

Becker, Haines Win Positions; Nelson, Little in Runoff

Battalion Gets First Class Rating

Is Judged by ACP Among 406 Papers From Entire Nation

The Battalion newspaper has been awarded first-class honor rating for 1939-40, in a national journalistic judging contest recently completed by the Associated Collegiate Press, national scholastic press association.

It was judged among the two-three times weekly class of papers published in schools of 5,000 or more. Altogether 406 papers from senior and junior colleges of 47 states, Hawaii and Alaska were entered in the judging.

The judging is conducted not for the purpose of creating rivalries between the newspapers of the various colleges but to encourage and suggest further improvements that may be made in each.

Editors of The Battalion expressed gratification over the rating, which placed The Battalion well up with other college papers. It also represented a rise from second-class honor rating which was attained by The Battalion last year.

Ratings Stiff

Ratings are made on the basis of news value; extent and variety of news coverage; news writing and editing; headlines, typography, and page make-up; and sports and special features.

Special praise was given by the judges to several features of the paper. They stated "As the World Turns is excellent"; and "the editorial page features are excellent." High rating was also given on news and sports coverage, feature stories, and printing.

In all but one or two of the numerous items listed in the score-book The Battalion received a rating of "Excellent"; and it had a rating of "Good" on every point considered.

First-class honor rating is exceeded only by All-American.

Ag Engineers Plan Annual Barnyard Hop

Informal Frolic Takes Place on Friday Night

By Bill Clarkson

Again the time has come when the old hayloft will ring with the strains of the square dance and the rustle of calico and overalls.

Yep, it's the Fifth Annual Barnyard Frolic, given by the Agricultural Engineering Society, which comes on Friday night, April 26.

The fiddling will be done by Jack Littlejohn and his "Barnyard Ramblers", otherwise known as the Aggieband Orchestra. An additional attraction will be a 15-minute square dance, which will be called by Colonel F. G. Anderson.

A busload of T. S. C. W. girls will arrive Friday evening for the dance. There are thirty-five dates available and those wishing dates must see R. L. Patrick, Room 207, Bizzell Hall. The list of girls coming just arrived yesterday, so hurry over to Bizzell, Aggies, if you want a date.

The mode of dress for the affair will be regalia commonly seen in the rural districts. A \$5 prize will be given to the most uniquely dressed couple.

There will be an hour broadcast over Station WTAW from 10 o'clock till 11. The orchestra is expected to have a special program arranged for the broadcast and a master of ceremonies will be chosen to officiate during the hour.

The decorations will consist mainly of piles of hay, farming implements, and various other things to give the appearance of a barnyard. It was suggested that a cow be brought in but there would probably be trouble get-

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A. & M. Cooperates 100 Per Cent With CAA Training Plan

Since the Civil Aeronautics Authority launched its new program to train 20,000 men a year, many A. & M. students have accepted the chance to obtain first-hand instruction in handling a plane. Through the efforts of Dean of Engineering Gibb Gilchrist, A. & M. was selected as one of the schools where the new program would be carried out. A. & M. is now participating 100% in the program and is equipped with a flying field which promises to be one of the best in this section of the state.

To take part in the program it was necessary for the college to secure an airport that would meet the requirements of the C. A. A. Through cooperation with the city of Bryan a site was selected about two miles west of the college. The Kadette Aviation Company was awarded the contract to train students, and they have erected a large sheet-iron hangar at a cost of approximately \$2,500. They have five planes used in student training. Three are Taylor-Craft and two Piper-Cubs. These planes develop fifty horsepower and have a cruising speed of 80 miles per hour.

Work is being done on the field by a non-student N. Y. A. group and the college has furnished some of its equipment to level the runways. The State Highway Department is planning to convert the county road, now passing near the airport, into a state highway connecting with the Caldwell road.

At present there are only two runways on the field but it is planned to develop three runways capable of landing any type of plane that might want to land here. A north-south runway is planned that will be 5,280 feet long and 500 feet wide. A group of civil en-

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AAUP Banquet To Be Given May 9

The annual banquet of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors will be held in Sbis Hall on the evening of May 9. President Edgar O. Lovett of Rice Institute will be the featured speaker, his topic to be "Student Interest in Intellectual Standards."

