

**Appropriate Signs Paint Thursday Game**

The coming Turkey Day Game between the Aggies and Longhorns have caused Fish all over the campus to get out their paintbrushes and canvas to make appropriate signs and cartoons. Some of these original signs which have derided the "dear ole Texas Steer" too much have been pulled down, but many still hang in prominent places. Some of these signs are:

"LO DO DE DO TO TEXAS U. BUT HE NEVER LEARNED TO FIGHT." This verse was found flying above the steps of the Y.M.C.A. where every night after supper the Aggies gather for yell practice.

"TAR TEXAS with OWL FEATHERS" is one of the signs found on the Academic building with "P. U. to T.U." hanging right above the steps. The latter sign, if pronounced right seems to give the right slant of the Aggies toward the Longhorns.

On the south fence of the post office, there is a drawing of a steer lying on its back with a cup of tea in its hoof. "FERDINAND—THE TEA SIPPING SISSY" is the describing sign.

Every since the football season started we have seen the almost permanent sign painted on the college water tower, "BEAT T. U."—a wish of all the Aggies, especially since the Aggies play the Longhorns in Austin.

More than 20,000 balloons were released at the opening kick-off of the Minnesota Michigan football fracas.

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Accused of selling U. S. Military secrets to the German government, Erich Gasser, Otto Voss, and Guenther Gustave Runrich are pictured (l. to r.) before start of their trial in Federal court, New York City. A few minutes after the trial opened, Runrich astonished his co-defendants by pleading guilty.

**ELEPHANT WALK MEANS A LOT TO OUTGOING MEN**

Upon receiving requests from seniors and other students concerning the history and significance of the Elephant Walk which is held by the seniors each year, The Battalion has secured the following information concerning this Aggie tradition.

The Elephant Walk is held each year just before the Thanksgiving Day game with Texas University. The graduating seniors gather for the last ritual of the football year—they lay aside their dignity and pull their shirt tails out to march to the low mournful beat of the piccolo and the bass horn. The line of march is meandering and twitching like the movements of a snake and extends from the "Y" to the mess hall and back.

This age old tradition dates back many years. It portrays the last journey of an old or wounded elephant that realizes he is of no further use to the remainder of the

herd. He goes off to die alone so that the rest of the herd will not see him in his suffering. The graduating seniors are in the same humor about this time of the year. They realize that this is their last Thanksgiving game; they feel old and of no further benefit to the up and coming underclassmen that are still young and will see more games with the University. The seniors gather and are led on their way by two senior members of the band playing a sad and mournful dirge on the piccolo and the bass horn. The remainder of the corps gathers along Military Walk to witness the ritual. The observers may laugh but the marching seniors never so much as crack a smile. As the elephant goes off to die—so go the seniors.

**Faculty Members Engaged in Writing Books at A. & M.**

Several faculty members are engaged in working on manuscripts for books, which are in various stages of completion.

A book on agricultural resources is being written by J. W. Barger, head of the Agricultural Economics Department, and Dr. G. W. Schlesselman, professor of Agricultural Economics. It is a background book for students of agriculture and it stresses the relation between economics and geographical factors, commerce, agricultural commodities, and production.

A text on economic policies for agriculture is being written by Dr. F. H. Arnold. It consists of a critical analysis of past and present

**SIDELIGHTS OF INDUSTRY**

**The Young Idea**

Many a couple that middle-aged it last June scandalized relatives by asking for a boat instead of a rug for a wedding present. Old folks who recovered from the shock have decided perhaps the young idea was right, after all.

Anyway, thousands have been amazed to learn how easy it is to go places by waterway, whether harbor, sound, river, lake, or coast. In fact, they've found that the same folks who have made highway travel more comfortable, the service station men, already had organized the world of water travel.

Boat owners have their floating service stations, "road maps," used-boat exchanges, and all the other necessities. They warp into a dock, get "service with a smile," just like on land. They can anchor for an hour, a day, or a season in a city-owned "marina," or "boat parking lot," and they can even tie up at a water-trailer camp and have electric, telephone, and water service run right into the boat!

