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## Directors Accept Awards, Gifts At Saturday Meet

At its meeting on the campus Saturday, A&M's board of directors accepted on behalf of the A&M College System gifts and grants totaling \$59,192.31 and loans of animals and equipment of an undetermined value.

Gifts and grants had been made in support of research, scholarship and fellowships, while animals and equipment were loaned to the System for class-room and research use.

The bulk of the cash, \$40,605.12, was for scholarships and fellowships, the greater part going to the school's Opportunity Awards program.

Equipment for hydraulics studies was given the Civil Engineering Department by Roy E. Roth Company of Rock Island, Illinois and Winthrop Pumps, Inc., of Alhambra, California.

The Department of Agricultural Engineering received loans of modern farm mechanized equipment from Jacuzzi Bros., Inc. of Richmond, California; International Harvester Company of Memphis, Tennessee; McNeas Sales Company of Memphis, Tennessee; Simplicity Manufacturing Company of McQuay, Texas; the Bruning Company, of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Dixie Cotton Chopper Company of Dallas.

Gifts for the Memorial Student Center were received from the

estate of the late R. W. Morrison, San Antonio, and from the senior class of 1948 of the College.

The Agricultural Experiment Station received gifts of fertilizer for experimental work from the Texas Toro Company, Houston; Bryan Cotton Oil Mill, Bryan and Chilton Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc.

For its beef breeding project, the Agricultural Experiment Station received gifts of Brahman cattle from Raleigh Snaborn of Bay City and E. W. Boyt of Deviers, with loans of the same type cattle from Wilbourne S. Gibbs, Huntsville; L. M. Slone, Bay City; B. Newell Water, Weslaco; Stewart Savage and Sons, Bay City; J. W. Pate, Hidalgo and Henry C. Koontz, Inez.

Loaned to the same part of the System for its dairy breeding project were Brahman cattle from Clifford Bros., Weslaco; D. Guerra & Sons, McAllen; Lizzie Wilbeck Estate, Hungerford; Steinmann Cattle Company, Yoakum; and Garcia Brothers, McAllen. Zebu cattle loaned for the dairy breeding project came from Alonzo Peeler, Christine; Hogue Pool, Cotulla; George E. Light, Jr., Artesia Wells; Rex C. Quinn, Tilden; J. W. Martin, Cotulla; Henderson Cognat, Three Rivers; H. G. Kimball, Cotulla; F. W. Weber, Char-

lotte; C. R. Hoff and Son, Cotulla; and Jess McNeel, San Antonio.

One Brahman female to be used in the dairy breeding work was given by J. F. Garrett of Dansbury.

For fire fighting in the forest area near Kidare, Cass County, the Texas Forest Service was given a jeep, complete with power winch and \$500 cash with which to equip it as a fire fighting unit. The gift came from George L. Grogan, Jr., of Bivins Texas; R. H. Hardy of Atlanta, Texas; and J. R. Bemis of Prescott, Arkansas.

Prairie View A&M College's school of Agriculture received the gift of a farm type welder from the Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and the same college acknowledged a gift of \$25 from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Felton of Madison, Wisconsin, for use in the library.

A water cooling tower for experimental work was received by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station from the Lillie-Hoffmann Cooling Towers, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri.

