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In 1948 Let Us...

Eliminate Railroad Hazards . .

In 1947, two people were led at the College Station railroad depot, in separate accidents. The dangerous condition of this station has long been recognized, but nothing has

A raised track Union Station, serving both railroads and allowing people to pass safely under the tracks, is the ideal solution. But unless this can be done soon, steps should be taken to equip the crossing at the depot, at the Easterwood Field road, and other important

roads with proper lights and bells.

Will more neople be killed at this depot in 1948, or will we save their lives by timely

Establish A Journalism Department . . .

For some years A & M. has been training technical journalists by a left-hand method. These students have "spraddling" courses, majoring in some technical field, working on student publications, and try og to get enough English courses on the side. Results have been good, so far as a few individuals are concerned, but the number of students willing to study in such craby ays fartion has been too small to fill the requests for technical erwhelmingly selected the Number new regulations. From there, the

A. & M. could be the best school in the nation for trading technical journalists in the placing Texas City anywhere but strike, protests, hearings by the agricultural and engineering fields, which are the very fields where the need for speciallytrained personnel is greatest. But we can be the leader only if we establish a journalism department or option, with a curriculum specially designed for such training.

Can A. & M. afford not that take the lead, where it has such a natural advantage?

Improve Athletic Bookings . . .

How many years has it seen since A. & M. plaved an important non-conference game horror unequalled in Texas since Sept. 21 to Oct 3. Damage was Kyle Field Can andore remember

By Southwest Conference rules, half the conference games are played on the home turn of century. field. But except for a preather at the opening of the season, which is usually little more than a warm-up for the Maron and White, no other games are played here. Our inter- school strike at Odessa (in March)

Fortunately, the athletic department is considering putting lights on Kyle Field so think a sympathy strike at odessa (in March) which spread over Texas but was settled within a week. The major strike a sympathy strike with factional unions, began April 7, to come to Kyle Field early in the season before conference play begins.

Also during 1948 we have to see signs of greater cooperation between the athletic department, the Addletic Course, the Former Students Association, and the student body in raising the standards of al. A. & M. athletics to new high levels.

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Appoint Dorn Counselors . .

Several major colleges which do prohibit living-fraternities and house all their students in dormitories have adorsed the plan of having a counselor live in each dormitory, to Such a man would have to be of top-notch calibre—broadly educated, sympathetic, quietly in August. There was no satisfactory explanation except that people just thought they were

and understanding, and a backelor. (an such men be found? Other schools have found

These men would not serve as 'spies' or proctors, but would be teachers without specific class-room assignments, giving their full time to counselling and tutoring.

If it is impossible to assign one to each dormitory (our dorms are smaller than those in the college practicing this system) it might be possible to assign one counsellor to each group of dormitories. Not where is such a service needed more than at A. & M. where geon, was arrested, later tried contact between firstless. contact between faculty and students is so limited.

Present A "Sully" Award . . .

Many awards are now given at A. & M. for athletic prowess, scholarship, and military

proficiency. But we ignore a basic source of achievement citizenship. Once we had a president at A. & M. who was the embodiment of high principles of

citizenship, by the name of Lawrence Sullivan Ross. We pride ourselves that Aggies today 4 Students Attend sill are "soldiers, statesmen, mightly gentlemen" as taught by Sully Ross.

Why not award, each year, a small reproduction of the Sully Ross statue to three people who best exhibit the thaits of Aggie citizenship—one to a student, one to a faculty member, and one to an Argie x? They could be selected by vote. Ballots could be printed in The Battalion for student and faculty nominations, and in The Texas Aggie for the ex-

This is a resolution we can do something about ourselves, and we intend to.

Enlarge Campus Entertainment . . .

All-American

Students who stay around A&M on the week-ends invariably appear in their Monday classes with wild, glazed looks in their eyes, simply because the boredom of a College Station week-end is so meddening. The Battalion joins with these wild-eyed creatures in seeking a fuller recreational program so that the aforementioned eyes may have some sur-panied by Gordon Gay, assistant

The quality of the Town Hall presentations can and should be improved. Other schools in this neck of the woods boat a star-studded agenda of artists. Why not A&M? The problem of first run lictures at Guion Hall is clouded with bolitics and legislation,

but headway has been made and more should be. Already Guion Hall is on a bid basis for MGM pictures. The coming year, we hope, will see us seeing all first-runs. In the field of classical and semi-classical music A&M is a desert island. There is ample

talent here, but it is unorgan red. The Battalion makes a motion that a symphonette be formed during 1948 to fill the musical void.

