexy

### Powell Makes Departing Speech to Club Members

At the conclusion of a banquet held in the mess hall by the A. S. C. E. last Tuesday night, A. P. Rollins was elected president of the student chapter for the year 1938-1939.

With the exception of two B's made in his sophomore year, Rollins has a record of straight A's for two and a half years of work. He won second place in both the freshman and sophomore mathematics contest; he is a member of the Scholarship Honor Society; and holds the position of regimental supply sergeant in the Engineers.

Richard L. Powell, the departing president, gave a short farewell speech in which he thanked all the members for the interest and cooperation that they have shown in the chapter this year. A motion to the effect that the A and M chapter send delegates to the A. S. C. E. national convention each year was unanimously carried. At the conclusion of the business meeting, a three-reel moving picture of Dean Gilchrist's trip to Mexico City over the Pan-American highway was shown.

# KISSINGER WILL GO TO MARINES, MOORE ANNOUNCES

G. H. Kissinger, senior architecture student from San Antonio, has been named principal for appointment as second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, according to an announcement by Col. G. F. Moores, P. M. S. & T.

J. H. Williford of Hasse, senior agricultural education student, has been selected as alternate.

Each year a number of vacancies in the Marine Corps are filled by graduates of R. O. T. C. colleges and universities. This year A and M has been allowed one appointment.

Kissinger must pass physical and mental examinations, following which he will be sent to a marine base for a six months period of training before he is assigned to an organization.

In recent years a number of A and M graduates have received these appointments, and some of them have seen service in China in the last year.

# A. V. M. A. Elects

The last meeting for the current year of the Student Chapter of the A. V. M. A. was held Monday night to elect officers for next year.

The following officers were elected: Willard C. Brooks of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, president; Omar G. Werntz, College Station, Texas, vice-president; and H. D. Miller, Tolar, Texas, secretary-treasurer.

# RETIRING BATTALION EDITORS



Above are C. W. Walker, left, and R. E. White, editor and managing editor respectively of this year's BATTALION newspaper and magazine, who leave the staff with this issue. Walker and White both served as junior editors last year, and when Walker won the general election for editorship, White was appointed managing editor. Walker is an Engineering Administration student and White is a Mechanical Engineering student. Walker and White have both been active in student affairs during their college years.

# Weldon Stone, A and M English Prof, May Have Play Produced on Broadway

Three-winner in playwriting of the annual Midwestern folk drama tournament at Cape Girardeau, Mo., Weldon Stone, instructor in English at Texas A and M College, now aims for a successful Broadway production.

His ammunition includes one of the most picturesque folk characters in the country, the whittler, especially the expert shavings maker of the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas.

He may reach his goal this year, for producers already are flirting with the idea of including "Devil Take a Whittler," first of his "whittler" series and sixth of his plays, to be published, among several one-act dramas to be staged on Broadway the coming winter. Two other "whittler" plays, "Mammon and the Whittler" and "That Son of a Whittler," are to be published soon.

Several publishers have asked Stone to march his whittler characters into a full-length book, probably to be entitled: "All Tales of a Whittler." He hopes to complete this work during the Summer.

Stone first won the playwriting contest at Cape Girardeau in 1936 with "Quarrytown." He repeated in 1937 with "Courtin' Maizie" and then made it three straight this year with "Sweet Charity," a play involving a little Italian news vendor who is going to start free soup distribution.

Other plays by Stone which have been published include "A Darksome Furriner," "All Through the

# FISH DANFORTH FELLOWSHIP TO GO TO HAYNES

Carl G. Haynes, a freshman agriculture student who is majoring in marketing and finance, was awarded the freshmen Danforth fellowship award for A and M College. The award is a monetary one, which pays half his expenses to Camp Miniwanca, located at Shelby, Michigan, for a two weeks camp with the winners from all the other land grant colleges in the United States. However, if he wins first place at the contest at Camp Miniwanca all his expenses for the entire trip will be paid.

This is the first time that such an award has been given a freshman at A and M. Selections were made from ten distinguished students who satisfied the activities requirements. From these ten, Doyle Justice and A. A. Hansen, the regular Danforth Fellowship winners of last year, selected the winner by personal interview of all the applicants. The qualifications judged upon were physical, mental, social, and religious activities. After examining each candidate thoroughly Justice and Hansen decided upon Hanes because his activity record was superior to those of the other candidates.

House" and "When the Stars Fall." No slouch with a knife himself, Stone spent months tramping through the Ozarks to collect his store of whittler characters. He also spent some time in New York's lower East Side, where he saw the little Italian news vendor of "Sweet Charity" in real life.

