

# DEAD WEEK IS BADLY NEEDED AT TEXAS A. & M.

## AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSION

The time of year when students begin to settle down in real fashion at A. & M. is here. Football season is over, and from now until the end of this term, there will be little to interfere with the normal course of study—except for Christmas holidays and the "regular" weekends.

However, as the student body goes into this period, it does so only with the realization that the last week of this term—

what used to be "dead week"—will again this year be filled with major quizzes, term reports and other mass production teaching techniques.

It is because of the crowded last week of the term that this editorial is being written. Some may say that it is unnecessary to worry about it now. Those of us who have been here several years, however, remember all too well the chaotic last week of the term.

We suggest that the faculty consider re-instituting dead week at A. & M.

Possibly no one factor could have as much importance in determining the final standing of a student in a course as an opportunity to study without being interrupted by major quizzes and other similar assignments.

If anything is to be done concerning dead week, it should be done immediately, for instructors

must be given an opportunity to re-outline their courses in accordance with any important schedule change. For this reason, we suggest that the faculty take action on the matter in the immediate future.

Dead week served an important function at A. & M. but it was eliminated a few years back because students were said not to have been taking advantage of it.

We might offer the belief, however, that the faculty dis-

continued it on the basis of the actions of a very small per cent. of the student body and without giving full consideration to the entire student body.

There are, of course, many students in all colleges and universities who will not study very much and who will waste their time at the most important of all periods—the last week in the school term.

But the rest of the student body, we may say the major-

ity of students, should not be handicapped because of the actions of their former group.

A few people on the campus, a few impractical people, may say "Grades aren't so terribly important, so dead week, even if it would better grades, would serve no real purpose."

To those we may answer that grades are certainly important and that if dead week served no purpose other than to improve grades,

it would be worth while.

However, its functions would not end there. Through careful handling of it by instructors and students, a more complete outlook on any course could be formed and the proper perspective given to it.

We sincerely urge the faculty to take action in re-instituting this very important feature of the college calendar.

# THE BATTALION

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## A.&M. Man Heads State Teachers

### George B. Wilcox Elected President At Closing Meet

George B. Wilcox, Professor of education, was elected president of the Texas State Teachers Association for next year at the last meeting of the 1938 convention Saturday at the Fair Park Auditorium in Dallas.

Mr. Wilcox was born on a Grimes County farm and worked his way through high school and college. He began teaching in 1911, after attending Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, and has served as principal of high schools at Wharton and Groesbeck.

In 1917 Mr. Wilcox took a leave from his profession to spend two years in the army during the World War. After the war he came to A. & M. and attended this institution for four years, after which time he began teaching here. He has since obtained a master of arts degree from Columbia University.

Mr. Wilcox succeeds R. H. Bristow of Waco, retiring president.

Charles H. Tennyson of Fort Worth, C. O. Pollard of Henderson, and Miss Mary Evelyn Winfrey of Houston were named as the three vice-presidents of the association. Bruce B. Cobb of Ft. Worth was re-elected secretary.

## HEADS FOR TWO TEXAS SCHOOLS ARE AGREED ON

Presidents of two outstanding Texas institutions were decided upon at meetings of directors and regents of the two institutions. Clifford B. Jones, Spur, was named president of Texas Technological College at a meeting of the Directors in Fort Worth Saturday. The Regents of the University of Texas have decided upon a president for the University of Texas, but are keeping close-mouthed on the name of their selection.

Jones, who will succeed the late Dr. Bradford Knapp, became a cow-hand on a Nevada ranch in his youth. He later came to Texas where he took the management of the vast Swenson ranching properties. He has been chairman of the board of directors of the college.

## Varsity Team Will Attend Stag Party Given by Houston Club

The entire A. & M. varsity football team and the A. & M. coaches will be guests of the A. & M. former students club at Houston next Monday night for a stag party and buffet dinner. The invitation was received from G. A. "Cap" Forsythe, '17, president of the club.

The members of the team will leave by cars sometime next Monday for Houston and return that night. The affair will be held at the Dokie Hall in Houston.

The party given by the Houston Club is getting to be an annual affair as a get together between the club and the members of the football team.

## 19 A.&M. Students to Appear in "Who's Who in American Colleges"

A list of 20 A. & M. students—19 seniors and one junior—in "positions of official leadership" was forwarded recently to the editor of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" by Dean Brooks of the School of Arts and Sciences. A. & M.'s quota of students for inclusion in the book is 19, which may mean that one of the students named will be eliminated by the editor of the publication in accordance with his system of weighing importance of positions.

The students named by Dean Brooks in his compilation of official "positions in the student body are as follows:

David Thrift, senior, cadet colonel and president of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet.

B. T. Wehner, senior, cadet major in command of the Aggie Band.

George Staples, senior, captain of the Ross Volunteers.