President Lovett is known to many members of the A. & M. staff, and has the ability to deliver a talk that is both valuable and entertaining. He will be introduced by President T. O. Walton. Several musical numbers will complete the program.

The A. A. U. P. banquet has come to be considered an outstanding social event. A well-known speaker is presented each year. Last year's banquet, at which President Homer P. Rainey of the University of Texas spoke, was attended by more than 400 persons.

The administrative officers of the college will join with the A. A. U. P. in welcoming President Lovett, and plans are being made for a banquet attendance of several hundred persons. As in the past all persons interested in the program are invited to attend. Tickets will be placed on sale about May 1.

TOWN HALL MAY PRESENT CADET AMATEUR HOUR

As an extension of the Town Hall series for this year an amateur hour with Aggies participating will be held during the later part of May, provided the quantity and quality of talent is present in our midst. All Aggies who have any kind of talent should contact-

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this is the only requirement, either individually or with others in a group. If everyone interested will contact Sullivan immediately, a very interesting program of all Aggie talent can be arranged.

Take First Flying Course



In the plane above are seated two of the students taking the flight training program at A. & M. C. E. Tabor is in the rear cockpit, and J. M. Ilfrey at the controls. Both have soloed.

In the lower picture are, standing left to right, Ilfrey, F. C. Thomas, J. M. Isbell; kneeling, left to right, Tabor, S. E. Brown, and J. R. Propst. These are part of the forty students taking part in the flight training at A. & M.

Greeks Weren't By Themselves--Sodagalese Too Has Word For It

By George Fuermann

The Greeks weren't by themselves in having a word for it; the soda jerkers do pretty well in their own right. But "soda jerk" is a hard word—the kind you'd better add a smile to. "Scientific dispensers of carbonated beverages" is their own self-titled niche in the world of things.

"Eighty-two, a van stick, and pen an old style," cried Arnold "Flash" Walker in his best Sodagalese as the astonished couple stared.

But Mr. Walker remained as unperturbed as Adolf Hitler in a Jewish synagogue. He could have said, "Please give me two glasses of water, a vanilla ice cream cone, and a milk root beer," but Mr. Walker was too good a sodajerk for a thing like that; too loyal to Sodagalese, the All-American sodajerk's language.

There seem to be a few well-defined ethics in respect to Soda-

galese. For example, the language is apparently classified into four divisions: fountain drinks which have to be mixed by the sodajerk; ready-mixed drinks; the regulars, such as water, tea, and coffee; and sandwich, ice cream, and lunch talk.

A sexy term, is "neck one"; but it only means that the customer has called for a bottled Coca Cola. A "running shot" is a fountain coke in a paper cup. Sometimes things get complicated. If three people come in the store and order a lime coke, a cherry phosphate, a vanilla coke, and three glasses of water, one without ice, Flash would sound off with, "Shoot two, disappointed and nailed; an honest phos; 83, cut the hail on 82."

So don't let anyone fool you about Sodagalese—it's an art. From a "straw belly" to an "old style run through a cow pen," there's lots to learn.

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Singing Cadets Begin Annual Central Texas Trip Tomorrow

The Singing Cadets of Aggie-land will begin their annual tour of Central Texas Wednesday, April 24, and return to college on the 28th.

Their itinerary, just published, will include short performances at the Marlin and Waco High Schools, Wednesday morning. At noon on that day the singing organization will have lunch with the Waco A. & M. Mothers Club at the Lyons Club in Waco. Wednesday afternoon the singers will give a performance at the Hillsboro High School and then continue on to Fort Worth where they will spend the night.

On Thursday, April 24, the cadets will give performances at various Fort Worth high schools during the morning and afternoon. They will journey to Denton later on Thursday afternoon and give a full evening recital at T. S. C. W. Friday they will go to Dallas where they will put in the whole day singing at many of the Dallas high schools. That evening the group will give a performance for the Dallas A. & M. Mothers Club.

Saturday morning, April 27, the Singing Cadets will be presented as an added attraction on the Early Bird Radio Program, heard over WFAA, Dallas, from 7 o'clock till 7:42.

