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Baldwin Added To Town Hall

Editor To Speak On "The European Situation" Friday

Town Hall announced today that, through the efforts of Dr. Walton, Frank Baldwin, Editor of The Waco Times Herald and The Waco News Tribune, has been added to its present schedule. Mr. Baldwin will speak next Friday night, on the "European Situation" and subjects concerning it; he spent the better part of the past summer abroad.

Mr. Baldwin's information will, in all probability, be more than interesting to the students of A. & M., for they are more than slightly concerned with present conditions of war, as a result of their being part of America's war machine, which, of course, means that they are directly connected with any move the United States might happen to make in regard to the present war situation. And for those Town Hall members outside the student body... well, all are naturally attracted to, and are eager to obtain, "news behind the news" regarding the so-called strong men of Europe, namely Messrs. Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini, whose personalities all are more or less quaintly familiar with at present.

Students Invited To Participate In Collegiate Rodeo

University of Arizona To Hold Event March 3

The Saddle and Sirolo Club of A. & M. has been invited to enter contestants in the World's Largest Inter-collegiate Rodeo to be held in Tucson, Arizona, on March 31, according to an announcement made this week by James Grote, vice-president of the club.

A number of club members have expressed interest in the rodeo and it is possible that A. & M. will be represented by a number of cowboys numbering among them Benton Adams, Alpine, winner of the Best All-Round Cowboy award at the annual Aggie Rodeo held in November.

The invitation to the rodeo was from Bill Felts, rodeo boss and a student of the University of Arizona. The university is sponsoring the rodeo and offers accommodations for all students making the trip in their fraternity houses. In addition they offer use of their roping mounts and other equipment to visiting cowboy collegians.

The intercollegiate rodeo will be preceded by a full-dress, typical Western parade held March 2 in Tucson, a noted rodeo town.

A touch on irony was added in the letter in that all coeds of A. & M., in addition to any Texas cowgirls attending the school here, were also invited to attend and arrangements would be made for them to stay in sorority houses. Evidently the fact that A. & M. is not coeducational was not known.

BISHOP WILL VISIT ST. THOMAS CHAPEL

Rt. Rev. Clinton S. Quin, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, will visit St. Thomas Chapel tomorrow morning, and will confirm a class and preach at the 10:45 a. m. service. This is Bishop Quin's first visit to the Chapel this school year.

The time of the late morning service has been moved up from 11:00 a. m. to 10:45 a. m. This is to be a permanent change, effective starting this Sunday.

Annual Reception For Seniors To Be Held Monday Night

Affair To Be Held From 8 till 10 p. m.; Number 1 Uniform Will Be Worn

President and Mrs. T. O. Walton will hold their annual reception for the members of the senior class at their home Monday night.

The reception is given each year to the members of the senior class in order that they might become better acquainted with one another and school officials.

In the receiving line will be Dr. and Mrs. Walton, Colonel and Mrs. George F. Moore, Dean and Mrs. F. C. Bolton, Colonel Ike Ashburn, Cadet Colonel Woody Varner, and Bill Guy, vice-president of the senior class. Charlie Hamner, social secretary of the senior class, will assist Walter Sullivan, head of A. & M. Town Hall in pouring for the occasion.

Dress for the reception will be formal and all seniors are requested to wear number 1 uniform. Visitors may call or leave the reception any time between 8 and 10 p. m. Each senior should make an extra effort to attend the reception which has been planned for the class.

PENALTIES FOR CUTTING CLASSES RE-ANNOUNCED

To clear up any uncertainty in the minds of students concerning penalties for cuts, the registrar's office has again stated the Blue Book rules. According to the office, double cuts are out and have been out since the beginning of school this year.

A student is allowed one cut for each hour that his course counts on his degree, however, for every two cuts over the allotted amount, one grade point will be deducted from the total number of grade points made on said course at the end of the semester.

For instance, if a student is taking a three hour course, he is allowed three cuts. If he makes a B in the course and has five cuts, then he will make five grade points on the course at the end of the semester where he would have made six without the two extra cuts. No deduction will be made until two cuts above the number allowed are made.

WELFARE COMMITTEE TO MEET JANUARY 18

The meeting of the Student Welfare Committee for the month of January will be held on the 18th, in the banquet and reception rooms of Sbis Hall.

The meeting originally had been scheduled to take place January 4; but the Christmas holidays made necessary the change.

Dean F. C. Bolton, chairman of the committee, requests that all members of the group keep the date of January 18th open in order to attend.

Rulers of Athletic Destiny



Above is pictured in a recent meeting, the Athletic Council of Texas A. & M. College, the governing body of athletics.

The members are (standing, left to right) Walemon "Cotton" Price, Aggie football star, representing the student body; Melvin J. Miller, representing the Association of Former Students; and Prof. C. W. Crawford, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, representing the faculty; (seated, left to right) Head Coach Homer Hill Norton; Dean E. J. Kyle of the School of Agriculture, chairman of the Athletic Council; E. W. Hooker of the Athletic Office, secretary of the Council; Registrar E. J. Howell; and Joe Wessendorph, representing the Former Students Association.

