

First Discussion Group Covers General Education

Harvard Report Discussed; Topics For Future Meetings Recommended

In response to the widespread student demand for opportunity for free discussion of ideas of general interest, the first group discussion was held at the Y. M. C. A. Monday night. Fifty people were present, including faculty members and their families, students and their wives.

The program opened with Messrs. Perry (Arch.) and Leary (Liberal Arts), A. and M. students both before and after the war, explaining the deficiencies in their education that were brought out by their war experiences. Mr. Sellers (Vet. Med.) explained that the requirements of veterinary training have crowded general education from the curricula.

Dr. T. F. Mayo presented the analytical definition of "good general education" as explained in the recent Harvard Report.

Mr. V. M. Faires and Mr. E. R. Alexander, speaking for the technical divisions of the college, evaluated the curricula of their respective schools, and showed why the curricula did not conform to the requirements of a "general education" as set up by the Harvard Report.

In the general discussion that followed, many students, including Messrs. Leary, Peery, Sellers, Watson, Yentzen and Whitney, recommended the liberalizing of the various curricula by the substitution of general education courses for many technical courses.

Several professors in technical fields, including Dr. Wright and Mr. Faires indicated the difficulty of such a solution. Mr. Pine maintained by quotations from the college catalogue that there are already many opportunities for a general education at A. & M. which are largely unused.

Some students recommended that an attempt be made by the technical schools to eliminate all technical and semi-technical subjects not absolutely necessary in the equipment of their graduates. These students desired such a change in order that more time might be spent on general education subjects.

Another recommendation was

made that a definite discussion program be established to enable students to clarify and enlarge upon the ideas presented in their classes.

Future Topics

The general enthusiasm of the students present indicated a desire to carry the discussion program on into greater and more varied fields. Some topics suggested by the faculty and student committee are:

What do the "isms" mean? Useful ideas in modern psychology. Trends in the modern novel. What is democracy? Evolution: old and new.

The topic and exact day and hour for a discussion group meeting during the week of July 22nd, will be announced soon in The Battalion.

Elmer Scott Visitor

The first discussion group meeting had a distinguished and enthusiastic visitor in Mr. Elmer Scott, founder of the Dallas Civic Federation. Mr. Scott is widely known as an authority on adult education in addition to his great work on bringing internationally known speakers and artists to Dallas. Mr. Scott was greatly interested in the program at A. & M. College, and offered the services of the Federation speakers during their stay in Dallas at a greatly reduced rate. Some of the speakers on the Federation's program are:

Edouard C. Lindemann; Social Problems

Mrs. Emily Taft Douglas, Congresswoman at Large; Political Subjects

Hans Simons, Dean of Politics, New School for Social Research; Political Subjects

Hernane Travares of Brazil; Solidarity of the Americans.

It is hoped that widespread student participation and interest will encourage the College to bring these and other well-known speakers to A. & M. on the Town Hall program, and later under the auspices of the A. & M. College Free Discussion Club.

Fear of Educated Candidates?

"Men Who Know" Should Be Elected J. F. Dobie Says In Guion Hall Talk

"If Western Electric dares turn scientists loose in its research laboratories, and if Chase National Bank dares employ economists in its research bureau, there is no reason why people in our part of the country should fear to elect men of knowledge to high government posts." Such was the advice given by J. Frank Dobie, former "TU" professor and world-famous historian, to a large Guion Hall audience last Saturday night. The event was sponsored by the Ex-Servicemen's Club as the first of a series of discussions of current events by outstanding speakers.

Taking "Education" as his topic, Dr. Dobie warned, "Especially in the South voters have been afraid of educated men—afraid of scientists—afraid, in short, of knowledge and of men who know what they are doing."

"Some of our greatest men have been ridiculed because they were above-average intelligences. Woodrow Wilson was derided as 'impractical' because he was a university president and the leading authority on United States history. Franklin Roosevelt was laughed at for listening to a Brains Trust, being composed of outstanding authorities in various fields, must be 'impractical.' The Brains Trust had many faults, but the fact that some members 'knew too much' was not a fault to be satirized.

"The 'impractical' Wilson was succeeded by the 'practical' Harding and Coolidge. We got Teapot Dome and the worst depression in history. "Still the cry goes out that we must have more 'practical' men in government. The so-called 'practical' man frequently knows little more about government than Davie Crockett did when he was elected to Congress for killing more bears than any other hunter. Are we still in the frontier days so far as politics is concerned?"