The group will sing for the Sunday School Hour at the East Dallas Christian Church on the 28th and return to college later on during the day.

The numbers which the cadets will sing on their tour are to be rrr-roaring he-man songs which were popular during the past three seasons. They will also sing "The Spirit of Aggie-land" at all their performances. Their selection of songs will extend from the sublime to the ridiculous and from the sacred to the boisterous.

J. J. Woolket, professor in the Foreign Languages Department and director of the Singing Cadets, will accompany the organization on the tour.

The officers of the organization are Maynard Curtis, president; Siegfried Neubert, vice-president; Charlie Zahn, business manager; Gilbert Michalk, publicity manager, and Reynolds Smith, librarian.

2,500 ATTEND SMITH-HUGHES CONTESTS HERE

23rd Annual FFA Boys' Meeting Is Held Monday

Around 2,500 members of the Texas branch of the Future Farmers of America attended the 23rd Annual Smith-Hughes Day held here yesterday.

The event is in reality a state judging contest for students of vocational agriculture and is considered the highlight of the school year for those students known as the Future Farmers of America.

There were ten judging events which consisted of dairy judging, poultry judging, soil conservation, entomology, cotton classing, livestock judging, crops judging, farm shop, horticulture, and wild life. Those entered in the dairy judging, livestock judging, crops judging, and soil conservation were winners in their area judging contest. The winners of the dairy and livestock judging contest will represent Texas in the national Smith-Hughes Contest to be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

The winners of the various contests were not announced until late last night making it impossible to obtain their names for this issue of The Battalion.

The boys who arrived Sunday spent the night in a specially prepared space under the Kyle Field Stadium, in dormitories, and some slept in trailers brought along for that purpose.

The Senior Collegiate Chapter of the F. F. A. sponsored a picture show for the contestants last night.

FRIDAY IS DEADLINE TO ORDER INVITATIONS

For those seniors who were unable to place their order for commencement invitations last week, orders will be taken on Thursday and Friday afternoons of this week. Friday afternoon is the deadline for ordering the invitations.

Fish-Game Dept. Announces Plans For Summer Work

Dr. Walter P. Taylor, head of the department of Fish and Game, announced Saturday that plans have been completed for the two summer field courses to be offered by the department.

A course in stream and pond management is planned for the first term of the summer session, June 10 to July 20. The work will be in charge of Dr. Kelshaw Bonham, and practical aspects of fish culture will be stressed. Headquarters will be at College Station and most of the work will center in Brazos County. This course, 400S, carries six semester hours of credit and will cost the student approximately \$60, including registration fee, board, room and transportation. Present plans call for trips to state fish hatcheries to study methods employed by these agencies. Through practical work on the ground, practical methods of stocking and rehabilitating farm ponds or tanks will be given attention.

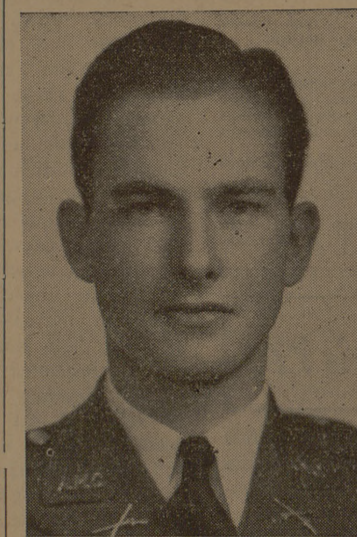
The second six weeks period, July 22 to August 31, Dr. W. B. (Continued on page 4)

E. W. GLENN IS REPRESENTATIVE AT I. E. MEETING

E. W. Glenn, of the Industrial Education Department of Texas A. & M., is representing the college at a conference of industrial education in Memphis, Tennessee, April 22-24. The conference was called by the United States Board of Education, from the ranks of teachers and supervisors of industrial and vocational education.

Nelson Gains 91 Votes, Little 58, in the Primary

Valedictorian



Durward B. Varner, with a grade-point average of 2.8516, valedictorian of the class of '40.

Varner To Make '40 Valedictory

Cadet Colonel Durward B. "Woody" Varner, senior in agricultural administration from Cottonwood, Texas, received a new honor yesterday when in balloting by the senior class he was elected valedictorian of the class of '40 by a plurality over nine rivals for the honor.