Athletic Council Makes No Decision As to Norton's Contract, 1940 Games

Potential Aggie Authors To Sponsor Writing Contest

Jack Clark and Walter Sullivan, both of the Engineer regiment, today announce the opening of a short story writing contest, the stories of which are to be based on actual experiences since matriculation at Texas A. & M. The contest will close April 1, 1940, and the writer of the best actual experience on or before that date will receive a cash award of \$10.00; the judges' decision will be final, with duplicate awards being made in the case of a tie, and all stories turned in becoming the property of Clark and Sullivan.

The purpose of the contest is to collect actually interesting experiences (from either thrill or comic standpoints) which will be used as material for a book to be entitled "Interesting Experiences Of Texas Aggies," to be revised and compiled by Clark and Sullivan. All students having heard unusual or interesting experiences from former students are urged to have them send their stories in. All stories should be mailed to W. W. Sullivan Jr., Box 764, Campus, or delivered to his room, G-10 Walton, where they will be read and filed, with further judgment pending. They may be of any length, preferably from 500 to 1,500 words, and the only factor on which the judges will base their decision will be "interest."

The potential authors believe that many of the experiences of

UNIVERSITY MED SCHOOL DEAN TO VISIT CAMPUS

Dr. J. W. Spies, Dean of the University of Texas faculty of medicine at Galveston, will make a visit to the A. & M. campus Monday morning and remain throughout the day.

One of the main reasons for his visit is to interview all sophomores, juniors, and seniors who plan on entering any medical school when they complete their pre-medical work at A. & M. Dr. Spies also plans to visit the Biology Department, Chemistry Department, School of Veterinary Medicine, and the Municipal and Sanitary Engineering Department.

The Pre-Medical Society is holding an informal dinner for Dr. Spies Monday night in the Banquet room of Sbis Hall. The society, which ordinarily meets on Tuesday night, will hold their meeting after the dinner, at which time Dr. Spies will address the members.

Those members of the faculty and members of the Pre-Medical Society who wish to attend the dinner in honor of Dr. Spies on Monday night should get in touch with John Howard, Jack Rudy, Allen Neighbors, or Bill Clarkson

By Hub Johnson

At a late time yesterday evening the Athletic Council announced that no decision had been reached as to the coaching organization for next year.

The council reported that they were still discussing the recommendations to be made to the board. They were also waiting a wire from California before the definite football schedule for the '40 season could be released.

The meeting started just after noon yesterday and many interested parties hugged the halls of the Administration Building in anxious and impatient moods. Coach Norton left the meeting shortly after 3 o'clock with E. W. Hooker. At this time the letter awards were announced.

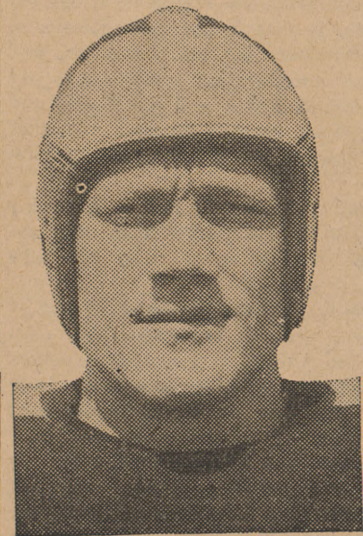
As time passed on and the supper hour neared, "Cotton" Price, student representative to the council, left the meeting in order to reach a banquet to have been held in Grapeland last night.

"Additional information might be released sometime tomorrow," Dean Kyle said late yesterday.

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Joe Boyd Favorite Senior Football Star of T.S.C.W.

Joe Boyd, All-American Texas A. & M. tackle, this week became the overwhelming choice of the 2,700 T. S. C. W. girls in their fourth annual selection of the out-



Boyd

standing senior football player in the Southwest Conference. A. & M.'s so-called sister school, T. S. C. W., once before awarded the honor to an Aggie when in 1938 the student body voted Joe Routt, All-American guard, their favorite.

Notified of the election, Joe was

Annual Fish Prom To Be Held Tonight

Freshman Class of T.S.C.W. Arrived On Special Busses Friday for Dance

By Glenn Mattox

The fourth annual Freshman Ball will take place in Sbis Hall tonight at nine o'clock. The dance will be of three hours' duration, with Tommie Littlejohn's Aggieband Orchestra furnishing the music.

The whole idea of such social activity on the part of a freshman class originated in 1935. Never before had the freshman classes been allowed such a privilege. Great opposition regarding the affair arose from the three upper classes—particularly the sophomore class, the

GLEE CLUB MAKES PLANS FOR TOUR OF TEXAS CITIES

Group Will Entertain T.S.C.W. Students At Close of Tour in Denton

Plans for the annual spring trip of the A. & M. Glee Club were begun last Thursday afternoon in the weekly business meeting of the Glee Club officers at the home of Professor J. J. Woolket, according to the club publicity manager, Gilbert Michalk.

