



The Battalion



Development Fund Board Meets to Discuss Program

Brooks Named As '47 Rhodes Scholar

Jack E. Brooks, student at A. & M., has been selected as one of forty-eight American Rhodes scholars among a record list of 871 contenders, to enter Oxford University in October, 1947, it was announced by Dr. Frank Aydelotte, American secretary to the Rhodes trustees. Joe W. McKnight, a Texas University student, has also been chosen as a Rhodes scholar for the next school year.

The appointment of Jack Brooks is the first such honor which A&M has had since Wright Thomas, Class of '22, was named a Rhodes scholar. Both Brooks and McKnight were included in the "war scholarships" for men who have completed at least one year of war service.

Brooks is a junior Electrical Engineering student from Port Arthur, Texas. His record at A&M is singularly impressive, since he is at present taking 27 hours, with a straight "A" average in all of them. He has only one grade below "A" on his entire record, which was a "B" made in English 203. During his freshman year, he completed all of his freshman and sophomore mathematics, taking differential equations during his sophomore year.

This year's list is the first to be selected since 1938 and includes representatives of thirty-five colleges and universities and thirty-three states, the announcement said. Six of the final selections are still on active duty with the armed forces.

Each of the Rhodes scholars will receive \$1600 per year from the fund, which was established in 1904 by Cecil John Rhodes, South African statesman.

College Employee Christmas Banquet Set for Thursday

Annual Dinner Will Honor Those Having Twenty-five Years

The annual Christmas dinner of college employees will be held in conjunction with the College Employees' Dinner Club at 7 p. m., Thursday, December 19 in Smith Hall. All plans have been completed by W. B. Horsley, general chairman of the committee.

Especially honored at this year's banquet will be college employees who have served twenty-five years with the school. President of the college, Gibb Gilchrist will deliver the Christmas message and Dean T. D. Brooks will present the honor guest and the awards. Rev. James F. Fowler will deliver the invocation and the Singing Cadets, under the direction of W. M. Turner, will render several songs including some Christmas carols. A social will be held following the dinner and program.

Those competing 25 years include: Guy W. Adriance, Leighton W. Brittain, Frederick A. Burt, R. E. Sallender, Frank Gaines, Robert A. Hall, Edward Harter, Beecher Jones, Fred R. Jones, Ernest Langford, T. B. Lewis, G. E. Madely, Mayesie Malone, E. W. Markle, W. I. Marschall, R. S. Miller, S. W. Monroe, John L. Todd, J. Knox Walker, and George B. Wilcox. Colored honorees are Herman L. Brown, Hannah D. Darden, Sam Pierce, and J. V. Smith. Members of the college staff are urged to attend the dinner and honor those who have been with the college so long.

College Inn Owner Given Court Fine

CHARLES E. McMILLAN, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF THE COLLEGE INN cafe, was fined in the Corporation Court, Saturday, December 14, for operating without a permit in violation of the City of College Station ordinance, according to Francis A. Vaughn, city manager of College Station.

The permit to run the College Inn Cafe has previously been revoked by the Brazos County Health Unit because of the unsanitary condition existing in the establishment. This is the first action taken by the city on the cafe.

4616 A&M STUDENTS STUDY ENGINEERING

Of the 8651 students currently enrolled at A. & M., 4616 of them are studying engineering, according to a recent survey prepared by H. L. Heaton, registrar.

Enrolled in the School of Agriculture are 1975 students, with 670 studying Veterinary Medicine, 1390 in the School of Arts and Sciences, and 301 in the Graduate School.

Library Schedule During Holidays

The library will observe the following hours during the Christmas Holidays:

9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday, Thursday, and Friday, December 23, 26, 27, and Monday and Wednesday, December 30 and January 1.

8 a. m. to noon, Saturday, December 21, and 9 a. m. to 12 noon, Saturday, December 28.

The library will be closed on December 22, 24, 25, and 29 and regular hours will be resumed on January 2.

Eight A&M Officials Attend Land Grant College Conference

Eight officials of A. & M. are attending the annual meet of the Association of Land Grant College and Universities being held in Chicago December 13-18.

Those attending the meet include: F. C. Bolton, executive vice-president and dean of the college; D. W. Williams, vice-president for agriculture; C. N. Shepherdson, dean of agriculture; H. W. Barlow, dean of engineering and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station; R. D. Lewis, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station; Ide P. Trotter, director of the Extension Service; Miss Maurine Hearn, vice-director for women and State Home Demonstration Agent; and A. C. Wamble, acting vice-director of the Engineering Experiment Station.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss problems related to the functioning of Land Grant Colleges, Dean Bolton said.

