

Junior Dairy Judges Win First Place

Astor, Fennell, Hutchings, Roming Are Team Members

The four-member junior dairy judging team of Texas A. & M. won first place in an All-American contest recently sponsored by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, A. L. Dornell, dairy judging team coach announced. D. L. Astor, Lipan; W. S. Fennell, Gilmer; G. S. Hutchings, Barker; and James A. Roming, Eddy, formed the team which scored 120 points out of a possible 160 in the selection of the best Holstein-Friesian cows in America for 1940. All the members of the team are juniors at the college majoring in dairy husbandry.

The contest was to select the three best Holstein-Friesian cows in America, the selections to be confirmed by a committee of professional judges. In all cases the Aggie team placed the No. 1 animal in that spot but lost some points by rating the second and third animals in their reversed positions, although they had selected all three of the top three. The contest was made still more difficult because they had to work from pictures of the animals on the entry list instead of examining the actual animals. The ultimate winning cows were selected by a committee of renowned dairy show judges and the selections were compared to those made by the students of 29 colleges in America.

Each of the four Aggie judges scored 30 out of a possible 40 points and were the only team where all members picked the three best cows as selected by professional judges.

New Mexico placed second in the contest with a total of 111 points and Kansas State placed third with 108.

Sailing Of Mercy Ship Set For January 15

The sailing of the second American Red Cross "Mercy Ship" to Greece has been set for January 15 by Norman H. Davis, chairman of the Greek relief committee of the American Red Cross. The vessel will be the "S. S. Cassandra Louloudis," a 7500 ton freighter provided by the Greek government but to be loaded with supplies gathered and furnished by the Red Cross. It will sail from New York down around Africa and to Athens through the Suez Canal. This long journey is necessary to keep the ship out of possible Italian interference if it sailed through the Mediterranean.

Simultaneously Chairman Davis announced that the Greek War Relief Association was purchasing five complete field hospitals which will be shipped early in February. The five units are being purchased at a cost of \$225,000. Each is equipped with 250 beds and a motor.

Cotton Specialist To Speak Thursday

Dr. R. L. Hunt, professor of agricultural economics, who is a cotton specialist, will speak to the "History of the Southwest" class Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock in room 207 of the Agriculture building. Dr. Hunt will speak on the introduction and spread of cotton to the Southwest. This is a comparatively new area for the growing of cotton. When cotton was first grown in the United States it was confined mostly to the deep South. But later cotton moved into central Texas and during recent years it has spread to the Panhandle and on west to California. Cotton is now being grown on land that was once thought to be good only for the raising of cattle.

Mr. Denhardt, the instructor of the "History of the South West" class welcomes all visitors who are interested in cotton.

Chem Engineers Dine In New Orleans



Eleven members of the local unit of the A.I.Ch.E. attended the banquet (above) and annual business meeting of the national association held during the Christmas holidays in New Orleans.

A. & M. students attending are as follows: J. H. Cain, E. E. Byrd, J. L. Carson, George Bentinck, C. L. Korth, Ed Ivey, J. B. DuBose, E. R. Pace, R. F. Thompson, J. A. Heath, and R. G. Hill.

CAA Ready For New Flight Applicants

Requirement List Is Available In Aero Engineering Building

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has asked that all who are interested and can meet either the primary or secondary course requirements to talk to H. W. Barlow, head of the Aeronautical Engineering Department about the flight training that will be offered next semester. The physical requirements are not rigid except that the trainees must be of average height and must be able to pass a 20/20 eye test without glasses. The total cost of the training will be approximately \$33 for a primary student and \$42 for the secondary student.

A list of the requirements established by the Civil Aeronautics may be secured from Barlow in his office in the Aeronautical Engineering Building. The primary course will consist of 90 hours ground course given at the college, and 35 to 45 hours flight course given by the flight instruction contractor. The ground course covers 24 hours of instruction and 18 hours of ground instruction on the subject of aircraft operation. Three elective credits will be allowed for the successful completion of the ground school course.

