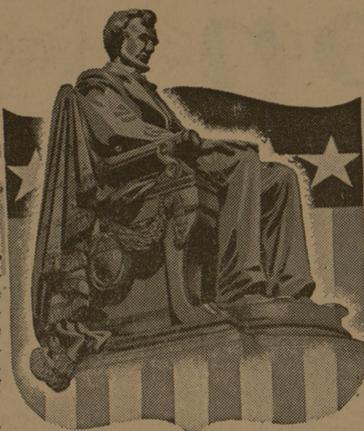


Honest Abe . . .

February 12 marks the birth of Abraham Lincoln. In death as in life, Lincoln is the center of much controversy. A man who never compromised with his convictions, Lincoln rose from the depths of poverty to the heights of the presidency.



His homespun philosophy and his intense feeling for the welfare of the working man will live long after the "Lincoln Memorial" becomes a mass of ruins. His Gettysburg address stands as one of the finest utterances in the English language. Lincoln's true worth was probably never accurately gauged before his death. His earnest fight for the right was taken for granted so long as he lived. It was only upon his death, when men felt the absence of his guiding hand, that mankind became aware of the severity of their bereavement.

'The Right to Know' . . .

Tests conducted at the University of Texas reveal that the use of film strips and visual aids in freshman English classes has resulted in 78% of the students passing their courses, while only 69% of the students passed in those classes in which visual aids were not used.

We believe, and scientists have proven, that the shortest route to the cerebrum is over the optic nerve. All of which leads to the embarrassing question, "Where does A. & M. stand on the matter of using visual aids and film strips in the educational processes?"

A. & M.'s position in this "adventure of learning" might be termed pre-World War I. In an automotive age our use of advanced teaching methods might be compared to the model T which we saw in the ditch along the highway. The axle was broken, the steering gear was bent, and the driver was out hunting for barbed wire to tie the loose pieces together.

Some departments have advanced past the days of the Neanderthal man and now own motion picture projectors, although the dust of many years has accumulated on the lenses of countless machines. Other departments and faculty members are sold on visual education and are ready to shed their fifteenth century ways if they can secure necessary equipment and film.

We need a first-class visual aids division, embodying a complete film library, an adequate number of projectors, and a central photographic laboratory to make pictures and to prepare film strips and training aids.

Such an establishment would cost money. It would require capable personnel, of which there are plenty on this campus. No expenditure in time, money, and personnel would be too great if the learning process could be made easier and if a greater number of students could pass their work.

We hate to see our faculty members and students out-thought or outdone. The time has come for improved methods of instruction, or we must take down our sign and stop impeding the progress of others by the use of our first-class front and third-rate instruction.

Only one division in the college could be said to be doing anything near a creditable job in the matter of preparing and using visual aids. That division is the Texas Forest Service. The Forest Service has done an excellent job in the preparation and dissemination of film and other training aids.

Silent Silver Taps . . .

Cop Forsythe, who died last week while addressing the Houston A. & M. Club, was an Aggie through and through. The recent controversy here upset him, as it disturbed most Aggie-exes. While pouring out his feelings to his fellow exes, he suffered a heart attack and died. As Dick Freeman remarked in the Houston Chronicle: "Cop would have preferred to go as he did, defending A. & M., than any other way that could be thought of."

To Cop Forsythe from all Aggies: a silent Silver Taps.

Resolution . . .

WHEREAS, The Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Band and other Agricultural and Mechanical College students participating in the inaugural ceremonies of the Honorable Beauford Jester, Governor of Texas, and the Honorable Allan Shivers, Lieutenant Governor of Texas, on January 21, 1947, performed in a manner befitting the highest tradition of Texans, and that great institution the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The participation of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Band, and other cadets was enjoyed by all present for such inauguration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, That the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Band and other Aggie cadets participating in the recent inauguration be commended for their excellent showing at such ceremonies.

(Signed) W. O. REED,
Speaker of the House

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What's Cooking

TUESDAY, February 11

7:00 p.m.—SAE meets in 113 Petroleum Bldg. Dean Barlow will speak.
7:15 p.m.—Student Branch Institute of Aeronautical Sciences meets in C. E. Lecture Room. L. P. Thompson of the ME Dept. will speak.

7:30 p.m.—Biology Club meets in Chemistry Lecture Room. Movie: "Alaska: A Perfect Paradise for Hunters".

7:30 p.m.—SAM meets in M E Lecture Room. C. H. Elliott, Reed Roller Bit Co. of Houston will speak.

