

Stephens, Hollingshead, Holmgreen Are Swim Stars

Jack Stephens, Joe Holmgreen, and Florence Hollingshead, playing the part of "The Three Little Fishes" ran off with the swimming meet Wednesday night before approximately 400 onlookers.

In the men's class, Stephens won first places in the 50-yard free-style, 100-foot breast-stroke, and the 100-foot backstroke. Leslie McCarthy won the long-distance underwater race by holding out for 242 1/2 feet, and W. S. McCulley, math instructor, swam off with the 100-yard free-style. Clements and Wilson tied for first places in the diving; although they both fell behind Roland Nuhn, junior entry, who entered the event to give some more competition.

In the boys' class or the junior class, Holmgreen swam away with the 100-foot free-style and the 100-yard free-style races, and carried second place in the 100-foot breast-stroke. Roland Nuhn gave the crowd some pretty good dives as he ran off from the remaining entries. He also won second place in the 100-foot free-style and third place in the 100-foot back-stroke. Sam Gammon carried the backstroke event as brought carried off the two-man breast-stroke race.

The girls came fewer in number but almost as fast as the boys. Florence Hollingshead set the pace and held the lead in the 100-foot free-style and carried off second place behind Anne Kernode in the 100-foot back-stroke. In the free-style, Cynthia Lancaster won second place, Helen Hill third; and Carol McFadden fourth. Florence, Anne, and Cynthia put on a good exhibition in the individual medley showing the breast, back, and crawl strokes.

The novelty event, the underwater distance contest, offered a good bit of excitement as Dubs set the first mark at 165 1/2 feet and Wilson came up to set his mark at 100 feet. Guy Garth then came forward to raise the crowd to their feet as he set 200 feet. When Leslie McCarthy made his second turn the spectators began to yell a good bit and the majority of them seemed a bit amazed.

The 50-yard free-style turned out to be rather slow as the contestants required three starts to enter the water at the same time. Stephens' time was 26 seconds flat. Dillon was second, McCarthy third, and Nicks fourth. Stephens' time in the breast-stroke was 20.3 seconds followed close by Carpenter. McCulley's time in the 100-yard free-style was 62.2 seconds. He was followed by McCarthy and Meddors. Stephens set the clock at 21.4 seconds in the back-stroke, and was followed by McCarthy and Nicks.

The outstanding event of the junior class turned out to be the diving, with Nuhn leading the event but with Blazek only three points behind. The score was 104 and 103, respectively. Shelton and Thornton gave some good dives, and showed return in many meets to come to give the present pace-setters some trouble.

Mr. Penberthy acted as head judge for the meet. "Nicky" Ponthieux was starter, Eddie Johnson time keeper, and George Japhet announcer.

SIX ALL-STAR FOOTBALLERS TO BE HERE IN SEPT.

A large number of A. & M. men and students and College Station residents went to Houston Saturday to witness the football game there that night between the high-school all-star football teams representing North and South Texas.

The game ended in a 6-6 tie, both sides scoring a touchdown in the final quarter. Forty-two high school "greats" from all over the state were invited to attend, and most of them got to take part in the game. Of the 42, six outstanding stars plan to attend Texas A. & M. as freshmen this fall.

The six future Aggie football star prospects are as follows: Tom Pickett, Temple; Willie Zapalac, Bellville; Marvin Mitchell, Gainesville; Bob Tullis, North Side High School, Fort Worth; Jack Swank, Highland Park High School, Dallas; and Jake Harvey, Diamond Hill High School, Fort Worth.

JOHN CROWE RANSOM, noted poet, critic, and visiting professor of English at the University of Texas, spoke there last week on "Poetry—Old and New."

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stipulates only that it take place Thanksgiving Day, regardless of the date on which this falls.

Besides the change in the football schedule, another considerable change will be in the annual several-day holiday given the student body. The holiday will of course be moved up a week, as is the game.

President Roosevelt's reason for changing the Thanksgiving date, observed for many years on the last Thursday of November, is that this has been too far from Labor Day, and too close to Christmas. He said that many individuals and many business houses had petitioned him to make the change because of this reason. Next year, the President says, he will move Thanksgiving ahead still one more week.

The changing of Thanksgiving is expected to cause a wholesale alteration of 1939 college football schedules.

Thirty-five games throughout the country already had been scheduled for November 30, and with that day no longer a legal holiday, gate receipts for traditional battles would slump. It is estimated that if held November 30, the A. & M.-Texas game would be attended by only about 10,000 instead of the more than 30,000 expected. If it is held November 23, the new legal holiday, no attendance decrease is expected.

