

## English Springer Spaniel Wins 'Best Dog' Title In Kennel Club's Third Show

An English Springer Spaniel, owned by L. D. Cross of Whitehall, Michigan, went all the way Friday to win the Third All-Breed Dog Show sponsored by the Brazos Valley Kennel Club. Before an audience of 600, the English springer won the titles of "best dog in the show" and the "best American-bred dog in the show."

The Sungold Trophy, which is the highest award of the Brazos Club, was presented to Cross for his prize-winning dog.

All day hundreds of dogs of 35 breeds competed against each other for honors, and when the night show got under way, judging really became close. Only one dog from this vicinity, Skipperke, went as high as the night judging. Skipperke, a rare dog, is owned by Troy White of College Station.

In the sporting breed group, the springer spaniel, which won top honors in the show, was the winner.

In the hounds class, a dachshund, owned by Mrs. Fred Heying of Paoima, California, came out ahead.

The working dog class was won by a Doberman Pinscher, owned by Mrs. M. J. Grace of Dallas.

Among the terriers, a wire-haired fox terrier, owned by Forrest Hall of Dallas, was the winner.

The best dog in the toy breeds was a miniature pinscher, owned by Mrs. Michael Carmichael of Tyler.

A Boston terrier, owned by Captain A. C. Berry of San Antonio, won the non-sporting group.

A boxer owned by Lewis A. Lowenstein of Houston won in the obedience trials. It was noted that all dogs from the Bryan-College Station area which had had training in the obedience classes qualified Friday morning.

Prizes and ribbons were awarded by F. I. Dahlberg, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Winstead, Mrs. F. B. Clark, Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, Boyce Oliver, and Harry Boyer.

Judges of the show were Walter Reeves of Ontario, Canada; John B. Charles, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Cyrus Rickett, Fort Worth; Mrs. Ray Burgess, Dallas; C. J. Fordham, San Antonio; and Alex Mitchell of Houston.

Reeves, who is regarded as an outstanding judge throughout the country, when asked for suggestions to improve next year's show, replied: "This is as good a show as I have ever attended."

## Ag Council to Meet Tomorrow Evening

A special meeting of the Agricultural Council will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening in the YMCA Cabinet Room, LeRoy Hendrick, chairman, has announced.

All council members representing every department in the School of Agriculture are urged to be present, as final preparations for Agriculture-Engineer Day will be made.

## trampling out the vintage...

By Mack T. Nolen

Recently I discovered that every question has two sides. The War Between the States was fought by two factions each firmly convinced that it was defending the right. The tradition controversy here also has two sides.

In this column I have already shown one side, pointing out that some traditions are baseless repetitions of nothing. But on the other side of the fence is the fact that most A&M traditions have purpose in them. It is gospel that one must learn to take orders before he can give them.

A&M attracts many young men who desire to prepare themselves for what ever military necessity may arise. They want to be officers, they want to lead. The originators of most A & M Traditions had in mind to turn out good men, ones who realized the extent of their position. So the Traditions.

The most tyrannical and overbearing army officers were ones termed "kangaroo" because they jumped in without any experience in handling men or any knowledge of the responsibilities they assumed. Aggie officers with whom I had dealings proved their qualifications; they were better men for what they had learned as cadets here. They neither tyrannized nor dictated; they led. They understood their own standing and that of the men under them.

Human beings are the sum of their experiences. If Traditions compose part of the worthy experiences, which at A&M they do, then by all means "Long Live Tradition!"

## Regents Okay Expansion Of UT Stadium

Expansion of Memorial Stadium at the University of Texas to seat a maximum of 19,000 more football fans was given the stamp of approval by the Board of Regents Saturday.

The board, in its regular monthly meeting, authorized the preparation of plans for three possible expansions of the stadium's seating capacity.

The three plans call for addition of 23 rows on the west side to seat 6,000 more people; 23 rows on the east side to seat another 6,000 fans, and 23 rows on the north stands to seat 7,000.

