

Dr. Dan, Sociologist, Got His Learning the Hard Way

By BUDDY LUCE
From plowhandles to professorship is the story of one of the best known men on the A&M campus, Daniel Russell, head of the Sociology Department.

Dan Russell was born in Ellisville, Mississippi at the turn of the century, 48 years ago. His father was an export timberman, merchant and farmer. They moved to Texas when Dan was only six months old, so he considers himself a native Texan.

Russell remembers when he raised his first bale of cotton down around Kingsville, Texas. The family wasn't there for long, because Daniel's father got to longing for the sight of pine trees and they moved to Crockett among the piney woods of East Texas.

Daniel was one of a whole "pas-

the county his senior year in high school. He attributed his crop success mainly to the fast stepping team of mules that he followed down the row behind the plow.

After graduating from Crockett High School with honors, young Daniel was encouraged to go to Rice Institute in Houston. He possessed a great desire for education, so he entered Rice in the fall of 1918. He had been there one month when he got a chance to go to officer's candidate school in the U. S. Army. He was one of four to go. He was a freshman and the other three were seniors.

The day that he and the other newly appointed officer candidates arrived at Camp Pike, Arkansas, they thought that the people there had gone crazy. They found out to their own extreme joy that the people were celebrating the end of World War I.

Russell soon got out of the army and took the Waco Chamber of Commerce up on a job in Waco. The purpose of this was to enter Baylor University, where he worked his way through in three years. While he was attending Baylor, he managed to work eight hours a day and send fifty dollars a month home to the folks on the farm.

Upon graduating from Baylor, Russell went to Chicago and entered the University of Chicago on a fellowship. He obtained his Master of Arts degree there, and did all the resident work necessary for a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

After working with the City of Chicago for a couple of years, Russell returned to Texas and taught a year at Baylor University. The next year he came to A&M as a professor in the sociology department. He has been here since then.

"Dr. Dan", as he is referred to by his many Aggie friends, has always had an interest in the boy who comes to A&M to get an education the hard way. He has advised and helped untold numbers of students who were not always in the upper bracket. His chief interest is in the boy who struggles to survive with the use of hard work and plenty of midnight oil. Many Aggies can attribute their success in college to a little help now and then from the man who started his education behind a fast-stepping team of mules and middle buster.



DANIEL RUSSELL, head of Sociology at A&M.

sel" of children and when his father became an invalid, the task of running the farm fell on his shoulders. He used to get up before daylight, catch and harness the team of mules, catch a catnap while the mules were eating their morning hay, hitch up the "middle buster" and plow until time to change clothes and trot three miles to school in Crockett. When school was out in the afternoon Dan would run home, hitch up the mules and plow until dark.

In spite of the fact that he had to go to school along with running the farm, Russell made the largest crop in that part of



PAUL S. BALLANCE, librarian, speaks with MISS LILA M. FOSS at the TEXAS ENGINEERS LIBRARY. Ballance is in charge of both Cushing Memorial Library and the Texas Engineers Library.

E. J. Kyle, Father of Many Aggie Traditions, Named Man of the Month in East Texas Paper

By F. L. AYRES

E. J. Kyle, retired dean of agriculture and unofficial advisor to Latin American students, has been named Man of the Month in a publication of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

When Kyle retired as Dean of Agriculture in December, 1944, thousands of Aggies in Texas and all parts of the United States, as well as men in the armed forces over the entire globe, said, "There will never be anyone to replace Dean Kyle."

Since he first joined the faculty in 1919, he has helped many a struggling Aggie to regain a foothold on the ladder of success.

In a meeting of the Texas Aggies held in Germany on the Rhine during World War II, Dean Kyle's resignation was the most widely discussed subject.

Edwin J. Kyle was born in Kyle, Texas, July 22, 1876. He attended public schools and graduated from A&M in the 1899 class, having worked most of his way through college.

During his senior year he was senior captain, president of his class, president of the Y.M.C.A., and valedictorian. He was the only student in the history of the College to act as Commandant or be given a seat in the faculty.

He graduated with a B.S. degree in Agriculture from Cornell University and received his M.S. degree in Agriculture from the University of Arkansas.

In June 1902, Kyle was elected to the position of instructor in Horticulture and in 1905 he was promoted to head of the department. When the school of Agriculture was created in 1911, he seemed the natural choice for its first Dean.

During his forty years of agricultural work in Texas, he has familiarized himself with every phase of this field by study and actual experience.

Besides publishing numerous bulletins and books, he was responsible for the organization and de-



EDWIN J. KYLE

Student Teachers Accept New Posts

C. L. Smucker and R. B. Dooley, itinerant teacher trainers of the Agricultural Education Department, have accepted other positions and will report there in September.