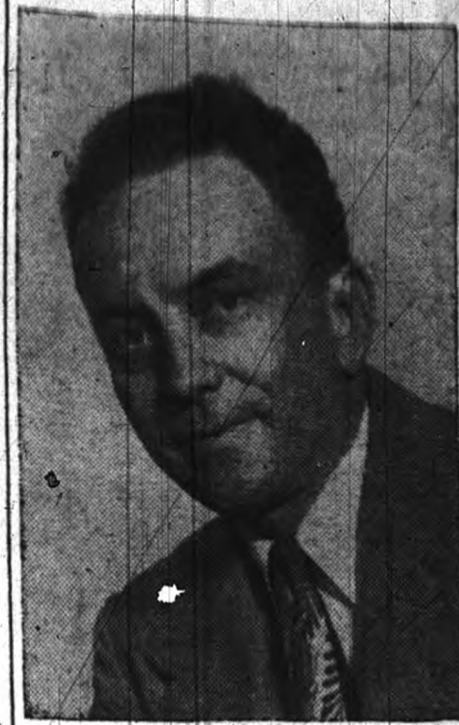
Grants in aid for special research problems, acknowledged by the Agricultural Experiment Station included \$900 from the Arkansas Fertilizer Company, to be used in support of research on dusts to control tomato pests; \$200 from Robert J. Kieberg of Kingsville, to be used in a study of white tailed deer on the King Ranch; \$2,000 from the Midwest Research Institute of Kansas City, Missouri, to support the existing grain sorghum research program; and \$200 from the American Cyanamid Company, New York, for use in rice fertilization experiments now under way near Beaumont.

A grant of \$2,000 from the General Education Board was received by Prairie View A. and M. College for use in conducting workshops for high school principals and librarians.

Funds for Opportunity Award scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$11,000 per gift, came from W. H. Wallerich of Fort Worth, Mike Harvey of Tyler, E. C. Durham of Huntington, San Antonio A. and M. Mothers Club, Ralph A. Johnston of Houston, John R. Black of Dallas; Jake L. Hamon of Dallas, Wofford Cain of Dallas, Southern Union Gas Company, Sid W. Richardson of Fort Worth, W. C. McCord of Dallas, American Liberty Oil Company, Jim Tucker of Houston, Mrs. S. W. Henderson of Kelsey, Allen F. Mitchell of Corsicana, Duncan Coffee Company, Judge S. A. Lindsey of Tyler, and the C. L. North estate of San Antonio.

Receipt of funds for awards and special scholarships were acknowledged from Robert Moore of Dallas; Tom R. Carter, editor of The Battalion, College Station; East Texas Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute and the Texas Society of the U. S. Daughters of 1812.

Graduate fellowships were received from The Texas Company, Westinghouse Educational Foundation and Magnolia Petroleum Company.



Louis A. Hartung, 29, of San Antonio was elected president of the Former Students Association in a meeting held here Saturday night. He succeeds Colonel George Smith of Houston who headed the organization last year.

## City Council To Hear Phone Company Men

The City Council of College Station will seek to hold an open forum between disgruntled citizens and representatives of the Southwestern States Telephone Company on the present condition of College Station phone service, according to Raymond Rogers, City Manager.

The Chamber of Commerce has requested that the City Council meet with the telephone officials and "ask for an explanation of the company's failure to live up to the terms of its franchise."

Bryan is seeking a meeting with Southwestern States' central office executives from Brownwood the middle of next week, according to recent correspondence at the city hall. College Station officials at first considered sitting in on a Bryan meeting with company officials, but decided that more people may want to attend than the Bryan council room would permit, said Rogers.

Engineers from the Brownwood office are expected to check the Bryan-College telephone situation before the two cities and company get together. As yet, however, no engineers have appeared, according to the local office.

The Chamber of Commerce has appointed Ray Oden to head a committee to contact College Station citizens interested in airing their views on the present telephone service at the projected meeting, Rogers concluded.

## Student Life Committee Adopts Constitution, Europe Trip Aid

The Constitution for the Student Life Committee was adopted by that group at a meeting yesterday afternoon. Fifteen members of the committee voted unanimously to accept the proposed constitution and send it to the Academic Council for final action.

Purposes and functions of the committee are explained in the preamble of the document, and the seven articles cover the following subjects: organization, purposes and duties, standing committees, special committees, meetings, amendments, and ratification.

The newly adopted constitution makes several changes in the committee organization. A new officer for the group, a parliamentarian, will be elected at the first fall meeting.

