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96 Degrees To Be Given At Mid-Term

Largest February Class In History To Graduate Soon

Degrees will be conferred upon the largest mid-semester graduating class of the history of the school when the semester ends, E. J. Howell, Registrar, has announced. Master of science degrees will be conferred upon 18 men, representing all branches of the school. Bachelor of science degrees will be conferred upon 81 men, while only three will receive the bachelor of arts degrees.

This class will be considerably larger than the one which graduated last year at the mid-term. There were only 53 degrees awarded last year, as compared with 96 in this year's class.

The far-flung fame of Texas A. & M. is noted in the list of the home towns of the men graduating. From as close as right here in College Station to as far away as India, and from as far south as Venezuela, men come here for their higher education. The class has representatives of almost every part of Texas. Three other states, California, Louisiana, and Oklahoma are also represented.

The largest group receiving one degree are the 20 graduating in agriculture. The second group is agricultural administration, with

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50 Attend Dairy Short Course Here

Approximately 50 men from all parts of Texas had signed up Monday for the Thirteenth Annual Dairying Manufacturing Short Course which is being sponsored by the Department of Dairy Husbandry. The short course opened Monday and will continue through Thursday.

Many outstanding dairy men are here for the meeting. Among them are Dr. E. L. Fouts of the Dairy Department of Oklahoma A. & M., and M. E. McMurry, manager of the Texas Dairy Products Association of Ft. Worth who will be the principal speaker at the banquet to be held in Sbis Hall Wednesday night.

All meetings are being held in the creamery, and assignments have been made so that each student may attend all of the laboratory sessions.

WTAW Presents Programs Of Wide Interest To All Texans

With the limited time at the disposal of W.T.A.W., the radio voice of Texas A. & M. College, a schedule of programs is presented of interest to listeners in every walk of life. Best known is the Texas Farm and Home program which originates in College Station each week-day morning from 11:30 until 11:45, and is brought to listeners throughout the state via the Texas Quality Network.

This program is of interest to farmers and those connected with agriculture. The entire facilities of the State Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service are placed at the disposal of the people of the state. Innovations in farm methods, suggested improvements, and round table discussion groups are presented with the aim of helping the farmer to meet and overcome his problems. Suggestions from listeners in the form of letters and cards serve as a guide to the planning of programs.

Of local and student appeal are three periods. Sp-Oatescast, a sports commentary by E. C. "Jeep" Oates, Battalion sports editor, is heard from 11:45 until 12:00 on Friday morning. The Aggie Clambake, a musical and vocal unre-

PRIZES OFFERED TO WRITERS IN PETROLEUM

Writing Sponsored By Oil Weekly Magazine

Jack Ballagh, head of the Patterson-Ballagh Corporation, together with Ray Dudley, president of The Oil Weekly, have conceived the idea of making an added incentive for technical writing among petroleum production engineering students. These men have secured the cooperation of a number of oil-field equipment manufacturers in sponsoring papers on oil-field equipment and contributing cash awards for the best papers.

The total amount of awards to be given is \$155. The companies participating in the sponsoring of the contests are the Reed Roller Bit Co., Sperry Sun Well Surveying Co., National Tank Co., Haliburton Oil Well Cementing Co., National Tank Co., Copper-Bessemer Corp., and the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Co. The number of students competing for the large awards is much greater than the number competing for the smaller awards.

By the response of the senior class of last year it was questioned whether this fine gesture on the part of the manufacturing companies was appreciated. However, papers turned in their term have shown such pronounced improvement that it is believed the consideration of the manufacturers is more than justified.

H. E. Gross, associate professor in the Petroleum Engineering Department, states that he hopes that many of the men will be available within a few years as contributors or writers for trade journals.

Economics Club To Show Moving Picture On "Money At Work"

The Economics Club will present a motion picture in sound Wednesday night at 7:30 in the Chemistry Lecture Room. The name of the film is "Money At Work" and it was produced to show the major role that money plays in our economic system. The picture is especially produced for the use of member banks of the American Bankers Association and is excellent from every technical standpoint. It is being shown here on the campus through the courtesy of the City National Bank of Bryan.

After the showing of the film, Mr. Henry Oliver, president of the State National Bank of Houston will give a short talk on the subject, "Banking." He will also answer any questions that the audience may have.

