

Board Acts On Important Matters At Regular Meet

Pledge Support To Walton Policies

Aeronautical Engineering Department Authorized

The regular meeting of the A. & M. Board of Directors was held Thursday, May 30, with all board members in attendance. Presided over by Board President F. M. Law of Houston, the directors voted approval of the budget for the last half of the biennium—the 1940-41 long session. This includes approval of budgeted expenses for the main college division, the branch colleges, the Extension Service, the Experiment Station, and the Texas Forestry Service.

The Board of Directors also voted unanimously to support with one hundred per cent cooperation all plans and policies of President T. O. Walton.

The board authorized the establishment of a new department to be known as the Aeronautical Engineering Department and earmarked \$25,000 for the development of the department in cooperation with the C. A. A.

The installation of a men's lounge in the Academic Building was authorized and \$1,730 was appropriated to effect this move. Fifteen thousand dollars was appropriated to re-floor the main dining room of Sbis Hall and to improve the acoustical qualities of the same room by special treatment of the ceiling.

The board further appropriated \$2,565 to build a radiator-tower for station WTAW. The old Consolidated High School building was turned over to the Y. M. C. A. The "Y" will recondition the building and make it an entertainment and meeting center. Pool tables, table tennis tables, and recreational facilities will be installed on the first floor, and meeting rooms for various campus organizations will be on the second floor.

Following this important meeting, the members of the board took part in the commencement exercises.

40's Summer Press Club Will Organize Tomorrow Night

Organization of the 1940 Summer Press Club will be effected Tuesday night, June 11 at the first meeting of the club to be held this summer. Composed of all members of The Summer Battalion staff, the organization sponsors various social functions each summer and is the only club on the campus during the summer session.

At the Tuesday night meeting officers for the current session will be elected. Last summer's officers were George Fuermann, president; H. O. Johnson, vice-president; Sara Allen Cofer, secretary; and Ross Cox, treasurer. All members of the Summer Press Club are eligible to hold office with the exception of the editor.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 and will be held in The Battalion Office.

C.A.A. Course Offered Free To Summer Students

A. & M. has been authorized by the Civil Aeronautics Authority to offer its second pilot training program this summer, according to word received by Dean Gibb Gilchrist.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and not over 25. They must be citizens of the United States, and must have had no previous solo flights experience. The acceptance of the applicants will depend largely upon their passing a rigid physical examination. However, those who have been in school longer and have made the best record will be given first consideration.

In contrast with the course as offered during the previous semesters.

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A. & M. TO OFFER SHORT COURSES STARTING JUNE 10

S.V.M.A. OPENS FIRST OF TEN WITH 160 MEN EXPECTED TO ATTEND

Ten big short courses will be held here throughout the summer starting with the meeting of the State Veterinary Medical Association under the leadership of the Dr. F. P. Jaggi of the School of Veterinary Medicine. One hundred and sixty men are expected to attend this course which will be held June 10 through June 12.

Second on the list is the Oil Mill Conference lasting from June 17 until June 21. It will be headed by Dr. C. C. Hedger, head of the Chemistry Department and should bring about 45 oil mill operators to the campus.

Other courses to be held later in the summer are the County Superintendents and Texas School Administration Conference, June 24 to 27, which will draw 200 men. Dean T. D. Brooks and Professor W. L. Hughes will be in charge. A Poultry Short Course will be held from June 24 to 29 under the direction of D. H. Reid, head of the Poultry Husbandry Department, and 25 persons are expected to attend. The Farmers' Course will be attended by some 2,000 boys and girls and 2,500 adults. Administration chairman will be D. L. Weddington and the program chairman will be R. W. Snyder. The course will last July 7 to 13. Following the Farmers' (Continued on page 4)

Saturday Night Will See First of "Juke Box Proms"

This summer, under the direction of W. L. Penberthy, a new plan is being worked out by which excellent entertainment will be available for summer school students, faculty members, and residents of Brazos County. This plan calls for a series of "Juke Box Proms" to be given on Saturday nights throughout the summer in the banquet room of Sbis Hall.

This scheme follows the system used at Ohio State University, and it has been indicated that here at A. & M. there is a definite need for such a plan, one whereby 1,400-odd students and a large number of local residents may be entertained during the summer when organization dances and corps dances are off the social calendar.

