

The Battalion

Editorial

Be an Ostrich?

The Weather

Partly Cloudy, Cooler

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COTTON BALL, PAGEANT TAKE PLACE TONIGHT

Runoff Election Due Monday

Events Will Be Best Of '39 Season

3 Positions To Be Filled By Runoff

Editorship, Board Positions Up To Students' Voting

Dig out your yellow slips—another election's coming up!

Monday at 7:30 a. m. a polling booth in the Academic building will be open to send three men to offices—Editor-in-Chief of The Battalion, Senior Representative on the Publications Board and Junior Representative on the Publications Board.

Six men, selected by the first primary last Monday, will be on the ballot. Elected last Monday was next year's yell leader, Bodie Pierce.

The rave which is expected to draw more attention is for editorship of The Battalion, where James "Hymie" Critz and Bill Murray are contesting.

Critz was a reporter all last year and was appointed managing editor when school started this year. Murray began working with The Battalion during the latter part of last year and came to the paper as a junior editor this year, being appointed managing editor after the resignation of Bill Payne at mid-term.

The election will be under the supervision of Junior Editor Charlie Wilkinson, who will keep the polls open from 7:30 until noon and from 1 until 5:30 p. m.

No student will be allowed to vote unless he presents a second term fiscal receipt for registration which shows payment of the matriculation fee.

All candidates are in a position to have representatives at the polls at all hours if they so desire.

The ballot, according to drawing held Thursday afternoon in The Battalion office, will be arranged in this order:

- OFFICIAL BALLOT**
Runoff Election
- FOR BATTALION EDITOR:**
James Critz
Bill Murray
- FOR SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE ON STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BOARD:**
Mick Williams
Jimmy Cokines
- FOR JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE ON STUDENT PUBLICATIONS BOARD:**
Paul Haines
Earle Shields

Acts as Nurse-Mother to Aggies, Receives Pet Name—That's 'Mom'

Her name is Mrs. Irene Evans Claghorn, and her title is assistant superintendent of the A. & M. hospital—but by the more than 5,000 students here she is affectionately called "Mom," and for a good reason. There's a lot of sentiment attached to that name the boys gave her some eight or ten years ago; it's short for mother. You see, Mrs. Claghorn takes the place of each cadet's mother while he is away from home pursuing the activities of college life.

While her chief duty is administering to students confined to the hospital during illness, Mom doesn't stop there. In addition, she acts as sympathetic listener and adviser when an Aggie pours out his problems dealing with matters other than academic. Many an Aggie has felt better after Mom has diagnosed his case of the blues. She always finds time—no matter how tired—to bring a word of cheer

Sullivan Reveals Tentative '39-'40 Entertainment Series Programs Planned to Please Aggie Audiences

Walter "Sully" Sullivan, recently elected head of the Entertainment Series for the 1939-40 term, has announced tentative plans for making the Series a bigger success next year.

A return engagement of the Houston Symphony Orchestra is probable. The student body liked it this year, and for that reason Sullivan intends to bring it back in 1940.

A speaker of the Richard Halliburton type would go over with the boys, Sully believes; also a speaker like Stuart Chase, well-versed on social, political and economical conditions in the United States, and who is most dynamic in his manner of speaking.

Another play, of the caliber of the Jitney players or better is another aim. This year's play was fairly well received, Sully reported.

Definitely, says Sully, there will be a popular dance band, to include a stage show if it can be arranged.

Sully lives in B-6 Walton and invites anybody who wishes to come and make any suggestions he has. He pledges his fullest cooperation to the student body.

Dr. Homer Rainey To Make Banquet Address May 3

The A. & M. chapter of the American Association of University Professors will have as its guest of honor Dr. Homer P. Rainey, newly-elected president of Texas University, at its annual banquet Wednesday, May 3.

The members of the Board of Directors of A. & M. and the Board of Regents of the University will attend, and also ex-students of both schools.

Tickets for the banquet may be secured from Dale Weddington, Extension Service; President Walton; Dr. J. H. Qaisberry, Dr. W. L. Porter, Dr. D. B. Cofer, Dr. C. C. Doak, R. S. Elkins, Dr. R. P. Ludlum, Dr. W. M. Potts; M. L. Cashin, Y. M. C. A.; and the office of the Director of the Experiment Station.

Through typographical and proof-reading errors, The Battalion reported Tuesday that his speech was to have been Wednesday; the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3.

Brothers Get Awards



Bob, in back, and Gene Shiels, brothers from Dallas, were given awards by President Walton at a review of the corps held Monday. Bob received the Field Artillery medal for being the first year advanced F. A. student who best represents that unit here. Gene was cited for having shot a 98 in timed pistol fire against the Houston Rifles and State Department of Public Safety.