Dr. J. C. Dooley, vice-president of the university, explained that any one or any combination of the three proposals might be adopted, depending upon cost. He said that the original stadium was built at an average cost of \$10 a seat. The best estimate for the additions was \$25 to \$30 a seat, he added.

Construction will be financed out of athletic department funds and, if necessary, from revenue bonds issued by the department.

Dr. Dooley said they hoped the construction would be completed by June, 1948, "in time for ticket sales of the next A. & M. game here."

Present seating capacity of Memorial Stadium is 43,000 plus 4,000 "emergency" seats. The three additions would bring to 62,000 the number of seats in the concrete stands.

Other improvements to the stadium were also authorized by the regents, including repairing and resurfacing the present concrete structure at a cost of \$25,000 and improving the restroom facilities under the stadium at a cost of \$15,000.

## Officers Of Brazos Mothers Club Elected

Mrs. T. W. Leland was elected president of the Brazos A&M Mother's Club at the last meeting of the year held last week. Vice-presidency of the club went to Mrs. Bassett Orr, and Mrs. J. D. Lindsay was elected secretary; Mrs. E. B. Reynolds is the new treasurer, and Mrs. A. W. Reynolds was elected reporter. Parliamentarian is Mrs. R. Henry Harrison, Jr.

The drawing for the A&M College quilt was made, and John Lawrence Jr. was the lucky winner. As soon as the quilt is finished, it will be on display in the YMCA.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mesdames G. E. Madeley, A. O. Ashworth, R. A. Eads, N. M. McGinnis, Frank Anderson, and J. W. Hall, who served coffee and cake during the social hour. A bowl of pink-lavender irises and pink rose buds decorated the speakers' table.

## Congdon's Bakery In Bryan to Hold Open House, Cake Auction

Specializing in wedding cakes and party goods, Congdon's Bakery, Bryan's newest establishment which opened Monday morning, will hold an open house and cake auction tomorrow evening. Located next to Hotard's Cafeteria on North Main Street, Congdon's Bakery is owned and operated by Mrs. L. Y. Congdon.

At the open house, beginning at 7 p.m., refreshments will be served. According to Mrs. Congdon, "We want to give the people a sample of what to expect."

At 8:30 a large cake will be auctioned. All proceeds of the auction will be given to the Texas City Relief Fund.

Congdon's Bakery has the newest type of equipment and new proven recipes. "A large sugar allotment, just received, will enable us to supply any needs", Mrs. Congdon stated.

Homemade candy and Danish and French pastries will soon be placed on the shelves. It is hoped, according to Mrs. Congdon, to open a small shop at college for the benefit of the students and faculty members.

# Board May Change Nature of School If Basic Policy Fails--Anderson Opinion

By Allen Self

If the Basic Policy fails, the Board of Directors plans to change A. & M. to another type school, Col. Frank Anderson, track coach and one time commandant, testified before the legislative investigating committee last night in Austin.

What change this would embody Col. Anderson did not know, but he stated a board member told him of the proposition in reply to the question, "What are you going to do when the Basic Policy fails?"

Col. Anderson made it clear he considered failure of the Basic Policy inevitable unless the board should "eliminate all elements of student control."

"Let's take the power away from the students and give it all to the administration," he recommended.

"The trouble at A. & M. is that the cadet system--call it tradition, hazing, or Aggie way of life--has been challenged. The cadets are rebelling against constituted authority."

Veterans and cadets are of the same feeling about hazing, claimed Col. Anderson. "This is because most of the veterans were Aggie freshmen themselves, and they want to see the system perpetuated."

"They are good boys, and they believe they are doing right," Col. Anderson stated.

Death Warrant?  
"The man who signed the Basic Policy, Gibb Gilchrist, either signed his own death warrant, or will be known as a great man," said Anderson. "I say he may have signed his death warrant because he has challenged the cadet system."

Harking back to his own days as commandant of cadets from 1935 to 1937, Col. Anderson likened the present situation to that which existed at that time.