Five major committees were set up to handle affairs affecting student life: Business, Welfare and Recreation, Social and Entertainment, Student Aid, and Student Faculty Relations Committees. Provisions are included for the

establishment of special committees when they are needed.

European Trip Aided

The committee voted to aid an A&M student in making a tour of Europe this summer in order to further interest and knowledge among Aggies concerning the affairs and peoples of the world. Amount of the aid will be determined by the size of the contribution the YMCA will make to the student chosen. The Student Life Committee specified that sufficient funds to raise the Y amount to \$400 would be provided.

Applications by Aggies wishing to make the trip should be submitted to the Welfare and Recreation Committee of the Student Life group. Included in the motion adopted were provisions that the student chosen by the committee must agree to speak to campus organizations after his return from the tour and to write articles for The Battalion during his stay in Europe.

Because of the necessity of

writing and speaking on observations made while in Europe, the Aggie chosen should have a outstanding ability in these fields, the committee decided. In addition, the applicant chosen must have sufficiently high grades so that he can continue to do satisfactory work despite the numerous speeches he will have to present.

Club Aid Approved

A motion to approve the request for \$3000 for the student club aid fund submitted by Grady Elms, Assistant Director of Student Activities, was passed unanimously. Last year applications were made by clubs for \$8700 although only \$2500 was available in the club aid fund, Elms said in asking for the increase.

Student Activities Director C. G. "Spike" White presented a request approved by the Welfare and Recreation Committee for the allocation of \$1500 for the purchase of Safetyway type scaffold bleachers in three row units. The units are portable, coming in sections of 30 seats each, and according to White are ideal for use at military reviews, softball games, baseball games, and activities at The Grove.

Units to be bought will seat over 950 persons. The committee decided unanimously to grant the allocation from the funds derived from Exchange Store profits.

"Dead Two Days" Recommended

A motion by Kenneth Bond that the committee recommend to the Academic Council that no major letter quiz be given on the two days immediately preceding final examinations was approved unanimously by the group. This action was taken by the committee after a discussion in which the need of students for some extra time to prepare for finals was explained.

It was pointed out that the administration prefers not to regulate strictly the teaching of individual courses and instead desires to allow instructors freedom of policy.

An amendment to the recom-

mendation which would have changed "major or letter quiz" to "no quiz" was defeated 9 to 4 after several members expressed a feeling that the Academic Council would not approve such complete restriction.

Committee chairman W. L. Penberthy appointed three students, Ted Copeland, Kenneth Bond, and Bill Billingsley, and one faculty member, G. W. Schlesselman, to join White on the Welfare and Recreation Committee which will formulate the entertainment program for next year.

Aggie Appreciation Tickets Cut

After a heated discussion on the issue, the committee voted 12 to 2 to keep the practice of distributing Aggie Appreciation Tickets to Gates Hall, but to cut the number to be given to eight per semester. A split report had been presented by the committee appointed to investigate the subject of the tickets, two members of the special committee favoring eliminating the tickets and having deserving students rewarded by their individual groups. The other two members of the investigating group favoring maintaining the practice and only checking the list of those eligible for the tickets with the idea of reducing the list where practicable.

During the discussion those desiring to do away with the tickets took their stand on the fact that many if not all of the students involved received some other token of appreciation anyway. Those favoring the ticket distribution said that it was largely valuable as a token of appreciation for services rendered and as such was very worthwhile. This group also pointed out that under the motion that was later adopted only about \$400 a year would be spent for the tickets.

A list of expenditures by Student Activities that totaled \$922.37 was read to the committee by White, as was a list of expenditures from the Managers Fund that amounted to \$187.50.

## 'Barbara' Will Adorn Cover Of This Month's Commentator

By GEORGE CHARLTON

"Barbara" will adorn the green and white cover of the May issue of the Commentator coming off the presses within the next few weeks.

The eye-catching point of the cover is undoubtedly the photograph of pretty blonde-haired "Barbara" in a relaxed pose talking to her Aggie boy friend on the telephone.