Smucker will open a new Vocational Agriculture Department in Beaumont. This is the first city school to inaugurate a vocational agriculture program. Smucker will teach city boys and their dads the importance of agriculture to the community.

Dooley has accepted a position with the San Angelo Junior College. He will begin teaching there in September. Both Dooley and Smucker are graduates of A&M College.

velopment of the Farmer's Short Course held each year at A&M.

Dean Kyle was also president for 11 years of the Athletic Association at A&M and built up one of the best organized and most successful athletic associations in the Southwest. The athletic field bears his name as a tribute to his work for athletics. His report on a tour of Central

and South America in 1941 was translated into Spanish, and was published by the government of Nicaragua. This led to his appointment as United States Ambassador to Guatemala in 1945 by President Truman, making him the only man in the history of the U. S., trained in technical agriculture and education, to be appointed to this post.

Editor Says October Issue of 'Engineer' Will Be Largest Ever Published at A&M

By HARVEY CHELF

"We expect our first issue of the ENGINEER, due out in October, to be the best and biggest issue ever published," R. B. Harwood, 1948-49 editor of the ENGINEER declared here recently.

"The ENGINEER's staff has put in a great deal of effort during the summer months in accumulating and writing a large selection of interesting and pertinent articles and features."

Featured in the October edition will be a timely article entitled "The Hallmark of a Profession" by the distinguished Dr. Vannevar Bush, MIT graduate and present member of the Atomic Energy Commission. A report on Heat Pump research being conducted by the Engineering Experiment Station, written by Harwood, and a discussion of distillation pertaining to the petroleum industry, compiled by C. L. Mills, will be included among other articles to appear in this issue.

The ENGINEER is now published bi-monthly by students in the School of Engineering, but if present hopes and plans of its staff materialize, it is due to become a monthly magazine at sometime near mid-term during the coming school year. The ENGINEER is entering its 7th year of publication, discounting the war years of inactivity.

"Plans for an increase in size from 32 pages to 48 pages in each edition seems likely, and the October issue will definitely be 48 pages," Harwood stated. Instrumental in these changes is Roland Bine, Director of Student Publications, who is making them possible by his efforts in increasing the advertising to be carried in the magazine.

Creation of an engineering magazine resulted when its need became apparent to fill a void in the school of engineering. A needed voice for the engineering students, an outlet particular to their course of study, had long been felt at A&M, a problem which has been amply satisfied by the ENGINEER. Some of these needs, which the ENGINEER is now

meeting, may be outlined as follows:

(a) To give a voice to the students in the school of engineering.

(b) To print articles of pertinent and timely interest to engineering students.

(c) To allow students to perfect their skill in technical writing.

(d) To explore, by offering arguments pro and con, possible changes in teaching methods, changes in curricula, changes in professional standing of engineers.

(e) And last, to serve as a common medium for all engineering students in the various schools of engineering.

Members of the ENGINEER staff who will return this fall are R. B. Harwood, editor; H. J. Chelf, associate editor; D. N. Brown and J. S. Hanna, assistant editors; W. H. Hawes, business manager; and staff members W. G. Irvine, G.

Morgan, M. E. Jarrell, F. Millan, S. Lanford, and E. A. Gram.

The editor is selected by Student Engineering Council rules laid down by the Student Life Committee, and the editor appoints the staff.

Students who have ability in search, in reporting scientific material, and in creative writing welcome as members of the staff. Harwood emphasized that the room on the staff for fresh and sophomores, and he expressed hope that this fall would members in these classes who want to take advantage of valuable training offered by work.

CAA Has Opening For Single Men Air Communicator

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has openings for a number of qualified single men as air communicators in Alaska at a salary of \$3718 a year.

Successful applicants will be assigned to the 46 airways communication stations operated by CAA along Alaskan airways. Basic qualifications for the positions are the ability to transmit and receive International Morse Code minimum speed of 30 words a minute; to touch type at 40 words a minute; and 18 months aeronautical communications experience.

Applicants should send Federal Application Form 57, obtainable from post offices and state employment offices, to the CAA Aeronautics Center, P. O. Box 1082, Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma.

Several weeks of orienting training will be given to the appointees before they travel to their assignment in Alaska. They are expected to remain in government service in Alaska for at least 12 months following their appointment.



RIPLEY B. HARWOOD, editor of the ENGINEER for the 1948-49 school term, graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas where he edited the school yearbook. He went to NTAC one term before coming to A&M.

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