

Additional Day Granted For Thanksgiving Holidays

Request Made For More Reserve Contracts

Land Grant Colleges Ask Pay Increase

Plans Made For R.O.T.C. Future At Washington Meet

The annual convention of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities, which met in Washington, D. C., November 15, 16, and 17, was attended by President Walton, Dean Gilchrist of the School of Engineering, Dean Brooks of the School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School, H. H. Williamson, director of the Texas A. & M. Extension Service, A. B. Conner, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, and Reese Spence, assistant director of the Engineering Experiment Station.

President Walton announced yesterday that the executive committee of the association, of which he is chairman, passed a resolution requesting the War Department to approve a request to the Congress of the United States for an appropriation large enough to provide advanced contracts for all students taking advanced courses in military science who passed their basic course satisfactorily, thus enabling any student who completes four years of military (Continued on page 4)

"DAD" ELLIOT TALKS IN GUION HALL TONIGHT

Dr. A. J. "Dad" Elliott arrived here Saturday and made his first appearance at the Baptist Church Sunday where he held the morning service. He spoke to a full house on "The Roots of the Christian Religion."

Tonight you will be able to hear him at Guion Hall at 7 p. m. on the topic of "Men and Women." Dr. Elliott is the oldest active Y. M. C. A. worker today. He understands life and youth as they really are and gives you a view of things his audience can't help see clearly.

He comes here from South-eastern Teachers College of Durant, Oklahoma. On this trip he has visited Princeton, South Dakota Agricultural College, University of Oklahoma, University of Illinois, Oklahoma A. & M., University of Iowa, and Teachers College of Durant, Oklahoma.

New Queen Theatre Is Modern In All Respects; Opens Tonight

Revolving Queen's Crown Is Feature Of Remodeled Show; Front Is Made Entirely Of Structural Glass

Bryan's new Queen Theater, which opens tonight, is "the most modern theater between Dallas and Houston," according to Mrs. Morris Schulman, its owner.

The entire front of the building is made of structural glass, and a revolving queen's crown on the top adds to the attractiveness of the place. The theater is air-conditioned throughout, using refrigerated air. All the latest type equipment which could be obtained has been installed. Complete modern conveniences, including a smoking parlor, are provided for the benefit of the audience. The lighting fixtures are of the indirect type.

Although the improvements were made at a total cost of \$75,000, Mrs. Schulman stated that there would be no change in the price of admission.

Part of the Aggie Band will play for the grand opening.

Finals Start On Feb. 2, Exemptions Will Remain Same

Final examinations for the first semester will be held February 2 to February 8, inclusive, in ten different examination periods, according to the Registrars department.

Candidates for baccalaureate degrees at the end of the first semester are exempt from final examinations, their daily grades through February 1 counting as final grades.

The exemption system for other students first used during the spring semester last year will be used again. This allows the exemption from final examinations of the highest 25 per cent of an instructor's classes in each course, provided that those persons have a grade of A or B. However, those persons who are exempt may take the examination if they wish to do so.

New Books Suggested For College Library

Following are suggestions made by Dr. Thomas F. Mayo, for additions to the A. & M. College Library. Aggies desirous of having these books purchased by the library are asked to submit their requests to Dr. Mayo. Here is the list he suggests:

Duranty—I Write As I Please (a journalist's personal observations in Russia); Capek, Travels in the North (brief sketches of life in Norway, Denmark, and Sweden); Adams, Log of a Cowboy (frontier life in the West); Beasley, How to Play Tennis; Smith, The Democratic Way of Life; Meiklejohn, What Does America Mean?; Hecht, Seven Miracles (short stories); Lake, Wyatt Earp; Frontier Marshall; Adler, Understanding Human Nature; Carr, South American Primer; Edman, Four Ways of Philosophy.

Shelley, Frankenstein; Manaker, How Smart Are You?; Stefansson, Unsolved Mysteries of the Arctic; Huxley, If I Were Dictator; Fearing, Dead Reckoning (poems); Lanham, The Stricklands (novel of Oklahoma tenant farmers by a Texan); Carter, How to Sail a Boat; Odum, American Social Problems; Page, Tree of Liberty (a historical novel).

Cook, Lane of Llano (story of Jim Lane, Faurot, Art of Whittling; Hylander, The World of Plant Life (has good indexes to scientific names).