"I got hot and bothered about conditions that existed which prevented us from winning ball games," said Col. Anderson, "and I welcomed the job of commandant. From 1920 until 1935 I dealt with athletes as a coach at A. & M., and I saw us lose ball games for lack of men who withdrew because of hazing."

"I called in the seniors and told them I would not crack down on use of the board if they alone would administer discipline with it," he explained. "The next day, however, I had one mad father and mother over at the hospital. Their boy was hysterical and bleeding at the rear."

Crack Down

Col. Anderson therefore had to commence inspections at all hours of the day and night "until the boys pretty well quit paddling." Seniors then began sending in demerits for fish for "things they shouldn't have, like for going to bed early when the executive committee said they could, and for refusing to bring food out of the mess hall, against college regulations."

"There was a volcanic eruption when I objected to this," he said.

"The seniors went over my

head to the Board of Directors, who did not back me up in these changes. I got my neck chopped off."

"The board sided with the seniors, so I resigned. They refused my resignation then, but next summer they found another commandant," Col. Anderson recounted.

Hazing Now

Several boys left A. & M. this spring and last fall because of dormitory conditions--the cadet system--who would have enabled the Aggies to beat Texas in track, Anderson declared.

"Paddling today is only a fraction of what it used to be," Col. Anderson held, "but time for study is now much less. Room service and detailing is a waste of valuable study time."

"Athletics and hazing do not mix," he said. "You can't build a winning team from freshmen and sophomores who are continually hazed."

Several instances of athletes leaving school because of the cadet system were recited by Col. Anderson. They left, he said, because they "couldn't or wouldn't take it."

Shultz Again

Delbert Shultz, author of the controversial Shultz letter complaining about the administration, was a member of the Aggie track team last spring and fall.

"He was out for track, but he wasn't a track man," cracked Col. Anderson. "I told him to turn in his clothes when I discovered he had attempted to bomb the Baylor bonfire. I didn't think this promoted good feeling between the teams or the student bodies."

As Col. Anderson stepped down from the witness stand, he declared, "I love the college. That's why I'm fighting for it."

Meloy Called

Col. G. S. Meloy, West Point-trained commandant of cadets and professor of military science and tactics, recounted the incidents leading up to the January uprising of the cadets.

"The regular army colonel was slow to answer questions asked him by the committee, weighing some

questions at length before answering in a low voice.

It might have been desirable, he stated, to have given more notice to cadets of the changes under the Articles of the Cadet Corps, issued when he took over disciplinary responsibilities in January.

"Some static was expected, but more resulted than I hoped," Col. Meloy said, referring to the mass resignation of cadet commissions.

When queried about the results of the recent mass disciplinary action, Meloy testified it had "a salutary effect--a good effect."

"If the students spent as much time obeying orders as opposing them, they'd get along better," Col. Meloy said.

Rollins Takes Stand

Dean of Men J. W. "Dough" Rollins took the stand, and after reading a copy of the Basic Policy, told of his plan to vest practically unlimited responsibility in the hands of organization commanders.

"After one and a half years, I saw it wouldn't work. I asked Col. Meloy to take over discipline of cadets. It might have been we expected too much of the organization commanders."

Dean Rollins recalled how when he became Dean of Men, "a wall was thrown up between me and the student body. I had, until then, a reputation of being able to handle boys."

"You can't be a counselor and administer discipline at A. & M. College," Rollins claimed.

Down Out

Under questioning by Sen. Fred Harris, Dean Rollins told of instances of vandalism about the college since he was made dean.

In the fall of 1945, he said, someone stuck a fire hose through his front window and turned it on.

"I heard the crash," Rollins related, "but thought the hot water heater had blown up. When I got downstairs, I saw it was a fire hose. We cut off the water, and tried to save what we could of the furniture."

Rollins said nothing like this ever happened while he was a student at A. & M. If it had, he said, "I think the cadets would benefit for the rest of his life."

