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1,500 REGISTER SECOND DAY OF SUMMER TERM

Former Students Association Announces Plans for Coming Year

James "Jake" Hamblen Elected President; Victory Homecoming Plans Made by Association; Development Fund Reaches First Year's Goal

The Annual Meeting of the Former Students Association was highlighted by the announcement of plans for a giant Victory Homecoming after the war, with James P. "Jake" Hamblen, the new president, presiding. The April 21 Musters were discussed, and the high point of the meeting came during the report of President Lawson when he announced that the Development Fund Goal of \$50,000 had been reached that day, and that the Fund in its first year had proven an unqualified success. It emphasized that the Student Activities Center for which the Fund is setting up money would be built as a great memorial to the Texas A. & M. men who have served and are serving in the armed forces. The 1943 Fund closed on May 31.

J. F. Hamblen, '27, Houston, was unanimously elected President by the new Board of Directors at a brief business meeting after the membership session. Rufus R. Peoples, '28, Tehuacana, was chosen Vice President and E. E. McQuillen, '20, re-elected Executive Secretary. Allin F. Mitchell, '09, Corsicana, was re-named as Student Loan Fund Trustee, and J. A. "Hop" Reynolds, '30, Dallas, elected for a two-year term as representative on the Athletic Council. The Executive Committee will be elected at the summer meeting of the Directors.

Resolutions

Resolutions on deceased members during the past year, congratulating Coaches Lil Dimmitt and Homer Norton and their teams on title winning efforts in track and baseball this spring, congratulating Association President W. Lawson and expressing appreciation for his fine leadership, thanking the Association office staff for its good work, and expressing appreciation to the Texas Quality Network and to the WFAA staff for the April 21 broadcast were passed. A resolution from the floor congratulated and expressed pride in the career of Lawrence W. Wallace, '03, present on the campus to receive an Honorary Degree from his Alma Mater. The Resolutions Committee was composed of W. B. Cook, '20, Houston, Chairman; C. M. Elwell, '23, Austin; James W. Williams, '18, Dallas; Herbert F. Spreen, '22, Ft. Worth; H. K. Deason, '16, Port Arthur and W. E. Wade, '30, Temple.

Victory Homecoming

Those present gave enthusiastic reception to the suggestion of a giant Victory Homecoming to be

Fowler Awarded Service Cross

First. Lieut. Butler B. Fowler, Jr., of Rockwood, class of 1941, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart, according to word received by the Information department from Capt. James T. Anderson, also class of '41 from Mesquite, now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Battalion Staff Needs More Writers

The Battalion has been and is the official paper of the College with Aggies donating their off afternoons on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. But now, with most of these Aggies gone, it is the duty of freshmen to come down and do a little writing. Experience will not be considered if you will only come down and try your hand at it. The staff has been so badly shaken that every person, new or old, will be welcomed in the Battalion office, basement of the Administration building. All staff members are members of the Press Club and will receive a Press Club key for services on the paper.

Singing Cadets to Meet Wednesday

Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock in the Assembly Hall the Singing Cadets will hold their first practice of the summer semester. This marks the sixth year of their participation in college activities. Their program has gained state-wide recognition, and has furnished entertainment for service clubs, churches, schools, and army camps and U. S. O. centers throughout the state.

Richard Jenkins, director of the Singing Cadets for the past three years, especially wants to see all new students that may be interested in the club at this first practice. Membership is open to all students that like to sing and the only requirement is that he is able to stay on pitch.

Everyone interested is urged to be present and to help make this the most successful year in the club's history.

staged as soon as practical after the war. Speakers pointed out that the war must first be won but that when that job had been completed, and regardless of the time it required, the greatest gathering of Aggies in history should be held, and that all fighting men should be honor guests of the occasion.

Gulf Oil Corporation Establishes Fund for Chem-Eng Fellowship

Favorable action was taken at the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas on the proposal of the Gulf Oil Corporation to establish a \$900 Gulf Graduate Fellowship in Chemical Engineering at the A. & M. College.

