

Cunningham Writes of A.&M. In American Legion Magazine

A. & M. is again receiving nationwide publicity. This time it is through "The American Legion Magazine" in Bill Cunningham's story "And What A College." A. & M. is highly praised as the largest single military unit in the United States, and as the college that contributed the greatest number of naval as well as army officers during the World War.

Concerning the school Cunningham says, "The men are soldiers. They are a Corps. The college has a president. His name is T. O. Walton, and he's an able man. But the corps likewise has a commandant. He's Colonel George F. Moore, C. A. C., U. S. A. He's likewise not only an acknowledged authority upon the art of military science and tactics, which department he heads, but is a splendid practical soldier."

And not briefly mentioned in the story is the new \$23,000 American Legion Hall that houses 84 boys whose fathers are, or were American Legion members.

To cite some of the successful ex-Aggies, the names of A. F. Dickerson, prominent in General

Electric at Schenectady, N. Y., whose recent job was lighting the San Francisco World's Fair; Marvin W. Smith, vice-president of Westinghouse at Pittsburgh; L. W. Wallace, Director of Research for the American Engineering Council in Chicago; Charles S. Atwell, vice-president of the Texas Company; and Albert Sidney Burleson, who was Postmaster General under Woodrow Wilson, were given.

The school spirit and cooperation at A. & M. was heartily approved, and praise was heaped on the Aggie football team, as well as the entire corps that stands and lends moral support in the form of the "twelfth man" during the entire 60 minutes of each game.

As a final approval Cunningham ended with, "Its football team indeed was great, but it was really only catching up with the rich service in peace, the gallant record in war, the potential bulwark if our national honor or safety is definitely challenged in the future that make this one of the distinctive educational institutions of these entire United States. Yeah Aggie!"

Bucking Horse Talent Is Uncertain Quality, Declares Verne Elliott

FORT WORTH.—You never can tell for sure when a chicken is going to cross the road or when an outlaw bronc is going to buck for his rodeo fans.

That is a gentle moan from Verne Elliott, rodeo impresario and manager of the world championship rodeo which will be held in Fort Worth, March 8-17.

For many years, Elliott has been searching for "talent" among bucking horses. He found Midnight, the king of all buckers, and Midnight's successor, Five Minutes to Midnight. Now Elliott has young outlaws in his string of more than 100 horses. They look promising, but without warning, one of them is likely to quit cold when he gets out of the chute.

"Just remember," Elliott said, "that bucking horses have a high mark to shoot at, because Five Minutes to Midnight has only been ridden 111 times in more than 700 times out of chutes. That is a high substitute average in anybody's league."

Stangel Retires As President of Nat'l Block-Bridle Club

W. L. "Runt" Stangel, ex-Aggie, '15, head of the department of animal husbandry at Texas Tech, is the retiring president of the National Block and Bridle Club, a student organization composed of animal husbandry student organizations in the leading agricultural institutions of the United States. Current secretary-treasurer of the national organization is Maynard G. Snell, '21, professor of animal husbandry at Louisiana State University.

Stangel has headed the animal husbandry department at Tech since 1925, resigning as a member of the A. & M. faculty to accept that post. He is chairman of the Tech Athletic Council. In his profession he is one of the best known livestock men in the Southwest and since 1937 has served as superintendent of the Aberdeen-Angus Division of the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

Students of Future To Get Diplomas By Listening to Radio?

It won't be so long, maybe, till the day when you can get your diploma while lying in bed by turning the radio on. Northwestern University has announced that part credit in the undergraduate course in Modern Life and Letters will be given students for listening to CBS' "Of Men and Books," broadcasts by Professor John T. Frederick of the University of Illinois School of Journalism.

This is a first step, and a cautious one. In order to receive credit, students must listen to the broadcast in Columbia's Chicago studios, and must stay in the studio for two hours, while Professor Frederick lectures after going on the air. In addition, outside reading is required, and a final exam will be taken after conclusion of the program series in May.

The broadcasts will be an extension of Professor Frederick's regular college course in Modern Life and Letters. Founder and editor of the famous middle-western literary magazine, Midland, until it stopped publication a few years ago, Professor Frederick is recognized as an authority on regional literature. A friend of many of the most important literary figures of our time, he is frequently assisted on his broadcast by the novelists and poets whose books he reviews.

Not pulling any punches, and staying friends with his authors is a trick that few besides Prof. Frederick have mastered.

A.&M. May Take Part In California Rodeo To Be Held in April

A. & M. may again take part in an intercollegiate rodeo to be held at Victorville, California on Saturday, April 13, with the contestants limited to colleges and universities of the West, and Southwest, R. M. Denhardt of the Agricultural Economics Department has announced. This college rodeo was started last year and was highly successful.

Teams consisting of two riders and two ropers from each school will compete for a perpetual trophy awarded by the city of Victorville. The trophy was won by the University of California last year. The cup is awarded to the team that builds up the most points in the rodeo. The events consist of bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping, single steer roping and team roping.

Contestants from eleven western colleges participated in the event last year, and more are expected this year. Contestants participating last year were from Texas A. & M., U. C. L. A., U. S. C., University of Washington, Arizona State, California Polytechnic and the University of Nevada.

Scholarships At Tennessee Offered

Dean E. J. Kyle of the School of Agriculture has announced that the University of Tennessee is offering scholarships in agricultural economics and rural sociology for the session of 1940-41.

Students interested should read the announcement on the bulletin board of the Agricultural Building and should consult with J. Wheeler Barger, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, and Daniel Russell, head of the Department of Rural Sociology.



