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Dethroning Of Sully Plus Outstanding Athletic Teams Mark Post War Era

By CHUCK MAISEL

In the spring of '19, a campus landmark was added with the unveiling of the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the great ex-president of the college. All of Sully's family, including his widow, were down for the unveiling. The governor of the state spoke before the assembled cadets, then pulled the flags from the statue himself.

That night, before the dignitaries had left the campus, there was a minor student uprising. One of the ringleaders was the grandson of the late prexy, a certain Lawrence Sullivan Ross Clarke. The next morning, Sully's widow and the governor were shocked to find the knightly gentleman reclining on the steps of the Academic Building with a bottle in his hand, a cigarette in his mouth, and carrying a sign saying: "I am against compulsory chapel and prohibition."

The uniform of the day was patterned after the "doughboy brown" with campaign hat. Senior Boots were first worn in 1920 as a part of the uniform. The non-reg veterans of the World War were referred to as the "conscientious objectors," "Casuals," and "Sons of Rest."

Despite recent propaganda, the Cavalry is not 30 years old and will not be until next January 20. On that day in 1920, A Troop Cavalry was born.

For years after 1919 and 1920, Aggies referred to the period as being the "good old days." There were many reasons for this, but probably the most outstanding was

the football teams produced by the Maroon and White those two years. The Cadet Corps were behind the team win or lose all the way that season much as they have been in the past. This wasn't so easy for them as they weren't used to losing. In fact, by the spring of '20, the various Aggie athletic teams had won 35 consecutive games including the basketball championship for the first time since the sport had been played at A&M.

The '19 team will probably go down in school history as being the greatest team ever to take to Kyle Field. It equaled the undefeated, untied, and unscored upon record of the '17 team; but while doing so, the Aggies of '19 amassed a larger total score even though they played against tougher opposition than the '17 squad.

But the 1920 team holds a deeper spot in the hearts of Aggies of those days. Not because of its scoring record — it wasn't anything above mediocre. The footballers of '20 didn't even win the Southwest Conference Championship or beat the University. It was the unbounded spirit of the team which makes it stand out in the history of Aggieland.

The start of the season saw the conference officials declare ineligible the player on whom A&M had pinned her championship hopes. He was A. B. Knickerbocker, a half-back. The outstanding player of the fabulous '19 team, R. G. Higgenbotham, had enrolled in Baylor Medical School and had already

bought his books and equipment. When he heard what had happened to Knickerbocker, he withdrew from the school and came back to play another season for the Maroon and White.

Higgenbotham's return to the College was kept a secret — so he thought. But when his train arrived, the entire Cadet Corps was on hand to meet it. This bit of personal sacrifice set the pace to be followed by members of one of the hardest fighting Aggie teams ever to take the field.

There were many physical changes to the campus. Construction was started on the Mechanical Engineering Building and the Physics Building. The old M. E. Shops burned the night of December 5, 1920. Military Walk was paved and lighted.

Freshman had started giving X-mas parties to their outfits and presenting their upperclassmen with the well-known presents. This was also the year of the first ROTC Summer Camp.

One of the mysteries of this period is the Case of the Missing Hide. It seems as though some rather rambunctious Aggies visited the state university one night and branded the score of the 1915 TU-A&M game into the hide of the TU mascot, a longhorn steer named Bevo I. In 1920, the Teahoungs slaughtered their beloved mascot and fed him to their football team. They sent a large piece of the hide including the "13-0" brand to A&M.

Coach Bible suggested that the Aggies use the hide as a sort of rifle stock, but, instead of cutting notches, each time a game was won from TU by the Farmers, the score be branded into Bevo's hide. This tradition was followed for many years, but there is no record of what has become of the piece of steer skin. Anyone knowing its whereabouts is asked to notify the Battalion.

Wayne King To Play In Guion Saturday

By HANK MICHALAK

Local Guion Hall fans will have a chance to find out for themselves whether Wayne King's music is "out of this world" as his press releases state, when the maestro plays two concerts this Saturday.

At 6 p. m. and again at 9 King will play a variety of music ranging from modern to old time favorites. His entire radio and concert orchestra of 32 persons, will be present.

Taking three-quarter time music as his trademark, King appeals to hobby soxers and sedate elders alike.

