

Senior Boots Became Popular In 1920; '44 Leaves Historical Note

By Renyard W. Canis

It is not unusual for a pair of legs to be whistled at as they walk down the street but when a girl whistles at a boys calves, then that is news. Shining so brightly in the sunlight as they click! click! click! down the sidewalk. There is a senior from A. & M. he is wearing senior boots.

Not so many years ago it was a common sight to see hundreds of senior boots leading companies down the streets of Ft. Worth, Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio in a corps parade. These trips were really what made the boots of Aggie famous. They took on a meaning, a symbolic standard. Hidden in the history of A. & M.

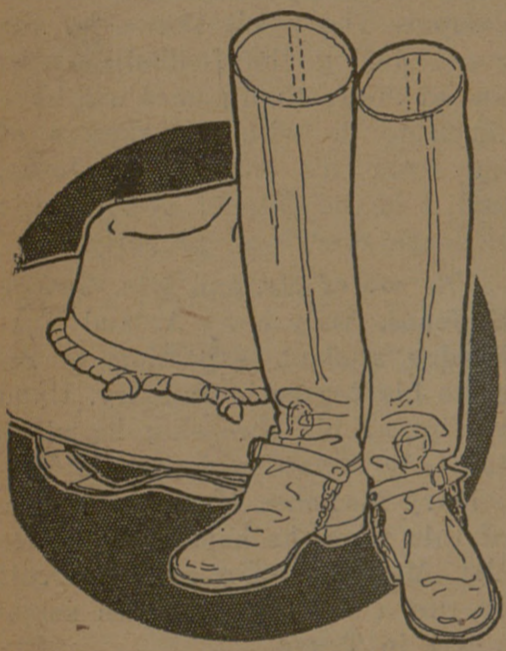
is the occasion when the first cadets began wearing boots. A check on the former "Longhorns" reveals that their use first became widespread on or about 1920. Prior to that time seniors customarily wore leather leggings, fore-runners of the present boots.

Many pairs of boots have been handed down from class to class in much the same way as family heirlooms are handed down from generation to generation. At the present time there are seniors wearing boots that have been worn by as many as three preceding senior classes. Other boots stay with their original owners as reminders of days spent at A. & M. Nothing is dearer to a senior's heart than that pair of senior boots unless it is Aggie itself. But in reality they are almost inseparable.

When the class of '44 left the campus practically enmasse they left a little footnote to their history. "We did not wear the boots nor did we have the cuffs, but by all we stand for, we got the spirit that goes with them." This statement explains in a measure what senior boots mean to an Aggie.

Boots mean a lot to each senior individually but they mean much more to the school collectively.

"Knee deep in leather" is not a hollow phrase.



GILCHRIST

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ture of chicken breeding in Texas. Professor Reid, who is head of the poultry department here, presided at the opening Monday. He will also deliver speeches on "Responsibility of a Hatcheryman to

His Customers," on "Selection of Males," on "Poultry Improvement in Texas," and preside over a discussion to be held on "Egg Breakage" during the course of the convention.

Demke is a member of the A. and M. Board of Directors, and secretary of the association. He is also a director of the association.

Professor Parnell will preside over the group Wednesday morning, and will lead a discussion on "Problems of Hatching Turkey Eggs" on Thursday.

The school is being held in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel in San Antonio. S. A. Moore, who is in charge of the school, is a member of the poultry extension service. Members of this service are on the staff of the meeting.

Other A. and M. men who are on the program for the convention are: Dr. J. P. Delaplane, Ross M. Sherwood, Dr. J. N. Thompson, Byron Winstead, C. W. Carter, and V. H. Melass.

Extension Service To Initiate Aid Program

A former Extension worker recently released from the Army has been obtained to develop a veteran's aid program the A. and M. College Extension Service proposes in cooperation with agricultural advisory councils in each county.

He is Joe L. Matthews who became assistant in agricultural planning on August 19. His head-

What's Your I. Q.?