Reserve Officers To Meet Tonight; Will Discuss "Big Bertha"

The third November meeting of the Brazos County Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association will be held tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the Petroleum Engineering Lecture Room. In addition to the discussion of "Supply and Transport," as scheduled by the Eighth Corps Area Program, there will be a talk on "Big Bertha," the gun that shelled Paris. Junior members are cordially invited to attend, as are all reserve officers.

The chapter met three times in October and meets three times in November, but meets twice monthly the rest of the year.

1939-40 Student Welfare Committee



The Student Welfare Committee for 1939-40 met last Tuesday night in Sbisa Hall for their first meeting of the session. The faculty-student group, organized a number of years ago for work toward solutions for problems of the school and student body, is shown above at its banquet preceding the business meeting.

Members of the committee include the following:

Faculty: Dean F. C. Bolton, vice-president of the college; F. W. Hensel, head of the Landscape Art Department; M. L. Cashion, general secretary of the College Y. M. C. A.; Ernest Langford, head of the Architecture Department; E. E. McQuillen, secretary of the Former Student Association; Col. Ike Ashburn, executive assistant to President Walton; C. W. Crawford, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department; Daniel Russell, head of the Rural Sociology Department; Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the Biology Department; E. J. Howell, Registrar of the college; Harold Vance, head of the Petroleum Engineering Department; O. W. Silvey, head of the Physics Department; Major R. E. Hill, professor of the Military Science Department; J. T. L. McNew, professor of the Civil Engineering Department and a member of the College Station City Council; P. W. Burns, head of the Veterinary Physiology Department; J. C. Hotard, manager of subsistence; and D. W. Williams, head of the Animal Husbandry Department.

Students: Durward B. "Woody" Varner, cadet colonel; F. M. "Max" McCullar, senior class president; Bill Murray, editor-in-chief of The Battalion; Rudolph E. Michalka, representative of the Aggie Band; F. M. Pool, Jack Lippard, Jack Bibbs, J. E. Copeland Jr., I. Q. Mayhew, Lawrence Edens, Fred Sandlin, W. H. Dyer, R. D. Evans, E. C. Parker, J. B. White, D. L. Colbath, E. F. Fullwood, and J. C. Brown, senior class representatives; W. L. Mayfield, J. P. "Pat" Ledbetter, and A. V. Hamilton, junior representatives; D. S. Shelton and J. E. Ball, sophomore representatives; and R. L. Rix, representative of the freshman class.

Second Corps Trip Was All That It Should Have Been For The Aggies; They Came; They Saw; They Conquered

As Reveille sounded at 6 a. m. on Lamar Street to the dismissal area.

The reviewing stand was located on Main Street, directly in front of the Rice Hotel. More than a hundred prominent men of Houston and College Station were on it.

The Aggies kept the telephone wires hot Saturday afternoon and night trying to get dates for the night. Many succeeded in getting dates but Houston just couldn't supply all of the Aggies with the opposite sex.

After eating a hearty dinner the Aggies proceeded to take over Rice Stadium. The Houston Electric Co. placed extra busses on the "South End" line, which went out to the stadium, to carry all of the Aggies to the game.

The A. & M. side of the stadium was not large enough to hold all of the cadets and many had to sit in the end zones. At the half, the Aggie Band turned in another excellent performance by forming a large owl on the field. Their marching was also very much superior to that of the Rice Band.

The second half ended with the score 19-0 in favor of A. & M. To be on the large end of the score was all that the Aggies wanted

Santone To New York A Breeze As Aggie Hitch-Hiker Preps For Cross-Country Trip

By George Fuermann
Editor's note: This is the first in Fuermann's series of four articles relating the adventures and happenings of Keyes Carson on his record-breaking cross-country hitch-hiking tour this past summer. Although metropolitan newspapers from New York to San Francisco carried feature articles on Carson's trip, The Battalion is the first newspaper to publish a complete record of the trip.

Columbus went to Queen Isabella when he wanted to visit America; good German Nazis go to Adolph regardless of where they want to go; but apparently Aggie Keyes Carson isn't so particular.

"Thumb fun" from coast to coast . . . New York to San Francisco in four days . . . a whirlwind hitch-hiking tour of the United States in sixteen days . . . and so it went as the amazing 23-year-old Cuero senior out-spud train and bus schedules via the "highwaying" route to prove the worth of his new organization, The National College-University Travel Club.