Music planned for the entire program will include favorite selections from Schubert, Irving

Berlin, Victor Herbert, and Jerome Kern, plus some of King's own composition.

Maestro King has a leading soloist in the person of gorgeous, golden-voiced Nance Evans. She has been a stage and radio performer since she was seven.

A new discovery, Fred Kendall, will be the leading male soloist. One of the special attractions in both concerts will be the "Double-Daters". This foursome, so the story goes, got started on a singing career while they were on a double-date of their own.

They appeared on such radio programs as "Make Way for Youth," and were heard by Wayne King while they were rehearsing a show in Detroit.

The "Meadowlarks," who also appear with King, are three girls who grew up in the same block, went to the same school and belonged to the same clubs.

The Grenadiers group, another King feature, is composed of singers all of whom were music students at Wayne University in Michigan.

Admission to either performance will be 70 cents for students and \$1.50 for non-students.

Free Concert Will Be Played by Band

The Aggie Band, under direction of Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, will present its annual spring concert in Guion Hall March 18 at 8 p. m.

"For the last six weeks the band has been practicing three or four times a week in preparation for this concert," said Col. Adams. "We will be ready to present a well rounded program that is meant to please all."

Music for the concert will consist of marches, popular tunes, classical and semi-classical pieces. Some of the pieces have been played by the band to audiences before. Others have not, Colonel Adams said.

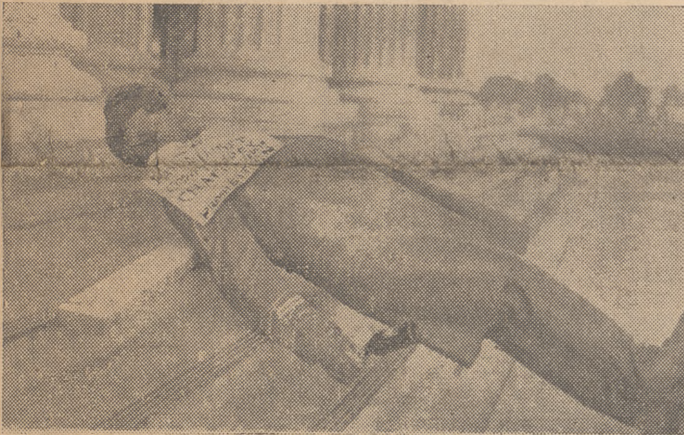
An innovation available to the band this year will be risers. These place the band on a hill-like level above the audience. This aids the acoustics of the building, and makes listening easier, Colonel Adams said.

Open to the public, the concert will be free, he added.

Sociology Group Selects Duchess

Miss Jane Millikan of Avalor, Mexico, has been selected Sociology Club duchess for the Cotton Ball April 23.

Miss Millikan is secretary of the student body at Trinity University San Antonio, where she is a junior majoring in Spanish. She won the Saunders Freshman Prize for highest academic standing at Trinity University last year and is past president of Theta Sigma Sorority.



SULLY the day after his unveiling. Note bottle in hand. Sign says: "I am against Compulsory Chapel and Prohibition."

Science Bill Goes to Senate; House Passes Measure 93-43

AUSTIN, Texas, March 15—(AP)—Fate of the strifetorn Basic Science Bill today was in the hands of the state senate.

The House late yesterday wound up 20 hours of debate on the bill, finally passing it 93 to 43. This wrangle was stretched out over three legislative days, including two last week.

Saturday Matinee And Comedies To Raise Rodeo Funds

A special matinee for children will be shown at the Campus Theater, March 19, the proceeds of which will go to the Texas Aggie Rodeo Association. This money is to be used to send the Aggie Rodeo Team to San Francisco for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's annual rodeo Earl Guthrie, president of the local association announced today.

There are 15 schools entered in the rodeo at San Francisco including Texas Tech, the University of California, and the University of Wyoming.

The matinee begins at 10 a. m. Saturday and Shirley Temple's first movie—Little Miss Marker—plus three cartoons and a serial will be shown, Guthrie said.

Free refreshments and balloons will be given to every youngster attending, he added.

McQuillen, Hervey Attend Conference

E. E. McQuillen, director of the A&M Development Fund, J. B. Hervey, executive secretary of the Association of Former Students; and Jack C. Hollimon, editor of the Texas Aggie, former student publication, attended a three-day conference of the fourth district American alumni council in Dallas last week.

