

Team Now Working Out for Judging Meet

The first workout of the candidates eligible for places on the Intercollegiate Poultry Judging Team was held at the College Poultry Farm the morning of Thursday, September 14, with E. D. Parnell, associate professor and team coach, in charge. Workouts were held twice a day through Wednesday, the 20th; and daily workouts will continue from now until the Mid-West Intercollegiate Contest that is to be held in Chicago late in November. The A. & M. team will compete with college teams from all sections of the United States in the Mid-West Contest.

Last year's team placed fourth, with one member placing second high individual.

This year's prospects for the team include O. J. Schulte, Earl Roesner, Fred Swallow, O. L. Davis, Wm. J. Stewart, G. R. Davis, Onnie Graham, and Bob Logan.

Dr. A. S. McKittrick of Elyria, O., recently received \$50 and an apology for the delay from a man whose son he treated 22 years ago.

Library's Asbury Room Becomes Room For Aggie Browsing

The "Asbury Room," as such, is no more.

Dr. T. F. Mayo, Librarian, has announced that with the beginning of this 64th session of the College, the Asbury Room of the College Library becomes the "Asbury Browsing Room." "It is a room," he stated in making his announcement, "that will be open for the use of the Aggies at all times, to browse around in and read their favorite types of books. I have high hopes that they will make good use of the room for that purpose," he said.

In the Asbury Browsing Room formerly used as a club meeting room, is being shelved all the fiction of the College Library, and a gradually increasing selection of books on travel, social problems, popular science, drama, and biography.

Last term The Battalion started a General Reading Fund with about \$50 contributed by a student dime campaign at mid-term registration. Generous contributions from several A. & M. Mothers' Clubs of Texas raised the total to approximately \$200. At the meeting of the State Federation of A. & M. Mothers' Clubs here on Mothers' Day last spring, the Federation voted to contribute further to the library so that more popular fiction and non-fiction books may be purchased. Dr. Mayo has announced that all the books purchased by the original and the continuing General Reading Fund will be shelved in the Asbury Browsing Room together.

Books from the Browsing Room will be checked out and returned at the loan desk in the usual manner. Said Dr. Mayo, "It ought to be comfortable and popular, with fine rugs and excellent furniture, and with most of the most readable books in the library on the shelves."

Mrs. Margaret Vink of Emigrant, Mont., killed two rattlesnakes in her kitchen, first stunning them with a stick of wood and then cutting their heads off with an ax.

Extensive Building Program Under Way At Both Entrances

In a comparison of the condition of a year ago, the two main entrances to the campus, the East Gate and North Gate, show decided improvement over last year.

Surveying the rapid progress of the East Gate a drastic change is seen over that of last year. At that time there were only a scattered few residences. Today, according to officials of the College Hills Estates, 65 new homes have been built, with 12 additional ones now under construction.

To balance the needs of the rising community a number of business houses have been established. Chief among these is the new drug store, whose neighbor is Luke's North Gate. A number of service stations and drive-ins have found places along with the additions of six new cabins to the Blue Top Cottages.

In the way of amusement at the East Gate we find the already popular outdoor driving range operated by Virgil Jones. Lastly, and to the great interest of all Aggies, is the promised construction of the Aggie Theater. According to Mrs. Morris Schulman, manager of the Bryan Amusement Company, construction of this theater will begin about November 7, at the cost of approximately \$65,000. It will seat about 750 people and show first-run films.

Regarding improvements at the North Gate, we find a more orderly conduction of traffic through the installation of the traffic light, thirty-minute-parking signs, and a stricter enforcement of traffic rules by deputized nightwatchmen of the College.

Adding to the numerous commercial houses is that of the new ice cream store recently opened and managed by A. C. Bering, ex-Aggie of the class of 1910. Then too, comes the announcement of a new first-run theater to be constructed on the site of the old Boyett residence. Alton P. Boyett, College Station Business man, is undertaking the construction of this show which will cost about \$65,000 and will seat 750 or more. Details have not yet been announced.

Aside from all these improvements is the announcement of the Board of Directors that approval has been given for the locating of a 500-acre airport in the vicinity of the "Old Fish Pond." This field will be named Coulter Field, and will be advantageous to the Army Air Corps in that it is in a direct line with Randolph and Barksdale Fields. The equipment to be used is valued at \$40,000, and courses in aeronautical engineering will be offered by the College at the field.

Potter Is New Prof In Biology Department

Dr. G. E. Potter, formerly of Baylor University, has accepted a professorship of biology in the Biology Department of A. & M. He will sponsor the pre-medical work.

Dr. Potter, who has had wide experience in the fields of zoology and embryology, replaces Dr. T. C. Evans who accepted a position in the University of Iowa zoology department.

Dr. Potter received his B. S. at Ottawa, Kansas, and M. S. and Ph. D. in Iowa.

Dances To Be Held In Old Mess Hall

Contrary to rumored reports the corps dances this year will be held in Sbisa Hall and not in the new mess hall.

