

## "Fish Sergeant," Book About A. & M., To Be Published Soon

Virginia Military Institute has its "Brother Rat," Culver has its "Tom Brown," and now the largest military school of its kind in the world is coming into its own with a book concerning activities behind its walls.

Although not a novel, the book is composed of letters that any member of the "Fish" class might write home to friends and parents during the year, bringing in the traditions of the school as well as a chronological history of this school year.

The very appropriate title of "Fish Sergeant" has been selected for the book by its author, John O. Pasco, a graduate assistant in the Mechanical Engineering

Department. Pasco, who is not an Aggie except by adoption, hails from Kentucky, and there's a very curious tale as to why he came to Texas A. & M. and also why he wrote the book.

This past summer Pasco was working at the New York World's Fair demonstrating an automatic coal stoker, when he and several friends noticed that most of the good-looking girls who visited their exhibit were from Texas. "Good-looking girls up East are a rarity, and you notice any that are beautiful," Pasco relates. He had made application in March for a position at Texas A. & M., and one day going home on the subway he had the opportunity to talk to a Texas girl and find out about the place. On the subway were a group of Southern belles, members of some delegation from Texas, who had on boots and typical Texas regalia. In answer to his questions about the school, Pasco was told that all he needed to rate in Texas was to be a graduate of Texas A. & M.

That was enough to satisfy him. Next day he mailed the five months delayed application. Result: he's teaching in the Mechanical Engineering Department now and likes the school so well he has written and is publishing a book concerning it. The book is going to the printers this week and should be available before the end of school. The selling price will depend on the number published, but will in no case exceed \$1.00 per copy.

"Fish Sergeant" concerns a fish who enrolled in Texas A. & M. in September, 1939, and follows his activities by letters from that time

## Models Help Flying Cadets Gain Aviation Knowledge



Exact model airplanes of the full-size basic training planes are often employed in teaching military aviation to new classes of Flying Cadets at Randolph Field, Texas, home of the Army Air Corps Primary Flying School.

The models simplify the course of flying training and eliminate the loss of many precious minutes in the air when a student pilot fails to understand the principles involved in any particular gyration.

Qualified young Americans between the ages of 20 and 27 make up the corps of Flying Cadets at Randolph Field, the "West Point of the Air". While in training each Flying Cadet receives \$75 per month, uniform, board and lodging, medical care and all other necessary services.

## Movies Misrepresent True College Life Showing Only Frivolous Side

Stage and screen versions of college life are largely responsible for the many illusions about college which are acquired by high school students.

Naturally, movie producers include in their productions only those phases of college life which appeal to movie fans.

They play up spectacular football games, proms, bull sessions, mischievous escapades, and "boy meets girl" episodes. Dramatized classroom scenes show students sleeping or writing letters while eccentric professors expatiate upon boring subjects.

Picture and stage products noticeably ignore the book reports and themes and notebooks which are always due, the hours which must be spent in the library poring over research books and dictionaries, the close attention which must be given to professors in the classroom, the sleepless nights of studying before exams, and the anxious waiting for the 10-hour list to be posted.

through the year. The compilation of letters not only tells the traditions of A. & M. as they impress the freshman, but because of its form, is also a chronological history of the activities of this year. Elmer Hook, "Fish" Hook to Aggies, writes about his first night on the campus, his election to the "honored" position of fish sergeant, the resulting scraps in which he is involved, the corps trip to Fort Worth, and the Band trip to Arkansas. "Fish" Hook is remarkably impressed by the Armistice Day ceremony and a trip to Denton. He tells in his letters about football games, the Sugar Bowl Game and New Orleans, the Bonfire, Christmas Party, Corps Dances, Final Review, and numerous other incidents and traditions of the college. The book makes a good history of this year's activities for any Aggie, and into the history is woven the traditions and atmosphere which makes A. & M. the school it is. It will make reading for all Aggies, and would be a good guide to friends and non-Aggies.

Pasco based the events related in his book on some of the activities reported to him by his freshman mechanical engineers and on various news items appearing in The Battalion and other publications. He has thus succeeded in capturing the spirit of A. & M. in this manner, as actually presented by freshmen and student publications.

Pasco hails from Kentucky, where he got his B. S. degree in M. E. in the University of Kentucky. Since then he has worked for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, as an engineer, until the summer of 1939. Last summer he worked at the World's Fair and decided to come to Texas after the incident related. The military part of A. & M. is not entirely new to Pasco, as he holds a commission received upon graduation from Kentucky.

The book will contain 125 pages with 10 illustrations by Gertrude Babcock, the artist who painted the murals recently completed in the Agricultural Engineering Building.

## Aggie True Story Contest Progressing

The contest recently announced by Walter Sullivan is reported to be progressing as favorably as can be expected. The idea behind the contest, as was stated in the previous announcement, is to gather material for a book to be entitled "Interesting Experiences of Texas Aggies". Essentially the stories must be true, and the experience must have occurred since the student's first matriculation at A. & M.

Any type of experience can be considered as eligible, and all will be judged by an impartial committee solely on genuine interest.

All experiences should be turned in to Sullivan (Box 764, campus), who is offering \$10.00 and \$5.00 for the first and second best as judged by the committee.

At present many students of the English Department are entering the contest; Sullivan wants it known that all Aggies (present and "ex") are welcome to become contestants.

The contest closes May 10.