The conference, an annual meeting of representatives of colleges and universities in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico, was held on the campus of Southern Methodist University.

Chiropractors opposed it, saying the examining board would be made up of professors from colleges offering those courses as they apply to medicine. The chiropractors said they would be discriminated against on examinations because their views differ from those of the medical profession.

The State Medical Association backed the bill, saying it was necessary to raise standards and protect the health of the public.

Opponents said the bill was designed to "wrap a tight fence around the healing arts" and eliminate some kinds of competition.

Rep. Jack Ridgeway of San Antonio, who piloted the bill through the house, replied the bill as written would permit chiropractors to practice. He said many aspects of it objected to by opponents are already in the law, and that chiropractors are not hindered.

House members put in one of their most strenuous days of the session, a number of committees coming back to work until past midnight.

It recommended house passage of a one million dollar appropriation for expansion of Lamar Junior College at Beaumont to a four-year technological college; another million dollar measure for a medical branch of the University of Texas at San Antonio; and \$3,600,000 for a similar branch merged with Southwestern Medical College at Dallas.



Statue of "SULLY" just before it was unveiled in the Spring of 1919. Photos courtesy of A. D. Martin, '21.

Three A&M Students Win High Honors at Floriculture Show

Three A&M Floriculture students journeyed to St. Louis last week end to enter the 10th Inter-Collegiate Flower Judging Contest which was a part of the flower show held in that city. They competed with teams representing 9 schools whose departments are considered leading in the field of floriculture. The three Aggies amassed enough points to earn second place in the event.

William Zelsman, junior from Amarillo, Richard Green, junior from Tyler, and Sow Kunihiro, junior from San Antonio are the three honor-winning students. All of them are majoring in the floriculture division of the landscape art department. They were accompanied on their trip by C. G. Milne of that department.

The final standing of the competing schools was in this order: Pennsylvania State College, Texas A&M, Purdue University, Cornell University, Ohio State University, University of Missouri, Michigan State College, Oklahoma A&M, University of Illinois, and the University of Maryland.

The flower judging event was sponsored by the Society of American Florists and Pi Alpha Xi, which is the honorary floriculture fraternity.

Since this was the first time A&M entered the inter-collegiate contest, the team was doubly happy over winning second place honors.

An extensive program of preparation for this event was started prior to Christmas. Many floriculture students, with an eye on their chances of winning a position on the judging team, spent long hours after class with Coach Milne to sharpen their abilities. The desired places on the traveling troupe were determined after competitive tests. From the final field of 12, Zelsman, Green, and Kunihiro were selected.

Cut flowers and pot plants made up the two main classes judged in the St. Louis contest. Four specimens were inspected in each class. The individual plant or flower had to be judged on many points. For example, the carnations were valued on the basis of color, size, calyx, stem, substance, form, and fragrance. Those competing had to depend entirely upon their ability to judge by sight. No handling or touching of the flowers was permitted during the judging.

The Aggie team was subjected to a complete weather change in its journey. When the men left College Station the temperature was 85. Overcoats were necessary when they reached their destination, since the mercury hovered in the mid-twenties. Eight inches of snow completed the chilly picture in St. Louis.

The trip was not all work though. The team took a tour of St. Louis covering all large commercial greenhouses and the leading wholesale houses that handled flowers. During their stay they also visited the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Soph Sweetheart Pictures Needed

Sophomores should have the pictures of their choice for Sophomore Sweetheart in at the managing editor's desk of the Battalion by Saturday, March 26, De Loach Martin, class president, said today. No pictures will be accepted after that date.

Each picture should be labeled with the girl's name, home town, and the escort's name. There should be one portrait, 5x7 minimum, and one full-length snapshot of any size. All pictures will be returned, Martin said.

The Sophomore Ball is to be held April 8.

Market & Finance Schedules Supper

The Marketing and Finance club will have a barbecue at 5:30 p. m. March 24, according to Willis L. Sutton, president of the club.

Sutton asked that all members who wish to attend and who have not contributed their \$1.25 submit their money to him or Sam Rowe.

The group will assemble in front of the Agriculture Building at 5:30 where transportation will await them, he said.

