

Local Group Plans Alumni Organization

First Meeting Will Be at Bryan Country Club; 500 Expected

Organization of the strongest and most active alumni group in Texas is the goal of a committee formed recently to inaugurate the Brazos County A. & M. Club, and the first meeting will be held at 6:30 p. m. Monday, August 4th, at the Bryan Country Club, with 100 ice cold watermelons at the piece de resistance.

Letters have been sent to more than 500 former students of Texas A. & M. College who live in Bryan, College Station and in Brazos County inviting them to come to the watermelon feast and to bring along any other Aggies whose names were not on the invitation list. Invited to attend are all A. & M. Ex-Students of Brazos County.

Decision to form the club and call the meeting at the watermelon feast followed an informal discussion of the idea by a group of Bryan and College Station residents who believe Brazos County, with more than 500 A. & M. men making their homes here, should have the best A. & M. Club in Texas—for the pleasure and benefit of the members, and to be of service to the college.

Would Act As Hosts

The preliminary group took upon themselves the arrangements for the meeting, but whether or not a club is formed will depend upon the interest of the A. & M. men of the county.

The group calling the meeting consisted of Martelle Dansby, Allister Waldrop, Ford Munnerlyn, W. W. Scott, H. L. Heaton, Sid Lovelless, Dale Weddington, E. E. McQuillen, Pink Downs, Jr., and Byron Winstead.

Numerous meetings throughout the year at the college need a wide-awake, worth-while club to act as (See ALUMNI GROUP, Page 4)

Sale of Football Tickets to Begin Here September 1

E. W. Hooker, Texas A. & M. College ticket manager, announced this week that Texas Aggie football tickets will go on sale to the general public on September 1 this year.

Orders from former students will be filled on August 1 and then the general public sale will open. Mail orders are now being received but none will be filled until Sept. 1, Hooker said.

This year the Aggie home football games will be with Sam Houston State Teachers, Baylor, S. M. U., and Texas University. Admission for the Sam Houston opener on Sept. 27 will be \$1.10, tax included, but the price for the three Southwest Conference games will be \$2.50 each, tax included.

The Baylor game will be played here Saturday, Oct. 25; S. M. U. on Saturday, Nov. 8; and Texas on Thursday, Nov. 27, the old Thanksgiving date.

Other dates on the Aggie books include: Texas A. & I. at San Antonio, Saturday night, Oct. 4; New York University in New York, Oct. 11; T. C. U. at Fort Worth, Oct. 18; Arkansas at Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 1; Rice at Houston, Nov. 15; and Washington State College at Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 6. All are Saturday games.

Capt. R. P. Lively, Adjutant, Leaves

Captain R. P. Lively, '31, has been transferred to Guthrie, Oklahoma, where he will be the commandant of the ROTC units in the Guthrie high schools.

Captain Lively, Field Artillery Reserve, has been adjutant during the past year relieving Major J. B. Wise. He left Friday, July 25, to arrive on Monday, July 28.

Defense Students Pour Hot Metal



One of the many tasks of the students enrolled in the local National Defense course is to study foundry work. As depicted here, many of the 325 men registered for the course must learn how to pour all types of metal. In the A. & M. foundries, they receive much of the practical training in metal working and machine shop operation.

—By Ralph Stenzel

4-H Club Members Eat in Duncan



Nearly all of the three thousand Texas boys and girls who jammed the A. & M. College campus during the 4-H Club Short Course held recently ate in Duncan Hall, the mess hall that serves the twelve dormitories in the new area. They are shown here as they ate one of their meals.

Second Term Brings More Juke Box Proms

By Florence Hollingshead

Tempus does fugit, or hadn't you noticed? Not on lead feet though, because the time has flown by; who doesn't think so? Didn't you often wonder if the first semester was going to pass in one year or two? With its fleeting passage, it took with it a semester of immensely enjoyed Juke Box Proms, and presents another semester to cope with. According to plans, the proms will continue 'till the end of time, well, 'till the end of the summer school, anyway.

Upon inquiry I come to the conclusion that the first proms were very successful affairs; that is past history though, the ones in the future will really be writing home about. With the second semester getting under way last week, the main high light was the little swing festival which occurred Saturday night. The majority rules that it was a huge success; has anyone heard differently?

New Y-Handbook Going to Press For Freshmen, '45

One of the finest YMCA handbooks ever to be published went to press this past week in an effort to have it ready for distribution to some 2500 prospective A. & M. freshmen who are to enroll at Aggie land this fall.

