



Not bats killed in Roofs Hall but 57 huge rats killed in less than half an hour, are shown above with P. K. Trant, farmer living three miles east of Bryan. Mr. Trant had a "sneaking idea" that there were rats in his small barn but when he moved it last week there were no rodents in evidence. But poking around the space occupied by the barn, Mr. Trant rosted out 58 enormous rats burrowed in the ground. The little white Spitz dog shown in the picture disposed of 57. The rats are so large they appear to be 'possums.

Courtesy Bryan News

Back in 1906 the 'Bull' Had 20 Commandments

BY DON BURK

The following "Twenty Commandments of the Commandant" is taken from the 1906 "Longhorn". And the Bull spoke unto the Major, saying:

- 1. "Ye shall not be 'Delinquent', for I, the 'Bull', your 'Bull', am not 'Delinquent'."
2. "Ye shall fear every man his 'Captain', his 'First Sergeant', and obey my 'Special Orders'. I am the 'Bull', your 'Commandant'."
3. "Turn ye not in time of trouble unto the 'Faculty', nor trouble the 'Associate Professors' with your grievances - I am the 'High Mogul'."
4. "And if ye offer a sufficient sacrifice of reports unto the 'Bull', he will assuredly give you a 'Rank'."
5. "The 'Report' shall be recorded the same day they are 'turned in', and shall be 'read out' on the morrow. And if the one who is 'rammed' brings not an explanation before the third day, it shall go against him on the day of reckoning."
6. "If it be submitted before the third day, and is plausible unto mine ears, then the 'Report' is forfeit, and shall be scratched through by a lead pencil."
7. "Therefore, he that is 'reported' shall fear his iniquity, because he hath transgressed the mighty 'orders' of a mightier 'Bull'; and that soul shall be cut off from all 'football and baseball games', nor shall he be allowed to visit Bryan (Continued on page 4)

A. & M. SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTES FOR BOND ISSUE

Taxpayers of the A. & M. Consolidated School District voted 409 to 61 for a \$75,000 bond issue to build a new elementary and high school for College Station. The new school buildings will serve an area of approximately 50 square miles. This territory includes the old Independent school district on College property, part of district 6 between Bryan and College Station, and all of districts 2 and 3 which take in Wellborn and College Park-Oakwood additions, respectively. It is estimated 800 school children will benefit from these buildings. Location of the new school buildings has not been decided, and will not be given official consideration until after March 11, according to E. E. Vezey, President of the School Board. However, he stated that an offer of 12 acres has been received from the College Hills Estates. The College Board of Directors has been asked to make a grant of land on the college property, Mr. Vezey said. One definite ruling the board has made is that the school will be located as near the center of population as possible.

Tyler Junior College Wins Tournament

APPEARED HERE LAST WEEKEND

Wins First On Affirmative And Ties for Negative

Tyler Junior College, in the Junior College Debate Tournament held here last Friday and Saturday, won first place with its affirmative team and tied for first place with John Tarleton on the negative side of the question. The subject of the debate was "Resolved That the United States Should Cease to Use Public Funds for the Purpose of Stimulating Business." The Tyler Junior College teams were presented with bronze cups for winning first on the affirmative and for sharing first with the John Tarleton team on the negative. The John Tarleton team was presented with a duplicate cup because of the tie with the Tyler team. The cups were offered by the Ex-Students Association and the Star Engraving Company of Houston. E. J. Howell presented the cups to the winning teams. There were six schools represented. Temple Junior College; Lamar Junior College, Beaumont; Kilgore Junior College; Tyler Junior College; John Tarleton, Stephenville; and A. & M., with only freshmen and sophomores taking part as is customary as the other contestants were from two year colleges. Each school entered two teams, one affirmative team and one negative team. There were five meetings to determine the winners, the teams being judged by the A. & M. English department, the coaches of the teams, and J. Gay of the Y. M. C. A. R. M. Weaver of the English department, assisted by C. O. Spriggs of the English department, organized and managed the contest.



Frankie Masters, above (left) brought his orchestra to A. & M. last weekend to play for the Field Artillerymen and for the corps dance Saturday night. Masters and his orchestra passed all expectations in their delightful rhythms and dance music, as did Marian Francis, above (right) who held down the feminine side as vocalist for the band.