According to Penberthy, this series of dances, sponsored by the Intramural Department, will be held at first every other Saturday night and afterwards as often as is necessary to meet the demand. Admission to the dances will be 15c per person or 25c for two. Music will be furnished either by a nickelodeon or by records played over the public address system.

The Intramural Department is not attempting to make a profit on the dances, and any money cleared will be used to obtain an orchestra for a big dance to be held at the end of the summer.

The Intramural Department is planning these dances in order to give the students a place to go on Saturday nights. Polkas, schottisches, square dances, and the Conga will take their places among the fox trots and waltzes next Saturday night, June 15, when the first summer dance will be held in the banquet room of Sbis Hall. Members of the faculty as well as students are cordially invited to attend and launch the new "Juke Box Proms" on a successful season.

1,400 Students Due As Registration Begins For 32nd A. & M. Summer School

Thousands Of Aggies Throughout Nation Aiding Fitch Band Wagon Goal

Six thousand Texas Aggies . . . Twenty thousand former Texas Aggies . . . And thousands of Aggie supporters throughout the nation . . . They're all pulling for the same goal—to have Jack Littlejohn's Aggieband Orchestra on 1940's Fitch Summer Band Wagon.

It all started when the Fitch Company began featuring unknown bands during the summer months. Several college bands appeared and the question was asked, "Why not the Aggieband?" Jack Littlejohn then conferred with Col. Ike Ashburn who became interested and offered to help in any way possible.

A very favorable answer was received to a recent letter sent the Music Corporation of America, quoted in part as follows: "Just advised they are going to do everything they can to put this attraction on the Fitch Bandwagon this summer." As yet no definite answer has been received, but from all indications it appears a certainty that the Aggieband will be placed on the Summer Bandwagon.

The Fitch plan is to feature the band on their 30 minute Sunday night program. At the end of the program a surprise package in the form of a three week engagement at some night spot or theater is awarded the orchestra. From then on it's up to the band to make good for itself.

The Summer Battalion will keep all readers posted with the latest developments.

All persons interested in becoming members of The Summer Battalion staff will meet in The Battalion office Tuesday night at 7:30.



Jack Littlejohn

Dept of Ag Eco To Offer Special Courses First Term

Three special courses will be offered by the Department of Agricultural Economics of the Texas A. & M. College during the Summer Session, J. Wheeler Barger, head of the department has announced.

"Development of Commerce and Industries" is the title of a course which will be offered the first six weeks by Dr. S. L. Rodriguez, a prominent visiting professor from the University of Puerto Rico. The course will include the industrial and commercial developments in the West Indies and the Latin-American countries, and the significance of such developments with respect to trade and cultural relations in those areas with the United States. In addition to his teaching experience, Dr. Rodriguez has had commercial experience, serving for some time as an official with a firm of commission merchants.

"Conservation of Natural Resources" is the title of another course to be offered also the first summer term in cooperation with twenty-two other Texas colleges. The work will consist of lectures to be given by prominent state and national leaders engaged in the conservation of natural and human resources, representing federal, state, college and private agencies. Among the topics to be considered are the conservation of fish and game, soil and water, timber, oil and gas, minerals, and health and other human resources.

"Field Studies" is a travel course to be offered the second term of the summer session. A 7,000 mile trip through the Middle West, Rocky Mountain, Pacific Northwest and Coast, and the Southwest areas will be taken under the direction of Professor L. S. Paine of the department. Conferences will be held and observations made of the agricultural and business conditions and problems in regions visited.

Plans Completed For 1940 Summer Session By Winkler

Registration Dead-line Is June 13 As Classes Begin Tomorrow Morning

Equaling the record-breaking enrollment of 1939 summer session, the current session will enroll approximately 1,400 students for the first semester. The total enrollment for both semesters is expected to be approximately 2,800, Registrar E. J. Howell has announced.

A full day Monday, June 10 from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. will be devoted to registration. In the past only a half day was given to the registration with classes starting in the afternoon, thus making it inconvenient for those who had afternoon classes. Thursday, June 13 will be the dead-line for registration in the College Division to obtain credit for first term. Classes officially begin Tuesday morning at 7:30.

Five dormitories will be made available to summer students. Walton Hall will house married couples and single women; Hart will house graduate students; and Bissell, Law, and Puryear will accommodate all others.

