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Journalism Congress Will Be Held Here October 15-17

All Cadets Working On Publications Entitled to Attend

The Southwestern Journalism Congress and the Southwestern Students' Press Club will hold its sixteenth annual meeting here at A. & M. on October 15, 16, and 17, it was announced by John Longley, editor of the Longhorn and president of the Southwestern Students' Press Club. All members of the A. & M. Press Club will be privileged to take part in the activities on payment of a \$1.00 registration fee.

Purposes of this conference are to allow journalism students and students interested in student publications in the Southwest to get together to exchange ideas and create good will, stated Longley. Included in the conference will be students from Baylor, Hardin-Simmons, LSU, Oklahoma A. & M., Mary Hardin-Baylor, SMU, Texas A. & M., TCU, TSCW, Texas Tech, Tulane, Oklahoma University, and Texas University.

Highlights of the conference will be a banquet in Sbis Hall, a barbecue, and a dance at the Grove. Principal speakers at the conference will be Dr. John Ashton, Dr. T. O. Walton, Major James E. Crown of the New Orleans States, and Silas B. Ragsdale of the Galveston News.

College Collection Of Scrap Expected To Be Over 200 Tons

A grand total of over 460,000 pounds of scrap metal is expected to be sent by A. & M. and the community of College Station to the national salvage drive after the conclusion of the scrap drive to be held in College Station starting today.

E. N. Holmgreen, college business manager, stated that 110,000 pounds had already started on its way to American defense plants and that another 100,000 pounds had been assembled in the big scrap pile behind the Petroleum Building.

All persons in College Station having available scrap are urged by the Brazos County Salvage Committee to take it to the nearest public school where scrap bins have been set up or to the scrap pile behind the Petroleum Engineering Building as soon as possible, Holmgreen added.

Governor Proclaims October 4-10 Fire Prevention Week

Coke Stevenson has formally proclaimed October 4 to 10 as "Fire Prevention Week" in Texas.

Citing the urgent necessity for preventing fires during time of war, Gov. Stevenson said, "the production of materials essential to the prosecution of the war by our nation is taxing the capacity of industrial plants, and curtailment of production because of fire becomes a menace to our own safety."

The Governor called upon Texas citizens and various local organizations to emphasize the danger of fire and to encourage fire prevention.

Commenting on Fire Prevention Week, Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, suggested that every Texan accept individual responsibility in adopting fire prevention measures at home and at work.

"According to the official proclamation," Hall said, "Fire Prevention Week has special significance this year. The defense of factories, farms and homes against destruction by accidental fires is essential to the war production program and conservation of vital resources."

"There is another reason why we must devote more attention to preventing fires. We are now receiving dividends of lower insurance rates—the result of preventing fires. In order to keep the low fire insurance rates now in effect, it will be necessary for us to prevent fires in the future."

Agronomy Society To Meet Thursday Night

There will be a meeting of the Agronomy Society Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the lecture room of the Agricultural Engineering building, Cesar "Dutch" Hohn, Extension Service Soil Conservationist, will probably be the speaker, but that has not been confirmed as yet, according to Durwood James, president of the Society. All Agronomy majors, minors and those interested are requested to be at the meeting.

College Airport Receives \$640,000 Government Fund

Two Runways Will Be Constructed, 5400 and 5000 Feet Long, Here

Easterwood Airport will move into the Class 4 rating, as the result of an appropriation of \$640,000 which has been approved by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Word of this appropriation was wired to T. O. Walton, president of the college, last Thursday by Rep. Luther A. Johnson, who has been cooperating with college authorities in this project.

The funds will make possible the construction of two concrete runways. One, which will catch 86 per cent of the normal breeze, will be 5400 feet long, and the other will be 5000 feet in length. They will make it possible for any planes now being built to land or take-off from Easterwood.

The appropriation provides for no buildings, but it is expected that funds will be provided for this improvement in later action by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Government Seeks Weather Experts

Uncle Sam is looking for men and women—but especially the gals—to go to work in the weather bureau, College Station, Texas, secretary, local Board of U. S. Civil Service examiners, announced today. Applicants should be at least 17 years old and have a high school education or its equivalent. They'll have to pass a mechanical aptitude test to qualify.

The fledgling weathermen (or weatherwomen) will be known as junior observers in meteorology, and will draw down \$120 a month while they're in a three month's course of instruction on weather observing, weather coding, and the plotting of weather data on maps.

The ones who make the grade in this training course may be rapidly promoted, with duty in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

Applications can be obtained from any first- or second-class post office in Louisiana or Texas; the regional director, Tenth Civil Service Region Customhouse, New Orleans; or from U. S. Post Office, College Station, Texas.