The cruise-minded follow the first inland waterway, which parallels the Atlantic Coast from Manasquan Inlet, N. J., around Florida, and along the Gulf Coast shore. It's well-marked, just like a modern highway, and fitted with everything the amateur mariner needs, including smooth sailing.

Water tourists buy their ships for about the same price as their cars, new or second-hand, costly or inexpensive. About 1,500,000 of them now are traveling the waterways with around 9,000 marine service stations to keep them supplied with petroleum fuels, lubricants, and maps.

No easy three - trips - a - week schedule for him! How should a care-free vacationer know when he wants range oil? So the oil truck driver becomes a cross between a Scotland Yard detective and a mind reader, and he eats, sleeps and lives on his truck.

The only thing that really worries him is nicking a tourist's fender. More than \$15 worth of

nick and that little safe-driver's button comes off his cap. He's got to start from scratch again to build a no-accident record!

Lake scenery is pie to them, or rather three squares a day, for the summer visitors and the tourists stand in line and pay real money for a 20-mile flight over their favorite lakes and mountains. A special "personal" exhibition of the barrel roll or the tail spin helps to the same end.

And when the barnstormer does not work, he goes fishing—in his seaplane. Poking leisurely about above the lake country, he alights wherever the fancy strikes, and tries his luck. If the fish aren't biting, he hops to another spot, unhampered by guides, time, space or money.

**Traffic Problems**

A baker's boy on a bicycle is a major traffic problem in most English towns, says Margaret Halsey in her side-splitting "With Malice Toward Some." Yet the Londoners have been playing with traffic control since 1868!

The first "traffic light" in London, perhaps in the world, was reported by the London "Express" on Dec. 8, 1868 to have been erected between Bridge and Great George Streets, Westminster, in an effort to control what was regarded as a tidal wave of "ungentry" overflowing the streets and hawking vegetables.

The London fathers employed Saxby & Farmer, railway signal engineers, to erect a 20-foot column, topped by a "spacious gas lamp" equipped to shine green for "caution" and red for "stop." Further to assist in "arresting traffic," two mechanical arms were raised when the light changed.

Indicative of the fact that history can, and does, repeat, is the comment of the "Express" that the device was "obviously an improvement upon the gesticulations of a policeman as a defense against accident."

**AIME Appropriates Money to be Used As Student Loan Fund**

Word has been received by Harold Vance, Head of the Petroleum Engineering Department, that the Gulf Coast Division of the A.I.M.E. has appropriated a sum of money to A. & M., to be used as a loan fund to seniors in petroleum engineering who may need financial aid to complete their final year in school.

The fund was made possible through the efforts of C. A. Warner, chairman of the Gulf Coast Division of the A.I.M.E. Mr. Warner spoke in behalf of this project at the fall meeting of Petroleum Division of the A.I.M.E. held in San Antonio Oct. 5-7.

In his speech, Mr. Warner explained how many students of Petroleum Engineering who are working their way through colleges and universities and who, because of some unexpected financial troubles, would be forced to leave school

ent programs of governmental agencies and farmers' organizations for the economic betterment of agriculture.

The history of the Spanish horse in America is the subject for a book by Robert M. Denhardt, instructor in Agricultural Economics.

A manual on farm management, based on Texas conditions and problems, is in the making by T. S. J. Lund.

A book on cotton marketing is being written by Dr. R. L. Hunt. The book is a survey of the development of cotton marketing problems with a description of various markets, price determining factors in those markets, and a critical analysis of cotton policies, existing and proposed.

A laboratory manual on agricultural statistics is being written by Dr. T. R. Hamilton.

Michigan was the first state university to recognize the need of a museum building to centralize the research and educational functions of organized scientific collections.

**A. & M. MEN GO TO DALLAS FOR SCHOOL MEET**

Dean T. D. Brooks, Head of the School of Arts and Sciences and of the Graduate School; Professor W. L. Hughes, Head of the Department of Education; Professor Geo. B. Wilcox, of the Education Department; and W. L. Penberthy, Head of the Physical Education Department, comprise the group of representatives of Texas A. & M. who will attend the 60th annual convention of the Texas State Teacher's Association to be held in Dallas Nov. 24, 25, and 26.