The recreational can be appreciably bridged with a continuation in quantity of the shows already presented have by entertainers from other schools. An exchange system, such as the University Orches ra playing here in return for our sending a group of entertainers to Austin, would be one solution.

The eyes have it, or have had it. A full and well-rounded recreational program is re-

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AP Editors Select Top Texas Stories of '47

Aggieland Rates 6th

A. & M.'s student-administration floods in the fall, and ended with fight which raged through the severe cold in November and Despring semester was the Number cember Six Texas story in 1947, editors of Texas Associated Press member GIELAND On January 29; stupapers voted in the annual poll dents at A.&M. marthed on the to select the year's top ten stories. home of President Gibb Gilchrist, The Texas City disaster was ov- protested elimination of hazing, One story, with only one AP editor situation developed into a near-

Briefly, here are the highlights in the administration, punishment of the top ten stories of 1947:

1. TEXAS CITY EXPLOSION House-Simule investigation. April 16, 1947, burning tanker loaded with ammonium nitrate FIRES They broke out twice in suddenly exploded, caused chain of 1947, once March 28, later and other explosions and fires, caused more serously in the fall when 568 deaths during almost week of they raged out of control from Galveston hurricane and flood at severe.

2. THE 4-DAY TELEPHONE

summer and every tenth person in Texas seemed to see strange flying disks shooting through the sky. It was a national traze, not confined to Texas, and died out quietly in August. There was no satisfactory explanation except ham. seeing things, or were mistaking real objects for unusual objects.

murdered on a lonely country lane Opens New Annex Trouble arose over finances.

5. WEATHER The year started with blizzards in January, progressed to tornadoes in April, May and June, to hurricanes in August.

Christian Meeting

campus of the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas during the Christmas bolidays. Aggies at-Winder Jr., of College Station, Allen Eubanks, of Dallas, and J. W. Robinson, of Hereford, accomsecretary of the YMCA.

Christian missions for the future was the main topic of discussion Forestry Official for the two thousand delegates, who heard Dr. Walter Judd, a US congressman and former medical missionaries

dents from every state in the Uni- President ted States, Canada, and sixty other; announced countries to present a summary of . The new vice presidents, togeththe church work on all frontiers, er with D. W. Thompson of Keltys, both at home and algroad.

Melloh Cited For Service in Navy

Dr. A. W. Melloh, vice-director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, has recently received a certificate of commendation from the secretary of the navy through the chief of the Bureau of Ships.

The award was made "for outstanding service to the United States Navy during World War II". From February 1942 to October-1945. Dr. Melloh was with the University of California Division of War Research at the US Navy Radio and Sound Laboratory San Diego, working on problems pertaining to the location of submarines by supersonic means.

Neches Valley Authority

John W. Newton of Beaumont, member of the A&M Board of Directors, may also serve as head of the Lower Neches Valley Author-Advertising Manager ity, Attorney General Price Daniel announced during the holidays. tions are naving jobs.

Trampling Out the Vintage .

Suspenders Hold Up Man As Well As His Trousers, Saving Life After 57-Foot Fall

Thanks to his suspenders, Robert Robinson is alive in a Hinton, W. Va. Hospital after a 57-foot fall from the top of nearby Bluestone Dam.

His wife said the workman's fall was broken when a suspender strap on his over-alls caught a protruding bolt half-way down the side of the big flood control barrier. He swung for a moment before a button ripped loose, then fell the rest of the way t a lower level.

He was taken to the hospital with a broken leg, a fractured elbow and chest injuries, little enough penalty for a 57 foot mistake.

BOTTLE EDUCATION

A course in beer-brewing may be offered soon by New York City's public school system. A program for training brewer's apprentices in the evening vocational schools, approved by a committee of school officials, has been submitted for adoption at a meeting of the Board of Education. A board spokesman said the course would be open only to those already employed in the brewing industry.

HE LIVES, BUT HE'S THIN

Fifty year-old John Anderson was thanking his ucky stars today that he has kept a narrow waist-

Anderson fell off the platform of the I.R.T. subway station at Broadway-West 157th Street in New York City recently but rolled into the trough and lay so flat that he was untouched by the two cars of a train that passed over him.

An ambulance attendant from Mother Babrini Hospital examined him, found no injuries, and sent him to his home at 451 East 137th Street in the

SHARK PILOT

A man calling himself the world's champion ocean swimmer has unveiled his plan to harnass shark-power at Palm Beach

Pail Chotteau said recently he plans to "pilot" a shark harnassed to a pontoon-like craft from Florida to Bimini, 114 miles away. Said Chotteau; "It isn't as crazy as it sounds. After all, if a man can swim the distance, it ought to be easy for And Chotteau says he has swum the distance. college board, a vote of confidence

He backs his claim up with a certificate from the



Florida Association of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.