"Similar mental tricks have been evident at Texas University and other state colleges. An attempt was made at T. U. to build a Magnin Line around the university to keep out all ideas, so as to create an obsolete college for an obsolete economy. The men who did this were looking backward toward the days of the open range and free grass, and refusing to face the present or the future.

"The coyotes of our western plains would have been exterminated if they had not adapted themselves and changed their ways to fit changed conditions. It is time for citizens to prove themselves as wise as coyotes and adopt themselves to changing times."

The candidacy of Dr. Homer P. Rainey for governor was endorsed by Dr. Dobie, as an example of an educated man running for high public office.

Dr. Dobie was introduced by Harry Kidd, former student of his at T. U., now an instructor at A. & M.

E. O. Siecke Attends Michigan Conference

E. O. Siecke, former state forester of Texas, left today to attend a conference at Higgins Lake, Michigan, of a number of the Nation's leading foresters and conservationists. The meeting starts Sunday and will continue through Tuesday.

The foresters are being called together by the American Forestry Association to help outline a forest program for the United States. Findings of the group will be submitted to the American forestry congress, which the association has announced will be held in Washington, D. C., October 9, 10, and 11.

Siecke is a member of the advisory council of the AFA forest resource appraisal project which has just completed a three year inventory of the country's forest resources.

He was also recently elected a fellow member in the Society of American Foresters. This is the highest membership in the organization and is awarded to foresters who are recognized nationally for their outstanding work. Fifty-seven men have been appointed fellows during the past 45 years. Membership in the SAF numbers about 5,000.

Prof. N. G. Davis Return to Ag School

The School of Agriculture has announced the return of Assistant Professor Norris G. Davis, Master of Journalism graduate of Texas University and former member of the department of rural sociology. Davis taught at Texas A. & M. during the school year of 1940-41, after which he accepted a position as graduate assistant at the University of Wisconsin.

He recently was released from active duty in the Quartermaster Corps as a first lieutenant. His outstanding work at Camp Lee, Virginia, according to Daniel Russell, head of the department of rural sociology, earned for him high commendations from superior officers. He taught instructor classes where officers were prepared for work with enlisted personnel and in other army schools. In addition, he conducted classes at the Officer Candidate School at Camp Lee before being assigned to the Instructor Training and Guidance Branch.

Still on terminal leave at this time, Davis has reported on the college campus and will teach two courses in Agricultural Journalism during the second summer term. He and Mrs. Davis will make their home in College Station.

Examine each chapter of text before you read it. This will give you a background of understanding.—A. & M. Handbook.

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Rural Pastors Convene Here For Two Days

First Annual Conference Of Group Sponsored by Sociology Department

The first annual Rural Church Conference opened at Texas A&M College this morning in the Agricultural Engineering Building lecture room with Dr. W. H. Andrew, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bryan presiding. Rev. A. T. Dyal, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan, gave the invocation.

The delegates were welcomed by President Gibb Gilchrist and Rev. A. J. Mohr, pastor of the Salem Lutheran Church of Brenham, gave the response to the welcome.

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, director of the Texas A&M College Extension Service, discussed the topic of Soils and Souls, and was followed by Rt. Rev. J. B. Gleissner, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Bryan, who spoke on the Rural Challenge to the Church.

He was followed by Daniel Russell, head of the department of sociology at A&M (under which department's sponsorship the conference is being held) who discussed the part the church plays in serving all phases of rural life.

Eloise Trigg Johnson, specialist in farm life education, Texas A&M College Extension Service, substituted for Miss Jennie Camp, who was unable to appear as had been scheduled. Her topic was the Advantages of Rural Life. Questions and discussions rounded out the morning sessions.

This afternoon the group will begin work at 1:30 with Dean C. N. Shephardson presiding. Rev. J. O. Fort, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, will give the invocation.

Other talks will be given by Dr. Luther Jones, acting head of the agronomy department at the college; E. S. McFadden and T. R. Richmond, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. I. W. Rupel, head of the college dairy husbandry department; and Roy Snyder, of the Extension Service.

The evening session will open at 7:30 o'clock with Bishop Clinton Quinn, Houston, presiding and Rev. James S. Butler, pastor of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church, giving the invocation.

