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693 Students Pay Second Term Fees

Day Students Must Present Authority When Paying Fees

Almost 700 students have already registered with the Fiscal Department for the second term by paying their second-semester fees, according to an announcement made by officials of the department Friday afternoon. Official figures for the first two days totaled 693 students.

The department also announced that contrary to previous registrations a large percent of the fees paid were for the entire second semester instead of until March 1. Fees for the entire semester total \$140 for dormitory students and \$30.50 for day-students. Payment for dormitory students until March 1, which is the smallest payment that can be made, is \$55.50. The payment for dormitory students for the entire second semester includes board \$81.75, medical fee \$5.00, matriculation fee \$25.00, room \$20.00, and laundry \$8.25. The Y.M.C.A. privilege card is not included in these figures and is \$2.50 extra if desired by the student.

In registration this semester a day-student will be required to present either a day-student permit or a fee receipt for the first semester before he will be allowed to pay the day-student fees for the second semester. This rule has been made to insure proper registration of all students.

Fees for the second semester are now payable and must be paid before a student can register on February 9 or 12.

Dormitory students may also sign up for their rooms in the dorms following their payment of fees at the Fiscal Department. However, students registering for rooms in the dormitories for the second term at the Commandant's Office must sign for the rooms that they are now occupying.

Ex-Aggie Named to City Of Austin School Board

A. C. "Abe" Bull, '16, bank executive and civic leader, has been appointed as a member of the City of Austin School Board. His term will run to April, 1941, and he is the third generation of his family on this board.

Following his graduation at A. & M. and service in the U. S. Army during the World War, he returned to Austin where he has taken a prominent part in the business and civic life in that city.

"Mail Must Go Through" Is Motto of 'Bat' Circulation Staff

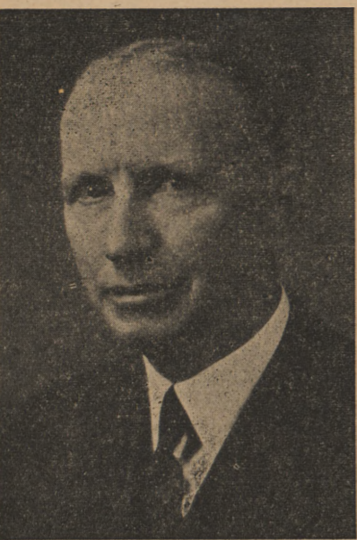
By A. J. Robinson

Service! That is the unspoken motto of The Battalion Circulation Department, which makes sure that The Battalion newspaper which you have in your hands is delivered to you each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with certainty and punctuality.

The department, which also circulates The Battalion Magazine, began to operate with efficiency immediately at the opening of school. Subscriptions numbering 5,800 were sold to students and others during registration, which was completed on a Thursday. The following Saturday every subscriber had a newspaper! a record-breaking compilation of rolls and delivery in 48 hours!

The department sometimes has its difficulties. During the recent severe cold weather, the circulation staff, when going to work at four o'clock in the morning, found to its dismay that the automobile used for delivery of the newspapers was stalled. The Chevrolet, which belongs to advertising manager Larry Wehrle, was pushed out into the ice-covered street, but the motor failed to respond. As a last resort, H. G. Howard, circulation manager, started to the nearest

Speaks at Baylor



Pictured above is Dr. T. D. Brooks, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School of A. & M. and former Baylor faculty member. Dean Brooks spoke Thursday at the dedicatory exercises at Baylor University, on the subject "An Alumnus' View of His Alma Mater." The occasion was the dedication of the \$250,000 Pat Neff hall and acceptance of the \$15,000 Cullen F. Thomas carillon in the hall's 150-foot tower.

POWER LINES READY FOR NEW WATER SYSTEM

New Water Mains May Be Put Into Public Use By Latter Part of February

Power for operation of the pumps for the new water plant of the City of Bryan will be turned on Saturday, according to City Manager W. W. Scott of Bryan, the necessary transformers having arrived last week from Schenectady, New York, and installed this week. Water will not be turned into the mains until the final test by the Lane-Texas Co., contractors for the project, has been made.

The directors of A. & M. and City of College Station officials have contracted with the City of Bryan for a new water supply which will come from the new Bryan plant. A. & M. and College Station together consume an average of 750,000 gallons of water a day, as estimated by the Buildings and College Utilities Department. The new system is designed to supply this community with an even greater amount of water. The old water system here will not be discarded but will be held in reserve in the event of an unforeseen fault occurring in the new system.

'40 Seniors Honor Class Ball Players

Informal Ceremony Held At Guion Hall Thursday

In an informal ceremony Thursday night on the steps of Guion Hall Max McCullar, president of the senior class, presented the ten senior members and the coach of the Aggie football team gold footballs as gifts from the A. & M. senior class of 1940.