Cashion Selects Five Aggies For Urbana "Y" Meet

Five students will leave college on December 26 to represent A&M at the National Conference of YMCA's and YWCA's held at the University of Illinois from December 27 to January 3.

The Aggies attending the meet were named by M. L. Cashion, secretary of the YMCA and YWCA of the campus, Monday afternoon. They are: J. W. Robinson, Newton Cole, Donald Hanks, Herman Neusch, and Gordon Gay.

This year marks the renewal of the YMCA and YWCA conferences, that were discontinued during the war. Normally these meets are held every four years, one school generation.

The purpose of the convention, which brings together students from every college in the country, is to determine policy for the YMCA and YWCA for the next four years.

Corps to Review for Colonel Welty On Retirement From Army Duty

Col. M. D. Welty, Ret., former Commandant of A. & M. from November 1, 1941, until the beginning of this semester, will be honored on his retirement from the service with a review of the Cadet Corps Wednesday evening, December 18, at 4:30 p. m. All members of the Corps will participate.

Col. Welty, who graduated from West Point in 1910, went to the Philippine Islands for three years. He then served at Fort Ontario, N. Y. and Eagle Pass, Texas before going overseas with Second Army Headquarters. Upon returning to the United States, he was detailed as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Pennsylvania State College.

From there, he went to Command and General Staff School and then became Senior Instructor, 205th Infantry, Minnesota National Guard. In the latter capacity he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Col. Welty then graduated from the War College and spent three years as Plans

Coming to Town Hall



Tito Guizar



DR. FRANZ POLGAR



Patricia Travers

Three Features to Be Presented On Town Hall Stage Next Month

If you like entertainment, if you are pleased by feats of magic and hypnotism, if you thrill to the sound of soft slow music, or if you prefer music of that torrid Latin American tempo, January Town Hall will fill the bill.

When holiday festivities are over and Aggies allow their thoughts to stray to themes, examinations and books once more, they will find that Town Hall has booked a variety of outstanding artists for January. They are Dr. Franz Polgar, hypnotist; Patricia Travers, violinist; and Tito Guizar and his company.

Polgar, who comes to Guion on January 15, will present his "Miracles of the Mind" show. He is widely advertised as "The Greatest

One Man Show on Earth." Polgar is an exponent of telepathy, memory feats and hypnotism.

He appeared at Town Hall last year and those who saw him are still marvelling over his check finding performance. Polgar, asked Lamar Fly who had a check covering Polgar's appearance fee, to hide the check in the audience. He further told him that if he failed to find the check there would be no charge for the performance. After a short search, Polgar found his check.

Press reports concerning Polgar say that his wife won't stand or sit at his left. That's the side on which he invariably places his subjects when he reads their minds.

Patricia Travers, violinist, will appear on Town Hall January 28. She is currently appearing as soloist with twelve of the leading symphony orchestras in this country including the New York Philharmonic-Symphony.

Last but not least, Tito Guizar and his company will present a concert of Latin American songs and dances on either January 30 or 31. There will be both matinee and night performances. Guizar's records are played wherever beautiful music is appreciated. He has appeared in many pictures including, "St. Louis Blues," "Llano Kid" and "Tropic Holiday."

Williams, Brown Named to A. V. A.

Ed L. Williams, director of the A&M Industrial Extension Service, named vice-president representing industrial education in the United States, and J. J. Brown, state director of vocational rehabilitation, chosen vice-president for that branch of the American Vocational Association. Williams also received the Presidency of the National Association of Industrial Teacher Trainers, a sub-group of which he was a trustee last year.

This marks the first time that Texans have gained executive rank in the 25,000-member organization. Two other A&M faculty members attended the St. Louis convention last week (Dec. 3-7). They were Chris Groneman, acting head of the industrial education department and Associate Professor M. D. Darrow of the Industrial Extension Service.

Air Reserve Unit Holds Ground School

Pilots in the Air Reserve unit of the Brazos County Reserve Officers Association will hold ground school, Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p. m. in the Petroleum lecture room.

The Operations Officer of the Reserve Unit at Ellington Field, Texas will conduct the class. Questionnaires on AT-6, review of AAF Flying Regulations, and local flying regulations will begin. The questionnaires must be completed before flying can start.

Radio Station WTAW Presents "Aggie Pickins" on Friday

For Aggie's own variety show, "Aggie Pickins" tune your dial to WTAW, every Friday afternoon at 3:30 p. m.