Rev. A. B. White, Texas General Baptist Convention, Dallas, will speak on the subject of "God Speaks to and Through Rural People."

Rev. C. W. Lokey, Methodist Home Missions, New York, was scheduled to appear but an unexpected call of other duties will prevent his being present and Prof. Russell will speak in his place on the announced subject of Training Rural Preachers at Texas A&M College. Rev. Lokey is a former Bryan pastor and a student at Texas A&M under Prof. Russell.

The meetings are open to the general public, and all are cordially invited to attend all sessions.

The purpose is to outline to the pastors the many ways they can aid their rural parishioners by knowing where they can get the information they may need, or in some cases they may be able to lend the helping hand needed through what they may learn at the conference.

Lizard Book by Dr. H. M. Smith Is Published

A "Handbook of Lizards" by Dr. Hobart Muir Smith, Associate Professor of Fish and Game, Texas A. & M. College, recently has been published.

The new volume is a handbook of the American natural history series. It is the first full treatment thus far published of lizards occurring in the United States and in Canada. The book considers 136 species of lizards under a wide range of topics covering the entire life history, distribution, characteristics, habitat, habits and methods of collection and preservation.

The volume is illustrated with more than 300 photographs, including practically all species and subspecies. The distribution of the lizards is indicated by lined drawings and range maps. Also included are illustrated keys to all the families, genera, species, and subspecies of North American lizards.

Dr. Smith has made important contributions to the study of North American reptiles, based on extended field work in Mexico and the United States. He graduated from the Kansas State College in 1932, took his master's and doctor's degrees at the University of Kansas in 1933 and 1936. Dr. Smith and his students are carrying on further researches in the herpetology of North America with special reference to Texas, with College Station as the center of their operations.

MARSTELLER TO BE RELIEVED OF VET SCHOOL

Kilroy Is Here



Kilroy, famous T. U. student who is always sneaking into A.&M. classrooms and writing his name on the wall, has finally faced the camera. Here he is between two friends, Lum and Abner of radio fame.

Harrell, Winner of Congressional Medal, May Return to A. & M.

Does anybody have a house or apartment for a Congressional Medal of Honor winner?

William G. Harrell, '43, one of two surviving Aggie winners of the nation's highest military honor, has announced his intention of returning to A. & M. if he can find a house here for himself and his wife.

Ex-Marine Harrell, who lost both hands on Iwo Jima in close combat with the Japs, was an Animal Husbandry major before the war. He lived in the American Legion Project House and was a member of C troop cavalry.

Lecture - Record Makes History In Local Class

Transcription Makes Field Trip to Denton Unnecessary This Year

Successful use of recorded lectures in classroom education was demonstrated in the Texas A. & M. College Department of Agronomy by L. M. Thompson when he used the recorded voice of Paul B. Dunkle, superintendent of the Denton Experiment Station, for student instruction during one of the classes of the current summer term.

It is usual procedure for the class in Soil and Crop Management to take a trip to Denton for practical demonstrations by Dunkle and his staff. Because of limited time in summer sessions, the class could not be taken to North Texas, and Dunkle's duties kept him away from A. & M. College.

Thompson arranged with R. B. Hickerson of the extension service to lecture in Dunkle's place, and Hickerson decided that a simplified system of voice recording could be worked out with C. W. Jackson, extension radio editor. Jackson delivered five recordings of interviews with the Denton station superintendent to the classroom and they were "played" for the students.

The department and the 24 students were unanimous in expressing their praise of recordings as an added aid to modern teaching methods.

"Mr. Dunkle's lectures are invaluable to students of this course," said Thompson, "and to hear his voice left a deeper impression on the student than would someone quoting his statements."

Houston Engineers Speak to Architects

Continuing with the policy of sponsoring out of town professional men to address the organization as guest speakers, the Architecture Society at its last meeting held Tuesday night heard two outstanding engineers of the field of heating and air conditioning.

Ben Mills and Bob Salinger, both of Houston, gave a dual discussion on new types of air conditioning systems and answered many questions of members of the society. The main point stressed was the need of early consultation between the engineer and the architect. The speakers were introduced by Harold Jordan, president of the society.

Plans for an exhibit of sketches and photographs made by students of the Department of Architecture during the war were made. This exhibit will be announced to the public in the near future.