With Al Payne, junior secretary of the Y, as the adviser and Bill Stanford as the editor, a complete student staff worked many hours in compiling the vast amount of information that every new student should know. The theme of the book this year has been based on the four Y porch pillars as a basis for intellectual, physical, spiritual, and social development.

The highlighted features of the handbook are the various informal "chats" with the prospective student by the President, the Registrar, a parent of a present Aggie student, a senior Aggie, etc. Other points of interest are the charts of aids to study, the Aggie language, college yells, traditions of the campus, and the equipment needed while at A. & M.

Continuing an annual custom, the publication is expected to be ready for issuance during the latter part of August.

Orders May Be Placed Now For Aggie Rings, '42

Cannot be Delivered Until Registration as Classified Senior in Regular Session

Senior rings for the class of '42 can be ordered now in time for delivery on registration day for the long session, according to an announcement made by the Registrar's office yesterday.

The next order for rings will be sent to the manufacturer August 1. This will be followed by another order August 15. Rings ordered before these dates will be here in time for delivery on the long term registration day, September 10.

Orders for rings are being taken at the Registrar's office by a representative of the manufacturer only in the mornings. Senior rings will be available in these metallic finishes, light Russian, dark Russian, and antique green. The rings come in a complete range of weights ranging from 12 to 18 pennyweight. Prices for the rings according to weights are: 12, \$18.50; 13, \$19.35; 14, \$20.20; 15, \$21.05; 16, \$21.90; 17, \$22.75; 18, \$23.60. A three dollar deposit is required to place the order.

Present plans call for a distribution of senior rings to be made at the Registrar's office the night of registration day.

Rene P. Delpech, Argentine Cotton Official At A.&M.

Points to Opportunity For Better Relations With the United States

Rene P. Delpech of Argentina, a member of the national cotton board of his country's department of agriculture, is a visitor for a few days on the Texas A. & M. College campus.

A June graduate of Cornell University where he was given a Master of Science degree, Delpech stopped here on his way to Torreon, Mexico, where he will pursue his cotton studies. He will then go to New Orleans for a look at the Cotton Exchange and the Cotton Research Laboratory, then to Washington for a two weeks visit before returning to his home.

Delpech graduated from the University of Buenos Aires in 1932 with a degree of engineer of agronomy. He then entered government service and was sent to the United States a year ago to pursue his studies at Cornell, where he studied agricultural economics, farm management, statistics and marketing.

"The people of Argentina," Delpech declared, "are very anxious to reach a better understanding with the United States. Great pressure is being brought to bear by Germany to promote good will and to obtain the bulk of trade in Argentina, but the people realize that such overtures are propaganda, and there is a wonderful opportunity for the United States to step in and promote friendlier relations by increasing trade with Argentina."

Delpech is being shown over the campus by Dean E. J. Kyle, of the School of Agriculture, who has left for a four months tour of Central and South American countries on a good will mission.

Final Registration Total Climbs to 1119

In a last minute rush of registration, the number of students enrolled for the second semester of summer school came very near equalling the first term registration figure of 1,133.

According to the latest figures released by the Registrar's office, a total of 1,119 students had registered with 1,011 entering the college division and 108 entering the graduate department. Of the college students, there are 969 men and 42 women. There are 104 men graduates and four women who are taking advance work.

Dormitory students reached a total 621 men and six women. Of the day students, 36 are women with 325 men living in project houses and 173 of the masculine sex residing in private homes.

Old 'Opera House' Quiets Down At Last

By John May

At last the Assembly Hall has been stilled—there are to be no more feet propped over the balcony, no more peanut fights, and no more hisses as the villain stalks in whistles when the heroine enters, and cheers when the hero beats the tar out of the villain. From a place which was once a center of such sound the Assembly Hall has been converted to a dusty deserted building which is used regularly for Sunday school classes.

Almost a tradition at A. & M. is the Assembly Hall. Nineteen classes have occupied the center section as seniors and thousands of Aggies have gathered there to see movies, take examinations, and hold class meetings. It has been a center for Aggie pleasure and politics since 1924 and will long be remembered as an entertainment place.

Sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. the Assembly Hall was constructed in the fall of 1923 and started on its career of service to Aggies then.

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New Policy for Student Loan Funds Established by Former A&M Students

Firemen Tested With Tear Gas



Some of the 576 firemen of the state of Texas are shown as they emerged from the tear gas test chamber during the Firemen's Short Course recently held at the college. The gas masks are training masks with rubber face pieces, furnished by the Chemical Warfare Service of the U. S. Army. The gas chamber was erected on the campus just north of the Academic Building and used to maintain a high concentration of the gas which the firemen were sent through.