Questions of the type given below will be submitted weekly by different members of the college faculty to test your intelligence, common sense, and ability to think clearly.

Each question is worth ten points. A score of 90 or more entitles the reader to a superior rating, from 70 to 80 is above average, from 40 to 60 is average, and any score below 40 is poor.

1. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
2. Who was the first president of Texas A. & M. College? T. O. Walton, F. M. Law, T. S. Gathright, W. B. Bizzell, Lawrence S. Ross.
3. Who is the author of the current best seller, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn?" Ernest Hemingway, Somerset Maugham, Henry Jackson, Claire Booth Luce, Betty Smith.
4. If there are nine innings in a regular baseball game, four

quarters will be at College Station.

Matthews has had varied experiences in Extension work since 1935, Acting Director J. D. Prewitt said in announcing his appointment. He has served as county agricultural agent for Pecos, Reeves, Ward, Dawson, and Presidio counties, and served in 1940 as assistant in agricultural planning on the headquarters staff.

Fritz Kreisler plays the piano almost as well as the violin, also the cello and guitar.

many chukkers are there in a regular polo game?

5. What famous football coach, tutor of the famed "four horse-men" backfield combination, introduced the forward pass into modern football?

6. Does light travel faster in air than in water?

7-10. This question is worth forty points. Match the following terms in the right hand column with the words listed on the left:

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| a. Tennis | Gridiron |
| b. Baseball | Diamond |
| c. Boxing | Court |
| d. Football | Ring |
| e. Horseshoes | Pit |

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"Fish" Have Gay Weekend As Dateless Sophomores, Juniors, Stare and Scowl

By Eli Barker

Starting out as only a follow-up for the Second Regimental Ball, the All Service dance on Saturday evening turned out to be a huge success. Music was provided by Fletcher Henderson's Band with the leader doing the best job at the piano.

As viewed by one not lucky, or otherwise blessed by the gods enough to have a date, Saturday evening was best spent in the following manner. Shower, shave, and shine before indulging in a delicious meal in the quaint little cafe commonly known as Duncan Dining Hall, the only eating place in the world where the three daily meals are served in courses on each of the 365 days per year. There are one-two-three-four or as many courses as you wish the waiter to bring you; the only hitch being that the variety of food is the same in each course. Naturally, one must arrive early to get a good, covering view of everyone and everything which enters this lovely place.

Next on the list is a good musical comedy at one of the local theatres. This serves to give one's feet the necessary urge to move smoothly, and it should be arranged afterwards for a walk through the area where the young ladies are being housed, so that the nostrils can become accustomed to the sweet aroma which so rarely blesses the Aggie campus. Now, off to the Grove with that wonderful desire to spend the evening in dancing the light fantastic.

But, ho, what do we have here? From the way the band seems to be pounding out the rhythm, it

appears that the evening shall be spent in stomping the light fantastic. However, nothing can stop us now; "Onward, ever onward to the lance," is our only command until next obstacle, which almost proves to be a debacle, is met. A cruel tyrant stands by the gate shouting, "120 pennies to enter these bounds." What? A dollar and twenty cents to hear "that" band???? Ah, my friend, but think of the luscious lovelies inside. Aye, that I am doing, but think of my malts for the next seven days. (Evidently, the entrance fee was paid or the story would have to end here. May it be added that Washington blinked noticeably when that lonely buck came out of hiding.—Ed. Note)

Now the real problems are met as every wild and fiendish idea on the books of how to get that little blonde off by herself travels swiftly through the mind. Finally, the perfect plan is hit upon, and after rehashing it several times, a path is made to the side of the golden-haired girl of my dreams. A slight touch on her escort's left arm which is clad in khaki and capped with a white ribbon, and the biggest collection of "NOS" in history starts in the direction of this person who would dare to interrupt the dancing of this beautiful specimen of womanhood with her "only man in the world."

And so the evening goes; from blonde to brunette to redhead with similar success in each place. Maybe the technique was wrong, maybe the approach was wrong, maybe the wrong girls were picked. Who knows?

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