2,507 Old Students Register for Second Summer Term

New Students Register Monday Under Old System

By five o'clock Saturday 2,507 old students had gone through the lines at Sblsa Hall to register for the second semester of summer school. Registration was more efficient and faster than at any previous time and most students were completely through with the formalities within thirty minutes. The main complaint of the day seemed not to be with the system this time but with the heat that went with it.

Registration of all new students will be held on the afternoon of the 15th. Those registering at that time will have to go to the various departments of the college to sign up for their work. According to the Registrar's office approximately 500 are expected to register at that time. All classes will begin the following Tuesday morning, the 16th.

Firemen Here For Short Course

Cliff Edge to Register Visitors; Dorm 2, 4 & 6 To Be Used as Quarters

They probably will leave the red helmets and rubber boots at home but starting next Sunday Texas firemen will be present on the campus attending the annual Firemen's Short Course. The course will last until the following Friday.

Cliff Edge is in charge of registering the visiting firemen who will be housed in dormitories two, four and six.

Special effort is being made to comfort the visitors. Ice barrels are being placed at various locations on the campus to supplement the water cooling systems. The firefighters will eat at either the Aggfield Inn, the mess hall cafeterias or at the cafe at North ate.

Maj. Gen. Bruce, '16 Returns to 7th Div.

Major General Andrew D. Bruce, class of '16, reassumed command of the Seventh Infantry Division in Korea today after returning from a leave at his home in Temple, Texas. Former commander of the 77th Division during five Pacific operations, he first became commanding general of the Hourglass Division here last March.

During his recent leave General Bruce was presented an honorary doctor of law degree by Texas A. and M.

An infantry veteran in both world wars, he fought through five major campaigns in World War I with the Second Division. During the recent Pacific war, General Bruce led the 77th Division through the Guam, Philippines, Keramo Rhetto, Ie Shima and Okinawa battles. In the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns, he fought side by side with the Seventh Division.

The general's wife, Mrs. R. R. K. Bruce, lives in Temple, Texas, with their son, Logal L., 17, and daughter, Linnell, 20. Another son, Captain A. D. Bruce, Jr., 23, an infantry platoon leader in the Okinawa battle, was recently discharged from the Army.

The Texas Aggie, publication of the Ex-Students Association, is mailed to readers all over the world.

The fossils in the A. & M. museum were collected by Mark Francis over a period of more than forty years.

Ill Health Given as Reason for Change Of Duties; May Carry On as Professor

The relieving of Dr. R. P. Marsteller as Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at an early date was learned late yesterday afternoon. Confirmation of the fact was made this morning by Dean F. C. Bolton.

Dr. Marsteller has been Dean of the Veterinary School for nine years. He lacks one year of attaining the compulsory retirement age of 65.

During the speed-up program, full capacity was claimed of all departments of the School of Veterinary Medicine and supplies were exhausted to a degree of inefficiency.

Laboring under difficult circumstances, the school still received the following commendation, "Reflection on the accomplishment of the

graduation of many young men much needed by the war effort, livestock interests, and other stations requiring the assistance and management of veterinarians will always be an achievement to which we go to with pride and satisfaction." This is quoted from the "Annual Report" for the fiscal year 1944-45, by President Gibb Gilchrist.

In the same report recommendations were made for the betterment of the school pointing out that ready liberal cooperation of the Board of Directors, administrative officers, and the tireless endeavor of all departments heads and their associates would be required.

Ill health was given as the cause for early retirement of Dr. Marsteller.

W. C. Winegar, Vet. Med. Major, Drowns in Gulf

W. C. Winegar, veteran student in the school of Veterinary Medicine, was drowned Monday at Galveston, where he had been a patient at John Seely Hospital.

Winegar was a familiar sight around the A. & M. campus or between college and Bryan, riding a single-cylinder motor-bike. At a recent rodeo in Bryan, he was among those who tackled a wild bull, trying to take a \$10 bill from its horns.

During the month of June, Winegar spent a week at John Seely hospital in Galveston as a patient. He was not enrolled for the current semester, but was expected to return in the fall. An attempt was being made this week to contact the next of kin, believed to be in San Francisco, Cal.