The secondary course will consist of 126 hours ground course given at the College, and 40 to 50 hours of flight instruction given by the flight contractor. No information has been received as to the license which will be awarded for the successful completion of the course, but the college will

student who completes the secondary course.

Several alternatives await the dary course. The Army Air Corps has been accepting these students directly into the basic (second) stage of army flight training and a similar arrangement has been set with the Navy. United Airlines recently established an airline pilot training course. The CAA is also arranging further advanced courses for graduates of the secondary program. Those include an apprentice instructor's course for those who desire to go into commercial operations as instructors and an airline pilot training course for those who wish to become airline pilots.

Grandfather Of All Pecan Trees Located In El Paso

Strange to be so old—how old no one knows—that the United States declared its independence in its old age. South of El Paso, Texas, there is a massive old pecan tree that has been growing in Allende Valley and has borne two hundred successive crops of nuts! The tree, which has a limb spread of 150 feet and an altitude of 160 feet, bears an annual yield of one ton.

So large is this pecan tree that ordinary pecan trees appear as mere saplings. At four feet above the ground the diameter is 10½ feet, and the circumference at the ground is 41 feet. Señor Gaspar Corral, the owner, has named it the "Nogal de la Musica" and considers it the goliath of all pecan trees.

Annual Bryan and Brazos County C of C Banquet To Be Held Tonight

The annual membership banquet of the Bryan and Brazos county Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight in the banquet room of Sbis Hall at 6:45. H. E. Burgess, chairman of the entertainment committee, announced. E. E. Yeager of Bryan, the retiring president of the organization, will open the program for the banquet and then turn the office over to the incoming officers headed by the new president, D. W. Williams, head of the College Animal Husbandry Department.

About 500 citizens of Bryan and College Station who are members of the Chamber of Commerce are expected to be present, as well as civil officers of the neighboring cities and counties. Approximately 125 students of the college have also been invited as guests of the organization.

The students selected were those seniors who hold official positions in military and campus organizations and who have shown leader-

ship and good citizenship in carrying on the activities of the community which centers around the college.

The principal speaker of the evening will be Dr. Tom Taylor, president of Howard Payne College at Brownwood. Before his address there will be some group singing led by M. M. Erskine of the Bryan First National Bank. The music will be furnished by Consolidated High School. Col. R. J. Dunn, director of the Aggie Band, will direct the orchestra for this occasion. Vocal selections will be sung by a duet composed of Mrs. Dan Russel and Euell Porter and the Bryan High School Choir will sing. District Judge W. S. Barron will be toastmaster for the banquet.

The only business conducted at the banquet will be the committee reports by the chairmen of the various committees. Each will outline the program for his group during the year.

Fellowship Luncheon Has Unique Program

A dash of Spanish, or a nickel fine if two members of the same department sit together are among the proposed plans to be discussed at the weekly Thursday meeting of the Fellowship Luncheon club to make the program for the coming year more interesting. R. L. Donahue, professor in the Agronomy department, and Dr. Charles LaMotte, professor in the Biology department have formulated a well rounded program for the coming year.

It is proposed that a special table be designated "Spanish", and that this table be reserved for those in attendance who desire an eating acquaintance with Spanish. Ford B. Rackley, assistant in the Department of Modern Language, (Continued on Page 4)

Aggietone News Staff Promotions, Plans Announced

At meetings of the entire Aggietone News staff held Tuesday and Wednesday nights, producer-director George Fuermann outlined the organization's plans for the new year and the coming semester.

Staff changes were announced at the Tuesday meeting. Included among those was the appointment of J. H. (Hymie) Focke, Mexia, as associate producer to cooperate with Ira F. Lewis, Mineral Wells, also an associate producer. George Mueller, a former Aggietone News associate producer was made director of the newsreel.

