

# STUDENTS WOULD LIKE BETTER TELEPHONE SERVICE

AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSION

Great interest has been aroused among the student body concerning the question of putting telephones in the dormitories, since the recent publication in *The Battalion* of an open letter urging such action. Dozens of comments have been received by the writer on the letter, almost unanimously agreeing that we should by all means have far better telephone accommodations than we now have (which are practically negligible).

Many students have expressed indignation that A. & M. dormitories do not have telephones while the dormitories and fraternity and so-

erity house of virtually every other collegiate institution do have them. In all likelihood provisions will be made for a telephone booth in each of the twelve new hall soon to be constructed here. Most of the project houses already have phones. In view of these facts and of the undeniably great need of both dormitory and day students on the campus for more and better phone service, it can scarcely be disputed that a telephone booth should be installed as soon as possible in each of the dormitories now in use.

The writer of the original open

letter concerning this matter received shortly after its publication a cordial letter from M. C. Atkins, district manager of the Southwest Telephone Company whose offices are in Bryan and which now serves the college with four pay phones and two public ones on the campus and with messengers to deliver night messages.

In a long interview with Mr. Atkins, a Battalion representative obtained from him complete information regarding the matter. Mr. Atkins declared that the telephones, if put in the halls, would

each be at the flat rate of \$4 a month (which in the opinion of *The Battalion* is too much), with low tolls for long-distance calls. However, it would certainly be worth even this charge to obtain this much-needed accommodation.

Mr. Atkins declared that the Southwest Telephone Company would be only too glad to install these phones, provided some reasonable guarantee is given that the booths and transmitters shall receive no undue damage from the students. He stated that during the last year one expensive phone booth

and several transmitters were ruined here at College Station and that from just the four pay phones maintained on the campus the company gets \$180 in slugs every year.

It is quite true that some Aggies do damage other people's property disgracefully. (No doubt these belong to the one per cent who disgrace the whole school with their childish antics in the theaters and other places, here and elsewhere). However, it is probable that undue damage to the telephones in the halls could and would be stepped through effective dis-

ciplinary measures, as well as through the desire most of the Aggies would have of keeping this convenience permanently once it was given them.

The Battalion desires to obtain a greater representation of student opinion, and for reason is affording the Aggies a chance to express themselves more fully and effectively through a vote on the question. On the editorial page is a ballot, which after being filled out should be taken to the first sergeant of each voter's respective organization. First sergeants are

requested to send or bring the ballots collected to the Student Publication's Office in the Administration Building, or to the Commandant's Office, by 5 Wednesday evening.

In order to make this a truly representative expression of Aggie opinion in this matter, every student is urged to vote. The Battalion hopes for the cooperation of the student body on this question. If you are interested in improving the telephone accommodations here, please fill out and turn in your ballot.

TAKE PART IN THE BATTALION PHONE SURVEY

## THE BATTALION

STUDENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF TEXAS A. & M. COLLEGE

NEWS DIGEST  
WTAW 11:50 A. M.  
TUESDAY & FRIDAY

IN THE THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 11, 1938

PHONE COLLEGE 8 NUMBER 8

# T. C. U. Frogs to Arrive Friday Afternoon

## Directors Approve RFC Dorm Loan

\$2,000,000 Will Be Borrowed To Erect 12 New Dormitories

Texas A. & M.'s Board of Directors Saturday passed a resolution accepting a loan of \$2,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the construction of 12 new dormitories and a mess hall.

Other resolutions passed included specific actions for the types of bonds to be issued on the loan and a description of the types of advertisements to be used to secure bids. It is expected that the bids will be in about the middle of November, it was said.

Previously this year it had been announced that the hope of the administration was to start construction around Nov. 15, but the postponement was declared unavoidable.

## PHILADELPHIA OFFICE DESTROYED BY BOMB



A bomb explosion, followed by fire, wrecked this real estate office, a two-story structure, in Philadelphia. Firemen battled hard to keep the blaze from spreading to nearby buildings. The entire neighborhood was rocked by the blast.

## STAPLES ELECTED TO CAPTAINCY OF R. V. COMPANY

At a meeting of the Ross Volunteer Company last Friday night, George Staples, Houston, was elected captain. Other officers elected were Francis Potts, second in command; Bob Oliver, and Berl Hulsey, second lieutenants; and Foster Wise, secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made during the meeting for the revision of the constitution so that several necessary changes can be made. A committee was appointed to investigate the changes which will be approved by the company at a future meeting. The members of the committee are Henry Flake, Kenneth Knapp, Bill Smith, A. P. Utterback, and Bob Oliver. Suggestions from students concerning revisions which they think would be helpful to the organization will be appreciated.

