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Oaks--A Memorial To Fritz Hensel

Funeral services for Fritz W. Hensel, 65, who died yesterday morning in a Temple hospital, will be held Thursday at 10:30 a. m. in the YMCA Chapel.

Hensel entered the hospital, the Scott and White Sanatorium, on Sunday March 7 and underwent a major operation Friday. He had been in poor health several years prior to entering the Temple sanatorium but had continued work in his office until two weeks ago.

A native of San Antonio, Hensel came to A&M in 1903 as a student and graduated in 1907 with a B.S. Degree. He took his master of science degree at Cornell in 1914.

In 1918, he returned to A&M, this time as an instructor in the Horticulture Department. He became the first head of the Landscape Art Department when it was established in 1926.

Hensel supervised the planting of the memorial oak trees on the campus, honoring Aggies who died in the last war, and more recently aided in planning the new golf course. He is responsible for having developed the A&M campus into one of the most beautiful in the country.

During his 36 years as a teacher here, Hensel became one of the best known and most respected members of the college staff. Deeply interested in all students with whom he came in contact, he kept in touch with many who were scattered over the country after graduation.

These former students evidenced their affection and respect for him when in 1941 they established the F. W. Hensel Fellowship in his honor. The only fellowship in this country in which the students themselves furnish the funds, it has not only been continued each year, but has been given permanence by the establishment of an endowment fund from surplus student earnings.

At The Battalion Award Dinner February 24 of this year Hensel was honored by the Student Body with a distinguished service award "for his imaginative landscaping and beautifying work through his long years of service on the A&M Campus."

Hensel is survived by his wife and a son, W. F. Jr., on the college staff; a brother, R. L. Hensel, of College Station; and three sisters, Mrs. Henry O. Wahrmond, Mrs. W. H. Reed and Mrs. Dan Sullivan, all of San Antonio. Silver Taps will be held tonight at 11 for Mr. Hensel.

College Employees Schedule Party

A "Buttons and Bows" party will be given by the College Employees Dinner Club next Thursday night at 6:35 in Shisa Hall.

A club pamphlet announced that although any kind of clothes will be acceptable; calico dresses and blue jeans will be appropriate.

Music for the occasion will be provided by Benny Murski and his Melody Kings and also a "surprising demonstration" will be given by local talent.

Official hosts and hostesses for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hampton, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Raper, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. A. Cecil Wamble.

Tickets will be on sale at Aggeland Inn until noon, Wednesday.

Half A Century of Service . . .

Historic 'Elegant Mansion' Was Home To Presidents From Ross To Bolton

By DAVE GOSLETT

A little-known story of A&M lies untold in the quiet interior of the campus' fourth oldest building—a story quite unlike any to be found in the numerous official and semi-official histories of the College.

The story is the intimate family life of A&M presidents for over half a century. The teller, if it could speak, would be the President's Home in whose high ceiling rooms past and present leaders of Texas' oldest state college have found peaceful escape from pressing administrative duties.

The house was built in 1893 and brought the number of buildings on the campus at that time to an even four. Typical of the homes built by well-to-do Texans in the gay nineties, it was described in newspapers of the period as an "elegant mansion."

First occupant of the house was Lawrence Sullivan Ross who, with his wife and five children, lived there until 1898. Although five children might be considered sufficient to break in any new house, President Ross

must have had a different idea, for he added a pack of hounds which he kept in the back yard. During President Ross' stay in the home, the first of many elaborate ceremonies was staged there. "Sully's" daughter was married to H. H. Harrington, a future president of A&M.

Next to inhabit the house was President L. L. Foster. President Foster was content to do without the hounds, finding sufficient companionship in his wife and four children.

Following President Foster were President and Mrs. David F. Houston and their one son. They relinquished the house to "Sully's" son-in-law, President Harrington, in 1905. The Harringtons had only one son.

During this first dozen years of Prexy's home, the house had already undergone a few alterations. The gingerbread—ornamental wood work around the rambling porches—was a distinctive feature of the house when it was first built, but was removed sometime in the early part of the present century.

The stampede of little feet

once more enlivened the sedate mansion when President and Mrs. R. T. Milner and their four children took up residence there in 1908. Before President Milner's term expired in 1913, the house was fast approaching its second decade of life and the lengthening line of inhabitants had already stamped it with an indelible atmosphere of gentility and quiet friendliness.

The year 1914 found President and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell and their two children setting up housekeeping in the frame dwelling. They were to occupy the house for eleven years.

Several student revolts had come and gone and more than one of the presidents had stepped onto the spacious front porch to listen to the protests of torch-bearing students. Such incidents, however, failed to alter the sedate aspect of the pleasant home.

By 1925 the house was again playing host to a full-sized family as President and Mrs. T. O. Walton fell heir to the presidential quarters. They had four children. President Walton earned the distinction of maintaining the longest

residence in the house—some 18 years.

The present Chancellor and Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist took over the college presidency in 1944 and with it the home. Their son lived with them during the time he was not in the army.