Among traditional games scheduled were, besides A. & M.-Texas, the following: N. Y. U.-Fordham, Cornell-Pennsylvania, Missouri-Kansas, Maryland-Washington and Lee, Alabama-Vanderbilt, Auburn-Florida, Arkansas-Tulsa, Washington U. C. L. A., V. P. I.-V. M. I., and others.

Many schools scheduled to play November 30 will have tougher tasks to fix their schedules than A. & M. Many have games scheduled for the Saturday (the 25th) before November 30, and many have a policy against playing beyond a certain date because of holiday examinations.

Byrd Will Lead Race to South Pole, To Head Off German Land Grab

BOSTON, Mass.—Plans for a dramatic race to claim strategic Antarctic territory for the United States and prevent invasion by "foreign powers" have been announced by Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Though Byrd declined to name the "invaders," it was understood he referred to Germany who reportedly will send an airplane carrier to the south polar region this fall to map the region between Little America and Palmer Land.

Byrd plans to leave Boston by October with three ships, 160 men, 200 dogs, three airplanes, two army tanks and a 25-ton "snow cruiser" being built by Dr. Thomas Poulter of Chicago, former expedition member.

He said the United States already has claimed about 400,000 square miles, much of which is reportedly rich in coal, copper, silver and oil. However, he said, there still was about 1,000,000 square miles in the western section bordering Little America, which this country wants.

"Various countries have tried to encroach on our claims already," he said "but so far they have met with but little success. Now we are out to make a definite move to prevent further claims being staked."

"It might conceivably be called a race since we hope to lay prior claim to areas in the western hemisphere first. We plan to establish three bases—one at Little America near the New Zealand end of the ice area, another in Palmer Land, off the South American coast and the third, a smaller one, about half-way between."

"With air transportation growing by leaps and bounds, it is quite possible that this particular area would be invaluable to a foreign power wanting to reach the American continent."

Henry "Bear Track" Hauser, Aggie football and golf letterman, cut himself a small niche in the hall of fame recently when he defeated Billy Howell of Bryan—former Walker Cup team member—to win the annual Bryan invitation tournament. Hauser scored a 71 for the 18 holes, while Howell trailed in one stroke behind him.

Tax on Oil, Not On Sales Is Asked By Col. Thompson

Placing conservation of human being above all else, Colonel Ernest O. Thompson fervently appealed to Governor W. Lee O'Daniel this week to call a pension-raising revenue session of the Legislature.

"Your duty is clear. The opportunity is here," Thompson pointed out.

His non-political plea swept Thompson into statewide leadership of a campaign against saddling a harsh sales tax on the poor—main objective of rich major oil companies.

Thompson made specific recommendation to prevent "soaking" the common citizens in a letter to Governor O'Daniel. He wrote:

"A five-cent-per-barrel tax on oil will provide sufficient revenue for all social security requirements which the people have voted."

Elaborating on his solution, Thompson added:

"The balance should go into a permanent fund to be invested against the day when our Texas oil will be depleted. This fund could not be spent. The earnings of that fund would supply the revenue lost from oil depletions. We know our oil will play out. We should have something to take its place when the oil is gone. This permanent fund will do the job." He continued:

"The oil companies want to saddle a sales tax on our people. You can save the day by keeping this one hundred million dollars per year in Texas and make a sales tax forever unnecessary in our state."

The fighting colonel hastened back to the capital city from Camp Hulen at Palacios, where he was in annual encampment as commanding officer of the 11thth quartermaster's regiment of the Texas National guard, to make recommendation for a special session directly to the Governor. He is a member of the Texas Railroad Commission and chairman of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission. He spoke at A. & M. on conservation in the first semester of summer school.

TEXAS BUSINESS ROSE FIVE PER CENT IN JUNE

Texas business in June climbed 5 per cent above this time last year, University of Texas business statisticians said Saturday.

Though the composite business index for June remained almost exactly at the May level, the gain over June, 1938, was termed "encouraging" by officials of the University Bureau of Business Research.

Little material change is anticipated during the next few months, but, as the national business picture appears to be definitely more favorable, "any departure from the present almost horizontal plane of the Texas business curve will have an upward rather than a downward tendency," it was stated.

V. C. DENTON CHOSEN ALL-ROUND SPORTS STAR; NO GIRL STAR HERE

A Pahokee, Florida, boy was selected this term as the most all-round sports star on the campus.

