

Gallagher Is Elected R V King

Kercheville, Fitch And Jordan Receive Junior Nominations

James Gallagher, D Battery Coast Artillery, has been elected by the Ross Volunteer Company to reign as their king during the festivities of the R. V. holidays in the spring. Gallagher was selected by the company at the initiation banquet held to welcome new members into the organization. The banquet held to welcome new members into the organization. The banquet was held in Sbis Hall November 24.

As king of the company Gallagher will be guest of honor at the annual King's Ball which will be held April 10, 1941. His escortee will sit beside him on an elaborate throne and serve as queen.

At the initiation banquet the R. V.'s also elected Louis Kercheville, I Battery Field Artillery, to be first-sergeant of the organization for the present year. Max Jordan, D Company Infantry, and David Fitch, C Battery Field Artillery, were elected to be line sergeants.

Joe Slicker, captain of the R. V. Company, presided at the initiation banquet. Lt. Col. James A. Watson, commandant of the college, spoke to the members commending them on their purpose, ideals, and principles. He congratulated the new members on joining the honor military organization and expressed the desire that the company work in cooperation with the military department for the mutual benefit of the company and bringing honor to the school. The senior instructors in each of the branches of the service represented on the campus made congratulatory talks and spoke on matters of interest to the company.

The Ross Volunteer company is composed of honor military students who are enrolled in the advance course of military science. The company, which is the oldest organization of any kind on the campus, grew out of the first honor military organization on the campus, which was first formed in 1887. The plan at that time was to change the name of the company to the name of each succeeding president of the college. This practice was discontinued in 1891 when the name was permanently fixed as the Ross Volunteers in honor of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, former governor of Texas who became president of the college at that time. Each year the company puts on a spectacular drill on Mother's Day and has other military functions during the year.

General Reading Fund Appropriation Buys 26 More Books

The second list of books bought through the General Reading Fund has been received by the library and are now available for requests, Mrs. W. D. Thomas, loan librarian, announced today.

- The books, which were the requests of students, are as follows:
- Aikman—The All-American Front
 - Arnold—Bottle-necks of Business
 - Bardeche—History of Motion Pictures
 - Beard—A Foreign Policy for America
 - Bronte—Wuthering Heights
 - Cain—Eternal City
 - Carrel—Man, The Unknown
 - Cohn—God Shakes Creation
 - Cooper—The Pioneers
 - Cooper—The Prairie
 - Copland—What to Listen for in Music
 - Dennison—Toward Full Employment
 - Dinsmore—"Hoss" Doctor
 - Farrell—Gas-house McGinty
 - Hecht—A Book of Miracles
 - Jones—Guatemala, Past and Present
 - Kasner—Mathematics and The Imagination
 - Kent—This is My Own
 - Manly—Aviation From the Ground Up
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They Know Their Crops



Shown above is the Crops Judging team which journeyed to Chicago for the Intercollegiate Crops Contest in which they placed fourth in the nation. Reading from left to right they are: team sponsor R. C. Potts; Monty Mitchell, high point man; James Scott; Roger Thysell; and E. R. Butler.

Mitchell Paces Agronomists to Fourth Place Win In Intercollegiate Crops Contest Held in Chicago

Warner Is Elected National Vice-President

Monty Mitchell, senior from Quail, won high individual honors and was a member of the Agronomy team that placed fourth in the Intercollegiate Crops Contest held in Chicago last Friday and Saturday.

Howard M. Warner, junior of College Station, was elected national vice-president of the student section of the American Society of Agronomy. This is the second successful installation of a national officer from A. & M. since the election of Jeff Horn as national president of the student section in 1936.

Mitchell was first among all the individual contestants at Chicago with a score of 1366 out of a possible 1467. He had number 13 in the contest, the same number which R. C. Potts, team coach, had in 1934 when he won high point honors.

The 1940 crops judging team was composed of E. B. Butler, Graham, Monty Mitchell, Quail; Roger Thysell, Mandan, North Dakota;

and James Scott, Childress. The team was selected on a competitive basis after a series of judging examinations were given to agronomy majors.

Mitchell was awarded a triangular gold medal, set with a diamond, for winning top honors. The medal, which is awarded by the American Agronomy Association each year, has the words "Intercollegiate Crops Contest" in raised letters on the face. On the back, the words "Monty Mitchell, 1940, 1st Place," are engraved.

Potts accompanied the team. After leaving College Station, the team had a workout in the agronomy laboratory at Oklahoma A. & M. From Stillwater, the team went to Kansas City where they entered the contest sponsored by the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Following the contest the team journeyed to Chicago for the Intercollegiate contest.

The team is sponsored each year by the Agronomy Society who have been financing the tour with money earned from various concessions.

Texas Municipal Engineers End First Annual Conference Here Today

Municipal Engineers from all parts of Texas will get together at Texas A. & M. college December 4-5 for their first annual conference, according to the program announced by Gibb Gilchrist, dean of the School of Engineering at the college. The Texas League of Municipalities and the department of municipal and sanitary engineering will cooperate in holding the conference which will cover several phases of municipal activities.