Changing the date of spring holidays has brought up the question when the R. V. Festivities will be held. Suggestions were considered at the meeting for holding the festivities while school is in session in order that the cadet corps may be able to witness the Coronation.

## PRESIDENT



Durwood Varner, Infantry junior was elected recently to the presidency of the class of '40. Varner served last year as president of the sophomore class.

## Meyer Has One of Best Frog Squads

College Station Tilt Heads Southwest Slate This Week

The leading team of the Southwest Conference, the T.C.U. Frogs, will arrive at College Friday and will have a short workout on Kyle Field that afternoon before they meet Homer Norton's Texas Aggies Saturday in a game that may decide the winner of the championship flag.

Around 2,000 Aggies got up early Tuesday morning to welcome the grid squad home from California.

The band was on hand at the Missouri Pacific station, and passers-by learned that Aggies can yell as loudly at 6 a. m. as they do at football games.

Coach "Dutch" Meyer is riding on the crest of one of the best ball clubs that he has ever had at Frogland. During his era as head coach at the Ft. Worth School, he has never had his team finish below second place. He brings his great crew to Aggieland with a fresh victory over "Pop" Warner's Temple Owls, and his entire ball club is in great physical shape. His team beat the Temple Owls by a larger margin than did the Minnesota Gophers the week before.

The Texas Aggies are ready for this great ball club, and they are strutting an equally impressive record, although they wound up on the short end of the 7 to 0 score in their battle with the third-ranking team of the nation, the Santa Clara Broncos. The Aggies have scored 72 points to their opponents 7. A. & M. is ranked only a few teams below the Frogs, and a victory over them, which is altogether possible, will push the Cadets to the top of the conference ladder along with Baylor and will push their national ranking almost to the limit. If the Aggies win, they will be the favored team for the conference cream.

## Tickets to Baylor Game Go On Sale

Two thousand two hundred student tickets for the A. & M.-Baylor football game to be played Oct. 22 in Waco will go on sale Monday at the athletic office, it was announced today. Sales will close at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Cost of the tickets to students will be \$1.10 when they are bought with Coupon No. 24 from the Athletic booklet. Other tickets will cost \$2.50.

Dean Kyle, chairman of the Athletic Council, pointed out today that some 100 Athletic books remain unsold. Four local football games—Rice, Rice freshmen, Arkansas and T. C. U.—are on slate here. Cost of the booklets, which are also good for entrance to local baseball and basketball games, as well as track meets, is \$6.50.

## KADET KAPERS

BY JACK PUCKETT AND BILL MURRAY

The true Texans, we hear, held a meeting Thursday night, for political purposes. This column also has received information that every T. T. on the campus has a free pass to Corps dances here. It will be interesting to look around at the T. C. U. dance.

You should see **JOE BROOK'S** fascinating little "misplaced eyebrow" that he cultivated especially to bewitch those C. I. A. women in his home town of Denton. **LITTLE JOE**, who, we hear, is practically engaged to a certain influential young lady at C. I. A., already has three dates with three different other girls in three different cities for the three coming weekends. Would his so-called "One and Only" be burned up to hear that?

**JIMMY KADEN** seems to be visiting the head of his department quit frequently nowadays. It couldn't be because of the good-looking young stenographer, could it, **JIMMY**?

Turning back the clock to the Tyler game we find that **KENO LILES** got his state of affairs into a very bad condition. **KENO**, standing before a mirror, believed that the person on the other side was trying to insult, and so gave said person a destructive punch, destructive to the mirror and **KENO'S** hand.

**TOM HARRIS**, the big six-stroper, received a remarkable letter from a graduate of C. I. A. now residing in Chico, Texas, congratulating him on being captain of "B" troop Cavalry, and suggesting a date in Dallas.

**BILL LANGDON** was caught in an embarrassing situation Sunday when his Houston flame came up to see him and found him in the company of an ex-flame from Dallas. **HENRY EMIL HERTNER** thought that his six stripes weren't enough to impress his little turtle dove in Rosenberg, so he wore a

shoulder strap and a saber chain also.

**AUSTIN KERLEY** has finally given the One and Only an engagement ring and plans to walk down the aisle next summer. Another Aggie intent on matrimony is **WARNE RBRUNDRETTE**, who receives an air mail letter every day from California.

What's this we hear about "All-American Boy" **HERMAN WEHNER** and the "Jack Armstrong Club"?

What awful scandal is **SONNY BROCK** holding over the heads of high-ups **CHARLIE TRAIL** and **DAVID THRIFT**? This column would give a lot to know.

**A. J. BARTHELOW'S** dream girl is coming to the T. C. U. game as the guest of his roommate, **ALEX NORDHAUS**. And to **JACK COOK**, Band Junior, goes the honor of ordering the most unique dish of all time, "Half a cantalope on toast."