R. M. Adams, president of the senior class.

Durwood Varner, president of the junior class.

H. P. Aston, chief senior yell leader.

## Reville in Hospital

Reville is in the hospital. A member of the staff of the veterinary hospital disclosed yesterday that the mascot of the corps had been in the hospital for several days with a cut foot but "she is doing fine and will be out of the hospital in a few days."

Reville missed her first football game between A. & M. and Texas University since she has been at A. & M. last Thursday, being in the hospital at that time.

Owens Rogers, senior, captain of the football team.

Dick Todd, senior, football star and possible All-American selection.

R. L. Doss, senior, editor-in-chief of The Battalion, student semi-weekly newspaper and monthly magazine.

W. H. Smith, senior, business manager of The Battalion.

W. D. Barton, senior, editor-in-chief of The Longhorn, college annual.

Sam Harris, senior, co-editor of The Scientific Review, agricultural (Continued from page 4)

## POULTRY JUDGING TEAM PLACES 4TH

The A. & M. Poultry Judging Team placed fourth in the Midwest Poultry Judging Contest which was held in connection with the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago Saturday.

The team placed third in exhibition and tied for third in production in the contests. There were teams from 16 different land grant colleges in the west present at the meet. Louis Jurcak, a member of the A. & M. team, was high individual in production and placed third in the entire contest.

The members of the team, which left College Station Nov. 19 and which will return Nov. 30, who made the trip to Chicago are Alex G. Warren, Fort Worth, Louis Jurcak, Cameron, Ted Maxtin, Gatesville, and W. L. Braddy, Fort Worth. The team was accompanied by E. D. Parnell, team coach.

## COMPLETE GRADE REPORTS TO BE TURNED IN DEC. 1

Complete grade reports from each department on the campus will be turned in to the Registrar's office by Dec. 1, H. L. Heaton, assistant registrar, said Monday.

A complete grade report will be sent to the parents of each student enrolled in A. & M., Mr. Heaton said, and one will be sent to the student's dean and to the commandant's office.

The deans will probably hold conferences with students passing too few hours, as has been the case in the past, Mr. Heaton said.

A report on the grades will be published at a later date in The Battalion when the statistics on the grades are compiled.

## 30 Dairymen Register Monday for Fourth Annual Short Course

The Fourth Annual Dairyman's and Tester's Short Course, sponsored by the Dairy Husbandry Department, opened yesterday morning with an enrollment of thirty dairymen. The course will continue through Thursday. It is anticipated that late registration will bring the total attendance to well over fifty.

The theme of the entire program is the more economical production of dairy products, and includes discussions of problems in feeding, breeding, herd health and sanitation, and general management.

Yesterday's program was devoted to discussions of various feed problems.

## Horticulture Show To Be Held In Observance Of State Citrus Week

### Electrical Wiring For Dorms Restrained From Second Bidder

AUSTIN, Nov. 29—A. & M.'s board of directors Wednesday were restrained by a court order from awarding to the second lowest bidder a contract for electrical wiring in the twelve new college dormitories and the dining hall on which work has lately been started.

The temporary restraining order was issued by Judge J. D. Moore of the 98th District Court here on motion of the Curtis Electrical Company of Austin which alleges that it had the low bid on the wiring project when bids were taken on Nov. 5.

Charles E. Curtis, president of the firm, said that his bid of \$75,830 was the lowest, but that he had received word from A. C. Finn of Harris county, architect on the buildings, that the second lowest bidder would receive the award when the board of directors meets in Austin Wednesday or Thursday.

The Austin firm claims that acceptance of its low bid constitutes a contract and asked the court for a mandatory injunction compelling the board to sign a contract for the wiring.

Judge Moore set Dec. 5 as the date for the hearing on application for a temporary injunction. Until that date the temporary restraining order will be in effect.