The ceremony, which is a traditional affair held by the graduating senior class to honor their members of the team, held added significance this year due to the record year behind the team. The team was acknowledged by almost all football authorities as the most outstanding team in the nation during the past season.

Gold footballs were presented to Joe Parish, tackle from Van Ansteyne; Joe (Jo Jo) White, end from Amarillo; Walemon (Cotton) Price, halfback from Newcastle; Joe Boyd, All-American tackle from Dallas; Hugh Boyd, end from Jacksboro; Gus Bates, guard from Fort Worth; Frank (Fim) Woods, back from San Angelo; William (Rock) Audish, back from Brenham; William Duncan, end from Henrietta; and Herbert (Herb) Smith, end from San Angelo. The senior class then presented Coach Norton with a similar gold football.

In expressing his and the senior members of the team thanks Coach Norton stated:

"We wish to express our appreciation of the senior class for giving us these footballs and I think that it is a splendid idea and an appropriate way for the class to honor its players.

We wish to express our appreciation for the support which you have given us this year. In the past things may not have looked so good but we are not looking back and may I offer that advice to the senior class. Don't look back, keep going."

In Pony Express Style "Bat" Staff Will Publish Paper Through Week

Inquiries have been made as to whether publication of The Battalion will be suspended during examination week. It will not be suspended, but will be issued Tuesday and Thursday as usual.

However, because of the mid-term period, there will be no issues of the paper either Saturday, February 10, or Tuesday, February 13.

At the resumption of publication Thursday the 15th, all old staff members are urged to return to their work thoroughly imbued with "vim, vigor, and vitality"; and all men wishing to join the staff are invited to do so during the next semester.

"Italy Was All Right, But There Was Work To Be Done In Egypt," Stated the Traveling Aggie on His Way to Africa

(Editor's note—This is the second of a series of stories on Europe and the Near East as viewed through the eyes of an Aggie. The first of the series, which appeared in an earlier issue of The Battalion tells of the adventures of eight college students, including two Aggies, on their trip from the United States to France during the summer of 1938. The group is bound for Egypt to do geophysical work for an oil company... The last installment ended with the boys on a boat bound from Marseilles, France to Naples, Italy.)

By A. C. Bassett

From Marseilles we took a trip to Arles and Avignon which took twelve hours of our sixteen there. Arles proved very interesting with her many ancient structures—the Cathedral of St. Trophime found-

SPECIAL SALE TO BE MADE OF AGGIE PLATES

Commemorative Issue Of Aggie Wedgwood Plates To Be Sold in Single Lots

For the first time since the series was started, Aggie commemorative banquet plates can be bought separately. Heretofore the plates were sold only in sets of twelve but these sets are to be divided and sold separately and four cadets have been selected as agents for the plates.

These students are Jack Calhoun in Hall 12, J. G. Wortham in Project House 12, Roy Grobe in 26 Post-Graduate Hall, and Edgar Butschek in Project House 16.

Only about 500 plates of the original edition are left, but the supply of regular edition plates is unlimited. To distinguish between the original and the regular edition it is necessary to turn the plate over and notice a stamp showing a cadet standing at attention which is only on the originals.

Josiah Wedgwood and Sons of Etruria, England, makers of the world's most famous china plates, have perpetuated memories of campus scenes with pictures of various dormitories in the center of the plates. Around the edge is a border of steers' heads and emblems of the different campus organizations.

Rural Tax Course Will Be Offered Second Semester

Next semester the Department of Agricultural Economics will offer a course on Rural Tax Problems, J. Wheeler Barger, head of the department announced this week. This course is offered only once every two years to students interested in this subject.

L. P. Gabbard, chief of the Division of Farm and Ranch Economics of the Texas Experiment Station, who has worked on problems of public finance and taxation in Texas for the past ten years, will teach the course.

The course is listed in the catalogue as Agricultural Economics 436 and will be limited to about twelve or fifteen students.

The course deals with a factual survey of the development and present situation regarding the taxation of farm property; a critical consideration of the system of taxing farm property and compared with the taxation of other property; a study of the administrative aspects in the farm property taxation; and possible and proposed methods of improving the taxation of this property.

Mr. Barger stated that anyone interested in taking the course should get in touch with him before registration and make a reservation to take the course as not more than fifteen students can be competently handled. Economics 412, "Public Finance and Taxation" is required as a prerequisite.

New Aggie Air Port, Hangar Rapidly Nearing Completion

A Real Texas Aggie Family



Seated left to right, Robert Lanford, junior at A. & M. in B Coast Artillery, L. L. Lanford, ex-Aggie of '09; Scott Lanford, freshman in F Coast Artillery. Standing, Don Lanford, '38, junior agronomist in the Soil Conservation Service at Marshall; and Rex Lanford, freshman in F Coast Artillery.