The show, which lasts thirty minutes, features recordings, guest vocalists, sketches and impersonations. For impersonations, J. B. Fox of Dallas, can always be depended upon to take off on the Great Gildersleeve. In addition, there is a negro comedy sketch entitled, "Rastus and Sam", which is done by Wally Pierie and Charley Harrison.

After the first of the year, WTAW will broadcast "Aggie Pickins" from the stage of Guion Hall.

Librarian Listed in Who's Who for '47

The Editorial Board of the 1947 edition of the International World Who's Who has decided to include a short biographical sketch of all librarians heading important institutions. The Library of A. & M. has been selected as one of the country's leading institutions, and Paul S. Balance, as Head Librarian, has been requested to submit the necessary biographical data for publication in the 1947 International World Who's Who.

Formerly published in London, the Who's Who is being published in the United States for the first time. The annual publication contains the names of men and women prominent in their fields of endeavor in over twenty different countries.

J. T. L. McNew Is Still in Serious Condition Today

J. T. L. McNew, vice-president for engineering, was reported to be "breathing more easily" but still seriously ill as the Battalion went to press. In St. Joseph's Hospital, Houston after suffering several cerebral hemorrhages, Mr. McNew was reported to have also contracted pneumonia.

Mr. McNew first suffered a stroke several weeks ago in his office in the Administrative Building. He was taken to Galveston, where he improved rapidly. However, while being driven home Saturday a week ago he took the wheel for a short time in Houston, and collapsed again. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital there and has remained in a serious state for more than a week.

Final Plans For Air ROTC Made By Tenth Air Force

The Tenth Air Force has taken over supervision of the Senior Air ROTC program at the universities and colleges within its five-state area, Major General Howard M. Turner, Commanding General, announced at this headquarters.

At present there are seven Air ROTC units in the Tenth's area to which professors of Air Science and Tactics are assigned. These units and the professors assigned to them are as follows: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Major Arden S. Freer; University of Oklahoma, Norman, Major Richard S. Reid; Oklahoma A&M, Stillwater, Major Perry H. Penn; Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Lt. Col. L. B. Matthews; Texas A & M, College Station, Lt. Col. Dexter L. Hodge; Texas Tech, Lubbock, Lt. Col. Robert P. Riordan; and New Mexico A&M, Las Cruces, Lt. Col. David W. Wallace.

The total complement of AAF personnel to these institutions will consist of three officers and three enlisted men.

The first year's advanced curriculum—which is the students' junior year at college—calls for 82 hours' study of AAF subjects followed by a summer encampment of from six to eight weeks.

The last year will be made up of 89 hours' study in one of the following subjects: AAF Supply, Statistical Control, Personnel Administration, Armament, Communications, Meteorology, and Aircraft Maintenance Engineering. No one institution is expected to offer all seven of these advanced subjects to Senior Air ROTC's, but will specialize in one or more of them.

Quotas for enrollment will be allocated each year by the War See AIR ROTC Page 4

Scholarships for 400 Men Ultimate Goal of Group

Graduate Fellowships, Research And Chapel in Plans for This Year

Members of the governing board of the A&M Development Fund met this weekend in an annual business session. Nine of the sixteen men forming this group heard reports of the work of the organization during its first year of operation. Plans for the coming year were also made in a two-day session which included a luncheon honoring the winners of the recently set up Opportunity Awards.

Following a dinner Saturday at 6:30 p. m., the first business meeting was held in the

Petition Fails to Get Extension of Christmas Holidays

Recently a petition signed by a large number of students reached F. C. Bolton, dean of the college. The letter asked that the Christmas holidays be extended to include January 2, 3, 4, and 5. To cope with the request a special meeting of the Academic Council was called last Friday. By unanimous vote the members of the council decided to follow the prescribed schedule as set up at the beginning of the year.

The reason given for the decision by the group was that any time taken off during the semester would have to be added at the end to meet with national accrediting associations standards. Under the existing plan for next semester, there would not be enough time for an addition of extra days at the end of the present period, the council concluded.

In a letter to the first signer of the petition Dean Bolton stated the decision of the council. "When the original calendar was adopted, the Faculty included what seemed to be a reasonable time for the Christmas holidays and also included two Saturdays when football games were being played and these days were counted out of instruction time," part of the letter read.

Twelve A&M Staff Members Speak To Texas Academy

Twelve A. & M. staff members delivered papers at the Texas Academy of Science meeting held December 13 and 14 in Dallas, and nearly a dozen other faculty and staff members attended, according to announcements by the various departments.