V. C. Denton, the boy, was an overwhelming choice for the honored position. Denton during the regular term is a member of Battery A, Field Artillery, and is a student of Industrial Education. He will be a senior next year and will return to the varsity tennis team on which he played this past season.

"A jack of all sports" and also a master of most of them, Denton was seen nearly every place one might just happen to be. He played good ball on first base for the Aggie Land Pharmacy team and was listed with the rest of his fellow players as one of the All-Stars. He carried off the tennis tournament by winning the singles, by downing the rest with his roommate, Jimmie Giles, in the men's doubles, and by turning under his opponents with Angel Ornelas in the mixed doubles. He bowls a good bit, takes an occasional swim in the pool, drives a few golf balls now and then, dances as well as the rest. In fact there were few things Denton didn't do this summer.

On the other hand, the girl all-round sports star just wasn't here. No definite one could be picked; so it was decided to just let it stand as it is.

FINAL EXAMS—THEY'RE HERE AGAIN—DARN IT!

Final examinations in undergraduate courses for the second semester of the summer session will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of next week.

Next Thursday afternoon at 1 all the examinations for classes which have been meeting at 8:30 a. m. Friday afternoon at 1 examinations will be held for 24 sections meeting at 10:10.

Saturday morning at 8 the remaining 11 sections, which meet at 11:30 will have their finals.

This makes a total of 79 sections and 67 courses in which final exams are to be given.

The schedule of examinations in graduate courses will be arranged by the instructor concerned.

All regular summer school work for 1939 will come to a close next Saturday morning. Summer degrees earned this semester will be awarded that morning.

All grades for the second term will be due in the Registrar's Office not later than 8 a. m. Monday, August 28. They are to be mailed out to the students concerned.

VOCATIONAL AG TEACHERS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL MEET

The Annual State-Wide Conference of Vocational Agriculture Teachers was brought to a close last Saturday following the last area meeting of the short course.

Prior to the adjournment a lecture was delivered by S. W. Seale, superintendent of the Sinton public schools, to the general assembly, on "Ultimate Aims of Secondary Education". During the talk the aims were pointed out as being improvements in health, vocation, civics, morals, social responsibility, leadership, and tolerance.

During the last session a majority vote was carried to hold another state-wide conference next summer. Several places were suggested as possible hosts for the short course next summer, but it was pointed out that of the places suggested, A. & M. is the only one with adequate facilities for a conference of this size. However, the date and place of the next short course will not be decided until next March at which time the supervisors will meet at the annual Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show. The next conference will be the third such short course to be held in recent years.

The purpose of the conference each year is to develop a program that will aid the vocational agriculture teachers in teaching farmers and farm boys improved practices in farming.

Prominent persons who attended the short course were Robert A. Mabrie, state director of vocational agriculture; D. M. Clements, Southern regional agent; R. L. Spear, superintendent of the Sherman public schools; N. W. Prentice, superintendent of Richland Springs public schools; S. W. Seale, superintendent of Sinton public schools; and E. L. Blansitt, superintendent of Ponta public schools.

Southwest All-Stars Play in Dallas Soon, With Todd on Team

As the Southwest All-Star game gets under way in Dallas September 4, A. & M.'s own pride and joy, Dick Todd, will be in the starting lineup. This will probably be the best of the "dream games" ever played, as the material from which to pick the all-stars was plentiful and the opposition is stronger than ever before.

The Southwest's men will face the Green Bay Packers, who boast the strongest of all professional teams. The Packers boast an all-time winning record of .703 and have piled up a total of 2,481 points for themselves to their opponents' 1,321.

The Southwest team will be manned by Dutch Meyer of T. C. U. and Matty Bell of S. M. U. The definite lineup is not yet known but among those invited to play are Ki Aldrich, I. B. Hale, Billy Patterson, Sam Boyd, Billy Dewell, Charlie Sprague, Jake Schuehle, and Bruno Schroeder, another former A. & M. star.

Air-Conditioners Open Annual Three-Day Short Course Meeting

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jobs now being assigned, about 550 are under the N. Y. A. and the other 550 under the college.

The allotment of \$70,173 to A. & M. by the National Youth Administration for part-time student employment during the next regular session represents the largest increase received by any major college or university of the United States, so far as can be determined. O. R. Simpson, student employment director, has disclosed. It represents an increase of thirty-five per cent over the N. Y. A. grant made for the last regular session—as compared with an average increase throughout the country of twenty-five per cent. And as far as is known, this is also the largest proportion of increase allowed any institution.