With these appointments came the announcement that Mayo Thompson, Fort Worth, had been made director of narration. Thompson's assistants include R. M. (Tex) Flynn, Long Island, New York; Don W. Corley, Dallas; J. J. Miller, San Antonio; and Charles A. Walker, Pecos.

Highlight of the Wednesday night meeting was the announcement that eight Aggietone News releases would be made early the second semester, one on each military regiment and the A. & M. band. The staff met with regimental commanders Jeff Montgomery, Tom Hagood, Aubrey Hamilton, Les Appelt, James Giles, and Eli Whitney who represented the Cavalry commander Tom Richey. Band Commander E. L. Wehner also attended the meeting.

Further details concerning the revamped Aggietone News will be announced in an early edition of the Battalion.

Ground Duty Officers Course Offered Recently

The War Department is offering to eligible former flying cadets and to certain civilians who meet the prescribed requirements a course of training to qualify as air corps ground duty officers in the field of engineering. This course carries with it no pilot instruction.

The status of the cadets undergoing this specialized training is the same as that of cadets receiving pilot training. Upon completion of their course they are eligible for commissions as second lieutenants in the air reserve.

Applicants for this course must meet the general requirements for appointment as flying cadet. They must be unmarried citizens of the United States between the ages of twenty and twenty-six inclusive, of good character, sound physique, and in excellent health. Although the physical requirements are less rigid than those required for pilot training, candidates must meet the standards prescribed for appointment in the Officers Reserve Corps of the Army.

Flying cadet pilot applicants educationally qualified for this training who do not meet the physical requirements for flying, but do meet the physical qualifications for ground duty, may apply for this training to qualify as a squadron engineering officer.

This engineering training program is designed to qualify as "Squadron Engineering Officers". First priority candidates for this training will be college graduates with degrees in engineering. Candidates with senior standing in engineering colleges will be eligible in second priority.

The training program will include theoretical and practical engineering training in both civil and army schools pertaining to the maintenance of aircraft. The course in civil schools will be of 12 weeks duration and consists of the following subjects: Fundamentals of aerodynamics, airplane design. (Continued on Page 4)

Reservations For Club Longhorn Photos Due Saturday, Jan. 14

Clubs which plan to have their picture included in the 1941 Longhorn must have the reservation for their space by Saturday, January 14, according to an announcement by Longhorn managing Editor Morton Robinson. The reservations for the space must be accompanied by a deposit of at least five dollars.

The rates for this club space in the annual is \$25 for a full page and \$15 for half a page, instead of the price quoted in Tuesday's Battalion.

Money and reservations for the pictures should be turned in to the Student Publications Office in the Administration Building, or to Orville Allen or Boyd Rhea in room 423 Dorm No. 10.

Campus Museum Has Large Display Of Pre-Historic Bones Found Near Campus

By V. A. Yentzen
Bones, bones, and more bones... to the uninitiated, uninterested at first glance, but when properly identified, a source of interest, especially when they are of animals that roamed over the campus and the state of Texas a million years ago.

The museum has a collection of fossil bones on display which was collected within twenty miles of the campus at the Pittsbridge locality, which is one mile below the old bridge where the old Bryan-Caldwell road formerly crossed the Brazos River. Here the river is cutting away banks of gravel and sand. These old gravel bars contain bones and teeth of Pleistocene animals. Sudden falls of earth from the talus slopes are common and the whole slope is in very unstable condition. Since 1899, specimens have been collected here. The beds are still productive and the museum contains several tons of this fragmentary material; but unfortunately, good specimens are seldom found. (Continued on Page 4)

31 Potential Honor Grads Seek Army Commissions

New Method Of Registration To Be Inaugurated

A new method for registration made by the Registrar, E. J. Howell and Dean F. C. Bolton, has been officially accepted by the Executive Board and will be put into effect this mid-term registration week, February 3 to 8.

This new plan was devised to give the student as many as five days to register instead of the usual one, and will save much time in lining up to pay fees and to see the various deans.