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Library Members Attend Association Meeting in Waco

Members of the college library staff who attended the annual meeting of the Texas Library Association in Waco, April 24-26, were Paul S. Ballance, chief librarian, Paul W. Beck, assistant librarian, and Misses Octavia Rogan and Dorothy Singleton, catalogers.

Points of outstanding interest on the program were the discussion of pending library legislation in the National Congress by representatives of the American Library Association, and an atomic energy program which featured as speakers scientists who had a large part in developing the atomic bomb. Two speakers on atomic energy were Dr. Melvin Bowman, Los Alamos Atomic project, and J. H. Rush, Secretary of the American Federation of Scientists, Washington, D. C.

The program for the convention this year was under the direction of Mr. Ballance, Chairman of the Program Committee.

Alaska Statehood Gets AVC Support

WASHINGTON--The American Veterans Committee notified the House Committee on Public Lands this week of its support of statehood for Alaska.

Chat Paterson, AVC's national legislative representative, said that veterans were greatly interested in the settlement possibilities of Alaska and granting statehood to that territory would encourage them. He estimated that Alaska now has a veteran population of 10,000 and that additional thousands are investigating the territory's possibilities.

## AVC Poll at SMU Says Single Vets Spend \$101 Each Month

In a cost of living survey conducted two weeks ago by the SMU American Veterans' Committee among veterans attending school under Public Law 346, single students spend an average of \$101.32 per month while married men spend about \$159.17 monthly. These figures were obtained from 581 questionnaires from single students and 377 from married students. Among the items included in these figures were food, rent, clothing, transportation, insurance, recreation, and personal items.

## Caste System After Release Vicious, AVC

WASHINGTON--Charging that the present disability retirement pay system for non-Regular officers constitutes a "gross injustice" to enlisted men, the American Veterans Committee yesterday asked that the system be repealed.

In a letter to Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, chairman of House Veterans Affairs Committee, Justin Feldman, AVC's director of veterans affairs, urged that she introduce a bill to limit payment of retirement pay to officers of the Regular Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

"A discharged enlisted man receives disability compensation based on the percentage of his disability as determined by the Veterans Administration," Feldman said. "With an officer this is not the case. Even if the reason for his retirement would not entitle him to more than 10 per cent disability under the laws administered by the VA he receives 75 per cent of his base pay."

"We therefore find many cases of private suffering from the same disability as that of a major, for instance, who receive \$13.80 for the disability which gives the major \$226. The private's compensation is subject to continuous review and reappraisal while the major receives this tax-exempt benefit for the rest of his life."

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Screen Team Interviewing RA Applicants

A partial list of the officers who will compose the screen team that is now on the campus has been released by Colonel G. S. Meloy, PMS & T. This seven-man team is interviewing and examining students interested in becoming officers under the War Department's regular army program.

Heading the Ground Force team is Colonel Maurice E. Jennings, assisted by Lt. Colonel John B. F. Dice, and Lt. Colonel Charles A. Deason. The Air Corps board will be announced at a later date. Lt. Colonel Reuben Star, of the Adjutant General's Department, is acting as the administration officer and has the necessary administration personnel available to assist all students in filling out application blanks.

Students interested in this program should make an appointment for an interview through the Adjutant's office in Ross Hall, where the screen team headquarters are located.

A&M is one of twenty colleges within the Fourth Army area selected by the War Department to be visited by the roving screen teams.

## Brayton Named To National Fire Prevention Group

Professor Harold R. Brayton has been appointed to the Committee on Fire-Fighting Services for the President's Conference on Fire Prevention, it was announced in Washington today.

This is one of six committees which will formulate a national program whereby it is hoped to reduce death and property loss caused by fires.

The Conference, to be held in Washington May 6, 7 and 8, has been called by President Truman in order to bring together state, municipal and non-official representatives of organizations with a basic interest in the fire safety problem.

The program to be worked out at the Washington meeting will aim at reducing fire deaths which exceeded 10,000 men, women and children in 1946 and caused property loss of more than \$661,000,000.



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