Airports and airport construction and management will be discussed at the open meeting Wednesday morning, Dec. 4, with Howard W. Barlow, head of the college aeronautical engineering department. The afternoon session under the leadership of E. W. Steel, head of the college department of municipal and sanitary engineering and will cover the problems of sewers. Streets and their construction and maintenance will be the subject up for discussion at the Thursday morning meeting with J. T. L.

Dickenson Concert Well Received Here

Jean Dickenson, glamorous star of stage and radio was presented as the third artist on the current Town Hall series in Guion Hall last night.

The auditorium was packed with students and many civilian guests as Miss Dickenson sang classical and semi-classical numbers in her fine soprano voice. Several encores were demanded by the audience. A complete review of the program will appear in Saturday's Battalion.

Aggies Vote to Play in Cotton Bowl If Conference Offers Invitation

Houston Post Tells Miracles of Aggies' Million Dollar Spending

By GEORGE FUERMANN
Post Staff Correspondent

Six hundred and forty-five barrels of oil—hair oil! That's how much it took to slick down the 6000 head of the Texas Aggies last long session.

A survey of the Aggies' buying habits shows that corps spent \$15,097 for hair oil alone between Sept. 15, 1939, and June 4, 1940.

The next time you hear someone crying about the super-gob of money women spend to keep beautiful, tell him about the \$78,554 the cadets of the world's largest college spent for beauty treatment last year. College Station's barber shops got \$44,195 of that amount, \$10,617 went for razor blades (which means that the razor blade manufacturers sold more than half a million blades to the cadets last year), shaving cream cost the corps \$8,644, and then there's the little item of the hair oil mentioned above.

Stretched end to end, the ties bought by the corps during that period would reach almost 21 miles of the distance between Houston and A. & M.

Military ties cost the corps \$8,373, and civilian neckwear, strangely enough, more than doubled that figure when the Aggies spent \$18,591 for the "non-reg" items.

Logically enough, the No. 1 item on the list is the \$212,066 spent for uniforms. Right on its heels are civilian suits, for which Aggies spent \$202,866.

Cigarets and pipe tobaccos, No. 3 on the list, run less than might be supposed. The \$114,894 spent for smoking last year represents an average of only seven cents a day per cadet.

Sweethearts Second
Footwear runs a little high—\$98,117 for the nine-month period. Two-thirds of that amount was spent for military shoes. Cadets spent \$82,736 for shirts, \$39,777 going the way of military shirts and \$42,959 being spent for civilian shirts. The Aggies' nine-month bill for socks amounted to \$23,105 and underwear cost the corps \$27,125.

Whether last year's crop of Aggies were less able as ladies' men than most collegians, or more than usually loyal to the home fires is debatable, but sweethearts took a back seat to parents where gift purchases were concerned. Gifts to parents totaled \$71,308; to sweethearts, \$53,401. Brothers and sisters were next as their gift purchases totaled \$25,407; relatives were fourth at \$21,068; and boy friends rode the skids at \$10,183. Humor Sweet Toothy

If you worried about your income tax and want an easy way to cut it down (together with being a philanthropist), send a check for \$1,541,846 to the A. & M. Cadet Corps. That's the amount which would have paid the corps' bill last year—that is, aside from matriculation fees, maintenance, and medical fees. At least, that's the amount which would have paid for the 34 items included in the survey discussed here.

Film Club Will Present First Picture Next Week

The first picture to be presented by the A. & M. Film Club is to be shown next week announcements of the executive committee of the club stated today. Those students and faculty members contemplating becoming members of the club are urged to send in their choice of pictures in order that final arrangements may be made.

Subscription will be \$1 for a series of five major programs. This amount will cover all expenses. Dates of the shows will be announced in the future. The club has obtained the services of the Campus Theatre for the showing of the 35 mm. films in order to obtain the best possible conditions. The theater can be made available on Thursday evening at 7:30 or 9:00. The members are to decide which time would be most convenient.

Those who wish to attend the first picture may buy their tickets at the window the executive committee stated. Advance tickets may be purchased from J. P. Abbot, English department, S. O. Brown, biology department, C. B. Campbell, modern languages department or S. B. Zisman, architecture department. Only season tickets will be sold.

The club is presenting pictures, some of which are still running on Broadway and at the International House in Chicago, at a small fraction of what the cost would ordinarily be. Some of the more important pictures include:

"Harvest" (French): Story of a man and woman who restore life to their surroundings; the man walking miles in search of seed for his wheat, for a ploughshare and for horses to pull it; the woman building a home from barren stone walls, sowing the seed and helping towards the harvest. Their few sacks of good wheat symbolize a new growth and a new faith.

Darnell, Chestnut Named to Dairy Herd Committee

Coach Homer Norton is not the only Texas A. & M. coach who has a finger in selecting All-America performers for notice received from the Holstein-Friesian World, the newspaper of that breed of dairy cattle, announces the appointment of A. L. Darnell, professor of dairy husbandry at the college and coach of the dairy judging team, and Frank M. Chestnut, dairy herdsman of the college dairy herd, as members of the 14-man committee selected to pick the All-American Holstein-Friesian dairy herd with the top three animals winning cash awards for their owners. Fifty prizes in all are offered to the owners of the dairy cattle selected by the All-America committee.