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hears feature comes on Friday afternoon from 4:30 until 5:15. Following the Clambake is The Battalion Newscast, narrated by columnist George Fuermann, and C. A. Montgomery Jr., of the Battalion staff. The Newscast is concerned with news affecting students directly, as well as that pertaining to the college in general. At the conclusion of the Newscast, cadets prominent in student life are interviewed about their parts in the students' scheme of things.

Also of particular student appeal is the "Masterworks" period. On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings, from 11:45 until 12:00, recordings of classical music are heard. Any number which is heard on this program is available for re-playing at the Music Room on the third floor of the library. "Folks and Music" recordings made by A. Owens in the Music Room are heard from 11:45 until

12:00. Conservation of natural resources and wild-life, is the theme of "Save America!", an electrical transcription dramatizing the need for the wider adoption of conservation practices.

Norton Awarded Five-Year Contract

Portrait Of Walton May Be Presented A. & M. By Group Of Ex-Students Soon

A life-sized portrait of President T. O. Walton will be presented to A. & M. College, if plans of a group of Texas citizens and friends of the institution materialize.

This group, led by Melvin J. Miller, '11, and John C. Burns, '04, both of Fort Worth, has secured a nationally famous portrait artist, Seymore M. Stone of New York, to do a life-sized portrait of Dr. Walton. When completed the portrait will be presented to A. & M. with fitting ceremonies.

In addition to Messrs. Miller and Burns the portrait fund committee includes Col. Clarence Owsley, Fort Worth; Calvin P. Dodson, '11, Decatur; C. C. Krueger, '12, San Antonio; Marion S. Church, '05, Dallas; Walter Booth, Sweetwater; C. M. Evans, '08, Dallas; Dr. Marvin Lee Graves, Houston; George C. Chance, Bryan; Burrus Jackson, '27, Hillsboro; Walter E. Dickerson, '11, Corpus Christi; H. B. Zachry, '22, Laredo, and R. T. Shiels, '10, Dallas.

John C. Burns, treasurer of the committee, requests that any subscriptions be made promptly, with checks made payable to the T. O. Walton Portrait Fund and mailed to 1603 Fort Worth National Bank Building, Fort Worth.

Deadline Extended For Annual Aggie Playwright Contest

The deadline for entries into the contest sponsored by the management of the 1940 Aggie Play has been extended from the original date of January 5th to February 1st. This contest is featured to obtain producible plays written by A. & M. students, with the winning play actually produced on the stage at A. & M. College. The prizes are \$25, \$10, and \$5.

The original requirements for the plot of the play were that it be a murder mystery with A. & M. life used as a background. Due however, to the difficulty of writing murder mysteries or to the lack of interest in that type of play, the management has opened the contest to any type of play based on A. & M. life.

No prizes will be awarded unless the judges decide that the best plays are worthy of production. The play may be submitted in narrative or dramatic form.

The management reserves the right to make use of the material from any manuscript turned in and to make alterations in the story which is selected for production.

Entries must be turned in to R. L. Elkins of the Economics Department.

Coach Rewarded For Championship Team Of This Year

Salary Is Undisclosed, But Estimated \$10,000

Head Coach Homer Hill Norton was awarded for his great change in tactics and the splendid record of the Aggies this year with a five-year contract extending through the 1944 football season, Saturday at a joint meeting of the A. & M. Athletic Council and the Athletic Committee of the College Board of Directors. At the same time the salaries of Norton's assistants were also raised.

It has been announced that the Aggies would play the University of California at Los Angeles. Games with Ohio State at Columbus and possibly with California University at Berkeley, are under consideration. These opponents along with the other six of the suicide Southwest Conference teams might go to make up the toughest schedule ever encountered by a Cadet team, and yet eight starters and 16 other lettermen will return to make the season a promising one.

"So far as I'm concerned, I'm very happy and am not interested in a job anywhere besides A. & M. College of Texas," the veteran coach stated at the close of the Tulane game.

Norton came here in 1934 after finishing two perfect seasons at Centenary where he coached several undefeated teams. Under him, the Aggies have won 33 games, lost 23, and tied 6. Eleven games were added to the win group this year with much the similar team that lost five, won four, and tied one last year.

The contract was dated September 1, 1940, to the end of the playing season of 1945. It was estimated that the new salary was around \$10,000 per year.