The \$70,173 allotment from the N. Y. A. will be equally divided over the nine-month period, allowing \$7,797 to be spent each month. This is an increase for the period of nearly \$20,000 over last session's allotment, which was not quite \$52,000 and was spent at the rate of \$5,750 a month. The increase came as quite a surprise to the Student Labor Office, Simpson declared; it had even been feared that there might be a decrease in the allotment. The increase should provide about 130 additional jobs, he said.

COMMITTEE WILL MAKE AWARD FOR NEW COTTON USE

Dr. T. O. Walton, president of A. & M., recently was named chairman of the three-man board of trustees of the Cotton Research Award Fund, established by legislative action in May, which is to be used as a prize in a state-wide contest to discover a new process that will create an annual market for 300,000 additional bales of cotton, preventing the accumulation of such a large cotton surplus as in previous years.

Other members of the board are Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas, and Dr. Clifford B. Jones, president of Texas Technological College.

In naming the state school presidents award trustees, the Legislature imposed only the restriction that cotton "experts" submitting new processes for cotton consumption be residents of Texas. Public response in the few weeks since this legislative action has flooded the mails of each of the members of the board with plans for new uses of cotton.

Monday the research committee of the State-Wide Cotton Committee will meet on the A. & M. campus, to formulate rules and regulations to guide the board of trustees of the award fund in selecting the prize-winner and making the award.

Chicago Debate Team Quits Debating—Now Has "Bull Sessions"

Offhand, a debating society which has abandoned debating as an outmoded form of expression seems almost as ludicrous as a swimming team which quit swimming because it found out about boats.

The University of Chicago's student Debate Union, however, stopped "debating" last year. It has, in the meantime, developed radio "bull sessions," round tables, forum discussions, and a half dozen other techniques which it believes to be more adapted to a rapid world than the florid presentation of a set of neatly carded debate notes on a "resolved" proposition.

A 250 per cent increase in the Union's membership, making it the second largest student organization on the University of Chicago quadrangles, has accompanied the shift from cut-and-dried debate methods.

A. & M. HORSE HAS FINE RECORD

William the Conqueror won the \$500 Championship Stake at the Lexington Horse Show, Lexington, Kentucky, which was held July 14-15, after defeating a field of high-stepping competitors. William was bred at A. & M. but sold as a two-year-old to Mrs. John Kennedy. It was at the fall shows that Campbell Sewall of Houston saw the young stallion. Feeling that William the Conqueror would develop into an excellent show horse, he persuaded Mrs. Kennedy to part with him for the sum of \$7,500.

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partment heads will be located in the Administration Building.

"Some boys may get provoked at having to wait a few hours to register," said Registrar E. J. Howell, "but we feel that it is a desirable change because many departments register men of only a certain class or classes, and this new system will give a much more even flow of traffic and prevent unusual congestion. Moreover, moving some of the departments out of the Main Building will give more elbow-room. We are trying to be as fair as possible to everybody, and this is the best system we have been able to figure out yet. A perfect registration system is just a Utopia."

"Taking the student body alphabetically is fair, because we are going to rotate the order each year. Once every few years the first letters of the alphabet will come first, and once the last letters, and so on. We have divided the letters so that there will be approximately equal numbers in all groups; for instance the T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z group has about as many boys in it as the R, S group. Each group is expected to have about 500 boys.

"Freshman registration on the 20th will be the same as in the past. Everyone, however, will meet at the Assembly Hall first, to get instructions and the assignment card. Cards won't be there until just before the group each time is supposed to start; so it won't do any good to try to get ahead of time. We ask that everyone note this carefully, and read the instructions for registration in the official schedule of classes which will not be ready until two or three days before registration," Howell concluded.

BOARD WILL DECIDE—

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is thought likely that some revision will be made at this time.

16. To pass on the request of Secretary E. E. McQuillen of the Former Students Association for a central room in the dormitory unit to use in collecting clothes for cleaning and pressing. It is probable that this request will be approved.

17. Proposed oil lease on State Forest 1, at Kirbyville.

Members of the Board of Directors of A. & M. are F. M. Law of Houston, H. C. Schuhmacher of Houston, G. R. White of Brady, R. W. Briggs of Pharr, A. H. Demke of Stephenville, H. L. Kokernot of Alpine, E. J. Kiest of Dallas, Joseph Utay of Dallas, and Walter G. Lacy of Waco. Mrs. Melle Williamson, secretary to president T. O. Walton, is secretary for the Board.

ASSEMBLY HALL

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

"ZAZA"

Starring

Claudette Colbert and Herbert Marshall

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

"BACK DOOR TO HEAVEN"

Starring

Wallace Ford - Patricia Ellis

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

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