The certificate also states that the swimmer sattled sharks along the way. Chotteau explained that this time he to make a shart to the heavy work. He told re-porters that he is confident he will be ready to start his trip "within a couple of weeks."

Only hitch at present shrugged off by Chottery as merely incidental his finding, then harnessing, a shark of suitable size and shark-power for the trip.

People Will Eat More Fish, Turkey . . .

Leap Year Will See Skirts Hit New Low; Necklines Next

an honorary degree from Baylor

THE PHANTON BANDIT - The over the protests of a disnortheast Texas Feb. 11, raged heartened male through much of that part of the public. And, the state and finally ended in capture new year also Feb. 14 on a river bank near Bon-

On the pessimistic side, 1948

The issue of the "New Look"

Skirts are approximately two

But, (it ain't all bad, mates) as

go lower, some being slashed clear

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to be pulled down to reveal the

shoulders, as low as the law al-

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cation with the familiar term "fed-Church of Christ eral aid for education" again cropping up in the news. looms as 52 more weeks of steadily rising prices unless favorable

Phantom bandit chase started in

7 EAST TEXAS FOREST

S. PRESIDENT: TRUMAN'S

VISIT TO WACO The president

flew to Texas March 6, accepted

weather conditions allow farmers a The \$1000 classroom annex of chance to harvest a record, priceconvicted, given death sentence, the A.A.M. Church of Christ was lowering crop of consumer goods. opened and used Sunday for the first time, although all the interfor finishing had not been com- simmering at the turn of the year after reaching a white hot pitch

The twenty-by-forty-foot building, sided with aspestos shingles, from view early in 1947, may flame nouses three classfooms, a church | anew in 1948. But it's all in vain. shop, and garage. The floor is say the fashion designers. The concrete, and the building is il- new look has definitely become the luminated by fluorescent lighting old look and the dichard in knee-

The former parsonage garage place as a bobby soxer at an emwill be turned into a nursery for bassy ball. Four Aggles attended the North use during worship, services, ac-American Student Conference on cording to James F. Fowler, min- inches longer than in the fall when Christian Frontiers held on the ister. He added that the church the dropping hemline created a shop would be available to ment- fashion furgre unmatched since the bers upon appointment and would dawn of the hobble skirt. be used this summer in a handitending the conference were Jimmy craft project. Construction beskirts grow longer, necklines will Cashion, of College Station, L. E. gan on the building last Novemto the waist, with only the flimsiest

Siecke Appointed

missionary to China, and other former director of the Texas Forest Service, has been named one This fifteenth student missionary of fourteen new vice-presidents of quadrennial was attended by stu- the Texas Forestry Association, E. G. Prud'homme has

> previously elected first vice-president, S. I., "Jack" Frost, secretarytreasurer, and Prud'homme, will make up the executive committee of the Texas Forestry Association. The list of newly appointed vicepresidents includes 3 husinessmen, industrial leaders, 2 bankers, a forester, timberland owner, nurseryman, editor, educator, and a railroad executive.

Freshman Debaters Elect Hearne Head

Douglas Hearne, electrical engineering freshman from San Antonio, was elected president of the Little Aggieland Discussion and Debate Club at the last meeting of 1947

Wade Hampton Oliver, chemical engineering student from Houston, was named vice-president, and Phil Goldston, pre-vet freshman from Hereford, secretary-treas-The parliamentarian position

went to John Ready, an agricultural engineering freshman from

The average output per manhour in the United States has in-Neither of the two state posi- creased an average of 18.5 per cent a decade in the last 30 years.

The only item that will be high er in women's fashions-will

And prices will continue to spar on the food front too. Although Americans will continue to eat well

pected reduction in meat produc-

will only be abl to buy 146 pounds of meat in 148 as compared to about 156 pounds in '47. To fill the breach, there'll precedents in be more fish-a lot more - and the field of edumore turkeys.

The outlook on the poultry front s good, with egg, milk, and cheese production expected to hold up. And, if old man weather is kind-1948 will be a good year for fruit and vegetable eaters. Citrus fruit growers look for a good year, too.

1948 may see vast charges method of teachthe number of people being

when legs first began to disappear taught. Tentative new feder al financia length skirts will look as out of grants to col

leges may allow ower entrance fees lower living costs. Moreover, if the GI Bill allotment is raised, many veterans, forced to drop from college because of lack of funds, may be able to

But, at year's outset, these measures are still tentative and very much in the future.

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