Horse Show To Be Held Saturday

Events This Year Will Include Cadet Entries Exclusively

The annual Cavalry horse show will be held Saturday afternoon October 10, featuring riding, jumping and novelty events, stated Lt. W. G. North, Cavalry instructor.

This year the show will be all military, no civilians being allowed participation, stated North.

Events for freshmen and sophomores as well as open jumping events for juniors and seniors will be among the feature attractions at the event next week end stated North.

A system has been worked out whereby each cavalry troop will enter the same number for the meet, also credit will be given to the various troops. It is planned to use the outcome of the competitive events between troops as one of the deciding factors on which troops get the colors. Entries from the Field Artillery will be included in the show also.

One of the favorite gag events that has been staged in past years will be included on the docket again Saturday, states North. This event is the pop race. Two entries per troop are allowed to enter the contest. Each man and his opponent start simultaneously mounting bareback on a horse and riding across the field where they jump off and drink a bottle of pop handed them by an assistant, jump back on their horse and ride back across the field. The rider that does all this in the quickest time wins the event.

Another gag event that always provides a thrill is the musical chair ride. A number of entrants ride around the arena to the accompaniment of lovely music. Inside the arena there have been less in number of chairs, one less in number than the riders however. The bareback rider ride until the music stops. Then they all jump off and head for the nearest chair. One rider always loses out on the chair and is eliminated from the event. This process goes on until the winner is finally determined.

Cadets Urged To Have Class Pictures Made for Longhorn

Organization Pictures Be Made by November 1; Club Deadline October 15

All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, who haven't had their pictures made for the Longhorn as yet, are urged to do so at the earliest possible date, John Longley, editor, said Monday. The final deadline has been set for October 15, and no individual pictures will be made after that date.

As yet, very few freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have had their pictures made, so all who haven't will have to get them made before October 15, as it will be impossible to extend the deadline.

The deadline for all military organization pictures has been set for November 1, and all pictures have to be in by that time. These pictures are the ones made of each organization dressed in number one uniform.

Club reservations and the posters of the respective clubs have to be in by the deadline on October 15. All clubs desiring to have the club picture in the Longhorn must make their own arrangements for having their pictures made. This can be done by making arrangements with Joe Sosolik, of the Aggicland Studio, official photographer for the Longhorn.

None of these deadlines will be extended, as they have already been done so, and it would be impossible to extend them further and still get the Longhorn out on time, Longley added. Therefore, all individuals, clubs and military organizations wishing to have pictures in the 1943 Longhorn, are requested to abide by the deadlines stated above.

Officers Offer Collegians Chance To Enlist Reserves

Officers from the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps will address the Cadet Corps Officer Procurement program here on the campus. They will discuss the ways and means of getting a college education and at the same time finishing an education.

Among the various programs to be discussed will be the V-1 training program as "democracy's intelligent and practical way of meeting America's urgent needs for thousands of young college trained officers without breaking down our educational standards or forgetting future needs for trained men for civilian life after the war is won."

These officers are well informed on the role of the college man in the war, having discussed this topic at other colleges, and they will be able to answer any questions in regard to it.

Robert Cummings Selected For Lead in "Texas A&M"

Sulphur Springs Road Ready For Construction Work

Underpass Will Be Built At Railroad Tracks To Insure Safer Crossing

The Sulphur Springs road, which runs from the highway through the North Gate to the railroad tracks, is now ready for grading in an improvement program which will make a two lane highway, similar to the one at the East Gate entrance, to relieve the traffic congestion in this area, E. N. Holmgreen, business manager, announced Monday.

Fences have been removed, water and sewer pipes have been lowered in preparation for the grading operation. The paving of the road will be held up until the necessary materials can be secured, and, for this reason, there is no indication as to when the project will be completed, Holmgreen, added.

In the future, an underpass will be constructed at the railroad tracks at the end of the road, to make a safer and better crossing.

Scholarship Honor Society Pictures May Be Ordered This Week

Scholarship Honor Society members who wish to have a picture in the organization section of the Longhorn must pay a fee of 50 cents to J. H. McAllister, secretary-treasurer, in room 317 dormitory 7, it was announced today by Bill Galloway, president of the Scholarship Honor Society.

To be included in the club section, members must have their pictures included in the class section of the Longhorn, McAllister, stated. Galloway urged that members pay their dues and the 50 cent fee as soon as possible.