7:30 p.m.—Business Society meets in Petroleum Lecture Room. F. J. Florian of Houston will speak.

8 a.m.—5 p.m.—Veterans Election, Rotunda Academic Building.

WEDNESDAY, February 12

8:00—5:00 p.m.—Veterans Election, Rotunda Academic Building.

8:00 p.m.—American Chemical Society meets in Petroleum Engineering Lecture room. A. H. Emery, national secretary and business manager of the society will speak.

7:30 p.m.—Agricultural Council will meet in Y. M. C. A. Cabinet Room. Important that all council members be present.

THURSDAY, February 13

7:00 p.m.—Laredo A. & M. Club meets in Room 224, Academic Bldg.

7:00 p.m.—San Angelo A. & M. Club meets in Rm. 203 Agriculture Bldg. Officers to be elected.

7:00 p.m.—Denton County Club will meet in Rm. 206, Academic Bldg.

7:00 p.m.—Abilene Club meets in Y.M.C.A. All Abilene Aggies urged to attend.

7:00 p.m.—Land of the Lakes Club will meet in Room 324, Academic Building.

2:30 p.m.—I. E. Junior League meets in home of Mrs. Welcome E. Wright. All I. E. Students wives invited.

7:30 p.m.—Entomology Club meets in Room 5, Science Hall. Dr. J. C. Gaines will speak.

7:00 p.m.—Grayson County Club meets in Room 306 Academic Bldg. Officers to be elected.

FRIDAY, February 14

8:30 p.m.—ASABAB, Architect Society, Annual Beaux Arts Ball. Sbisla Hall. "Frustrated Ambitions" will be the subject.

SATURDAY, February 15

9:00 p.m.—Annex Valentine Dance, Student Center. Annex Orchestra will play. Melody Maids from Beaumont will sing.

9:00 p.m.—All College Dance, Sbisla Hall, Aggiland Orchestra will play.

College View Apartment Laundry Schedule

The laundry station for the College View Apartments is temporarily set up in building C-12, and will be open Monday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Those using this station are urged to use white laundry slips and to place their soiled laundry bundles on the counter before 9 a.m. The schedule is as follows:
A through L, Friday;
M through Z, Tuesday.

IE Junior League to Meet

The IE Junior League will meet Thursday afternoon, February 13, at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Welcome E. Wright. All IE students' wives are invited to attend.

San Angelo Club to Elect Officers Thursday at 7 p.m.

The San Angelo A. & M. Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday night, February 13, Room 203 of the Agriculture Building. All boys from the West Texas area within a 150 mile radius of San Angelo, including Big Springs, which formerly had its own club, are urged to be present at this meeting. Second semester officers will be elected, and plans for this semester will be discussed.

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Scout Executive Stresses Need For Adults in Boys' Training

There is more adult talent aiding Scouting in the Bryan-College Station area than in any other district of the Sam Houston Area Council, according to Minor Huffman, scout executive for the council. This talent, however, will avail little, he told the Scouter Supper Thursday evening, unless it is used to its fullest extent for the benefit of all the boys of this district.

Around 75 scouters and scouts, representing all the units of the local district, attended the supper which was held at the Girl Scouts' Little House. The meeting was arranged by a committee headed by Guy Deaton, with W. L. Penberthy in charge of the program. Following the speaking program, a business meeting was held by the district committee with Chairman A. T. Dyal presiding.

Mr. Huffman traced the historical development of the Boy Scout movement, with particular emphasis on the 37 years since Boy Scouts of America were given a charter by the Federal Congress. Of some 4,000,000 Boy Scouts in 77 countries today, around 2,000,000 are in the United States, he said.

Stuart Painter, local scout executive, called attention to the opening of Boy Scout Week, which continues through Thursday. Members of Troop 411 of College Station put on a 15-minute skit under the supervision of Scoutmaster Gene Brock. This skit was also delivered over WTAW Saturday morning.

In appreciation for his services as chairman of the local district committee during the past two years, E. R. Bryant was presented a gold and silver spurclip.

W. L. Penberthy, chairman of the camping and activities committee, was authorized by the district committee to close a deal with REA authorizing to bring a power line to Camp Arrowwood, Boy Scout camp site between Bryan and Hearne.

Next meeting of the district committee will be held at College Station March 2.



