

"Ode To The Class Of '46", Presented Orally At Senior Ring Dance

Editor's Note: Given by Harold Borofsky at Senior Ring Dance.

THE CLASS OF '46

We are the class of '46, and this is our story:

We first saw Aggieiland in the sweltering summer of 1942, that first summer after Pearl Harbor. Some of us came from cities and some of us came from the country, some of us came from other states and some of us came from Texas. We were tall, short, fat, thin, and scared by the whole thing. We were green, but then the weeks began to pass. We began learning—more outside the classrooms than in them. We remember calisthenics in the early morning, long sessions on

Saturday afternoons, endless numbers of people we met, the "handle" we were so proud of, the infinite maze of duties, and the growing feeling of pride.

In September the second half of our class joined us and we bore our burdens together. Football season—the chills ran down our spines! We think back to that first long cold winter, the thrills of Aggie football, yelling until we could yell no more, college night, the corps trips, Turkey Day, then Christmas—we sang carols in the cold—back to school—not long to go, and, suddenly, Final Review. We were happy as we ripped off our "Fish Stripes", but then our hearts were heavy. Though we

did not know, we had become Aggies, and as we said goodbye to our seniors—some of the finest men we had ever known—we began to feel the true meaning of the spirit of Aggieiland.

We became Sophomores—our chests began to swell. We felt added responsibilities, new duties. We changed our "handles" to "Mister" and felt supremely wise as we went to work at teaching the new freshmen. We remember how dumb we thought they were, how we drilled long hours and whipped them into shape, how we became proud of them. Suddenly advanced R. O. T. C. was abolished. We saw our juniors and seniors inducted then sent back to finish the

semester. The days flew by—the semester ended—they left, and once again we said goodbye.

The summer was hot again—outfits were broken up—we began getting into harder and harder work. One by one we began losing classmates. September rolled around and we were ready to don serge. We had lost more than half of our original number.

As juniors we worked together to keep Aggie tradition alive, and we succeeded. We saw the "Kid-die Korps" roll over every opponent except one, and on Turkey Day we heard Taps played on Kyle Field. We began to appreciate things we had not noticed before—the Academic Building in the

moonlight, the Administration Building at night—the little things about the campus that we had unconsciously come to love. On January 18, 1944, we buried Reveille at Kyle Field. An era in Aggie history had passed.

Another semester began—we dug in and worked harder and harder. Slowly the Junior Prom rolled around. We didn't quite realize how many of our class had gone until the dance. We missed old faces, old friends, old times.

Now we are seniors. We are wearing our pinks and our boots, and our pride cannot be equalled. We have done our job well. Tonight we have come to the biggest

event of our college life—our senior ring dance. We should be happy, and we are happy—until we think back and remember. We remember men we have known and loved like brothers, men who have given their lives that we might be here now. We remember, above all, what Aggie tradition means—honor, courage, loyalty—and we know that the burden of keeping that tradition alive rests on our shoulders. For them, those men of Aggieiland who shall never return to their school, who shall never again see the campus they loved, we pledge to be forever loyal to the ideals we believe in—the ideals they fought and died

for. Now if we close our eyes we can see their faces once again; we can hear their voices singing "We are the Aggies, the Aggies are we; true to each other as Aggies can be . . ." Our tears may flow, but they are tears of strength and pride. Those men are not forgotten, and they know, wherever they are, that they shall always be with us in our hearts.

Look to the sun, you men of Aggieiland . . . The days ahead are dark, but we know that if we carry on until we have reached our goal ours will be the greater glory and the more triumphant victory.

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Dean Kyle Nominated For Guatemalan Ambassador Post

First Board Of Directors Meeting Of Year Held Here Saturday Formal Inauguration Of President Gilchrist Postponed Indefinitely

Plans for the formal inauguration of Gibb Gilchrist as president of Texas A. & M. College were postponed today as a result of action taken at President Gilchrist's recommendation by the college Board of Directors and Vice-President F. C. Bolton at Saturday's meeting.

At President Gilchrist's suggestion, the inaugural ceremonies were postponed indefinitely due to the recent recommendation of War Mobilization Director James E. Byrnes that all meetings, conferences, ceremonies and conventions be cancelled to alleviate the transportation shortage. After President Gilchrist suggested the move the Board called Vice President Bolton to ascertain if the ceremonies could be postponed without undue difficulty.

Other action of the Board was as follows:

In accordance with the unanimous recommendation of the Athletic Council and the president of the college, it was expressed as the intention of the Board to tender a contract of Homer H. Norton as director of athletics and head football coach for a five-year period beginning Sept. 1 at his present salary. The details of the contract are to be worked out between the president of the college and C. W. Crawford, chairman of the athletic council with Coach Norton, and will be submitted for final consideration as soon as this has been done.