This award was made after Gulf officials had spent some time at College Station going over the physical equipment and method of instruction in the Department of Chemical Engineering. It was announced that only twelve other colleges and universities in the country are receiving this fellowship.

Under the terms of the award the Gulf corporation prescribed the department receiving the fellowship and the broad field of research to be conducted, but the selection of the individual is left to the head of the department. At this time the party receiving the award has not been chosen.

700 New Students Enroll; Year's Enrollment For Year Reaches 4,300

Registration Considerably Lower Than Other Years Due to War-time Activities

Cotton School In Thirty-Fourth Session This Week

With registrations from nine cotton producing states, and from Mexico, Nicaragua, Ecuador and Peru, the 34th Summer Cotton School opened Monday at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas under the direction of Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of the Department of Agronomy. It will last six weeks, ending July 10.

Classes began Tuesday. The schedule calls for lectures and recitations each day from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m., and grading and stapling from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Instruction is done by a man who has had long and successful experience in classing, buying and handling cotton for one of the world's largest cotton firms. Another instructor experienced in handling extra long staple cotton is available, Dr. Trotter said, and will be used should final registration be heavy from West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

After the school gets well under way authorities on various phases of cotton production will deliver lectures to the students. The first will be D. T. Killough, agronomist, specializing in cotton breeding for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, who will handle "The Plant Breeder's Contribution to Good Cotton." Dr. E. P. Humbert, head of the Department of Genetics, will talk on "The Pure Seed Grower and Quality Cotton Production."

Up to 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, 1,500 students had completed registration, and the total registration continued to mount toward the 1,600 mark. The registrar believes that the total will not exceed this number by the completion of registration.

Of the number who are now enrolled for the current semester, 630 had registered before Monday. Latest figures show 700 new students this semester. It was not ascertainable how many of these were freshmen and how many were transfer students who brought with them advanced credits from other institutions.

Original estimates looked for 800 cadets to enroll yesterday. However, the figures up to 5 o'clock indicate that the registration will fall below that number, only 700 having registered.

Enrollment figures for the current semester fell below those of the last semester by 900. New freshman enrollment was 400 above 4,300, that is a number of names in excess of 2,600 have been entered on the rolls since January 30.

Subscription To Battalion Payable At Fiscal Office

The Student Activities fee of \$1.50 is payable now at window number 8 in the Fiscal Department. This amount will take care of the Battalion newspaper which is printed three times weekly and delivered to the dorms. After paying the fee, stop in at the Student Activities Office, located in the Administration building basement for the Battalion card which will certify that the money has been paid. Freshmen are urged to subscribe to the paper as it is the official paper of the college.

Two authorities on cotton matters, connected with the U. S. Food Distribution Administration, are scheduled to appear. James R. Kennedy, regional director from the Dallas office, will handle "The One Variety Cotton. Community and Quality Cotton Production." Frances L. Gerdes, in charge of the laboratory of the Cotton and Fiber Branch at Stoneville, Miss., will tell about "Keeping Cotton Quality at the Gin."

"Controlling Cotton Insects to Protect Quality Cotton" will be handled by Dr. F. L. Thomas, chief of the Division of Entomology, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Cotton ginners, cotton classers, professional workers in agriculture and others are in attendance. They are indicating a keen interest in the research done in the laboratory at A. & M. While here the students will learn why certain types of cotton previously thought perfectly satisfactory are becoming unpopular because they create problems in the mill such as excessive waste and lower breaking strength.



No doubt all the new students have heard much talk of a Final Review, and this scene is a typical Aggie Review which is taken from our own picture, filmed on the campus. "We've Never Been Licked". There is a fond hope that all new students will remain on the campus long enough to form a Final Review, knowing that the war is over and that victory and freedom is ours. Reports from former Aggies who have visited Universal Studios indicate that the picture will meet the approval of all who see it.