Smoke Eaters End Annual Short Course

Faculty Includes Insurance Officials; Written Examination Given to Firemen

Firemen from all of Texas returned to their homes after attending the Twelfth Annual Firemen's Short Course at A. & M. which ended last Friday. The short course which was attended by 576 firemen began Monday, July 21, and lasted throughout the week.

Classes were held during the week to instruct the men in the latest methods of fire fighting and in the use of the most modern equipment. At the conclusion of the course a written examination was given to men representing their city in an effort to get a key rate credit for fire insurance.

Student Laborers Make Honor Grades

An analysis of the distinguished student list at A. & M. for the first and second semesters reveals that a large percentage of distinguished students are employed as part of the student labor program here, Wendell R. Horsley, Chairman, Student Labor Committee announced recently.

Distinguished student lists for the first semester of the 1940-41 session showed that 337 students made the distinguished student list. Of this number, 153 or 45% were student employees. During the second semester 304 A. & M. students had a distinguishing average. 120 of these men were employees. This was 39.5% of the total number of distinguished students for the second semester.

The total figures for the entire session showed that 641 students distinguished; 273 or 42.6% of this number were student labor employees.

In commenting on this record Horsley said, "I believe this is a fine record."

Plan Extension of Opportunity Awards

Alumni Discuss Annual Spring Meet

Establishment of a new Student Loan Operating Program was announced by the officers and directors of the Association of Former Students at their last meeting at Trinidad, Texas.

The new loan fund policy was adopted following a lengthy discussion of the matter. Starting in 1942 the present Opportunity Award Program will be extended to include 100 similar awards with other types of loans sharply curtailed. The board took a definite stand against the gradually increasing requests made by students of the loan funds for loans characterized as "convenience loans."

Basis of the new policy is an effort to return to the original, fundamental purpose of the loan funds, that of assisting boys to secure an education who could not otherwise attend A. & M.

Largest Meeting in History

The board devoted much time to a discussion of what the Association and A. & M. men might do to be of assistance, and to indicate their pride and gratitude to A. & M. men in the armed forces of the United States during the present period of national emergency. A suggestion was made that the Texas Aggies, publication of the Former Students Association, carry during the emergency an Honor Roll listing the names of (See FORM. STUDENTS, page 4)

Williams to Act As Ag Dean While Kyle is On Leave

In the absence of Dean E. J. Kyle, D. W. Williams, head of the animal husbandry department, took over the duties of acting head of the agricultural school last Monday morning. The appointment will be effective for approximately four months, until the return of Dean Kyle from a good will tour to South America.

Williams came to A. & M. in 1919 and was placed in charge of hog work, and in 1923 was made head of the animal husbandry department, of which he has been head since.

A varied career has been followed by Williams since he was born on a stock farm at Venedocia, Ohio. His father was a farmer merchant, local stock and wool buyer, and later a commission merchant on the Cleveland and Toledo yards.

Assigned to Southwest

As a boy, Williams received his early education in a one-room country school, presided over by a hard boiled male teacher. In fact, he stated he didn't know that women taught school until he was a junior in high school.

After graduating in agriculture from Ohio State University in 1915, Williams took his master's degree at the University of Illinois on a scholarship in 1916. He spent some time farming and then went to Washington as extension animal husbandman and was assigned to the southwestern states. He served in World War I and then returned to his chosen profession in livestock work.

Sent to Switzerland

He has been connected with the fat stock show in Fort Worth since 1920, when he became superintendent of the swine department. He held that connection until 1928, but began working with the horse show in 1927.

Williams is a former president of the American Society of Animal Production and represented that society several years ago as a delegate to the International Congress on animal breeding at Zurich, Switzerland.

Williams is transacting business from 9:30 until noon each day in Dean Kyle's office. During the afternoon he will be in the animal husbandry department in the Animal Industries building.

A.A.A.E. Awards Exhibit Prizes to Extension Editors

Five awards of the American Association of Agricultural Editors belong to the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service for exhibits by Extension Editors Laura Lane and C. A. Price. Texas won two first place ribbons and three third places in competition at the Association's annual convention held recently at Kingston, Rhode Island.

Texas also got in its bid for national interest when the Association's 250 members voted to hold their 1942 convention in the Lone Star State, according to information received from Louis Franke, Texas extension editor now on a year's leave, who attended the Rhode Island meeting.