A. T. Patrick, '83, Once Sentenced To Die, Succumbs to Natural Causes

Albert T. Patrick, 74, who was once sentenced to death for the murder of William Marsh Rice, Texas multimillionaire, died lately in Tulsa, Okla. Patrick, who was graduated from A. & M. with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1883 and received a law degree from the University of Texas in 1886, was pardoned by Governor John A. Dix of New York in 1912, six years after Governor Charles Evans Hughes had commuted his sentence. After leaving Sing Sing, Patrick worked his way back to a position of prominence.

Although he always maintained his innocence, Patrick, then a New York City attorney, was convicted of persuading Rice's valet to chloroform him. In pardoning the prisoner, Governor Dix said he believed Rice, 82 years old, died of natural causes after eating nine bananas. The prosecution contended that what Patrick claimed was Rice's will was a forged document. It would have left the estate to the lawyer to administer under a deed of trust. Patrick prepared his own defense and argued his case.

After leaving prison, Patrick went to Tulsa to direct the oil interests of his brother-in-law, the late John T. Millikin, St. Louis chemical manufacturer. Later he engaged in independent oil operations, and in 1938, moved to Wetumka, Okla.

Charged with assault and battery, a Wilson, N. C., man told the sheriff: "I'm ready to sign those papers." "What papers?" asked the sheriff. "I mean those papers that say I'm sorry I did it," replied the prisoner.

The work program of the National Youth Administration provides part-time employment on useful projects undertaken in cooperation with public agencies for needy out-of-school youth between the ages of 18 and 24.

Projects are designed not only to enlarge community services but to enable young men and women to acquire basic work experience and sound habits of work which will fit them for private employment.

Fish Class Clears \$415 Profit on Ball

The Fish Ball, held January 13, was a success, at least from a financial standpoint, according to freshman class president Frank Young, who has announced that a profit of \$415 was cleared on the affair. A meeting was held recently to determine what was to be done with the money, but no definite agreement was reached. Another meeting will be held at a future date to decide the disposal of the funds.

Corrections Announced For Holik School Fund Report

Corrections and additions have been announced for the list of contributors to the Holik School Site Fund published in a late issue of The Battalion. They are as follows:

Lieutenant-Colonel O. E. Beezley contributed \$50, and Rev. James Carlin \$10. R. H. Ballerstedt, owner of the Y. M. C. A. Barber Shop, gave \$10.

Ex-Aggie Pledges Support To Help Aggie Hitch-Hikers

By A. J. Robinson

Farm News Network Is New Field For Ag College Grads

Go Ag and bag a radio job. This seems to be the moral for college students in the current formation by the Columbia Broadcasting System of a farm news network under the direction of Charley Stookey, editor of the Country Journal, heard over CBS Saturdays at noon, EST. So far all the members of the network are graduates of agricultural colleges.

The job's a nice one, too. The reporters just keep an ear to the ground and a hand to the typewriter, telling Charley at St. Louis how the crops be in their parts of the country. Charley passed the word along to CBS listeners.

This isn't the only contact Stookey has had with Aggies. He's offering five dollar prizes to farmers for the best ideas on how to pick up extra money, and so far most of the prizes have been taken by students now in college. Which ought to show the older generation who complain that college students not only can't make money, but can't make it last.

A. & M. is always proud of the Aggies who stand up to fight for the rights of the khaki uniform. And a reward for such a move by ten students was given Monday in an offer from Hal H. Collins, president of the Crazy Water Crystals Company, during the Crazy Water Crystals radio program.

A short time ago, Collins had warned the public against giving rides to strangers—regardless of whether the hitch-hikers wore uniforms. In response to this warning, a letter signed by ten A. & M. students—W. L. Bryce, I. C. Baucum, A. J. Knippa, E. J. Schawe, C. J. Jones, R. P. Barnhill, J. C. Creager, E. C. Ellis, J. L. Heard, and Marion Wilkerson—was sent to Hal Collins. The writers explained in the letter that although they enjoyed listening regularly to the Crazy Crystals program, they had been disappointed by Mr. Collin's sentiments.

In his answer on Monday's radio program, Collins stated that thirty years ago he had been an Aggie, had lived in Austin Hall in B Company, Infantry, and knew the transportation hardships of an Aggie—a problem which then sometimes involved the riding of freight trains. But he made his warning, Collins said, in the hope that he might, by doing so, someday save a life.

However, as a solution to the problem, Collins advocated the forming of an organization which would protect motorists and provide ways for making college students easily recognized as students. He also suggested that various college student bodies send representatives to a meeting place to effect such an organization. As his contribution, Collins offered to furnish room and board in Mineral Wells, Texas, for twelve students during a meeting of this nature. Collins said, in answer to the letter sent him, that he would cooperate to the limit in working for the cause.

Brazos County Planned Crippled Children's Aid

For the past three years Brazos County has helped an outstanding cause by sponsoring an annual drive to raise funds for the support and help of crippled children.

Recently the 1940 campaign was organized by the appointment of the following to this committee: Mrs. J. L. Brock, Dr. T. E. Dodd, Mrs. Hayden Duke, Mrs. Harold Dreyfuss, Coulter Hoppiss, Dr. R. B. Grant, Mrs. W. E. Neeley, Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, Dan Russel, Dr. R. M. Searcy, W. Olin Sanders, W. D. Wilkerson, Judge A. S. Ware, and D. L. Wilson.

Officers of the society are: Dr. K. W. Fox, chairman; W. W. Scott, vice-chairman; Dr. Allen Goldsmith, secretary; Miss Jane Singletary, treasurer; John Rosser, publicity; Miss Nina Bess Astin, personal solicitation chairman; Miss Francis James, Easter lily sale chairman; and Mrs. Byron Winstead, chairman of school solicitation.

The main feature of the drive will be an Easter seal sale which will begin several weeks before Easter and take the form of a mail campaign. Miss James will conduct a sale of paper Easter lilies on the College campus to permit the students to contribute their share.

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