Gus White Injured In Accident Sunday

Gus White, a freshman, was injured Sunday morning while walking in the street in front of the Aggicland Inn where he was struck down by a passing automobile. He was taken to the college hospital where he was treated by Dr. P. A. Woodward. Hospital attendants stated that his injuries, although painful, were not serious and that he would probably be released from the hospital shortly.

White's left arm was caught by the handle of the car door and he was thrown to the ground. His left arm was severely lacerated. Several of the muscles were gashed and a tendon was torn loose. He lost quite a bit of blood.

Anne Gwynne Will Play Opposing Lead In Wanger Picture

Robert Cummings, youthful Hollywood star of "King's Row", has been selected by Walter Wanger and his staff to play the masculine lead in the forthcoming Aggie film tentatively titled, "Texas A. & M."

Opposite Cummings will be a Texas product, Miss Anne Gwynne, formerly of San Antonio. Miss Gwynne has been chosen for the female lead by Wanger, who said she was chosen because he thought she would not only put fresh talent into the film, but was as promising a young star as there is in Hollywood.

John Rawlins, director of the picture, and several other Wanger and Universal officials are now on the campus absorbing Aggie atmosphere and acquiring the proper technique of saying, "Fish Rawlins is my name, sir!"

Writing the screen play is Norman Reilly Raine, ace scenarist and creator of the Saturday Evening Post's "Tugboat Anne" stories.

Long a minor actor in Hollywood, Cummings has in the past year come into his own, largely through his successes with Deanna Durbin.

Boards Warned Against Taking Necessary War Men

General J. Watt Page, State Selective Service Director, today cautioned all local boards against withdrawing from war production industries and transportation services "necessary men" because they happen to be without dependents. He said:

"If a registrant qualifies for occupational deferment as a 'necessary man' under the provisions of the Selective Service Regulations and any of the several National Headquarters Occupational Bulletins, then he should be classified II-A or II-B, depending upon the character of the industry, even though he is single, and married men, not essentially employed, will have to be used to fill the board's call."

Organization Banquet To Be Held in Sbis

An organization, battalion and regimental commanders banquet will be held tomorrow evening at 7:45 o'clock in the banquet room of Sbis Hall, Cadet Colonel Walter Cardwell announced Monday.

Cardwell urged that all organization commanders and housemasters be present to discuss the business that must be attended to.

WTA W, Despite an Humble Start, Now Plays Important Part in Southwest Radio

Studios Will Be Expanded When In Administration Bldg

By Tom Journey

Texas A. & M. entered the radio business twenty years ago today. On October 7, 1922 radio activities began when a broadcasting station was built for experimental purposes. For ten professors and students used the apparatus to send Morse code messages, and A. & M. claims the distinction of having broadcast the first athletic event in the history of the world when, in 1919, a football game was put on the air here in code and received in Waco where the newspapers based their late stories on the game.

WTAW today is a far cry from the little sending set constructed back in 1912 by students in the Electrical Engineering department for the purposes of instructing students here on the uses of radio. Soon the station will be in operation from brand new studios in the Administration Building with the latest equipment obtainable.

Radio Telephone Used in 1923

Use of radio telephone by WTAW was first employed in 1922. In 1927 the present studios in the YMCA were built with of course many additions and frequent remodelings to keep the equipment up to date. In 1925 the power of the station which had been 250 watts, was increased to 500 watts,

adding much territory to WTAW's primary coverage area. The station then went on the air regularly twice a week in addition to broadcasting chapel services and athletic events. In the spring of 1926 the Extension service of the college assumed responsibility of the programs which they kept until 1939 when the running of the station was turned over to the publicity department of the college.

Credit Due to F. C. Bolton

Credit for the development and establishment of the station is due largely to Dean F. C. Bolton, who at the time of the establishment of the station was dean of the school of engineering. Since the inauguration of radio broadcasting activities in 1922, Dean Bolton has given much of his time to the radio station. At first largely an electrical engineering laboratory facility, WTAW has steadily grown to the point where today it is recognized among the radio stations in the south west as a true public service.

During the past twenty years the station has had numerous different broadcasting periods. At the present time the station operates from 11:25 a. m. until 12:00 noon every week day, on Friday from 4:30 until 5 p. m. in addition, and on Sunday from 8:30 until 9:30 a. m.

Station Has New Transmitter

These broadcasts are actually transmitted from the new 1000 watt Collins latest model commercial broadcast transmitter located

on the campus near a grove of trees on the Houston highway. At nearly any time the 220-foot vertical radiator is clearly visible from the campus.