Architects Show Church Plans to Rural Pastors

The Department of Architecture in conjunction with the Department of Rural Sociology presented a number of rural church designs to the First Annual Rural Church Conference which is meeting here today and tomorrow.

The design of these churches has been the semester project of the second year students in Architecture under the direction of Professor William W. Caudill. The third and fourth year students assisted in cost estimation and construction.

The church designs will be displayed Friday afternoon. After a brief talk by Mr. Caudill, the students will be ready to answer any questions asked them by the delegates to the conference.

E. D. Staffers Return From St. Louis Meet

Four Texas A. & M. College engineering drawing instructors have settled down to their primary duties after a busy ten days at St. Louis, where they served as faculty for a drawing-instructor school sponsored by the American Society for Engineering Education at Washington University.

The quartet—W. E. Street, head of the department, and Professors Gene Brock, C. H. Randsdell and J. G. McGuire—taught drawing all day and then in the evenings served as committee of the ASSEE, which held its annual meeting in St. Louis concurrently.

Street reported that he turned over his editorship of the ASSEE Journal of Engineering Drawing to Prof. A. A. Aakhus of Nebraska University, after a two-year stewardship which saw the magazine's circulation doubled and its financial condition much improved.

Further, Street said the ASSEE council on engineering drawing had approved a system of standardization of descriptive geometry notation and nomenclature which he and four other committeemen had drafted.

Barlow, Faires, Honored At SPEE Annual Meeting

Dr. Howard W. Barlow, dean of engineering at Texas A. & M. College, has been named to the council of the Society for Promotion of Engineering Education, serving as representative of the SPEE aeronautical division. He was so honored at the annual meeting of the SPEE in St. Louis last week.

Virgil B. Faires, head of the Texas A. & M. management engineering department, presented a paper on "Teaching of Entropy to Undergraduate Students" before the mechanical engineering division of the SPEE at St. Louis.

E. E. Department Installs Station At Dow-Freeport

Study of Tropic Weather Disturbances Is Aided By Radio Equipment

Second step of a new program for study of tropic weather disturbances was taken by the Texas A. & M. electrical engineering department with installation of a radio-direction-finding station near the Dow Chemical company plant at Freeport.

The electrical engineering department already has a station in operation here, and plans a third somewhere on the Gulf coast as soon as the equipment has been gathered and assembled. M. C. Mughes, head of the department, said.

The direction-finding equipment used in the program, which is being developed in cooperation with the University of Florida, has been built during two years of experimentation by Assistant Professors A. E. Salis and J. M. Chilton. Salis supervised the Freeport installation, which will be operated by the Dow corporation.

One of the chief benefits expected to be obtained by multiple "tracking" of tropic disturbances far down in the Gulf of Mexico, Hughes said, is ample warning of approaching storms for industries in coastal areas, giving them time to make preparations for weathering a blow. Correlation of information with that obtained by Florida University at its stations eventually is expected to make it possible to alert any part of the Gulf coastline.

Radior equipment will be installed as a supplement to the DF gear when it becomes available, Hughes explained, and research seeking to improve existing paraphernalia will be continued.

Sanitary Eng. Dept. Plans for Future Changes

Plans for future development of the municipal and sanitary engineering department at Texas A. & M. College are being carefully formulated and will be announced soon, Engineering Dean H. W. Barlow says.

Destiny of the M&SE branch, whose classrooms have produced many of Texas' sanitary engineers, became obscured recently upon the appointment of Dr. S. R. Wright, acting head, as chief of the department of civil engineering, soon after the resignation of Col. E. W. Steele, M&SE head, who has been on military leave.

"Although Dr. Wright now is head of the civil engineering department, he probably will devote a great deal of his time as instructor in sanitary engineering—at least until we can work out new plans for the department," Dean Barlow revealed.

Col. Steele said, in his letter of resignation, that he intended to become consulting engineer for the National Institute of Sanitary Works in Venezuela. He was cited by the Venezuelan government for his sanitary work in that country during the war.

Professor C. E. Sandstedt was acting head of the civil engineering department during the war years while J. T. L. McNew was on military leave. McNew, upon his return, became vice president for engineering.

Dr. Wright, a 1922 graduate of Texas A. & M., received his Ph. D. from the same institution last June, becoming the first man in history to win four degrees at Aggfield. Currently, he is principal instructor for a group of 17 Corps of Engineers taking refresher courses at the college.