"The night I was planning to leave, I was so nervous and excited I couldn't sleep," Keyes said. Getting up in the middle of the night, he finished packing and stepped out onto the dark highway to begin the first leg of his long journey. The day was Saturday, June 24th; the time was 4:30 a. m. Exactly 47 hours later Keyes was standing in New York's famed Times Square.

His first ride, a fast one from (Continued on page 4)

Aggie Dies Of Injuries In Houston

Frank Masterson Of G Infantry Is Victim Of Accident

Silver Taps was played for the third time this year Sunday night for Frank C. Masterson of Laredo, who was a junior in G Infantry.

The car in which he was riding struck the rear of another car on the Old Spanish Trail in Houston early Saturday morning and overturned into a ditch. Masterson was taken to the Methodist hospital in Houston, where he died a few hours later, apparently of a broken neck. With him in the car was S. A. Morse of Houston, whose injuries were not serious.

A large number of the members of Masterson's company attended the funeral, which was held in Laredo Monday. He is survived by his parents, a sister, and a brother.

First Don Cossack Group Did Not Fare So Hot; Only Aggies In Hall Were Ushers

Not a single Aggie attended the concert given by the Don Cossack Choir in the Assembly Hall last week.

Such a notice might have appeared in the Battalion in one of the 1927-28 issues, for during that year a similar musical unit to the one which got such enthusiastic reception here Thursday night was brought to the campus under the sponsorship of the Y.M.C.A., and the only students who heard the concert were the ushers.

That is an indication of how the musical taste of the student body here has changed in a decade. One of the largest crowds in the history of the Entertainment Series, or the Town Hall, as it is now called, attended the concert of the Don Cossacks Thursday night in Guion Hall, and though a great number of these were residents of Bryan or College Station, two-thirds of them were Aggies.

M. L. Cashion, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., attributes the change in the general attitude of the students toward entertainments of this nature to the radio. He believes that it has done much to give the average person a greater appreciation of the finer arts.

Livestock Judging Team Takes Off For Chicago Today, To Enter Important Meet

Two teams which will represent A. & M. College and the Saddle and Sirolo Club at Chicago at the International Livestock Exposition this year were honor guests at a barbecue staged for them in the Animal Industries Building Monday night. The barbecue was given by junior members of the club, who put on the Aggie Rodeo November 10.

The Senior Livestock Judging Team will leave today at noon and will compete in Chicago on Saturday, December 2. The team will be gone two weeks and will visit numerous well-known livestock farms and other points of interest during the trip. Members of the team were introduced at the barbecue by Larry Miller, coach, and include James Grote of Mason,

Walton Tells Of Extra Day

New Dorms And Mess Hall Will Be Dedicated On Thanksgiving Morning

An additional day has been added to the regular Thanksgiving holidays, according to an announcement made yesterday by President Walton. School will begin after the recess on Tuesday, Dec. 5, instead of Monday, Dec. 4, as the regular schedule calls for.

This extra holiday has been given the students by the faculty and administrative officers of the college in recognition of the unanimous and hearty support the student body has given the football team thus far and will continue to give it during the Thanksgiving game, and for the very efficient and earnest work of the team.

The game on Thanksgiving Day, when the latest eleven dormitories and the new mess hall will be dedicated, is to be dedicated to Jesse H. Jones of Houston, president of the Relief Finance Corporation, whose efforts were largely responsible for the construction of these buildings.

Included on the program besides Jones are Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, President Walton, Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas, and the past and present members of the Board of Directors of Texas A. & M. College, as well as the members of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas.

An elaborate printed program is being prepared for the dedication ceremony and of the various stages in the construction of the new dormitories.

PAT NEFF OF BAYLOR HAS WORLD'S LARGEST CLASS—CHAPEL SERVICE

Waco, Texas.—President Pat M. Neff of Baylor University possibly can boast of the largest class in any college or university in the world.

His "class" has 2350 students who come without fail four days a week through each school year. It is the Baylor chapel service.

At 9:55 o'clock each morning, one is able to stand on a front step of Waco hall and see the students ply their way toward the hall from all sections of the campus—a thick mass of young vibrant humanity moving toward a central spot, the 10 o'clock chapel.

President Neff presides at the sessions. His "lessons" to the students may come in many forms, for speakers, singers, artistic performers of a dozen classifications, ministers and dramatic presentations go to make up the fare.