Different parts of the convention will meet in many parts of the city, but headquarters will be the State Fair Building.

The many friends of Professor Wilcox, who is now vice-president of the Association, are presenting him for the presidency of the association during the coming year. Professor Hughes was its president last year.

Mr. Penberthy will attend the meeting of the Texas Health and Physical Education Association. He is featured on the program of the former organization.

A number of prominent men from outside the state will be present at the convention, as well as many outstanding men in the teaching profession of Texas. The Association meets at this time every year to present and discuss, before the hundreds of educators

before completing their work. These conditions, he explained, could be aided by the proposed loan fund. The plan was met with approval and a committee was put in charge of the loan fund.

This committee consists of M. Albertson, M. G. Cheney, George Corless, Thorton Davis, E. P. Hayes, A. S. Parks and George Sawtelle. They will co-operate with heads of the petroleum engineering departments of the various schools of petroleum engineering on the Gulf Coast, namely, Texas A. & M., Texas University, and Louisiana State University.

Mr. Warner already has received several contributions from members of the A.I.M.E. along with funds allotted by the A.I.M.E. He has solicited moral and financial support to a plan close to his heart.

Personality led all other qualities in the listing of male assets by University of New Mexico co-eds.

Yale University's "community chest" has raised more than \$350,000 in 16 years.

present, the many problems in the field of education, and how to combat these problems.

Dean Brooks, who will take an important part in the convention, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Texas School Administration Conference which meets as a short course at A. & M. every summer. He is also a member of the Commission on Coordination of the Association of Texas Colleges, and on the Executive Committee of the Texas Society of College Teachers of Education.

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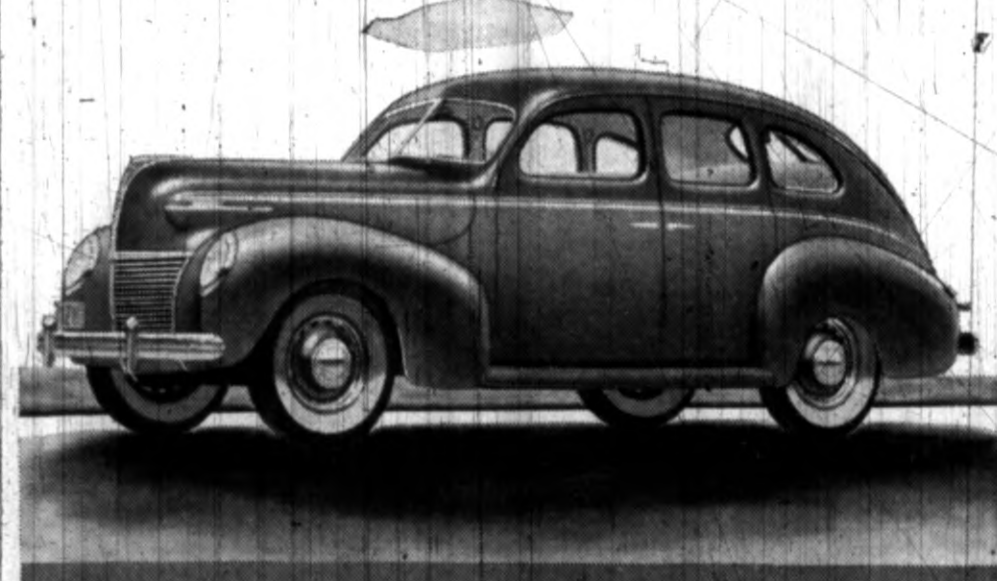
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**Receives Mackay Trophy**



Secretary of War Harry Woodring (left) decorates Capt. Carl J. Crane, U. S. Army Air Corps, at Washington, with the award of the Mackay trophy for 1937. The award was for development of the original automatic landing device for aircraft, designed by Capt. Crane and two fellow officers.