Those delivering papers at the two-day meet are: Dr. S. O. Brown, Dr. Victor Grewlich, Dr. A. L. Schipper, Dr. T. M. Ferguson, Dr. E. M. Hildebrand, Dr. G. E. Potter, who is also vice-president of the Academy in charge of the biological section, and Dr. Sewell Hopkins, all of the Biology department at A&M; Dr. Homer Smith, Fish and Game department; Mrs. Neta S. Brown, Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. Bryant Holland, Engineering Experiment Station; Dr. E. G. Smith, Physics department; Mr. J. W. Hayward, Cotton Research Committee.

Many of those attending the Academy also attended various other professional meetings being held in Dallas at the same time.

DEL RIO DANCE DEC. 27

The Del Rio Club's Christmas Dance will be held at the Del Rio Country Club on December 27 at 9:00 p. m.

Admission is free.

Plans for New Aggie Chapel Show Beautiful Building

Plans to procure for A. & M. a chapel to serve as a non-denominational religious center were announced recently by President Gibb Gilchrist. To be erected as a memorial to some donor who would provide an endowment to cover the cost and upkeep, the chapel would house the college chaplain. The employment of such a religious leader is a step being taken by the college to aid the students find help and advice not available from any source at present.

Dreams for the building include a large nave seating 400 and a small chapel adjoining which seats 100. Also a part of the plan would be a few activity rooms, chaplain's office, and an outdoor arrangement for services. The idea is not to have a large church to take care of all of the student body but a small place to hold Aggie weddings and other ceremonies which require a setting such as a chapel provides, said R. H. Shuffler, Development Fund director.

The building is to be made exceptionally beautiful and enough money available to keep up the plant with earnings from the principal left from the construction expense, it was explained, and to provide the college with an inspiring religious center of which Aggies can be proud. It is hoped that Aggies will come to be married in large numbers in this chapel as is practiced in so many other schools throughout the country, Shuffler said.

director's home. An election of officers resulted in the reelection of A. F. Mitchell of Corsicana as chairman and F. W. Hensel, head of the Landscape Art Dept. winning the vice-chairman position, replacing J. T. L. McNew whose illness has kept him from an active part in the activity of the organization.

Members of Board

The governing board is made up of three members from the Board of Directors, Rufus R. Peebles, H. L. Kokernot, and Henry Reese III; three members of the college staff, H. F. Hensel, J. T. L. McNew, and C. W. Crawford; six members of the Former Students Association; T. W. Mohle, A. F. Mitchell, J. P. Hamblen, C. C. Krueger, A. P. Rollins, and C. H. Fleming; and four ex-officio members of the college administrative staff, Gibb Gilchrist, president; Carrol M. Gaines, president of Former Students; W. H. Holzman, college controller; and E. E. McQuillen, executive secretary of Former Students. This group directs the action of the organization which is made up of the members of the Board of Directors and the Former Students Association.

Director's Report

In a report by R. H. Shuffler, director, the past year's accomplishments were cited. The growth of the Scholarship Fund to include 16 students and the increase of the total number of men studying in the college under various endowments from seven at the beginning of the year to forty-two was announced to the group. A summary of the special gifts to the college, excluding annual gifts, was read. A sum of \$221,549.60 was donated for various purposes specified by the donors. Projects now in progress include activities such as major research endowments, improvement of equipment and herds, building a chapel, fellowships from industry, and scholarship endowments.

Future Plans

The Sunday session dealt primarily with the plans of the organization for 1947. It has set as its ultimate goal a scholarship program, permanently endowed, furnishing the difference between what they can earn and the cost of schooling for 400 men. These men are to be chosen on the basis of grades, leadership, and need, and will get a chance to receive a college education, which without, would be impossible.

It was announced that funds for the Student Union Building have been completely allocated for a sum of \$950,000, and only delay in such matters as labor and materials now stand in the way. The need for a chapel and the authorization for the raising of funds were discussed and agreed upon, it was said. Also on the future schedule of the organization are the raising of support for research and graduate fellowships.

North American Gives \$10,000 for Scholarship Fund

North American Aviation Company of Dallas recently gave \$10,000 to the College for establishment of the North American Foundation Scholarship Fund. Interest from this fund will be used to provide a scholarship for a graduate student in the school of engineering to do work in aeronautical engineering.

If no suitable graduate student is awarded the funds, they may be given to an undergraduate student under the same conditions.

Ag Council Plans Agriculture Day

Plans for Agriculture Day Exhibits and activities were discussed at the meeting of the Student Agricultural council held on Wednesday night, December 11.

V. A. Yentzen, council chairman, was authorized to appoint a committee to coordinate Agriculture Day Activities with the Engineering Council.