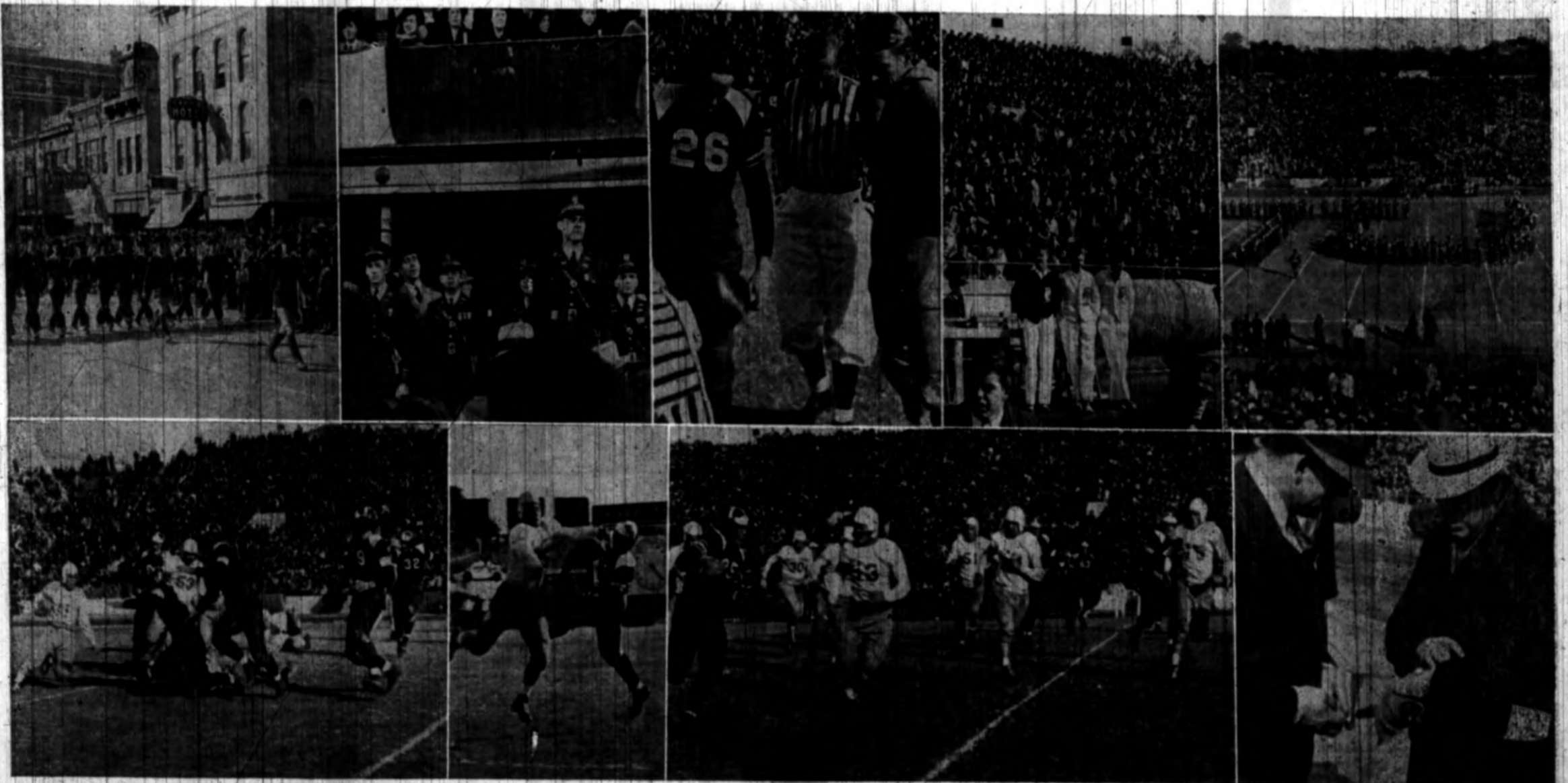
### Display of Products Scheduled for Next Week in Ag Building

A Horticulture Show to be held in the Agriculture Building next Monday and Tuesday by the members of the A. & M. Horticulture Society will play an important part in the observance of Citrus Week over the state. In 1937 Governor Allred declared that the first week in December be set aside for the observance of Citrus Week, believing the occasion to be appropriate, the members of the society decided to hold the show at this time.

In order to emphasize the importance of horticultural products to Texas, a complete display of state products has been arranged. Citrus as an important product will occupy a central position among the exhibits. The types, their varieties and the by-products of the citrus fruit will be completely displayed through the cooperation of the marketing agencies in the Rio Grande Valley. Hybrids will form an interesting part of the citrus exhibit.

The pecan industry of the state will be represented by the Pecan Variety Display of the Texas State Edible Nuts Department. This is the same display that was in the Texas Centennial and has been shown in various fairs over the state. Comparative examples of the ratio between edible portion to (Continued from page 4)

## THERE WAS COLOR ALONG WITH TEXAS' 7 TO 6 WIN OVER COACH HOMER NORTON'S TEXAS AGGIES



Left to right, top row, part of the 2,000 Aggies in the Austin review pass the reviewing stand . . . the corps staff sees Aggies pass . . . "Slick" Rogers confers with the officials before the game . . . three yell leaders all in a row; Burns was also around . . . the Band goes fancy on its "TU" . . . second row, Davis heads into a mob of Aggie gridsters . . . Peterson and Rogers scrap over a pass . . . Todd goes around end for the Aggies as Longhorns—Rhodes (18), Boyer (52), Peterson (15), Jackson (51), and Sweeney (30)—go after him . . . "Dough" Rollins and Homer Norton confer before the game—it's bound to be before the game because they look happy.