In addition to these broadcasts which are aired over the regular local transmitter, several other regular programs are put on for various networks, and on any special occasion worthy of broadcasting, a WTAW microphone is not an uncommon sight. Every morning at 6 the Texas Farm and Home program is broadcast by the three stations of the Texas Quality network, the program originated and produced from the WTAW local studios. On Thursday afternoon at 1:15, the Texas School of the Air is broadcast from these studios on the same network.

During the Spring of this year a thirty-minute variety program was inaugurated, likewise produced by the WTAW staff and fed to the 16 station all-Texas hook-up of the Texas State Network from the stage of Guion hall every Thursday night. Tentative plans call for the resumption of that series of broadcasts as soon as details can be worked out.

Winstead Directs Policies

G. Byron Winstead, Director of Information and College publications, formulates the policies on which the station is run by the college. The actual running of the radio station is done by John O. Rosser, Program director, who was first employed here in that capacity in 1939.

Local Station Was First to Broadcast Sports in World

Chief Engineer of the station, and Technical Director for all matters, is H. C. Dillingham, of the Electrical Engineering Department. Chief operator of the station is Bob Loofburrow, Senior EE student. Also on the engineering staff is Hardy B. Curry, EE Senior.

The program staff responsible for the actual airing of all the radio broadcasts is made up of Dick Bolin, Harry Dillingham, Richard Gottlieb, and Tom Journey, announcers; and Conrad Berling, news editor. This staff is constantly working with Rosser to produce better and more varied entertainment for WTAW listeners.

Move by First of Year

Probably by the first of the year, the station will be operating from its new studios on the third floor of the administration building. Those studios will be equipped with the latest technical equipment recently purchased and now awaiting installing in the new quarters.

This equipment will enable several different programs to be fed simultaneously to any of several different points, also intricate audio, talk-back and other technical features of latest design will be provided making the new WTAW one of the finest and most modern radio plants in the entire nation.

Dean E J Kyle Styled as "The Fighting Dean of Texas Aggies"

"The Fighting Dean of the Fighting Texas Aggies" is the new title bestowed upon Dean E. J. Kyle by the October issue of the "Country Gentlemen", one of the leading agricultural journals of the nation.

In an illustrated feature the part played by Dean Kyle in the making of the A. & M. as we know it today, is widely portrayed. As the magazine stated, Dean Kyle has been at Texas A. & M. for forty-six of his sixty-six years. The little town of Kyle, Texas, situated on the highway between Austin and San Antonio received its name from Dean Kyle's grandfather who settled thereabouts in 1848. He moved there from his native Mississippi after he was defeated in his ambition to become governor.

When the Civil War came, the five husky sons of Grandfather became famous as the original "Fighting Kyles". Edwin Jackson Kyle was one of the nine children of Captain Ferg Kyle an grew up in the town his father founded—and hardly left it until his enrollment in A. & M. in 1896. Both he and the college were twenty years old. The Kyles were well-to-do, the

article continued, but as more than half of the Aggies do today, he earned his own way through school. Even in college, Kyle was not without his share of distinction. He won the positions of senior captain, then the highest ranking officer in the corps; president of the Y.M.C.A.; president of his class; and valedictorian. He even served as commandant during the Spanish-American War.

In those days, the teaching of agriculture was in its infancy and practically unheard of in the state of Texas. To remedy this situation became one of Dean Kyle's ambitions and therefore, he studied agriculture at the University of Cornell and received a degree of Master of Science in Agriculture in 1902. After this he received the position of professor of horticulture at A. & M.

Two books published by Dean Kyle have also made him famous, "Agriculture in the Southwest" and "Fundamentals of Farming and Farm Life", which have become part of the library of Texas high school boys throughout the state.

In the field of athletics, Dean Kyle has also won himself a place.

He has the knack of inspiring victory and in each of the five years he has been boss of athletics during his teaching period at A. & M. he produced a winning team.

There was a season four years ago when civil war threatened Aggicland. The football team went into a tail spin. The students were in open rebellion; faculty members were at loggerheads. Ex-students were howling for a change in coaches. And to completely make things bad, the stadium bonds had been in default for two years. At this critical time Dean Kyle was appointed chairman of athletics. The results were the nationally famous teams of Coach Homer Norton.

Throughout the entire article a fine tribute was paid to Dean Kyle and the school. All through the state he is called, as the article concluded, the "most popular" and "most useful citizen." Friends assert that he has hunting dates with every filling station boy across the state of Texas—a further illustration of his renown throughout the state. In every respect, he has truly earned his reputation as the "Fighting Dean" of the "Fighting Aggies".