First action of the board was to pass resolutions on the services performed to the college by F. M. Law of Houston and A. B. Conner, formerly director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Mr. Law was a board member for many years and president of the group for more than a quarter-century.

It also was announced by President Gilchrist and approved by the board that Lt. Col. J. T. L. McNew will assume his duties as vice president for engineering on Feb. 1.

The board authorized employment of a head of the dairy husbandry department to succeed C. N. Shepardson, dean of agriculture.

A professor of chemical engineering also was authorized.

Vice President Bolton was authorized to work out details of a plan to cover college employees by workmen's compensation. This is to care for those not under teacher retirement benefits.

The athletic council was authorized to invest \$50,000 in D. S. Treasury bonds.

Several budgetary items were passed calling for slight increases in salaries of several college and branch college employees, and some funds were transferred to accounts where they will be more available for college improvements.

Four of the seven members present were subject to Senate confirmation. Absent were H. L. Kokernot, Jr. of Alpine, and A. H. (See DIRECTORS, Page 4)

Property Owners Asked To Better Drainage System

Property owners of College Station are asked by City Manager Lloyd Smith to keep ditches surrounding their places open for drainage. In some places gravel is being piled into driveways which is detrimental to drainage as well as to the streets.

Mr. Smith calls attention to drive ditches installed in front of the Lyle and Taubehaus homes which were put in to grade by R. B. Butler at the expense of the property owners.

"I suggest that any property owner planning on having his drive reconditioned contact some concrete finisher," Smith said. "He then can contact the city office and have the work done according to grade. This work now can be done at one of the concrete plants set up at College Station just off the College campus."

College Credit Union To Meet Next Monday

The Texas A. & M. College Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on Monday, January 22, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 313 of the Agriculture Building.

This union is an organization of college employees devoted to extending credit to anybody connected with the college who is having financial difficulty. It is an experiment on a national scale in cooperative credit.

Not only members but all who are interested have been invited to attend.

Water - Sewerage Course Scheduled Here February 7

Noted Speakers To Be On Hand For Twenty-Seventh Annual Course

Texas mayors, city managers and city governing bodies are urged by S. R. Wright, acting head of the Department of Municipal and Sanitary Engineering, to arrange for their water and sewerage works men to attend the 27th annual Texas Water Works and Sewerage Short School to be held at the Texas A. & M. College, Feb. 5, 6 and 7.

This short school is held at College Station annually under the joint auspices of the southwest section of the American Waterworks Association, Texas State Board of Health, and the School of Engineering of the Texas A. & M. College. Attendance at the 1944 short school was a little over 400, breaking all previous records, but this figure is expected to be increased by another 100 representatives at the 27th school. So important is this course of instruction that every camp, post and flying field located in the 8th Service Command had one or more military personnel enrolled at the 26th school. Similar representation is expected for the coming course.

A timely program of instruction has been arranged. A few of the speakers include: Gibb Gilchrist, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and outstanding engineer; Col. W. A. Hardenberg, head of the Sanitary Corps of the Army; Dr. William Rudolph of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, probably the outstanding authority on sewerage treatment in the country; Prof. Gordon M. Fair of the Harvard Graduate School, likewise well known in the field of sanitary engineering, and many others.



Dean E. J. Kyle, recently nominated for U. S. Ambassador to Guatemala.

Aggieiland Orchestra, Singing Cadets To Perform for Camp Swift Wounded

Sunday afternoon at 2:45 p.m. the Aggieiland orchestra and singing cadets will entertain the hospitalized veterans at Camp Swift, near Austin, with a mixed program of songs and orchestra selections.

W. M. Turner, director of the singing cadets and the orchestra, announced that newspapers in that area had recently been appealing for some form of entertainment for the wounded veterans and they complained that the convalescing at Camp Swift had been overlooked by entertainers touring the state on good will missions.

The singing cadets recently performed at Humble Oil Company's recent celebration commemorating the production of their billionth gallon of high octane fuel at their

large refineries. The cadets were received exceptionally well for their part in the program, said Turner.

For their Sunday program Turner announced they would include school songs, spirituals, and both popular and sacred numbers. Burl Ervin, president of the singing cadets will sing two solos, his first offering being "The Holy City," and the other "Forgotten."

Turner announced that approximately fifty-five students will make the trip, leaving by bus at the assembly hall at 11 a.m. Sunday.

President Andrew Jackson was a tailor by trade.

Notified Of Nomination In Telegram From Connally

Nomination Is Complete Surprise to Him; To Leave for Washington Conference Sun.

In a telegram received from Senator Tom Connally on Thursday, January 11, Dean Emeritus E. J. Kyle, was notified of his nomination for the position of United States' Ambassador to Guatemala. Declining to comment on the subject Kyle announced Thursday's notification was his first knowledge that he had even been considered for the diplomatic post.