A total of 146 members of the senior class cast their votes in this election, held in the rotunda of the Academic Building from 8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday. Only 72 votes were cast in last year's election, when Andy Rollins won in the primary with 36 votes in his favor.

Varner's leading contender was W. T. (Bill) Guy, mechanical engineering student, who polled 35 votes. C. L. Mason, architecture student, came third with 12 votes; and the other contenders, who received a scattering number of votes, included the following, in order with their courses:

J. C. Brown, chemical engineering; Harold A. Jones, electrical engineering; Roy Caldwell, liberal arts; E. J. Herzing, electrical engineering; A. T. Higgle, chemical engineering; and T. P. Higgins, electrical engineering.

Only a plurality—not a majority—is needed to win the valedictorian's election; consequently no runoff is needed.

Kemp Malone To Talk On American English Wednesday

Kemp Malone, professor of English at Johns Hopkins University and the highest ranking professor at the institution, will deliver a speech on "American English Wednesday, in the Chemistry lecture room.

Professor Malone, who is considered a first-rate authority on the subject of American English and all matters pertaining to such, has had an educational foundation which is quite an enviable one. He received his Ph. D. at the University of Chicago and took additional graduate work at Princeton, the University of Copenhagen, and the University of Ireland.

Professor Malone began his teaching career in the Atlanta, Georgia, Technical High School. Following this he held a two-year Carnegie Foundation appointment as exchange teacher in Prussia. Since then he has taught at Cornell, the University of Minnesota, and the Johns Hopkins University.

Total of 253 Juniors Vote In Election Monday

W. A. (Bill) Becker became editor of the 1941 Longhorn, and Paul Haines student Town Hall manager for 1940-41, as the result of the junior class election held yesterday from 8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. in the rotunda of the Academic Building.

Jack Nelson led with a plurality in the primary election for social secretary, but did not attain a majority. Hence he and Bob Little will oppose each other in a runoff for that position to be held Thursday in the Academic Building, under the same conditions and at the same time and place.

Becker is a junior in C Field Artillery. He was named junior editor of the 1940 Longhorn in a recent announcement by present editor George Smith. Defeated candidate Ele Baggett, president of the junior class, is in B Infantry, and has also worked this year as a junior assistant on the annual. Paul Haines is in D Cavalry; defeated candidate for Town Hall manager is David Yarbrough of A Engineers.

Jack Nelson is a junior of the Infantry Band; his rival in the runoff, Bob Little, is in F Coast Artillery. Candidates for social secretary in the primary, who are now out of the running, are Aubrey V. Hamilton of A Chemical Warfare, Jimmy Giles of A Field Artillery, Ed Ivey of B Chemical Warfare Service, and Lloyd Mayfield of F Field Artillery.

The voting in yesterday's election was as follows:

For Longhorn Editor	
Bill Becker	178
Ele Baggett	74
For Town Hall Manager	
Paul Haines	159
David Yarbrough	94
For Social Secretary	
Jack Nelson	91
Bob Little	58
Aubrey Hamilton	41
Jimmy Giles	29
Lloyd Mayfield	27
Ed Ivey	7

A total of 253 members of the junior class cast ballots in this election.

The sophomore class, being unable to obtain the use of Guion Hall for the meeting scheduled for last night, did not meet, but instead will assemble Thursday night, for the purpose of naming the six most capable men to fill the two junior yell-leaderships next session. A joint meeting and vote of the sophomore and junior classes will subsequently elect from the six the two junior yell-leaders.

U. T. Student Wins Battle With Regents Over Catalog Change

Rights acquired by a student registering in the University of Texas under a particular catalog can not be changed or modified to his detriment by the Board of Regents, Attorney-General Gerald Mann had ruled last week.

In an opinion requested by J. R. Parten of Houston, chairman of the university Board of Regents, the Attorney-General held that a student meeting the requirements of the catalog under which he entered the university did not have to meet changes in those requirements.

The requirements in question were grade requirements. The student's grades were sufficient for the requirements under which he entered school, but did not meet changes which have been made.

The student's name was withheld.