SONORA A. & M. MOTHERS CLUB ADDS \$50 TO LIBRARY'S FUNDS

The Sonora A. & M. Mothers Club has just made a contribution of \$50 to the A. & M. Library for the purchase of most-needed books.

The money was left at the disposal of Dr. T. F. Mayo, college librarian, who has added it to the General Reading Fund of \$155 recently raised through a campaign conducted by The Battalion. This money, like that previously contributed, will be used to buy books most often requested by the student body. Of the \$155 which was already in the General Reading Fund, \$100 was contributed by the San Antonio Mothers Club, \$50 was raised by a dime campaign among the student body, and \$5 was donated by Dean R. P. Masteller.

The Sonora Club has been giving Fortune and Esquire magazines as an annual gift to the library.

Says Dr. Mayo, "The library sincerely thanks the Sonora Club for the generous contribution. It is to be hoped that other Mother's Clubs may follow this fine example."

Pre-Meds Inspect Galveston Hospitals

Recently the Pre-Medical Club made a trip to Galveston to inspect the medical school of the University of Texas. Saturday morning, the club started out by visiting one of the illustrated lectures on children's diseases. Next on the program was a tour of the different buildings and hospitals. Two of the hospitals, the Childrens Charity Hospital and the Negro Charity Hospital, have just recently been built. Later in the morning, the club members were allowed to witness several operations which proved to be very interesting. The anatomy laboratory where the freshmen study human bodies, was also a point of interest.

Some of the members of the club remained in Galveston Saturday afternoon to witness a sham battle on the beach between the army and navy.

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Annual R.O.T.C. Inspection and Review May 2, 3

Officers Will Make Complete Examination Of Training, Equipment

The annual R. O. T. C. Inspection of A. & M. will be held here May 2 and 3. Officers on every phase of combat will inspect the various units and their equipment, as well as attend the theory classes and the Tuesday drill. The Corps will have a review Wednesday to climax the inspection.

Briefly the inspector's schedule is as follows: Tuesday morning visit theory classes; afternoon, observe all drill and inspect the armories; Wednesday morning, visit theory classes and inspect facilities, etc.; afternoon, review. At some time during their stay, the senior inspector and members of the inspection board will call on President Walton.

The inspection is held every year to determine which college R. O. T. C. units of the United States have the highest rating. The best are accorded the privilege of wearing the blue star on the blouse.

Last year the Corps Commander, himself, came to A. & M., but this year officers of his choosing will conduct the inspection.

A. & M. Men Speak At Regional Meeting Of Professors in Waco

Two members of the staff of A. & M., A. F. Chalk of the Economics Department, and Dr. R. P. Ludlum, of the History Department recently spoke at a regional meeting of the American Association of University Professors in Waco. Representatives were present from most of the college in Texas, and from some of the colleges in neighboring States.

Other A. & M. staff members who attended the meeting were Dr. C. B. Campbell of the Modern Language Department; Dr. Ide P. Trotter of the Agronomy Department; and Dr. Charles LaMotte, Dr. S. O. Brown, and Dr. S. H. Hopkins of the Biology Department.

A. & M. Concert Band To Give Hour Concert Sunday, 4:30

Sunday afternoon at 4:30 the A. & M. 80-piece concert band will give an hour of familiar marches and semi-classical selections in the triangle below the mess hall. The concert is part of the tour of Texas bluebonnet trails arranged by the Houston Press, and a number of visitors on this tour are expected to be here that afternoon.

The program follows:
March, "French National Defile" (Turlet)
Overture, "The Silver Chord" (O'Neill)

Cornet solo by Band senior Bill Duckworth, "Brown's Autograph Polka" (Casey).

Paraphrase, "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise" (Alford)
"Southern Rhapsody" (Hosmer), with Miss Cynthia Lancaster on the harp. This work is dedicated to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Selection from the comic opera "Sweethearts" (Victor Herbert)
"War March of the Texas Aggies"

Following the concert the Band will play for retreat, while the visitors witness an army of Aggies marching to the mess hall.

Dean Kyle To Attend Meets in Washington

Dean E. J. Kyle will leave Sunday morning for Washington, D. C. where he will attend the meeting of the Presidents of the Federal Land Banks and the meeting of the directors of the Farm Credit Administration.

Dean Kyle said that problems relating to agriculture will be discussed along with the future of commercial agriculture.

While in Washington, Kyle will talk to the Texas delegation in regard to the cotton situation and to the Secretary of State about the relations with Mexico. Also he will talk with the State Department about organization of a course here in agricultural commerce and foreign trade.