Observing a summertime theme this issue will feature articles on subjects ranging everywhere from travel tips of "places of interest" in Texas to summer picnics. The summer picnic feature is completely illustrated with a three page layout.

A "news" article entitled "Forward Marx" accompanied with special photographs will be included in the magazine. It concerns "communist" activities on the campus. Author of the story is war-time correspondent Chuck Maisel.

A full-length article is devoted to the facilities and advantages to be had at the Student Memorial Center upon its completion. The article includes all details on how the system will operate and will cover a two page illustration layout.

"The Saga of Bolivar Kornstasse" a humorous fiction story is included in the issue. It relates the trials and tribulations of an Aggie senior who wants very much to go to the Ring Dance but he doesn't have a senior ring. Bolivar is quite a character.

Illustrations of stories and cartoons are plentiful. A cartoon feature entitled "Shakespeare A La Lewis" illustrates famous lines from the literary master's works. One especially interesting series of cartoons depicts the action from the lyrics of the song "Summertime."

In another series the various stages of a drinker's intoxication are depicted. All that is shown

In each drawing is the drinker's head and bottle. As the contents of the bottle go down, the expressions on the face of the drinker changes from a slight smile, to a broad grin to an enormous "guffaw" and so on.

Roommate in September and roommate in June are also depicted with startling contrasts.

A solid page of jokes will be found in the latter portion of this, the last Commentator of the year.

## Board Lauds Fritz Hensel

The Board of Directors officially expressed its sense of personal loss in the death of Fritz W. Hensel, former head of the Landscape Art Department, when it met on the campus Saturday morning.

In a resolution adopted at the meeting, the Board said, "In recognition of the long and untiring services of F. W. Hensel, the Board of Directors wishes to express its sense of personal loss in the death of Mr. Hensel and its appreciation of his services as a faculty and staff member of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

"F. W. Hensel graduated from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in 1907. He became an instructor in horticulture at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in 1913; he was made Assistant Professor in 1915 and Associate Professor in 1918.

"In 1925 he became Professor in the Landscape Art Department, and from 1928 until his death he was Head of the Landscape Art Department and had charge of the campus grounds.

"The constant increase in responsibility from the date of his original appointment testifies to his effort and ability.

"In the death of Mr. Hensel we have lost the services of a great teacher, a wise counselor, a kindly man and a friend . . ."

## Paris Wins First In FFA Contest

Paris High School won first place in the dairy cattle judging division of the State FFA Judging Contest held on the campus Saturday, according to Henry Ross of the Agricultural Education Department.

The Paris team won out over a close field with a total score of 1079 points. Commerce was second with 1067 points, Waco Tech third with 1063 points, Perrin fourth with 1048, and Eustace fifth with a score of 1045.

High individuals in the judging were the following:

Earl Dean Schaeper—Waco Tech 383.

James Speight—Commerce 375.

Charles Broadway—Jacksonville 369.

Roy Ned Walker—Perrin 368.

In the four Jersey classes, Paris scored 546 points, while in the four Holstein classes, Commerce was first with 564.

## No Tree Swing Either . . .

## Life In The Wilderness Not So Wild Says Aggie From Jungle Oil Camp

By DAVE COSLETT

Picture a South American oil camp located on the edge of a jungle. What do you see? Weird animals and dangerous savages? Uncouth drillers and laborers half mad with the relentless heat? Primitive houses in which dark-skinned natives plot horrible means of killing off the oppressive white men?

Well, you've been reading too many comic books. An A Flight Air Force sophomore lived in just such a camp, and, according to him, no self-respecting Tarzan would look at the place.

Forrest Garb, the Aggie from this wilderness, describes it instead as a pretty nice place to earn a few dollars during the summer. It's going to be especially nice for him when he returns in a few weeks after an absence of two years.