Last fall President and Mrs. Bolton became the ninth family to live in the familiar white house. The picket fence and the board walk which led to the porch had long since disappeared and the house had undergone numerous renovations, but the outward appearance of the house was still essentially the same as it had made more than half a century previously.

President Bolton found the garage, not an original part of the house, an ideal situation for his wood-working shop in which he finds relaxation from his executive duties.

Today the house still stands much as it has for 56 years, pleasant in its beautiful border of well-kept lawns, spotlessly white from its latest coat of paint, and silently proud as though aware of its honored position.

So You Know A & M?



Aggie Debaters Will Contest 'Pointers Here'

Plans for the A&M-West Point debate Saturday have been completed. Harrison O. Heirth, acting director of forensics, announced today.

A car will go to Austin to bring the West Pointers here Saturday morning to debate in the YMCA at 11 a. m., he said.

The subject for the debate is: Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Adopt a Policy of Equalizing Educational Opportunities in Tax Supported Schools by Means of Annual Grants. A&M is to take the negative side of the issue.

The West Point party is composed of Captain Ralph Scott, officer-in-charge of debate cadets and Clay T. Buckingham of Vero Beach, Fla., and Kirby Lamar of Cabool, Mo. Both cadets are veteran debaters, Heirth added.

He said the A&M debaters will be selected at a final practice to be held Wednesday.

Hensel Tribute First Objective Of Memorial Fund

Plans for a permanent Citizen's Memorial Fund for A&M College and College Station were announced today by a citizen's memorial committee.

Purpose of the fund is to provide memorials and lasting expressions of tribute to citizens who have rendered outstanding service to the college and to the community, one of the members said.

Funds will be raised by contributions from friends who prefer to join efforts and create a lasting memorial rather than to spend the same amount of money on a tribute of temporary nature.

First objective of the fund will be to provide a memorial to the late F. W. Hensel, head of the Landscape Arts Department. His family is in sympathy with the plan.

The fund will be handled by a committee composed of W. R. Horsley, head of the Placement Office, N. M. McGinnis, of the Landscape Department, W. L. Penberthy, dean of men, D. W. Williams, vice-chancellor for agriculture, and C. G. White, manager of the Student Activities office.

Contributions for the memorial fund may be sent to any member of the committee, and all funds will be deposited in the (College Station State Bank.

Money donated for the Hensel Memorial will probably be used to beautify the entrance of the College Station Cemetery or a similar project to be selected by the committee.



WAYNE KING, the waltz king will feature his orchestra in Guion Hall Saturday night in a popular concert.

Band to Feature Specialty Numbers

A drum solo and trumpet trio will headline the A&M Band's annual concert at 7:30 p. m. Friday in Guion Hall, Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, director, announced today.

Under his direction the band will present a program of concert marches, popular tunes, classical and semi-classical pieces, and specialty numbers.

Music directors of high schools in the south-central part of the state have been invited with their band members, Colonel Adams stated.

Church and Agriculture Leaders Discuss Texas' Part in CROP

A group of church farm organizations and educational agency leaders met yesterday in the YMCA for the purpose of discussing and planning for the 1949 Christian Rural Overseas Program.

This program, commonly known as "CROP" is sponsored by the Catholic Rural Life Church World Service and the Lutheran World Relief organization.

Aggie Players Set 'Play's The Thing' As New Offering

"The Play's the Thing," by Ferenc Molnar, will be presented by the Aggie Players on March 24 and 25, according to George Dillavou, sponsor and director of the players.

A dramatic love story, it takes place on the Italian Riviera. Bill Krause has the leading part as a noted playwright, Sandor Turali. Ilona Szabo, a well-known singer and actress, is played by Jeanne Ostner.

Other parts are played by Jerry McFarland, as Ilona's lover; C. G. Milne, as Manky, a partner of Sandor and Albert; and Allen Slinger, as Almaydy, Ilona's old lover.

Dillavou said that this play had recently been released from Broadway for amateur production. A&M is one of the first colleges to present it on the stage.

"The Play's the Thing" is different from any other thing that I have encountered in the field of dramatics," according to Jerry McFarland. "It is spicy and suggestive."

P. G. Wodehouse, writer of the Jeeves stories, translated the play from the French writer's original. The story is presented in three acts, Dillavou added.

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Big Papers Supplement Small Ones Says Editor

Metropolitan papers are intended to supplement small newspapers and not replace or compete with them, said Felix McKnight, assistant managing editor of the Dallas Morning News, last night.

Speaking to members of the publications staff, students and faculty of the Journalism Department, and visitors in the YMCA, McKnight said that the day newspapers lost sight of their primary aim of serving the people, then the newspaper office should be closed.

Relay Engineers' Meet Ends Today

Simeon C. Leyland of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation closed the second annual conference for protective relay engineers this afternoon by delivering a paper on the recent developments in protective relaying.

Seventy-six engineers from all parts of the United States registered for the conference.