GEOLOGIST TO ADDRESS CLUBS

A. I. Levorsen, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, chairman of the research committee of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and past president of the association, will stop at A. & M. Wednesday on his way for a geological meeting in Houston this week.

While at A. & M., Mr. Levorsen will be taken on an inspection trip through the college and Wednesday night will address a joint meeting of the Geology and Petroleum Clubs at 7:30 in the Geology Lecture room. His subject will be "Some Frontiers in Petroleum Geology."

Since graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1917, Mr. Levorsen has been active in mid-continent oil field practice. He has made an extensive study of the "convergence theory" in locating oil fields and has applied the theory in his practice. At present he is a consulting geologist.

Film Record of New Orleans Festivities, Sugar Bowl Game, At Bryan This Week

A film featuring the Aggie football team as it clinched its title of No. 1 team in the nation over Tulane in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day appears on the regular Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday program of the Queen Theater in Bryan this week. Other scenes show the Aggie Band in action, the track and tennis meets, the horse racing, and the merry-making and festivities before and after the game. This special is believed to be the most complete film record of this memorable event, and should prove of interest and entertainment to every Aggie whether he did or did not make the trip.

The regular feature is the film "Night of Nights" starring Pat O'Brien.

Sanitation Course Offered Here; Will Begin In February

A three months' course for municipal sanitation officers, starting February 10, has been announced by the Department of Municipal and Sanitary Engineering, headed by Professor E. W. Steel. It will be the first course of its kind offered in the Southwest. The course is similar to the training course for sanitarians advocated by the U. S. Public Health Service.

Operators of water plants, sewage plants and swimming pools; sanitary inspectors of milk, food, and plumbing; supervisors of mosquito and rodent control; and others, are expected to be interested in the course. Included in the work program will be lectures and field work on fundamental methods of water, sewage, and milk analysis; plumbing, garbage disposal, swimming pool operation, rodent and mosquito control, food and milk inspections, abattoirs, housing and the like.

The course will begin at A. & M. February 10. Further details may be secured from Professor E. W. Steel, head of the Department of Municipal and Sanitary Engineering.

MARINE CORPS TO ENLIST 2,000 MEN

A representative of the United States Marine Corps will be at the post office in Waco, Texas, on January 22, 23, 24, and 25, for the purpose of interviewing and examining applicants for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps. Young men between the ages of 18 and 30, single, white, not less than 64 inches nor more than 74 inches tall, with no one depending upon them for support, will be examined for acceptance in the Marine Corps.

Federal Credit Union Of A. & M. To Meet Thursday

Local Union Organized In June; Has 79 Members

The first annual meeting of the Texas A. & M. Federal Credit Union will be held in room 312 Agriculture Bldg. on Thursday, January 18, for the reporting of all work of the organization to date and the election of officers for the new year.

Since this is a very new organization on the campus this annual meeting will be open to all members of the college staff interested in finding out what federal union is and particularly what the local one has done.

The local union was organized in June, 1939, and began operations in July. The summer months were used to become established and acquainted with its work, and the fall has shown a steady growth without any particular publicity and no drive for membership.

Today, the organization has about 79 members, has made about 30 loans, none of which have been delinquent, and no charge-offs have been necessary. All details with regard to the union, its operation, and type of credit and saving service to staff members of the college will be explained at the meeting.

In general a federal credit union is a cooperative association organized to promote thrift among its members and create a source of credit for useful purposes. It is chartered and supervised through the Farm Credit Administration.

A credit union helps its members to save money conveniently, safely, and in small sums. Savings may be used to purchase shares in the credit union, either monthly, or on pay days, or at irregular intervals. The money thus saved is loaned to members at reasonable rates of interest.

Dr. Summy To Build Home In Oakwood

Work has been started on a story and a half American Colonial home for Dr. and Mrs. George Summey Jr. in North Oakwood addition.

Architects for the residence are Jack Atkinson and Olin Sanders. General contractor is Ole Martin. The home will be completed in April.

The house will be brick veneer and frame, with attached garage and servants' quarters. It will have an asbestos shingle roof textured to match old weathered wood shingles. It will be completely insulated in walls and ceiling with rockwool. There will be two baths in the house and one in the servants' quarters.

Poll Shows College Students To Favor R.O.T.C. Training

Should the United States have to mobilize, many of its Army officers will come from the ranks of college men, and a draft would call undergraduates at an early stage. Long a subject of controversy in legislatures and in ball sessions, the advisability of military training on the campus assumes new significance with war again in Europe.