Kyle is expected to leave for Washington Sunday where he will attend a meeting of the Inter-American Conference on Agricultural Education. He was appointed to the committee last spring. While in Washington he is expected to confer with the state delegation there and with his long time friend Senator Connally, chairman of the foreign relations committee. After a stay there of ten days Kyle will journey to New York for a conference with officials of the Institute of International Education on the subject of scholarships. He will return to the college after a stay of four or five days there.

Senior Ring Dance Pictures Go On Sale

Senior Ring Dance pictures will go on sale Thursday next week, it was announced today.

Students desiring prints should contact Louie Clark in Dormitory 16.

The pictures are 8 x 10 and the first print will cost \$1.50 and all others taken will have a price of fifty cents each.

Texas u. Dean Will Talk to Pre-Meds

Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the A. & M. Biology Department announced today that Dean Bailey Calvin of the University of Texas School of Medicine will be on the A. & M. campus Wednesday and Thursday, January 17 and 18. At 6 p.m. Wednesday a "Dutch" supper is going to be held for Dean Calvin at the Aggieiland Inn, according to Doak. He added that it is planned that after the supper those interested in Dean Calvin's talk will retire to the lounge of Sbisla Hall. There, Doak said, the Dean will take on Recent Developments in the Prevention and Treatment of Disease and the Treatment of Wounds Among Our Troops.

Dr. Doak requests that all staff members who will attend the supper call 4-5664 before noon Wednesday, January 17.

Following the talk in Sbisla Lounge an open forum on Pre-medic and Medical Education will be held, Doak added. He also said that medical men, biologists, entomologists and veterinarians should be especially interested in what Dean Calvin will have to say and are, therefore, especially invited. Doak urges all students of pre-medicine and all others interested to be sure to attend.

Ex From Weatherford Flies 50th Mission

15TH AAF IN ITALY—Technical Sergeant Floyd A. Richards, 25, of Star Route 12A, Mineral Wells, Texas, Engineer Gunner on a 15th AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, recently flew his 50th long-range combat mission in the Mediterranean Theater.

Sgt. Richards began combat flying July 14, 1944, with an attack on the oil refineries at Budapest, Hungary. He ranged over other targets in Italy, Germany, France and the Balkans flying his 50th mission December 2, to bomb oil refineries at Blechhammer, Germany. He wears the European Theater Ribbon and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Before entering the army he was graduated from Weatherford High School and attended Texas A. & M. College.

Cadet Opinion On Campus Places Roosevelt As Most Outstanding Man In World Events During Past Year

By L. H. Calahan
In the last few days reporters have been interviewing various people on the campus in an attempt to find out who they thought was the most important man in world events in the year 1944. A similar poll has been conducted by hundreds of other newspapers all over the country with the same men being mentioned in nearly every case.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was voted the most important man in the world in 1944 in every instance, but the next four varied as the next most important in different sections of the country. Eisenhower was voted the next most important man in world events and he was followed by Winston Churchill, Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin were named

third and fourth in importance. A few of the opinions ran as follows:

Butch Butchofsky, Corps Commander, believed that Roosevelt should be named the leader in world events of last year because he was the leader of the United States, and the United States was the leading nation in the war in 1944. He also stated that President Roosevelt must have been an important man to be elected to the Presidency for the fourth time.

Bill Geer, Aggie football star, gave his opinion that Admiral Chester Nimitz should be awarded top honors as the big man of '44 because it was the Admiral that saved the Pacific Fleet from destruction in the South Pacific, and he also showed brilliant strategy in various naval engagements

that he won. William Krause, sophomore in F Company, said that MacArthur was important, as he was the leader of the Allied forces in the Pacific and it was from his headquarters that the plans for the invasion of the Philippines came. Krause also stated that it was MacArthur's fulfillment of his promise to the American soldiers on the Islands, "I'll be back," that brought a great moral victory to the Americans.

Harold Daily, Cadet major of the first Battalion, first Regiment, believed Eisenhower was the leading figure of last year. Daily said that it was on his shoulders that the success or failure of the Allied Invasion rested. If his plans for the invasion had been delayed, the war might have been prolonged another year or two, said Daily.

George Siguet, graduating senior, nominated Roosevelt, saying that our national problems as well as those of the world depended on our President, and that a man has to be great to be elected head of a government for the fourth time, and be the only man that has ever won that honor.

Olin Hoskins, art editor of the Longhorn, said that Varga was perhaps the prominent figure of the year. After it was made plain to him that he was not to name the man that brought the most enjoyment to the Aggies, but the most prominent man in world events, he agreed that it was Roosevelt.

Jack Cooks, freshman in C Company, believes that Joseph Stalin should be named the top man of (See CADETS, Page 4)