The plan is different from the one now used in two ways. One is that the various department heads will be located in their respective offices instead of being spread in different buildings over the campus.

The official schedule is as follows. Those students who were passing 10 hours or more on the November 16 report will begin to register as their cards are issued. The cards will be issued in the following order and as soon as a student gets his card he will have from that day until the following Saturday to register. The schedule. (Continued on Page 4)

Walton Named On Committee Of Higher Education

President T. O. Walton has recently been appointed by the Secretary of State of the United States to serve as a member on the committee on inter-American cooperation in higher education.

Notification of his appointment came to Dr. Walton in a letter from the Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, which read: "In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, of the act of August 9, 1939, 'an act to authorize the President to render closer and more effective relationships between the American republics,' the President has approved your designation as a member of the committee on inter-American cooperation in higher education."

The committee will work to encourage the exchange of students between United States colleges and those of other nations. Another purpose of the committee is to encourage schools of higher education to include courses of study in all languages spoken on the American continents. It is hoped that this can be accomplished both in the United States and foreign schools. The committee is part of the program of the present administration to encourage cultural relationships between the peoples of the twenty-one republics of the American continents.

Army Board To Make Selection Of These In Spring

Thirty-one seniors, designated as honor graduates in the class of June, 1941, applied for commissions in the regular army of the United States during the Christmas holidays, it was disclosed Monday.

President T. O. Walton and Col. James Watson selected 50 of the top ranking seniors in military science and academic work, and these 50 were sent the application blanks. Of the 50 selected, 31 returned the applications filled out.

To be eligible for application at this time the student has to be at least 21 years of age, graduate in June and have at least a 2.25 grade point average.

In the spring a board of regular army officers will select from the applicants those they think to be mentally and physically fit for the position. Those selected by the board will receive commissions as second lieutenants in the regular army upon their graduation.

Those who applied are as follows: William J. Montgomery, Tom D. Harris Jr., Ernest L. Wehner, Robert A. Lynch, Joe W. McCrary, Keith W. Dahl, William Becker, Thomas D. Hill, Gabe D. Anderson Jr., Robert S. Hoff, James P. Giles Jr., Paul G. Haines, Tommy C. Davies, John L. Zerr, Johnnie M. Dixon, James R. Puckett, George C. Taylor, Hubert W. Gillespie Jr., Aubrey V. Hamilton, Frank A. Loving, George P. Townsend, Lynn H. Grasshoff, Howard W. Shea, Ralph B. Hartgraves, Will A. Ransom Jr., Andrew S. Downs, David S. Angell, Harold L. Hausmann, James H. Shelton, Ernest Schott, and Edwin H. Ivey Jr.

Student Aid By Civil Service Exams Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination under the title of "Student Aid" for positions in the Federal Government. Usually employment in these positions is for work during the school-vacation periods. Upon the close of the work season, appointees may be furloughed to return to their college studies, and reemployed in succeeding seasons. Upon completion of their academic training, they may be recalled as Government Student Aids with opportunities for advancement to the professional service.

Applicants must have completed at least 3 years of college study, and must have formally indicated at the college or university their intention of majoring in the optional subject chosen in the Student Aid examination. Junior students now in attendance at institutions of recognized standing may be admitted to examination, subject to their furnishing during the existence of the eligible register proof of their junior college year prior to July 1, 1941. Applicants may not (Continued on Page 4)

Major Burnett Presented Gifts By Cavalry Regiment

The entire Cavalry Regiment turned out around the bugle stand Monday afternoon at 5:50 p. m. to present Major E. M. Burnett with a pair of traveling bags to show their appreciation for his services and their sorrow of his departure. Major Burnett was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he will be given a responsible position and promotion in the army. He left College Station early Tuesday morning.

After the presentation Major Burnett made a short speech thanking the cadets for the present and telling them how much he had enjoyed working with them. He also spoke very highly of those whom he has taught and expressed his desire to have them as officers to serve under him in the event that they were needed in the Army.