Approximately 49 engineers from Texas were in attendance, five from Louisiana, five from Oklahoma, four from New Jersey, two from Kansas, and two from New York. Representatives from Arkansas, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri and Pennsylvania were also present at the meeting.

Norman F. Rode, professor of electrical engineering, was in charge of the program given Tuesday morning. During this time papers were given by W. E. Douglas of the Central Power & Light Company of Corpus Christi; J. P. Barron of the Dallas Power and Light Company of Dallas; and W. D. Jordan of the Texas Electric Service Company in Fort Worth.

Douglas spoke on correlation of product and overcurrent relays for ground fault protection; Barron discussed distribution line protection fuse and relay coordination; and Jordan talked on protection of plant auxiliaries at the New Handley Steam Electric Station.

F. W. Tatum of Southern Methodist University was in charge of the program Tuesday afternoon. F. Von Voigtlander of Jackson, Michigan, who is an employe of The Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, spoke on ground impedance. E. E. George of New York delivered a paper on the preparation for a short circuit on a network calculator. He is an employe of Ebasco Service Incorporated in New York.

The final paper of the afternoon was given by H. P. Peters of the Georgia School of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. He talked on the limitations of A-C and D-C calculators.

Stevens is a professor of petroleum engineering here. Primary and secondary methods of petroleum recovery in Texas will be discussed by leading engineers at the conference which is sponsored by the Texas Petroleum Research Committee.

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Students are welcome to attend the meetings and will not be required to pay the registration fee, Stevens added.

Oilmen's Meet To Hear Jester Here April 7

Governor Beauford Jester will be the main speaker at Petroleum Recovery Conference Banquet which will be held at 7 p. m., April 7 in Shisa Hall, Albert B. Stevens, chairman of the conference, reported.

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Need Humor Stories

He said that the editors of the News had difficulty in finding enough human interest stories and items with humor. Editors must set up news on a proportional basis with consideration given to local, state, national, and international news.

"Newspapers are intended to report and print news, and not make it," he emphasized.

Advertisers do attempt to dictate the policies of newspapers, he admitted. Consideration is given first to the value of a news story and the right of the readers to read it before the desires of the advertisers are considered, he pointed out.

Public Interest Prevails

"Public interest and not public curiosity is considered when stories which might degrade the subject are being written," he said. "Newspapers do not place a stigma upon a person unless he commits a public offense that deserves having his name published."

In commenting on the huge costs of printing a paper, he said that subscriptions charges are inadequate to pay for newsprint and printing ink. Reporting on a study of the Dallas Morning News, he said that subscribers would pay \$45 per year for their papers instead of \$18 if the paper did not sell advertising space.

After the talk he answered questions from his listeners. In Predictions of the News during the presidential race he commented, "We were wrong in this campaign as we have been, with a few exceptions, for the past 15 years."

Former Student

McKnight spoke to the Kiwanis Club at its luncheon yesterday afternoon. Present at the luncheon was C. C. Scruggs, associate editor of the Progressive Farmer, who is also a former student of A&M.

Fayette A&M Club To Meet Thursday

The Fayette County Club will hold a meeting Thursday evening at 8 in Room 227 of the Academic Building, Conan Willman, club president, announced today.

Plans for an Easter party will be made. Arrangements for the club's participation in the activities of the A&M Open House will also be made, Willman said.

Juniors Extend Photo Deadline

The deadline for turning in pictures of candidates for junior class duress has been extended, Doyle Avant, junior class president, announced today.

Avant requested that all juniors who wish to submit pictures contact Don McClure, Room 316, Dormitory 10. They must be turned in before Friday, March 25, he said.

A&M Professors To Address English Teachers Meeting

Addresses by several A&M English professors will make up part of the Texas Conference of College Teachers of English at San Antonio March 19, according to Dr. J. Q. Hays of the A&M English Department.

Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the A&M English Department, will report on the progress of a program which is designed to improve the quality of English teaching in Texas by state-wide cooperation between high school and college teachers of English. The idea for this joint effort originated at A&M three years ago, Hays said. Mayo is president of the conference.

Dr. Hays will present a paper on "The Origin and Growth of Surnames."

Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the A&M Annex and professor of English will attend the conference as a member of the executive council. Other members of the English staff plan to attend the meeting, Hays added.

The principal speaker for the conference will be the semanticist, S. I. Hayakawa, author of the book "Language in Action." Hayakawa will speak on "Art as Order," Hays said.

Navarro Club Will Meet Thursday

The Navarro County Club will meet at 7:30 Thursday in Room 228, Academic Building to elect officers, John Taylor, retiring president, announced today.

Plans for an Easter party will also be discussed, he announced.



The president's home, completed in 1893, has been occupied by nine families since the time of President Lawrence Sullivan Ross. At the time of its completion, it was the fourth building on the campus. Although it has undergone alterations for more than half a century, it is essentially still the same home that was referred to in the papers of the 1890's as an "elegant mansion."