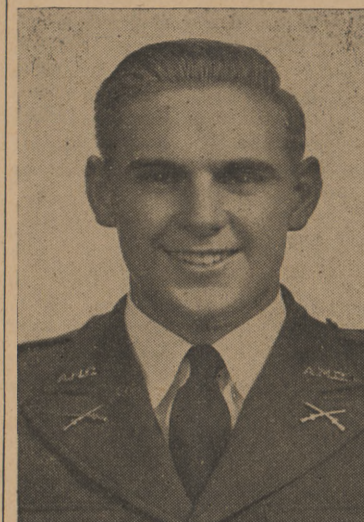
The first dance of the '39-'40 session will be held Saturday night and will be given to entertain the visitors who will attend the A. & M.-Centenary game which is to be played Saturday afternoon. Music will be furnished by Tommie Littlejohn and the Aggeland Orchestra. Tommie and his orchestra are recognized as the best in the line of swing.

Rodeo Plans Talked At Saddle, Sirloin Club Meeting Monday

Talks by department heads and plans for the annual rodeo were the main features of the first Saddle and Sirloin Club meeting held Monday night.

The rodeo, which is an outstanding event on the social calendar is put on annually by the junior members of the club to defray part of the expenses of the Senior Livestock Judging team.

Managing Editor



Ray Treadwell, managing editor of the Thursday issue of The Battalion newspaper, tri-weekly this year.

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sota would be made available here, subject only to the cost of moving. This equipment is valued at approximately \$40,000.

500 Acres in Tract

Dean Gilchrist stated that the location in question included about 500 acres, that the soil was suitable and of a type that could be stabilized cheaply if this were desirable. It is located in the immediate vicinity of the Old Fish Pond about 1 1/4 miles from the Academic Building and about 5.5 miles from Bryan. It is accessible from the Jones Bridge road.

Dean Gilchrist supported the statements of Colonel Ashburn as to the plans of the college, and also that the establishment and proper equipment of the field would give facilities that neither college nor Bryan, working alone, possibly would be able to set up.

The objection made to the location on Highway 21, west of Bryan, about the same distance from the city as the proposed location at college, was that it was too far from college to be used for student training, in view of the fact that the time of the students would be limited and too much would be required for transport.

W. J. Coulter, representing his family, which made a gift of money to the city, which made possible the purchase of the land on highway 21, stated that if the field were established at college and the name "Coulter" used he felt sure members of his family would have no objection to the change in location.

Proposal of College

The proposal of the college is that it will supply the land and that Bryan make available at least \$8,500 realized from the bonds voted for airport purposes, in order to aid in the improvement of the property. Various details, such as Bryan's measure of control in the property and operation, share of maintenance and other important matters, are to be worked out by the conference between the Walker committee and Dean Gilchrist and others representing the college.

Limit Taxicab Loads

The commission voted to grant a taxicab license for three cabs to Cecil P. James, of College Station, in cooperation with the board of aldermen of that community, which will license the six taxicabs now operating in Bryan. The commission also took the position that no taxicab, rated as a five-passenger vehicle, should carry more than five passengers, or six persons with the driver. Any infraction of this rule, it was ordered, should result in cancellation of the license. It was said the College Station aldermen would join in this move. Acting City Manager Scott was instructed to have Chief of Police Jess Conlee advise operators of this order and that it would be enforced.

Frank Corder, president, briefly discussed plans for the year and outlined the scheduled dates for the coming rodeo, an annual event looked forward to each year by the student body.

Around ninety members were present, and visitors were the members of the Animal Husbandry department and assistants.

D. W. Williams, head of the department, gave the welcome talk for the department. Mr. Williams extended his welcome and forecast a successful year for the club.

Grade Points To Be Reduced For Excess Absences

The number of grade points earned by a student in any semester shall be reduced by one grade point for each two unexcused absences in excess of the credit value of the course, effective with the 1939-40 session, according to changes in the college regulations enacted by the general faculty.

The new ruling reads as follows: "Each instructor in charge of a class or section shall keep a record of the work and attendance of its members and shall report the number of unexcused absences when he reports the grade in the subject."

"The Registrar shall reduce the number of grade points earned by a student in any semester by one grade point for each two unexcused absences in excess of the credit value of the course."

Paragraph 18 (5) of the college regulations has been omitted. This paragraph provided that "a student who in any course except military science accumulates a number of absences exceeding the credit value of the course shall have his daily grade reduced five points, with an additional five points reduction for each additional week of absences." Similar provisions were also made in that paragraph for military science students.

"Absences in excess of the credit value of the course" means a greater number than that equal to the number of hours assigned to the course. For instance, in a three-hour course a student is allowed three absences, in a two-hour course two absences. This number is still allowed under the terms of the new ruling.

The above changes in college regulations became effective with the beginning of the present school term.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The initial fellowship luncheon will be held Thursday, September 28, at 12:10 in Sbisa Hall annex. Such fellowship luncheons are being scheduled for every Thursday noon throughout the school year, except (1) for times when the Teachers' Conference may choose to have a luncheon-program, (2) for times when some student affair may have priority, and (3) for

the possibility that these luncheons will have to be discontinued for lack of sufficient numbers in attendance.

These luncheons are for all members of the teaching, Experiment Station and the Extension Division staffs who may wish to attend. Tickets are 35¢. Announcements will appear regularly in Tuesday issues of The Battalion.

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