Tales From Tessiland

New Semester at TSCW Begins After Rough Exams

By Jo Ann Rummel
Lass-O Correspondent

Hello again! At last we have been given a new lease on life; a new semester has begun. I didn't think that I'd make it, and seeing countless Aggies strolling over the campus while I took exams proved to be a bit distracting, to say the least. Why can't we take exams at the same time?

Registration took place last Monday and Tuesday, and Wednesday "it started all over again"—classes, that is. I suppose that everyone has made that Resolution—"I shall not get behind in my work". I did, but then I always do. Here's hoping that you have better luck in keeping your resolution than I usually do in keeping mine.

Last week was quite full as far as Concert and Drama Series' concerts go. Wednesday night Charles Weidman and his group of modern dancers presented a recital in the Main Auditorium, and the Metropolitan Opera Ensemble appeared here Friday night. Both were very good.

This week is Religious Emphasis Week at TSCW. Four guest speakers, Col. Oro Jason Cohee, Rev. Roger Wilson Blanchard, Rev. Granville, and Adelle Ringstrum are conducting assemblies, seminars, panel discussions, and informal meetings.

If you haven't heard "Open the Door Richard", then you can't wait any longer. That is practically the only song (?) which can be heard around here now. It is almost as bad as "Jole Blon"!!!! (which I hear has been quite popular in Aggiland.)

"Nuff said for now. I'll be back next week to shoot the breeze with you.

Landscape Seniors Design Exhibit for Flower Show

Seniors in landscape art are designing the exhibit of Louis Hahn & Son, nurserymen of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to be used in the Cleveland Flower Show March 8-16, according to F. W. Hensel, head of the A. & M. landscape art department.

Hahn & Son each year place exhibits in different shows over the United States. This year the seniors at A. & M. will submit their plans to Hahn & Son to be displayed at the Chicago show. The exhibit will consist of trees, shrubbery, flowers, and a water project. Prizes will be \$30 for first place; \$20 for second place; and \$10 for third. Hahn & Son will be the final judges.

Agricultural Council to Meet in YMCA Wednesday

A new chairman will be elected and plans will be initiated for Agriculture Day when the Agricultural Council meets Wednesday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m., LeRoy Hendrick, secretary of the council, stated Monday. The meeting will be held in the Cabinet Room of the YMCA. All members are urged to be present.

Entomologists Meet Thursday

Dr. J. C. Gaines will speak on the work of the Experiment Station in connection with entomology Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. The Entomology Club will meet in Room 5, Science Hall.

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BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS . . .

Tall Tales That Grandpa Told Now on Current Shelf

RING-TAILED ROARERS, tall tales of the American Frontier 1830-60. V. L. O. Chittick, Editor. Caxton, 1946.

These are the tall tales which were told to our grandfathers as they sat around their campfires on a wild frontier. Story-telling today is almost a lost art, but grandpa counted it one of his chief amusements.

Popular accounts of Davy Crockett, Mike Fink, and Simon Suggs; of shooting-match experts, horse traders, and horse racers, and boiler-bursting river boat captains; of all-night dances, and backwoods courtships; camp meetings, and courtrooms—all are here in the form in which they entertained a past generation. The selections are

JONATHAN DRAWS THE LONG BOW. By Richard M. Doran. Harvard University Press.

This is a collection of tales and legends similar to the Ring-Tailed Roarer reviewed above, except these tales lack some of the Western Frontier flavor. "Jonathan Draws The Long Bow" is concerned with the New England region a country rich in local history and legend. Wide rural areas and varied geography favored the abundant growth of folk traditions.

Until Mr. Doran's survey, however, the New England area had remained surprisingly barren ground for folklore studies. Perhaps the neglect of folklore may be blamed upon the fact that New England has been so articulate and prolific—so far as literature is concerned.

Mr. Doran has assembled from forgotten weeklies, newspapers,

sufficiently "ring-tailed" to satisfy your taste for rough neck humor.

The fellows who invented these salty and sometimes ribald yarns were always on hand, whatever the gathering, log-rolling, election, barbecue or a "frolic". His wit always added to the merriment, and he soon became nationally known as a "ring-tailed roarer". This roistering braggart type of man was an integral part of the American Frontier scene. In RING-TAILED ROARERS he has come down to us in all his legendary distinction.

scrap-books, town histories, almanacs, and other little known sources, a compendium of the richest of New England legend.

Jonathan Draws the Long Bow contains native Yankee humor at its best. Folklore enthusiasts and all who are interested in American literature and culture will welcome this comprehensive study.—W. B.

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