If Aggie Wealth Can Be Counted, Ex-Aggie Is Rich

Few will deny that L. L. "Farm-Lanford have three daughters and er" Lanford, ex-Aggie of '09, farmer and ranchman near Blanket, Texas, in Brown County, is one of the richest men in the state. Part of his wealth is with him above in the form of four sons, one a graduate of A. & M., and three in school at the present time. In addition to these four boys, Mr. and Mrs.

Lanford completed a two-year course in agriculture at A. & M. in 1909 and has been farming and stock-raising near Blanket since that time. The story of his life should be an inspiration to every American and might well be quoted as an example of what determination, frugality, and family planning can accomplish.

Each of these four boys graduated from the Blanket High School, after which they worked two years each at home before entering College. Thus all of them helped Don, the oldest, to finish school and he in turn is now aiding his father in sending the younger brothers to A. & M. Rex, next to the oldest, served four years in the U. S. Navy after finishing high school to save enough money to finance a large part of his college education.

The boys were all 4-H Club members, winning a number of prizes and trips in this way. They were all Boy Scouts in the same troop at the same time, each attaining a rank of Life or Eagle Scout.

Mr. Lanford Sr. is a long-time member of the Former Students Association at A. & M. and an active and loyal friend of the college.

LOS ANGELES.—There just isn't much medical science can do about a hangover. One delegate to the Western sectional convention of the American College of Surgeons described the treatment, such as it is. He explained that he desired anonymity, but said that in his past as chief physician for a steamship company he had seen some horrific hangovers in his time. His suggestion: "Don't contract a hangover—but what's the use of going into that? "Drink good liquor. Dilute it liberally with water. The water will help eliminate the liquor. Take a steaming bath. Take an alkali. Take a bicarbonate of soda. Take a sleeping tablet. Take a good grip on yourself. "If that doesn't help, well, that's all we know."

Summer Short Course Plans Made by School Authorities

By Bob Nisbet

Texas A. & M. is widely known as the location of this or that short course. Because of its geographical placement, and also because of its diversity of equipment, A. & M. is better qualified than most institutions to care for these short courses.

Three such short courses for this summer have already been approved, Col. Ike Ashburn has announced. They are the Welding Conference, the County Superintendents and Supervisors Conference, and the Fireman's Training School.

One of the most widely attended of the courses is the Fireman's Training School, carried on through the supervision of H. R. Brayton. Over 500 firemen from throughout the volunteer departments of Texas will assemble at A. & M. on July 21 to undergo a six-day course of study that will enable them to carry on their work against the most deadly of man's enemies. The firemen will stay in the dormitories and will eat in the mess hall. On the night of July 23 the smoke-eaters will gather in the mess hall for their annual banquet.

Flying To Start With Second Term

Four Training Planes Already on New Field

Work on the new A. & M. College Airport is rapidly nearing completion this week with the construction of a new sheet metal hangar and the grading of three airplane runways, Gibb Gilchrist, dean of the School of Engineering and head of the new C. A. A. flying course at A. & M., announced this week.

The field, which is located just west of Lake Shinola, has three 2,200-foot runways that are each 500 feet wide in addition to the triangular center portion of the field.

The hangar is 80 feet wide and 100 feet long and is already well under construction. In it will be kept the four cub-plane instruction ships to be used in actual flight training of the C. A. A. flying course being taught at A. & M.

Actual flying training will be taught by the Kadette Aviation Company which is headed by T. H. Coffelt of Bryan. Ships to be used in the course include one recently purchased Packard Cub and three new Taylor Craft training ships which were flown in to the new Aggie airport direct from the factory last week.

Some 50 students are now taking the preliminary ground work course and of these 40 will start actual flying work at the start of the second semester. The other 10 students will be alternates.

Flight training will start with the second semester as it is expected that the field will be inspected and approved by C. A. A. authorities by that time. Approval must be secured for the new field before actual student flying can begin in the course.

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TOM BAGLEY, '32, TO WED HOUSTON GIRL SOON

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sims, of Austin, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Thomas Bittle Bagley, '32, of Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bagley, head of the Cotton Marketing Department of A. & M.

The wedding will be solemnized at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at A. & M. February 10. Mr. and Mrs. Bagley, elect, will make their home in Houston, where Tom is connected with the Houston Compress Company.

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The Welding Conference is under the direction of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and Bob Cook has been assigned the task of arranging things for the state's welders. The conference will begin April 15 and will last until April 19. Two hundred or more are expected for the course.

Dean Brooks and W. L. Hughes have invited educators from throughout Texas to attend a short course known as the County Superintendents and Supervisors Conference, and the Fireman's Training School.

COLONEL IKE ASHBURN MAKES NUMEROUS TALKS

Colonel Ike Ashburn, executive assistant to the president, has been away most of this week, speaking to various clubs and organizations over the state. Tuesday he spoke to the San Antonio A. & M. Mothers' Club, on Wednesday night he addressed the Annual Banquet of the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce and Thursday morning he talked to the Houston A. & M. Mothers' Club at Houston.