"Devil Take a Whittler" was first published in "The Best One Act Play of 1937," edited by Margaret Mayorga, and drew this praise from Sidney B. Whipple, dramatic critic for the New York World Telegram: "This play . . . is unquestionably as fine as the best of the folk drama that have flourished in Ireland. It has imagination and humor. It is, furthermore, if you make exceptions for the extravagance and fantasy which is a part of its legend, a faithful picture of a group of our most colorful citizens."

Born in Holland, Bell County, Texas, in 1902, Stone attended Holland and Waco high schools. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University, Waco, and Master of Arts degree from Southern Methodist University, Dallas. He also has studied at the University of Texas, Austin. He is married and has one daughter.

Enthusiastic as he is about his playwriting endeavors, Stone is no less enthusiastic over the baseball playing of his first cousin, sophomore third baseman for the Texas Aggies and considered by many as a great major league prospect.

# Hays to Obtain Leave of Absence For Year's Study

Professor J. Q. Hays of the English Department and freshman debate coach this past year has announced that he is taking a year's leave of absence effective this coming September. Mr. Hays, however, will be at Aggieland for the first Summer School Session.

In the year that he is absent from A and M, Mr. Hays will attend the University of California at Berkeley. He will be there during two regular terms, beginning this August, and during the following summer school session. During this time Mr. Hays will obtain his Doctor's degree and will specialize in American Literature and American History. While attending the University of California Mr. Hays expects to receive a teaching assistantship. It is expected that he will return to A and M at the beginning of the fall session in 1939.

# CONVENTION PLANNED

Plans are now under way for the third annual convention of the Texas Federation of Federal Employees Unions, to be held at Texas A and M College June 18. Delegates are expected from every section of the state, representing more than twenty local unions made up of employees in various phases of governmental work.

# Ketterson Will Leave Aggieland For New York

### A and M Graduate, For Seven Years Publicity Writer, Quits Position

Tony Ketterson, who for seven years has been putting Texas A and M in the newspapers of Texas, will leave Saturday for New York City, where he is to make his home. He has resigned from the staff of the College Publicity Department.

Col. Ike Ashburn, Director of Publicity, said of Ketterson, "Tony has been an effective and faithful college employee," as he expressed regret at his leaving.

Graduating from A and M in 1931, Ketterson at once started work in the Publicity Department, working until last year under Curtis Vinson. When Col. Ashburn was named Director of Publicity this year, Ketterson was named to head the working office.

Tony is well-known in Texas newspaper circles, and is a familiar-campus figure.

Col. Ashburn said that no plans have been made yet concerning the organization of next year's publicity staff.

# ALEXANDER TO WASHINGTON FOR YEAR'S AAA WORK

Professor E. R. Alexander, head of the Agricultural Education Department at Texas A and M College, has recently been granted a one-year leave of absence, effective June 1, to work in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration's division of information. His headquarters during the year will be in Washington, D. C.

Professor Alexander, came to A and M in 1919 to teach and has been here ever since, with the exception of one year. Previously he had received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University, and had six years of experience in public school teaching, before beginning as an instructor here.

Mr. Alexander earned his Bachelor of Science degree at A and M in 1923, and his Master of Science in 1926. He has also done additional work at the University of Texas and at Iowa State College.

His work here has consisted of teacher training in vocational agriculture, to prepare young men to teach in that field in high schools. That the merit of his work has achieved widespread reputation is testified to by his winning the recognition of the national government's Agricultural Adjustment Administration chiefs.

Mr. Alexander's work in Washington, according to the present understanding, will be the collection and organization of materials for the use of county agricultural agents and teachers of vocational agriculture in their nation-wide work cooperating with farmers. He will be under the supervision of Mr. Wayne H. Darrow, formerly connected with the Texas A and M Agricultural Extension Service and in his last capacity here editor of the Extension Service publications.

Professor Alexander, according to present plans, will return to A and M in June, 1939, to resume his teaching and the position he now holds.

# A. I. E. E. SELECTS MORRIS CHAIRMAN

At their last meeting of the year the student branch of the AIEE closed their year activities by electing the officers for the coming year. The new officers are W. C. Morris of Shreveport, La., chairman; and W. P. Smith of San Benito, secretary and treasurer.

Only one plan has been made for next year. The club expects to send the senior electrical engineers of the district convention to be held in Houston next year. Present at the convention will be students from Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. During the summer, Morris plans to find out what speakers can be obtained for next year's meetings.