What is the tenor of opinion on the R.O.T.C. today among those young people for whom this military training is intended, who will have to join the battle lines in case of war? National student opinion on this matter has never before been known with scientific accuracy. The Student Opinion Surveys of America, cooperating with The Battalion and nearly 150 other college newspapers, presents it for the first time.

AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF STUDENTS—86 PER CENT—FAVOR R.O.T.C. TRAINING.

In its most extensive research poll the Surveys has yet attempted, interviewers from coast to coast were assigned to ask this question of a mathematical cross section of

King Cotton To Be Named Here Tonight

Bigger And Better Floor Show Planned For In Cotton Ball

Tonight, in what is expected to be a hotly contested election, the King of the annual Cotton Ball of the Agronomy Society will be chosen from some 40 eligible seniors.

Following the election, the assistants to the business manager and social secretary will be selected, and the various committees appointed.

This year's plans are expected to add new splendor and prestige to this already widely-known event. Bigger and better floor and fashion shows are promised. Oscar Johnson, president of the National Cotton Council, and president and director of the world's largest cotton plantation, the Delta and Pine Land Company of Scott, Mississippi, will crown the king at the ceremony, April 19.

The proceeds of the dance are used to finance an inspection trip for three agronomy seniors through several foreign countries.

Interesting Talk Expected In Town Hall Friday Night

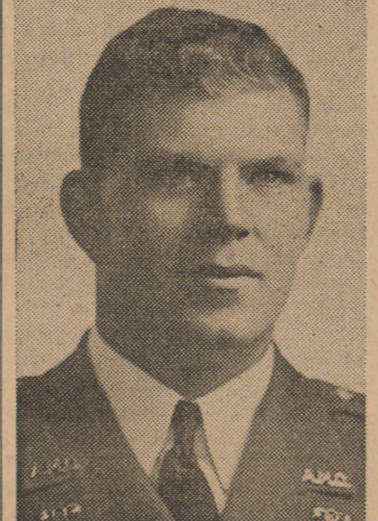
From a recent interview of Walter Lacey of Waco, who is a member of the Texas A. & M. Board of Directors, it was learned that he is a close friend of Frank Baldwin, editor of The Waco Times Herald and of the Waco News Tribune, who will present a lecture to the A. & M. Town Hall on Friday, January 19, at 7:30 p. m. in Guion Hall.

Baldwin writes a column that is widely read throughout the Southwest, and is a noted lecturer over the state of Texas. He is spoken highly of by Lacy, who said "Frank has an excellent knowledge of the present European situation, and he has an interesting story to tell of it," and by Edwin J. Kiest of Dallas, also of the Board of Directors, who said that Baldwin "is the Waco Times Herald" and "is the News Tribune."

An interesting evening is anticipated for Friday night, when Baldwin will speak here. Those who heard the talk of Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., here last year may expect a talk of the same nature as Vanderbilt's discussion of European affairs at that time.

Davis And Dahl Report Interesting And Educational Trip To Meeting Of Student Federation In Minnesota

By Charles Montgomery

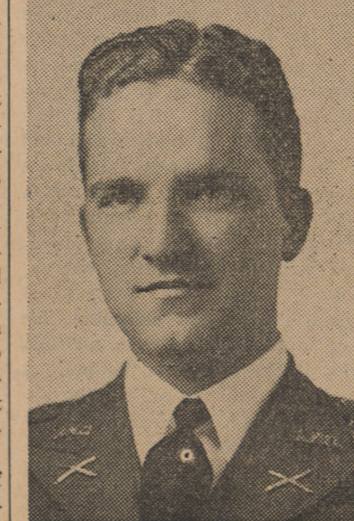


Bruce Davis

Bruce Davis, senior of A Chemical Warfare Service, and Keith Dahl, junior of 3rd Combat Field Artillery, represented A. & M. at the annual convention of the National Student Federation of America, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, during the Christmas holidays. The N. S. F. A. is an organization of student government leaders from over 200 colleges and universities throughout the country. The object of the convention is to discuss problems relating to student welfare and student government. This year is the first time that A. & M. has been represented.

Davis said that since most of the representatives were from coeducational schools, there were some

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Keith Dahl

Of all students, there:
Men Women Both
Approve87% 83% 86%
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