Officials Sworn into Office Friday

Favorable Ruling Made by Attorney General's Office

Members of the staff of Texas A. & M. may serve as officials of the newly incorporated city of College Station was the ruling handed down by the attorney general's office recently. As a result the officials were sworn into office Friday. Referring to article 16, sections 33 and 40 of the Constitution of the state of Texas, the attorney general's office ruled as follows: "There are no decisions of the Texas courts directly in point. However, the Supreme Court of this State in Kimbrough v. Barnett, 83 Tex. 301, defined 'public

At the first meeting of the City Council of College Station yesterday afternoon, L. P. Gabbard was elected mayor pro-tem, J. T. L. McNew city engineer, J. Wheeler Barger city attorney, E. W. Steele, city engineer; and Dr. J. E. Marsh, city health officer.

Sam Hopper, city marshal, was authorized to work with Col. Moore and Col. Ashburn toward a solution of the traffic problem on the campus. J. W. Barger is to work up a franchise with Bryan for water distribution, taxes, and the bus lines.

office" as, "The right, authority and duty created and conferred by law, by which, for a given period, either fixed or by law or enduring at the pleasure of the creating power, an individual is invested with some portion of sovereign functions of the government, to be exercised by him for the benefit of the public.

"In Leymel v. Johnson 238 Pac. 858, the District Court of Appeals of the State of California had be (Continued on page 4)

COTTONSEED CRUSHERS MEET HERE MONDAY

The Board of Directors of the Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association met at A. & M. Monday morning and went on record as opposing any change in the Feed Control Service as now administered here. Following this they transacted routine business and set the dates for the annual convention and short course. Dr. F. D. Fuller, head of the Feed Control Service, appeared before the board and pointed out that while the service endeavors to regulate seed production, they do not have police powers. The board voted to again cooperate with the East Texas Chamber of Commerce in the trench silo and pasture improvement contests staged by that organization and voted funds for that purpose.

The dates of the annual convention were set for June 12-13 at Houston, and the dates for the renewal of the annual shortcourse at A. & M. were set for June 19-23. D. Ralph Lee, graduate student in chemical research at the college, discussed his findings in the production of furfural, a product obtained from cottonseed hulls. He said that the estimated need is now five million pounds annually and that 200 pounds can be produced (Continued on page 4)

Five Most Popular A. & M. Seniors to Be Selected This Week from Poll Conducted by The Battalion

The members of the 1939 Senior class will select the five most popular seniors by means of a poll conducted under the auspices of The Battalion. Nominations for the honors are to be made by individual voters, restricted to the graduating seniors.

The ballots will be printed in next Friday's issue of The Battalion. All eligible to take part in the poll are requested to write down the names of the five most popular seniors on the campus in their opinion on the ballots. These ballots are to be turned in to the first sergeants of each organization, and they must have them in the Battalion office, room 122, Administration building before 1 p. m. Saturday. Each man has a rather definite opinion of each of his classmates and his judgment of them, recorded by his vote in the popularity contest, indicates the impression they have made. The value attached to winning a place on this five-man team is due to the fact that, in a class of nearly seven hundred, a man becomes well-known by the students he has been most closely associated with in the last four years.

In the past years, this poll has been spirited and closely contested, and all indications are that this one will be no exception. Last year approximately half a hundred men received one or more votes, and there was a very slight margin between the most popular man and any of the next highest ten nominees.

That the opinion of the senior class is rather closely representative of the opinions of the student body as a whole is indicated by the honors men have received in past years from students and faculty before and after being selected as members of the team of most popular seniors. The ballots will be counted by the editors Saturday afternoon and the five most popular members will be announced in the Tuesday issue of The Battalion.

SOME FIFTY HEAD OF THE best livestock owned by the college was taken to Houston this week to compete with livestock from all over Texas in both individual and group contests there. Included in the animals taken are 23 hogs, 6 sheep and 19 head of Shorthorn, Hereford, and Aberdeen Angus cattle.

Sale of 13 Herefords for Average Of \$158 Each Climaxes Field Day

A. & M. Receives Goat as Gift from Governor O'Daniel

A highly-blooded billy goat which has been browsing around the lawns of the Governor's Mansion in Austin since the inauguration was, in Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's own words, "sent to college."

A gift of the governor from the citizens of Mills County in the mohair-producing area of Texas, the animal was turned over to the Animal Husbandry department; Texas A. & M. with the specification it was to be used for educational purposes only.

"That goat became quite a member of our family," the governor said. "We didn't want to be partial so, since other members of our family were going to the University of Texas, we offered billy to A. & M."

"T. O. Walton, president of A. & M. put it up to the board and they accepted it. I'm afraid we'll miss him."

N.T.A.C. and John Tarleton May Become Senior Colleges

If the opinion of the Senate of the Texas Legislature corresponds with that of the House, next year North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington and John Tarleton Junior College at Stephenville, both branches of A. & M., will become four-year colleges. A bill making this possible was approved by the House after being co-authored by Representatives Bose Reader of Stephenville and H. A. Hull of Fort Worth.