Power Engineers Hold Annual Meet

President Bolton Greets Delegates; Conference to Last Until Wednesday

"The power industry is unique in that it is the only extensive business in which competitive producers exchange their product regularly as a standard operating procedure," said R. E. Hansen, speaking here yesterday at the second Annual Conference for Protective Relay Engineers.

The first meeting of the conference took place at 10:30 a. m. with President F. C. Bolton opening the conference with a welcoming address.

R. E. Hansen of the Leeds & Northrup Company presented a talk on "Load Frequency Control For Interconnected Power System." Hansen stressed the importance of using automatic regulation of frequency and power flows.

The conference reopened in the afternoon with a talk by R. A. Lerner of the Texas Electric Service Company. "The presence at the conference of such a large group of relay engineers is evidence of the progress made by manufacturers in the development of switch gear and relay devices," Lerner said.

V. B. Wilfley spoke on the problems of reducing the number and effect of faults in transmission systems. He gave details on the modifications of the high speed method of attacking this problem.

The last speech of the afternoon was given by L. F. Kennedy of the General Electric Company. Kennedy discussed the modern relay methods which are available today to provide high-speed fault clearing.

"The purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for the discussion of joint problems by persons interested in the design and application of relay equipment as applied to electrical transmission lines and electrical machinery," L. M. Haupt, chairman of the conference, announced.

The conference will last through Wednesday with presentations of similar programs today and Wednesday.

Mahan to Speak On Need of Philosophy At Meet Tonight

"The Value of Philosophy in the Liberal Arts Curriculum" will be the subject of an address by Professor W. B. Mahan of SMU at the regular spring meeting of the Arts and Science faculty, according to Dr. M. T. Harrington, dean of the school.

The meeting will be held in the lecture room of the Physics Building at 8 tonight. A native Texan, Professor Mahan received his doctor's degree in philosophy at the University of Chicago and began teaching at West Texas State Teachers College in Canyon. In 1923 he was made head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Arkansas where he stayed until he came to SMU in 1947.

"Since many students, as well as faculty members, have requested the addition of philosophy courses, the meeting will be open to all interested parties," Harrington said.

Gilchrist Tells Air Force That A&M Needs Annex

Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist today notified the U. S. Air Force that A&M College would need to use Bryan Army Air Field next school year as an annex for freshmen.

Notification was made in a letter to Major General William F. McKee, assistant vice deputy chief of staff.

The action was authorized by the Board of Directors at their meeting in Stephenville, March 11.

President F. C. Bolton had presented figures to the board which show that enrollment for next year will be close to that of the Fall of 1948, and that classroom occupancy at present is above the maximum for efficient work.

Magee Eligible For Scholarship Group

Aden C. Magee, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Magee of Bryan, is a new member of the Tarleton Scholarship Society according to John E. Thompkins Jr., registrar.

Magee, a geology major, was graduated from A&M Consolidated High School. He was salutatorian of his senior class, a three-year letterman in football, a two-year letterman in baseball, a member of the 4-H Club, treasurer of the senior class, and sports editor of the annual and school paper.

After leaving Tarleton, Aden plans to attend A&M.



MR. FRITZ W. HENSEL, head of the Landscape Art Department, died this morning in Temple.

F. W. Hensel, Head Of Landscape Art, Passes in Temple

F. W. Hensel, head of the Landscape Art Department, died today at 10 a. m. in the Scott and White Sanatorium in Temple.

Hensel entered the sanatorium on Sunday, March 7 and underwent a major operation on Friday. He was born in 1884 and lived in and around San Antonio. He graduated from A&M in 1907 and completed work for his masters degree at Cornell in 1914.

Coming to A&M in 1913 as an instructor in the Horticulture Department, Hensel was named head of the Landscape Art Department in 1928, a position which he held until his death.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Billie who is employed by the College Fiscal Department, and one brother, E. L. Hensel, who is connected with the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

WITNESS CONFIRMS CHARGE DARMSTADT, Ger., — (AP)

Witnesses waiting outside a courtroom to testify against a black market meat slaughterer were startled when a prosecution witness offered to sell black market sausage.

When another witness reported this inside the courtroom, the prosecutor rushed out but the black market salesman had left.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Ha"