**Cameron flash RUDY MICHALKA** staged it into a dance in Bryan Saturday night especially to see a certain member of the 400. To **RUDDY**, **ELSIE** was sorely conspicuous by her absence. **A. W. CLAY** bids fair to become quite a rival for the young lady's affections.

Since school began **HUNTER EWING** has been going very steady, with a brunette in Houston who is an ex-professional dancing teacher.

**TOMMY FOREHAND** has been going frequently with a little Houston blonde, **Alice Neal**. Last weekend he attended a surprise party given in her honor, and presented her with two pictures of himself.

**GEORGE PAPPAS** received a letter from his date in Tyler, which was unusual in that it contained only her name and address. **BILL (GOON) LEDBETTER**, Waco femme-fascinator, came back from his last week-end trip home very worried, for some unknown reason, about the latest affair of his heart.

## Williamson Speaks at Meeting Of Texas Watershed Association

H. H. Williamson, Director of the Extension Service of A. & M., spoke at the meeting of the Texas Watershed Association held at the Driscoll Hotel in Austin last Friday. Governor James V. Allred called the meeting of the association to create interest in the conservation of soil and water with special emphasis on flood control.

Among the other distinguished visitors who were present at the meeting were W. Lee O'Daniels, governor-elect of Texas, and Pat Neff, the governor of Texas at the time of the original appropriation for water and soil conservation was made, who at the present time is president of Baylor University.

The main purpose of Williamson's speech was to inform the people of Texas as to the achievements of the Extension Service and its benefit to the state since its organization in 1910. There is a mistaken idea throughout the nation that the only means to conserve water is to build dams and create a reservoir, but as Williamson pointed out, a much more efficient means is to preserve the water where it falls, by means of contouring and terracing.

In order to emphasize the value of terracing Williamson quoted an actual experiment conducted near Abilene. During an eleven year period a ten acre block of land which was terraced produced \$86,19 more cotton than a similar block of land which was not terraced.

In concluding Williamson paid tribute to the pioneer county agents who first brought in the idea of terracing from Georgia. He gave a list of accomplishments of the Extension Service during its twenty-eight years of existence.

In order to reciprocate courtesies which the sophomore class of A. & M. extended to them last year at the Sophomore Ball, the junior class of Texas State College for Women is to give a dinner and dance for the junior class of A. & M. in Denton Friday night, Nov. 4.

The invitation was first extended by a letter from Ellen Rohde, president of the junior class at T. S. C. W., to Durwood Varner, president of the Aggie juniors. Varner brought the matter up at the first meeting of the junior class and it received favorable response.

Last Saturday President Walton

## Winstead Makes Trip Through South Texas For A. & M. Publicity

G. Byron Winstead, publicity director for A. & M., made an extensive trip through south Texas last week in order to contact newspapers and encourage favorable news treatment of A. & M.

In his tour he contacted newspapers in Yoakum, Cuero, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Austin, Waco, Fort Worth, and Dallas. Arriving in Dallas Friday, Winstead attended the meeting of the Texas Press Association, which was held Friday and Saturday.

At the meeting Winstead extended an invitation to the association to have the state convention at College Station at some future date. His motion was acted on favorably by the program committee, and the convention will probably be held here within the next two years. The meeting place for the June convention will be Lubbock.

## Aggie Juniors Will be Guests Of T.S.C.W. Juniors Before S.M.U. Game

received a formal invitation from President Hubbard of T. S. C. W. in which President Hubbard expressed the wish that the juniors would not have to take excess cuts on the Friday afternoon before the dinner-dance, so that the entire junior class could make the trip.

According to plans which are being worked by Durwood Varner, the junior president, with the cooperation of the other junior class officers, a special train will be scheduled to leave College Station at 1 p. m. Friday, Nov. 4, for Denton, which will arrive there about an hour before the dinner.

The president of the junior class has issued an appeal to all juniors to make this trip, as a good time is assured to all those who go. A "blind date bureau" is to be set up within the next few days to enable those juniors who are not acquainted with the members of the class at T.S.C.W. to have a date and escort for the affair.

## Two Freshmen Turn Up at Class Meeting

Two fish and Cadet Colonel David Thrift met Sunday afternoon to elect freshman class officers!

Announced in *The Battalion*, the election date evidently didn't coincide with the wishes of the class.

As a result of this apparent lack of interest, the date for the election has been as follows:

**Time:** Thursday after yell practice.  
**Place:** Assembly Hall.  
**Attendance:** Questionable.  
**Thrift hopes for more than two of the 2,000 freshmen.**

The first of a series of meetings of the editorial staff of the *Battalion* will be held next Friday night in room 122 of the Administration Building at 7:0 p. m.