Expenses for the first semester include \$15.00 matriculation fee, \$2.00 medical fee, and \$8.50 room rent. Meals will be served on the campus in Sbis Dining Hall, at the coffee shop, dining room, or terrace of the Aggieband Inn, and at the confectionery in the Y. M. C. A. Building. The rate for meals in the dining hall will be \$30.00 for each semester. Single meals will be 40c.

Under the direction of Dr. C. H. Winkler, A. & M.'s 1940 summer session gets under way today with prospects of being the greatest summer school in the college's history. Plans for the two-semester summer session were announced by Winkler and many faculty changes and additions were also disclosed.

Winkler pointed out that one of the primary purposes of the twelve-week session is to provide a means for regular college students to carry on their work throughout the calendar year; thus giving, if a student so desires, an opportunity to complete college work in considerably less time than is ordinarily required.

To this end, courses are offered in nearly every department of the college during the summer session. The catalog for the current summer session, together with the recent course additions, lists a total of 328 courses covering nearly as wide a range of courses as offered during the long sessions.

Dr. Winkler pointed out that the quality of summer school instruction is entirely on par with that of the long sessions. He further stated that the faculties of both sessions is practically the same, plus the fact that there are a number of visiting professors associated with the summer (Continued on page 4)

Texas Veterinarians Open Two-Day Meeting Tomorrow; Exams Given Today

The School of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A. & M. College will play host to the State Veterinary Medical Association Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 and 12, when that organization holds its semi-annual meeting at the college.

The opening session on Tuesday morning will be devoted to the usual welcome address by Dr. R. P. Marsteller, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the college and response by Dr. W. F. Hayes, president of the association. A business session will take up the remainder of the morning.

During the afternoon the veterinarians will get down to class work with clinics and motion pictures the order of the program. That evening the usual banquet will be held in Sbis Hall on the campus with Dr. Marsteller serving as toastmaster.

The Wednesday morning session will be devoted to clinical work on large animals and during the afternoon the veterinarians will complete their business meeting and hold a final clinic. Motion pictures will be shown at all sessions. On Wednesday noon the Alumni Association will hold a luncheon in Sbis Hall.

While the doctors are busy with their sessions the Ladies Auxiliary will be making the social rounds and will be entertained by the local committee of women headed by Mrs. F. P. Jaggi. They will be honored at a luncheon at the Oaks on Tuesday at noon and a breakfast in Sue Haswell Park Wednesday morning.

The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will meet Monday, June 10, Dr. P. P. Starr of Gainesville is president and Dr. Paul Borenski is secretary.

Examinations will be given for licenses to practice veterinary medicine. Among those to take the examinations will be many Aggie graduates.

Work Begins On Water Fountain Presented A. & M. By Class Of '38

Work has been started on a fountain formulated by a committee of the class of '38 headed by John Bone, president of the class of 1938, which they have given to A. & M. College. The fountain is located south of Sbis Hall. The firm of Atkinson and Sanders, architects, are designers of the fountain and A. Bonifaci and Sons are modelers.

The fountain is of classic design made of cast stone and comprises of a reflecting pool approximately 18 feet in diameter. In the middle of the pool is superimposed a bowl and pedestal. From the bowl a spray of water will flow.

The reflecting pool and bowl will be lit by submarine floodlights of various colors.

The fountain is expected to be finished in about two weeks.

New Course In Welding Offered July 1 Through 31

A new course in welding will be offered at Texas A. & M. College July 1 and lasting through the month, according to Bob Cook, welding instructor in the Mechanical Engineering Department.

The college has the latest types of gas and electric welding equipment and it will be used in teaching the course to the welders, plumbers, machinists, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, steam fitters, mechanics and others who enroll for the instruction. In addition to the practice welding of six hours each day, there will be lectures, moving pictures and demonstrations on types of welding jobs, equipment and technical information.

Cost of the four week course will be \$91.50 which will include room, board, enrollment fee and cost of materials used. Any person who is employed in a craft where welding is used is eligible to take the course, and he should make application at once to the Department of Industrial Education at A. & M.

This course will be taught by Mr. Cook who is a graduate of the Lincoln Electric Company, Linde Air Products Company, and various other company and night schools.

If the students of the school do not care to stay in dormitories and eat in the college dining hall, the cost of the course will be \$60.

