

Season's First Organization Ball Is Held Tonight

JUNIOR COLLEGE DEBATE MEET HERE

Teams From Five Texas Colleges Competing

Debate on Use Of Public Funds

Representatives Of Tarleton, Tyler, Temple, Lamar, Kilgore Entered

The first Junior College Debate Tournament ever to be staged at Texas A. & M. is taking place here today, and will continue through tomorrow afternoon. With teams from five of the larger junior colleges of Texas competing, the meet has given every promise of providing one of exceptional interest, and large audiences are expected at the debates, the first of which takes place this afternoon at 3.

John Tarleton, Lamar, Tyler, Temple, and Kilgore junior colleges, at the invitation of the A. & M. English Department which is conducting the tournament, have accepted and sent representatives. With the exception of Temple, each is sending two teams. Winners will be awarded ribbons and bronze cups as prizes.

The meet opened at 12:30 today with a luncheon in the banquet room of the mess hall. The first round of debates start at 3 this afternoon, with the second round at 7 p. m. and the third round at 8:30. The fourth and final round occurs tomorrow morning at 10.

The debates are being held in various lecture rooms about the campus and several classrooms of the Academic Building. The subject of debate is "Resolved, That the United States should cease to use public funds for the purpose of stimulating business." This is a question of great interest at the present time, when the federal government has been attacked so vigorously by many for its attempts to relieve the depression by spending great sums.

Announcement of tournament results and presentation of prizes will take place at a luncheon in the mess hall banquet room beginning at 1 p. m. Saturday.

BAD LUCK DOGS THE "GOING DOG"

Old Man Bad Luck seemed to be riding the fender of the "Going Dog," 1928 Dodge, as she took a roll for one and a quarter turns early Sunday morning twenty miles south of Hempstead on the return trip from Houston. Tommy McCord, Doug Miller, Bat Covington, and Sid Clary, C Infantry Juniors, dragged themselves into College, the most woe-begone crew ever, but what seemed to be just another humorous incident in the week-end trips of the Aggies has now turned into a near tragedy.

McCord and Clary escaped with only cuts and bruises, but Covington is now lying flat on his back in Dallas, as he will for the next six weeks, with a brace under his chin and a 300-pound weight on his feet in an effort to straighten a dislocated and chipped vertebra. Meanwhile, Doug Miller is here in the hospital suffering a broken chest cartilage and facing a complete nervous breakdown which he is aggravating himself by his own worry over the unavoidable accident.

Says Dr. Marsh, "Miller, you lie here a few days until you get sore in just one spot, and then we'll look at it."

LAST NIGHT THE STUDENT chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers met to draw up the constitution for the newly organized College Station chapter.

Popular Lecture On Meteorites Scheduled Tonight

Speaker To Explode Some Fallacious Ideas Formed by the Public

Oscar Monning of Ft. Worth, leader of a group of amateur astronomers, The Texas Observers, will give a popular lecture on meteorites tonight at 7:30 in the main lecture room of the Petroleum-Geology building.

Meteorites, commonly called "shooting" or "falling" stars, will be discussed along points of general interest to the public by Mr. Monning. He is being brought here by the Geology Seminar and will not enter into a technical discussion of his subject during the evening.

Mr. Monning will explode some of the fallacious ideas which the public has formed about meteorites. He will also relate his experience in collecting meteorites and describe methods of recognizing meteorites, and the scientific work of the amateur collector in this field.

Meteorites, which come from interstellar space, are relatively common in Texas. A large number have been found, some of which have considerable collector's value.

At the present time there is a display of meteorites in a showcase on the main floor of the Petroleum-geology building. This display was loaned to A. & M. last year by the Texas Observers and has been of much interest to visitors on the campus as well as to students and college people.

Mr. Monning will use this display during the lecture and will bring out specimens which will be used.

Mr. Monning is an interesting and informative speaker. His lecture here last year was so well received that he is being presented again at this time.

"Cueball" Scared Stiff; His "Old Lady" Doing Fine!

And now, friends, Texans and fellow Aggies, we have come to a newer and more virgin subject; namely, of what stuff are Battalion editors made? Or more specifically, of what stuff is THE Battalion editor made; he who was christened Robert Lawrence Doss, but who is more familiarly known by the corps as "Cueball."

Last Sunday night one of Cueball's "old ladies" was stricken with appendicitis, and was taken immediately to the hospital to be operated on. Cueball's curiosity getting the best of his better judgment, he asked for and was granted permission to witness the operation.

And therein lies a sad, sad tale. His roommate was put on the operating table and the operation began. Cueball began also—to mop his brow incessantly. A few minutes later, anyone who was interested might have noticed Cueball leaving the operating room; only to return shortly afterward—minus his jacket. Time marched on and Cueball's face became pale—quit pale. It became still more pale as the operation proceeded.

Alas, dear readers, they carried 'im out on a stretcher!!!

Oh yes. His "old lady?" He's doing fine!