3 of 9 Cotton Tour Exams Left For 9 Contestants

Three more examinations remain to be taken by the contestants for the 1939 Foreign Cotton Tour. Seven examinations have been taken, but no results have been announced.

Three men are picked each year by the Agronomy Department, to go on a two-month tour of Europe, through a series of competitive examinations involving the botany of the cotton plant, cotton production, diseases, insects, machinery, textiles, genetics, marketing, grading and stapling. The expenses of the trips are paid by the Agronomy Society through funds raised by the Cotton Pageant and Ball, and through contributions from various sources. Anderson and Clayton, Cotton Marketing Association, Houston, annually contribute \$500 to this fund.

The idea of the Cotton Tour was originated by S. Evans and Dean E. J. Kyle, and the qualifications and examinations were worked out by J. E. Mogford, of the Agronomy Department, who is in charge of the tour.

Mr. Mogford and the three members of the party will leave A. & M. on June 3, and sail on the American-Importer for Liverpool from New York June 16. A week or ten days will be spent in Liverpool and Manchester. From there they will either sail from Newcastle to Bergen, Norway, thence to Sweden, Denmark, and back to England, or go through Northern England, across the Vhannel to the Continent, visiting Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, and France. The itinerary will be chosen according to conditions then existing in Europe.

Twelve men originally were in the contest, but this number has been reduced to nine. Those remaining in the contest are: J. D. Aughtry, W. L. Colburn, H. S. Goodloe, R. L. Gregg, Beal Hargrove, L. E. Jacobs, P. N. Mebane, R. V. McNeice, Agronomy majors, and John Kantz, Cotton Marketing Major. The three tests remaining to be taken are Cotton Genetics, April 28; Cotton Marketing, May 5; and Grading and Stapling, May 5.

O'Daniel and Party Arrives Today, To Review Corps, Crown King Cotton

A thirteen-gun salute and a mounted escort will be tendered Governor W. Lee O'Daniel as he arrives Friday afternoon to review the cadet corps and to attend the Cotton Pageant. Governor O'Daniel and his party will be met at the East Gate and escorted to the reviewing stand on the review field by Troop B Cavalry, while Battery D Field Artillery will fire a salute

Pageant Bigger This Year; Show Offers Many Attractions

The most glamorous event of the entire social season at Aggieland will take place tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock, when the Agronomy Society presents the annual Cotton Ball, Style Show and Pageant.

The Honorable W. Lee O'Daniel, Governor of Texas, will be present to place the crown on the head of King Beal Hargrove of Troy, senior of "A" Infantry, who will reign over the occasion with Queen Ruth Gordon of Bryan. Following the coronation, the presentation of the Queen's court, 25 Maids of Honor and 75 Duchesses representing various schools, civic organizations over the state, and campus clubs, will take place.

The Style Show for this year will surpass any previous performance, according to reports. Professional mannequins from Foley Bros. in Houston will model the most exclusive modern creations, both for informal, sports and formal evening wear, all, of course, made of cotton. Climax of the Style Show will be a wedding party.

The Pennington School of Dancing of Houston will furnish a highly spectacular and interesting Floor Show following the Style Show. There will be varied numbers to suit every taste. Admission to the Pageant will be 25¢ for children, 50¢ for adults, and 75¢ for reserved seats.

The Cotton Ball, honoring the King and Queen, will begin at 10 o'clock, with Tommy Littlejohn and his Aggieland Orchestra furnishing the music. Admission to the Ball will be \$1.50.

CHEM WARFARE ADOPTS A SONG

The Chemical Warfare Battalion has adopted an official song for use in ceremonies and on special occasions.

Words to the song were written by William Small, a Chemical Warfare Senior in the Band. The melody is a part of "The National Geographic March" composed by Thomas F. Darcy, Jr.; Darcy is the leader of the U. S. Army Band.

Though no details for its presentation to the Chemical Warfare Battalion have been made, the tentative plan is to make arrangements with Art Kassel to play it at the Chem Warfare Ball. Bill Small said he was trying to find several boys who would be willing to sing it; however he also said that he wasn't having much success.

The words to the song run as follows:

We're the boys in the Chem Warfare
We never have a care
We'll fight all day, then go our own darn way
Our carts and mortars without a sway.
There is no gas exists that we cannot resist.
We've everything that's in the best;
We're the men in the C. W. S.

in his honor from a position of the World War Monument on the campus. There he will review the entire corps under arms at 5:30.

Governor O'Daniel will attend the Cotton Pageant after the review, where he will crown Beal Hargrove as King Cotton. His daughter Molly, and his sons, Pat and Mike, will probably accompany him.