# Commencement This Friday Will Conclude 1938 Session at A and M

### Traditional Exercises On Tap For Ending Year, Including Silver Taps and President Reception

Next Friday, five hundred and forty-two Aggie Seniors—the largest graduating class in the history of the school—will receive degrees in the Sixty-first Annual Commencement Exercises, to be held in Guion Hall.

The commencement celebration will begin Thursday afternoon and will be initiated by the Final Concert of the A and M College Band. The Juniors will give their annual banquet from seven until nine, followed by their annual prom at 10 p. m.

On Friday, the Rev. R. C. Snodgrass will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon to the seniors in Guion Hall. From one to four in the afternoon all of the school departments will be open and all visitors will be welcomed. The Commencement Processional will be at six and the exercises will follow at six-fifteen.

ESCHBACH SPEAKS  
The seniors will be addressed by O. W. Eschbach, Personal Department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of New York and Cadet Major Noble David Jones, Jr., of Dallas will give the valedictory. The degrees will be conferred by the Honorable F. M. Law, president of the Board of Directors of the College.

President and Mrs. Walton will receive all members of the graduating class, their guests, former students and their families, and members of the faculty and their families, at their home at eight-thirty. The Final Ball will mark the end of the activities of the day.

COMMISSIONS TO BE GIVEN  
Saturday will be A and M's Military Day. Major General Claude V. Birkhead, Commanding General of the 26th Division, San Antonio, Texas, will present two hundred and eighty-nine seniors with commissions as Reserve Officers in the O. R. C. This is the largest number of men to receive commissions in the history of the school. After the presentation the entire Corps of Cadets will pass in review before the Senior Class.

At eleven o'clock Friday night, all activities will cease and the Seniors of today, those of the past and the ones of the future will join hands and listen to Silver Taps. This traditional good-bye is A and M's final tribute to the Class of '38.

# German Count To Speak at Jr. Banquet Thursday

Count H. J. von Rosenberg will arrive in Texas the end of this month and will probably be in College Station June 1 and 2. Dr. T. O. Walton, who met Count von Rosenberg in Washington, D. C. in 1925 announced Monday.

This is Count von Rosenberg's second trip to the United States from his home in Berlin, Germany. Count von Rosenberg is an international authority on educational methods and practices. He is in the United States at this time to study the American system of education in colleges and universities.

It seems that even while in Germany, Count von Rosenberg heard of A and M. He is very interested in the campus life and classroom methods that prevail here, and is interested in carrying all good points back to his country when he returns.

If Count von Rosenberg is in College Station at this time, and will consent to do so, he will address the Juniors at their annual banquet the evening of June 2.

# WEAVER WILL BE FRESHMAN DEBATE COACH NEXT YEAR

The appointment of Professor R. M. Weaver to coach the freshman debaters during the absence of J. Q. Hays has been announced by the English Department. As an outgrowth of the Freshman Debate Club work during the past year, and especially from its contacts and debates with various Junior Colleges, which debates will be continued this coming year at a Junior College Tournament which will be held on the A and M campus next year.

All junior colleges over the state, about 38, and some from neighboring states, will compete with the A and M freshmen. The tournament will probably be held early in February.

This tournament is a highly desirable feature for A and M as it will bring the college into closer contact with the junior colleges of the state; a condition that has not existed heretofore, according to Mr. Weaver.

The plan for holding this tournament was suggested by J. Q. Hays.

# BIOLOGY CLUB CLOSES YEAR AS RUSSELL SPEAKS

The Biology Club of A and M closed its year of programs last Tuesday with a speech by Professor Daniel Russell, head of the department of Rural Sociology. Mr. Russell spoke on aspects of a course in "marriage relations and the family" tentatively arranged to be taught at A and M next year.

Officers for next year are M. M. Peterson, president; Pat Hanna, vice-president and chairman of the Permanent Program Committee; Frank Hatch, secretary; A. W. Erick, treasurer; and J. W. Stark, parliamentarian. Dr. Charles LaMotte is sponsor.

The program of the club has been to sponsor student interest in all matters pertaining to the study of life in all its forms, according to Dr. LaMotte. This is the only club on the campus which has been allowed to restrict its membership, the number of members being kept down to forty.

The first organization on the campus to study and sponsor a course dealing with marriage and sex for A and M, the Biology club has also been active in spreading knowledge of venereal diseases. Other programs of the club include various studies of health, reports and films, showing various forms of life.

There will probably be several vacancies in the club at the beginning of next year, according to Frank Hatch.