R.O.A. URGES MORE R.O.T.C. FACILITIES

E. J. Howell, Registrar, who is president of the Texas R. O. A., has just returned from a five day stay in Chicago where he attended the mid-winter council meeting of the R. O. A. Each of the states and Porto Rico had at least one member present. The Texas department, which is the largest in the United States, also sent Major J. P. Hillers of San Antonio, president of the eighth corps area R. O. A., and Captain E. J. Barnett, a member of the executive committee from Houston.

One of the most important topics of discussion during the course of the meeting was the R. O. T. C., which was spoken of as a vital element in our national defense structure since its graduates constitute 50 percent of the Officers Reserve Corps.

In view of the fact that the R. O. T. C. is the chief source of replacements for the Officer's Reserve Corps, and that, due to the heavy losses among its graduates, the Officers Reserve Corps is 20,000 short of the desired minimum strength, it is obvious that the product of the R. O. T. C. must be increased. In order to increase the product, the association urged the establishment of additional units in all qualified colleges and universities, and provision for larger enrollment in the advanced course.

Also, at the meeting, requests were made regarding the needs of the R. O. T. C. with respect to armories and modern military equipment, for, with the present inadequate facilities, the students cannot be properly trained for their potential duties as military leaders.

Dr. Paul Popenoe To Give Lectures Here Next Week

Dr. Paul Popenoe, nationally known geneticist, eugenicist, and sociologist, director of the Institute of Family Relations, and author of a number of books, will visit A. & M. next Monday through Thursday. While here he will give several lectures under the auspices of the Y.

Monday night he will lecture in the Assembly Hall on "When Do You Know You're in Love?" Wednesday night he will speak again in the Assembly Hall on the subject "Is There a New Morality?" He will also give talks to the Marriage Relations classes, and private interviews to those who desire them.

Radical Changes Now Being Planned in Infantry Drill Likely to Be Adopted at A. & M. Next Year

METHODS of drill in the Infantry branch at A. & M. and other R. O. T. C. schools will undergo a radical change in the near future, if a new plan now being tested by the Infantry Board at Fort Benning is successful. The plan was tried out in our army in 1932, and has already replaced, in both the French and German Infantry, the outmoded system now in use here and elsewhere.

The new drill can be used by any type of organization, according to the "Infantry Journal" for February. It will greatly simplify the soldier's work in the new regiment, making easier the body movements and leaving his mind free for more important things.

Briefly, the basis of the new drill is the squad of variable size. The new squad has twelve men, and there are other squads of different sizes in the regiment. None of these squads will always be full



Youth greets youth in the picture above, showing W. Olin Sanders, president of the newly-organized Young Men's Civic League of Brazos County, extending a welcome to Jimmie Aston, A. & M. graduate and brother of Chief Yell Leader Hub Aston. Mr. Aston has recently taken over the duties of the office of Bryan city manager.

ASHBURN TELLS RESERVE OFFICERS U. S. NOT READY; BRELAND HONORED

The United States is not ready in case of war, declared Col. Ike Ashburn after he had compared the American standing army to those of Russia, Japan and Germany at the banquet sponsored by the Brazos county chapter of the Reserve Officers Association in observance of National Defense Week Tuesday night at the mess hall at College Station.

Bob Blake, editor of the Hearne Democrat, was master of ceremonies. In addition to Col. Ashburn, who was chief speaker, he called on President T. O. Walton of the A. & M. College, E. J. Howell, president of the Texas department of the R.O.A., Bert Nowotny, president of the Brazos chapter and M. M. Erskine, commander of the Earl Graham Post No. 159, American Legion, all of whom spoke briefly on national defense. At this meeting Col. George F. Moore, head of the military science department at A. & M. College, also presented a sabre to Captain

H. L. Wilson, College Employee, Succumbs to Illness

H. L. Wilson, an employee of the Animal Husbandry Department of A. & M., as a livestock caretaker for the past fifteen years, died yesterday afternoon of a brain tumor, following a lingering illness.

He had been treated by Houston physicians, while ill the last five months, but to no avail. He is survived by his widow and three young daughters.

Jim Breland for being the outstanding reserve officer of the coast artillery for the year.

There were about 60 men present.

The Texas department is the largest of any state in the Reserve Officers Association, followed by Ohio and Illinois, and the Brazos county chapter, with over 500 members, is the largest chapter in the state.

CANDID CAMERA FANS—HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

Each spring day brings out more of those cameras that were stored away when the weather was too bad or when we were too busy studying. For the next two weeks each of you candid camera fans will have a chance to make your favorite pastime a paying one.

The Scientific Review is sponsoring a camera contest with \$14 in prizes for the best pictures of student activities on the campus. There will be two divisions in the contest, one for pictures of agricultural activities and one for engineering activities.

All pictures will become the property of the Scientific Review, and winners will be announced immediately after the close of the contest. Contestants should turn in their entries not later than midnight, March 5, at which time the contest will close. Turn in agricultural pictures to C. B. Jennings in J-13 Hart and engineering pictures to E. B. Meynard in J-12 Hart.