Pfaff Heads Former Students As Bell, Mohle, McQuillen Take Office

A. G. "Bert" Pfaff, '25, Tyler, was elected president of the Association of Former Students climaxing the organization's Annual Membership Meeting held at Commencement, June 1. Tyree L. Bell, '13, Dallas, was named vice-president. T. W. Mohle, '19, Houston, was elected for a two-year term as athletic council representative; and E. E. McQuillen was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

These elections were made by the new board of directors in a brief meeting. Postponed to the summer meeting of the board was the election of an Executive Committee, Student Loan Fund Trustees, and the transaction of other more detail business affairs. The board will hold its summer meeting on July 8-9-10 aboard the Texas Company's Houseboat at Port Arthur and as guests of the Texas Company.

New President Pfaff is secretary-treasurer of the Federal Tank Company with headquarters at Tyler. He received his degree in electrical engineering in 1925. He has previously served as ex-student representative on the Athletic Council and was vice-president of the Association last year.

Retiring President C. P. Dodson, '11, of Decatur, presided over the meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. Chapel, and was attended by approximately 200 men.

The meeting heard reports of the president and the secretary and approved recommendations of the Auditing, Resolutions, and Nominating Committees.

The establishment of 25 Opportunity Awards inaugurating a new phase of Student Loan activities, was authorized by the meeting. These awards are open only to outstanding high school or Junior College graduates. They are offered by the association in cooperation of the A. & M. College and with A. & M. clubs and A. & M. men, where no clubs are organized.

The awards will combine a student job and a student loan, with the student's own financial participation, to provide a complete financial program covering four

Library, Hospital And Swimming Pool Hours For Summer Session

The Library will be open during the summer from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. Monday through Friday; 8 a. m. to 12 noon Saturday; 1 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 10 p. m. Sunday.

The College Hospital hours will be 10 a. m. to two p. m. Monday through Saturday; 8 to 10 a. m. on Sundays; 12 to two p. m. on holidays.

The swimming pool will be open 3 to 6 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 at night daily except Sunday. The pool will be closed Sundays.

Stidham Fund Reaches \$1001.43 As Drive Closes Short Of Expected \$2,000 Goal

With \$1,001.43 deposited in the Fiscal Office, the drive to raise money for the George Stidham Fund concluded Saturday noon. However, reports on donations from Houston had not been received at press time and committeemen expressed the hope that from two to four hundred dollars more would be added to the fund when these reports are on hand.

George Stidham is the Aggie whose back was broken—split—in an accident three weeks ago. His mother is dead, and he hasn't seen his father for several years and doesn't know where to locate him.

Stidham has been working his way through college; he is penniless and hasn't had money for any of the so-called luxuries that usual-

ly go with a college life. He is faced with a long period in the hospital and the possibility of being crippled for life. He is in the Houston Memorial Hospital, being treated by Dr. J. B. Foster, one of the finest bone specialists in the South. He'll be there at least three months, in a cast at least five months, and maybe the rest of his life in a steel brace. He hasn't the money to pay for any of it, but his life depends on receiving this treatment.

Stidham Fund committee chairman Buster Keeton and George Fuermann pointed out that donations may still be sent to the Fiscal Office. Other members of the committee include Bill Murray, E. W. Pannell, Graham Puredell, Allan Ellerbee, faculty representative V. K. Sugareff, and businessman S. E. Lipscomb.

The drive to raise funds for the injured Aggie has attracted state wide attention and articles have appeared in many of the metropolitan dailies in respect to the world-famous Aggie Spirit behind the drive. Besides the A. & M. cadet corps, however, the college faculty, College Station businessmen, Bryan businessmen, and many friends of the college throughout the state have helped make the drive a success. Several of the A. & M. Mothers Clubs as well as several ex-students associations have also assisted in the drive.

1940 Summer Entertainment Series To Feature Outstanding Numbers

The 1940 Summer Entertainment Series will feature some of the nation's finest entertainers. The world-famous Imperial Sextet will open the summer series by singing a program of classic and light opera. The Imperial Spicers are well known on the American stage and radio, and are being featured on radio stations out of Cleveland, New York, Chicago, and Oklahoma City.

Began in 1932, the Summer Series has grown with such widespread popularity that it is now possible to get the best of entertainment. The first programs were held at night, but later were

arranged to be presented during the mornings at which time all classes would be suspended so that all students could attend.

Also the first series had an admission charge, but a provision has been made through the summer school budget which takes care of the expenses of these programs thus making them free.

The 1940 Summer Entertainment Series is as follows: Week of July 8—A series of evening programs to be presented for the Farmer's Short Course. These programs will take place at the Assembly Hall. (Continued on page 4)