Last Thursday the House agreed to a motion made to postpone consideration of the Bill until March 27, equivalent to killing the plan, but passed the bill Saturday. Friday the bill was reconsidered and a rapid verbal exchange was held between two representatives and press releases stated that only the sergeant-at-arms prevented a hand to hand combat between the two men.

'Adventures of Don Quixote Have Nothing on Aggies at T. S. C. W.

BY GEORGE FUERMANN

The adventures of Don Quixote have nothing on the never-to-be-forgotten week-end that was spent last Friday and Saturday at Denton by the five Aggies there to select the beauties of T. S. C. W. Bob Adams, W. D. Barton, Andy Rollins, Bill Smith, and Joe Boyd—who are the five men that made the trip—are still talking about the wonderful reception given them by the T. S. C. W.ians and the time they spent there.

The Aggies left college Friday morning and arrived in Denton shortly before noon. After talking with T. S. C. W.'s manager of student publications, they obtained rooms in the Southern Hotel. And then the fun began . . .

First on the "fun list" was (believe it or not) a tea dance which lasted until 5 o'clock. After this the Aggies were taken to the dining hall where they had a special table—thus being probably the

first group of Aggies who ever ate in a T. S. C. W. dining hall and were able to enjoy the meal at the same time!

The business at hand began at 7:30 in the auditorium. From a group of sixteen beautiful girls, the Aggies were to select six who were the most beautiful of this already select group. All five of the boys will readily testify that they have never before faced such a difficult problem. Finally, however, the selection was made but unfortunately, the results will not be announced for several weeks yet. From the sixteen candidates, one was selected from each of the four classes and two were selected "at large."

At 9 o'clock a program dance was held in the gym and—according to what the five men say—they were furnished with five truly beautiful dates—and they did say beautiful.

AGGIES HAVE THEIR PLACE IN MARY-HARDIN BAYLOR'S STUNT AND "CHEER" NIGHT SATURDAY

Stunt and cheer night was held Saturday night at Mary Hardin Baylor for homecoming of Exes, and A. & M. was well represented in the audience besides being the 'stunts', which is a mild form of a play. An attendance of six hundred overcrowded the auditorium at Mary Hardin.

R. B. Dooley, J. H. Reat, W. E. Frost, E. R. Clark, Glenn Evans, L. Tomaso, George Tillson and Phil Golman were a few of the Aggies that headed an aggregation from Aggieland.

stunt called the Munich Mimos which had as characters Hitler, Mussolini, Chamberlain and Deladier. The girl representing Mussolini had misplaced her uniform before the stunts started. Going to the 'gallant' section of A. & M. cadets, she obtained the blouse and sam brown of Phil Golman after considerable convincing on her part that she would ask for no more of his uniform.

The freshmen put on their stunt, a typical scene of a college cadet's room and on the desk of the girls were pictures of Aggie

CASH PRIZES FOR PETROLEUM PAPERS ANNOUNCED

Ten senior Petroleum Engineering students were awarded cash prizes in a project that is believed to be unique, was what Henry E. Gross, associate professor of Petroleum Engineering at A. & M. said when asked how the seniors in Petroleum Engineering came out on their latest contest. A number of manufacturers of oil field equipment have put up prize money so that \$25 was awarded for first prize papers and \$10 for second prize papers.

The subject, sponsor and winner of each division in the contest are as follows:

- "Development of Underground Casing Perforators"; Lane-Wells Company; John D. Stukenburg, first prize of \$25; J. R. Orbison, second prize of \$10.
"Blow-out Preventers"; Cameron Iron Works; L. M. Walls, first prize of \$25; W. A. Orth, second prize of \$10.
"Drill Pipe Protectors"; Patterson-Ballaugh Corporation; J. L. Van Atten, first prize of \$25; Willis Teller, second prize of \$10.
"Sucker Rods"; S. M. Jones Company; T. S. Clopton, \$10 prize.

"Oil Well Cementing Equipment"; Baker Oil Tools, Incorporated; J. A. Laird, \$10 prize.
"Mud Fluids"; Baroid Sales Company; Ed A. Radack, \$10 prize.
"Oil Well Pumps"; Axelson Manufacturing Company; H. H. Halsell, \$10 prize.

"This noble gesture on the part of manufacturers of oil field equipment was made to stimulate the all-important subject of technical writing. Men who cannot write clearly and attractively have their careers jeopardized," concluded Mr. Gross.