175 Seniors Already Signed For Dates With Stephens Coeds

More than 175 seniors have already signed up for dates with the Stephens College girls from Missouri. Seniors have until Monday morning to sign up, then the date list will be opened to the junior class. Bill Livingston, social secretary of the senior class, is in charge of the dating arrangements.

The 300 girls, all coeds hailing from Stephens College of Columbia, Missouri, an institution of a total enrollment of 1560, are on their 14th annual educational tour and will arrive at College Station at five o'clock Tuesday, March 14, where the Aggies will endeavor to make this occasion the high point of the trip.

At seven o'clock they will attend a banquet with their dates in the mess hall, after which they will be escorted to the dance given in their honor from eight to eleven by the senior class. A program by the girls will be given during the intermission.

Newspapers from Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Dallas, and Beaumont are being asked to send representatives to cover the event.

"Believe It Or Not"—It's True!

Since the recent publication of a story in The Battalion about the "divorced house" (a house in College Park which was saved in two and separated by its inhabitants, a negro couple, when they were divorced), it has been called to the attention of the editors that several other features about A. & M. besides the "divorced house" have at one time or another been shown in Robert Ripley's syndicated "Believe It or Not" columns.

Among these are the following items, more or less well known to us Aggies:

Shisa Hall—the largest eating establishment in the world.

The Aggie Inn—the only government-owned hotel in the world.

The mule owned by A. & M. (until the mule died a couple of years ago) which gave birth to a colt—a very unusual happening.

Dr. Doak Addresses Clubs; Picture Shown

"Eventually all the nations of the world will have adjusted their differences and united to form one great confederation of peoples," declared Dr. C. C. Doak, Head of the Biology Department, as the climax of his talk on "Unity in Nature" given Tuesday night to a large audience of biology and Fish and Game Club members and guests.

"By cooperation and the most economical division every field of life from lowest to highest is able to get along more efficiently than by individual effort," Dr. Doak said. The cells of living things are differentiated for different functions. In the same way, mass production of automobiles by the Americans has been more efficient than individual production. And finally in the distant future, the nations of the globe will learn the truth of this fundamental law of nature and join in a cooperative alliance.

Monday night the members of the Biology club attended a private showing of the motion picture, "Damaged Goods". The club decided to present this picture for the college the night of Monday, March 13.

A NEW COURSE IN HISTORIOGRAPHY providing a basic knowledge of the historical method has been established at St. Lawrence University.

Artillery Ball, 9 to 1, Big Event

Masters Band Plays for Ball And Corps Dance

Frankie Masters, a real "master" in the art of showmanship, will lead his nationally famous orchestra in Shisa Hall tonight from 9 'til 1, as the members of the Field Artillery Regiment present the first organization dance of the season. Masters comes here from the Blue Room of the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, leading night club of the South, where he has played during the Mardi Gras.

Frankie's musical aggregation has won wide acclaim everywhere, presenting delightful rhythms that have established them as masters of superb dance music. Featured are lovely Marian Francis, vocalist, and the "Master Voices," a quartet consisting of three men and a girl. The band also specializes in swing versions of older dance tunes, including a dramatization of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," and others.

Masters' style is familiar to all radio fans, as he has played on probably more radio programs than any other orchestra. He played a six-months stay at the College Inn at Chicago. He has also played at the Rice Hotel in Houston and the Baker Hotel in Dallas.

Only members of the Field Artillery and a few invited guests will be allowed to attend the Ball tonight. Sophomores and Freshmen of the Regiment are giving the Ball, with upperclassmen as guests. Milner Hall is being vacated tonight and Saturday night to provide accommodations for the visiting girls.

Shisa Hall will be decorated in typical Artillery style, with the insignia of the Field Artillery Regiment of A. & M. as the central design, surmounted by the Field Artillery emblem.

Everyone is invited to attend the big Corps Dance Saturday night from 9 'til 12, to which, according to Bill Livingston, senior social secretary, will be one of the best of the year. A large attendance is expected. Scrip will be one dollar.

SHORT COURSE IN SCOUTING TO BE OFFERED

According to Dan Russell, head of the Rural Sociology Department, a scout leaders' short course will soon be offered at A. & M. and will be open to any person interested in securing a scoutmaster's certificate.

The course has the sanction of the National Boy Scouts of America Council, whose representative will be here to supervise the training. The course will be divided into two parts. The first part, "Elements of Scout Mastership" will begin March 6th and last five days. The second part, "Principles of Scout Mastership" will begin March 27th. Classes will be conducted in the evening and will begin at 7 o'clock. Upon completion of each part a scoutmaster's certificate will be awarded.

Last year more than 150 students enrolled in the course making it the largest scoutmasters' training course ever held in the Southwest.

Dr. Russell wishes to emphasize that the chief advantage to be gained by taking this course is learning to teach and work with children of the school age.

Persons interested in enrolling in the course should see Dr. Russell.

THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT is now putting out pamphlets at the end of the semester with its graduates listed with their pictures and qualifications.