## Men Who Are Men Is What Gals Want

PORTALES, N. M.—(ACP)—Whether or not it is true, as some one has written, that "women are making gigolos, lounge lizards, and dress-maker models of men," it is one hundred per cent true that both men and women at Eastern New Mexico College prefer men who are manly. This is the conclusion drawn from personality survey of likes and dislikes of students enrolled in general psychology courses conducted by Mrs. Lou Berkness.

Each student checked 30 personality traits of a person liked and disliked, both of their own and the opposite sex. Women voted one hundred per cent for men who were friendly, honest, and intelligent. Cheerfulness is a necessary trait for men and women, too, if the vote of the men students is an indicator of preference; and certainly the "beautiful but dumb" maid is not the popular one for the men.

Eighty-five per cent of the men like an intelligent girl and fifty per cent admit that THE best girl is not beautiful.

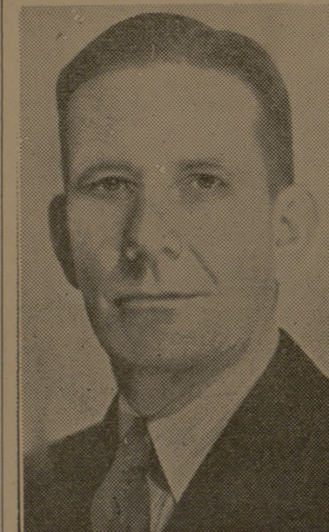
Men are almost unanimous in their choice of the girl who is entertaining, generous, and loyal. While men prefer women who are cheerful, they also demand the same quality among friends of their own sex. Women demand one hundred per cent loyalty from their sex.

Neither men nor women like one who is rude, the survey showed.

West Virginia University will have 21 visiting instructors from as many colleges at its summer sessions.

First atom-smasher at a woman's college is being installed at Smith.

## Heads Permian Basin Aggies



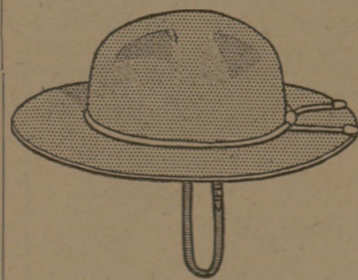
A. B. Knickerbocker, '21

Arthur B. Knickerbocker, '21, of Odessa, is president of the Permian Basin A. & M. Club in that area, and in his spare time owner of the Knickerbocker Construction Company. He and Mrs. Knickerbocker and their two children have recently completed a beautiful new home in Odessa.

The Permian Basin A. & M. Club takes in enough territory in that part of Texas to comprise a state of its own and meets monthly. Other officers include E. A. Crites, '22, of Crane; Steve Debnam, '26, of Midland, vice presidents; and Delvin Brockett, '34, Odessa, secretary-treasurer.

The following men are directors of the club and represent the club in their respective localities: E. V. Spence, '11, Big Spring; W. B. Harkrider, '20, Midland; T. J. Dwyer, '12, Odessa; R. G. Holley, '33, Crane; J. M. Orman, '32, Iraan; D. B. Courville, '27, Wickett; L. G. Winder, '28, Wink; P. C. Shands, '35, Kermit; N. C. Simpson, '33, Goldsmith.

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For the first time in the history of A. & M. College the directors of the Southwestern Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, which is composed of nearly 10,000 ranchmen, will visit A. & M. in a group as guests of the college. The meeting will be held October 17, 18 and 19. While here the association will hold its regular quarterly business meeting.

More than 100 directors with their wives, of the 150 directors of the association, are expected to be on hand for the three-day program. President T. O. Walton and Col. Ike Ashburn will act as hosts for the college.

The primary reason for the visit of the directors to A. & M. College is to inspect the new wool scouring plant which is being installed on the second floor of the Textile Building. The association has always maintained a keen interest in the scouring plant at A. & M. College and fostered the movement to form the new wool scouring plant and to obtain the expensive equipment for it. The new plant, as was the old, is under the management of S. P. Davis, range animal husbandryman of the Texas Experiment Station.

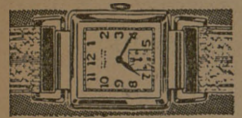
The directors are expected to arrive on Thursday, October 17, and will be entertained with a program that night. The business session of the club will be held Friday morning and the afternoon and evening will be taken up with a tour of the campus and an inspection of the

college plant and equipment, especially in regard to animal husbandry. Entertainment for the wives of the directors will include garden club lectures, greenhouse visits, and other activities. The visit will close Saturday with a meeting of the directors. Most of the directors are expected to remain on the campus for the T. C. U.-A. & M. football game to be held that afternoon on Kyle Field. The Southwestern Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association is the largest livestock association in Texas and the Southwest and is probably the largest association of its kind in the United States.

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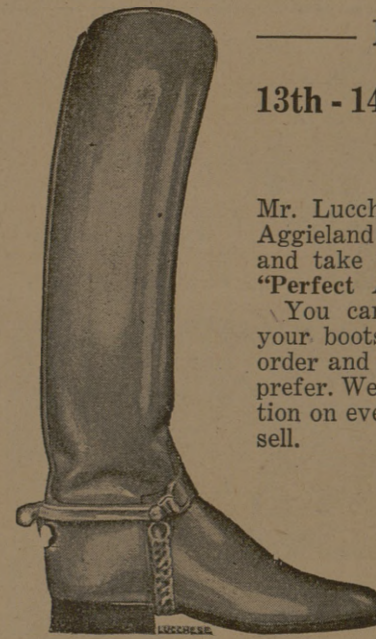
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