The Glee Club, according to present plans, will leave college on Thursday, April 25th, and return in time for classes the following Monday. The trip will include public appearances before churches, high schools, civic groups, A. & M. Mothers' Clubs and possibly a radio program. Tentative plans include engagements in Waco, Fort Worth, Dallas, Waxahatchie, and Denton and other towns in between.

The highlight of the journey will be an appearance before the student body of T. S. C. W. in Denton, where a dance has been promised for the A. & M. Glee Club members by the director of the T.S.C.W. Glee Club. Two busses instead of the usual one will be engaged for transportation of the club because of its increased membership this year. Arrangements for the trip will be made by Glee Club business manager Charles Zahn. Accommodations for lodging will be furnished by the A. & M. Mothers' Clubs of the respective cities visited.

This year's program will be unusual in that the Glee Club will feature, besides its presentations as a body, some special numbers by individual members. In making every effort to utilize all of its special talent the program will include accordion, quartet, and solo numbers.

basis for their argument was laid on the fact that the privilege being granted that year for the first time in the history of the school had been denied to them in the previous year. In support of the protestations of the sophomore class the freshmen of that year were drilled, fed garlic, and put through various other ceremonies which were designed as positive deterrents to the success of the event-to-come. Despite these tactics all went well throughout the occasion, and during the early part of the following year, the class of '40 staged another such dance. In 1938 the Freshman Dance was again brought to life, only to die until the year 1940 when it sprang up anew—with announcements that this year's would be the biggest and best of all such previous affairs.

Fish F. R. Young, president of the freshman class, and Fish J. R. (Continued on page 4)

BILLIARD CHAMP TO DEMONSTRATE SHOTS MONDAY

The national billiard expert, Chas. C. Peterson, is making his third visit to the A. & M. Y. M. C. A. Monday.

Mr. Peterson is traveling under the auspices of the "Association of College Unions." He gives information on how to conduct a billiard tournament, and arranges tournaments between many of the leading universities and colleges of America.

"No billiard shot that I cannot make," is Mr. Peterson's claim. Throughout the day and evening Mr. Peterson will be in the "Y" lobby where he will demonstrate the important points of playing billiards—how to bridge, how to figure angles, how to place "English," how to chalk a cue, etc.

The public is cordially invited to witness these free demonstrations at 10 a. m., 2, 4, 7, and 9 p. m.

'Mr. Kimbrough Goes To Washington' To Receive Grid Award

John Kimbrough and Coach Homer Norton will fly from Dallas to Washington, D. C., Sunday night where Kimbrough will be presented a special award as being the outstanding All-American football player of the year.

This award is given by the Touchdown Club and they have decided for Jesse Jones, a man who holds a doctor's degree from A. & M., to make the presentation. The award will be given to Kimbrough Tuesday night.

At the same time awards will be made to Nile Kinnick, Ken Kavanaugh and other outstanding gridmen, but the award to Kimbrough will be the only one of its kind. The awards will be made at the annual dinner of the club at Washington on January 16.

DR. BALL BETTER AFTER ILLNESS

Dr. O. M. Ball, curator of the museum and former head of the Biology Department, who has been confined to his room since last August, is reported to be much better after a partial set-back and threatened stroke of paralysis last week. His high blood pressure is now somewhat lower and his heart action highly improved.

It is the hope of his attending physician, Dr. T. T. Walton, that Dr. Ball will be up soon.

Victim of Amnesia Is Identified As A. & M. Classmates Rush to Aid

From The Beaumont Enterprise
An amnesia victim, his mind a blank as to his identity, home and past, was identified at police headquarters about 10 o'clock Thursday night and his people notified.

He is Robert Mitchell, about 35, of Frost, Texas, a former teacher at White House, Texas, and a Hubert Mitchell, former newspaper reporter now working in Houston.

It was the mob of A. & M. college ex-students, rallying to the aid of a former classmate, who finally turned the trick. They brought with them piles of A. & M. annuals, and piled Mitchell with question and question as the night

wore on and other Aggies were rounded up.

Finally Ralph Thompson, assistant to J. F. Combs, county agricultural agent, walked in, peered at the lost man, and stuck out his hand.

"Hi, Mitch," he said. Mitchell grasped his hand tightly and listened while Thompson told him who he is.

"His name is Mitchell—I can't think of his first name—and he waited tables in the mess hall." "Is that my name?" the man asked. "I'm glad you've found out."

From there the solution progressed in leaps and bounds, and shortly before 11 o'clock Wendell John-

son of the La Salle Drug Store, a block away, came in and said, "Sure, he's Robert Mitchell of Frost. I've known him all my life."

Mitchell's memory began slowly returning last night, and he began recalling snatches of the past. His people were being notified by L. B. Maddox, police chief.

Mitchell walked into police headquarters Thursday afternoon asking aid of the police. All he remembered was that he stopped at Orange a night or so previously and asked help there.

It was Bill Brandt, special officer for the Sun Oil Company, who started Mitchell on the right track (Continued on page 4)