All of the committee have served as judges at nationally recognized fairs and are well known in their field. Prof. Darnell judged Holsteins-Friesians at the Missouri State Fair and Mr. Chestnut at the Texas State Fair.

Pictures and records of all the eligibles are sent the judges and from these they make their selection picking three animals in each class and ranking them in the order they consider them. In several cases the judges have seen the animals at the fairs they have judged and have a fairly complete knowledge of their fine points. The winners will be announced shortly after the closing date of Dec. 11.

Fordham Rams Would Be Opponent; Also Have Only One Defeat

Early Wednesday morning the fighting Texas Aggies reached their decision as to the bowl games on New Year's Day. Still No. 1 team of the nation so far as the A. & M. corps is concerned, the team voted to decline outside invitations and await the possibility of an invitation from the Southwest Conference to play in the Cotton Bowl.

Dean E. J. Kyle made the announcement to the nation concerning the Aggies' decision.

Saturday in Houston the Southern Methodist Mustangs and the Rice Owls will battle it out for the co-champion honors to be shared with the Aggies.

Dr. Henry Trantham, president of the conference, stated that no bid would be offered until after the game.

Fordham University accepted the bid to play as visitors in the Cotton Bowl classic after defeating New York University 26 to 0 last week.

Only once have the Rams been defeated this year and that loss was to a traditional opponent, St. Mary's of California. One Southwest Conference team faced the Rams this year, the Arkansas Razorbacks falling by the wayside in their final game of the season on the extra Thanksgiving holiday, 27 to 7.

Elsewhere in the holiday specials will appear the remainder of the nation's top teams.

The Sugar Bowl in New Orleans will offer the Tennessee Vols and Boston College. Stanford will be the host to the Nebraska Cornhuskers, one time losers to Minnesota, in the Rose Bowl fray. Mississippi State and Georgetown will fill the bill in the Orange Bowl at Miami, Florida. Arizona State of Tempe and Western Reserve are slated for the Sun Bowl in El Paso.

Leroy Crouch, Recent Graduate, Dies December 3

Leroy Crouch, former student of A. & M. and a brother of James Crouch, who is now a student here, died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, December 3. He was 26 years old.

Crouch, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crouch of Fort Worth, received a B. S. degree from A. & M. in February, 1940, with a major in dairy husbandry.

He was stricken with appendicitis on November 26, but was unable to recover from complications which developed after an operation. At the time of his death he was employed by the Cornation Company at Marysville, Ky., as a field man for a milk plant.

While at A. & M. Crouch was active in student affairs. He was a member of the Kream and Kow Klub and during his senior year was president of the Denton County Club. He also worked at the College Creamery.

Davis Named to Editorial Board of Mammalogy Journal

Following the death recently of Arthur H. Howell of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C., the Board of Directors of the American Society of Mammalogists has appointed Dr. William B. Davis, professor and acting head of the department of instruction in Fish and Game at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, as chairman of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Mammalogy. This Journal, the foremost in the field in the world, is now in its twenty-second year.

The American Society of Mammalogists was the first organization devoted exclusively to the study of mammals in the world and is still the most influential. The Society is made up of nearly (Continued on Page 4)

Prowlers Smash Trophy Case; Remove Owl and Scatter Rice

The stuffed white owl, which has graced the trophy case in the Academic building for many years, was stolen Wednesday morning at 1:50, and a pile of rice was left in its place.

The shattering of the panel of glass attracted the attention of a cadet in the building, and he immediately called the Guard Room as soon as he discovered that the trophy case had been broken open. When the officer of the day was called, a hasty examination showed that the owl was the only thing taken.

Two freshmen were assigned to guard duty for the remainder of the night.

Poultry Team Places Fourth In National Meet

The A. & M. poultry judging team placed fourth in competition with fourteen other college poultry teams at the Intercollegiate Poultry Judging Contest held in Chicago November 30.

The team, composed of Melvin A. Ellis of Snyder, Jim W. Wilkerson of Azel, Fred Price of Cleburne and Donald D. Demke of Stephenville, placed third in judging poultry for production, sixth in market poultry, and eighth in exhibition poultry judging. Price was eighth high point man of the entire contest and Demke was ninth high point man. Price was also third in the judging of production classes.

Enroute to the contest the team, which is coached by E. D. Parnell of the poultry husbandry department, did practice judging at Oklahoma A. & M., Kansas State University, Nebraska State and Iowa State.

New Course In Soil Survey To Be Introduced At A & M

The need for trained soil survey men, as evidenced by the fact that A. & M. has placed close to fifty men in this type of work in the last four years, is being met by a new and fuller course which will be added to the curriculum of the college next semester.

In as much as Texas A. & M. has become one of the leading schools in the nation in preparation of men for soil survey work (Continued on Page 4)