Anaco is the name of this particular oil camp, located in Venezuela about 300 miles from Caracas, the nation's capital. Forrest has called it home since his family moved there eight years ago.

In describing the small settlement, the San Antonio-born Aggie shatters the visions entertained by most Americans concerning the discomforts of life on the edge of a jungle.

In the first place, the average American's house in Anaco is not too different from one that could

be found on any Main Street, USA. Built of hollow cement tile blocks, it contains two bed-rooms, a combination living-dining room, bath, a kitchen, a large porch and a maid's quarters.

Living in a house like that in a climate where the average temperature is only 85 degrees is not too bad a deal at all, says Garb. The mild temperatures are due to the altitude of Anaco which is located at the foot of the Andes.

The little oil camp abounds in diversity, too. Off to one side of it rise the famous Andes; several miles to the other side lies the Caribbean Sea. On still another side the savannah or tall-grass region stretches to the horizon providing contrast to the jungle which rises on the remaining side.

Even the working hours aren't too bad. The average American works from 6 a. m. until 4 p. m. with an hour off for lunch. After work he has plenty of time for relaxation.

Here the question arises, "What on earth can somebody do for relaxation in a place like that?" The answer is quite simple. He does the same thing that he would do almost anywhere.

Some of the workers go down and bowl a little. The camp has a four lane bowling alley besides a few billiard tables at which the less ambitious workers can while away their free time.

For the outdoor lovers, there is ample opportunity to hunt or fish. The country abounds in wild game unprotected by game laws. Forrest, in fact, already has his credit two deer. The spectacular part about that is that he got them with a single shot. He sneaked up on them while they were fighting.

Still other outdoor sports are tennis and swimming. The inhabitants swim in the river which runs through the town. They aren't bothered by the dangers usually associated with tropical rivers either. They have the stream screened off above and below the town.

Artificial banks and a man-made gravel bottom convert the swimming portion into a nice spot in which to take an evening dip.

Night entertainment comes in the form of American movies held twice each week. The camp-dwellers sit on the porch of the administration building to view the never-too-recent Hollywood releases.

Neighboring villages and camps also have periodic motion pictures. In one of the native villages, patrons sit on apple crates while they enjoy the current cinema epic.

As for food, says Garb, the oil camp is again hard to beat. Tropical fruits of all kinds are available throughout the year. Before the innovation of frozen foods, the inhabitants were forced to subsist

on canned meats and vegetables plus whatever fresh meat they could kill.

Now, with a refrigeration unit in most houses, the trouble has disappeared. Native maids cook for most of the families while unmarried workers eat in mess-halls much like Sbia or Duncan. These unmarried workers live in dormitories.

Garb has made the 4,000 mile trip to and from Anaco three times since his father went to work there. Although only one road leads to the camp, Forrest has no trouble getting home. The oil company operates its own planes as a means of transportation.

The Aggie sophomore has already held a few jobs at the camp and intends to work again this summer. He's looking forward more eagerly, of course, for the chance to be with his family once again.

Regardless of its distant location, Garb is willing to match his home town with any one located in Texas. Anaco has really become a transplanted part of America.

To clinch his argument Forrest cites the fact that even the familiar soda fountain is not lacking in far-off Venezuela. You may have to walk to the next village, but you can have a nice cold coke for 25 cents. And if you're a little thirstier the natives even sell Pepsi Cola.

## Severely Injured Aggie-Ex Finds Ring Then Calls Help

By DAVE COSLETT

Otis J. Bolton has been in the hospital for more than six weeks. He expects to remain there for several weeks more. But he still has his senior ring.

He's proud of that ring, just as every Aggie is proud of that hunk of gold that designates him a graduate of Texas A&M. Otis is especially proud of his, though. He almost lost it a few weeks ago. Here's the way it happened.

Bolton, class of '42, was working at his job with an oil company in Beaumont, some weeks back. Part of this job was to inspect boilers being used in the processing of the oil.

On this particular day, the steam in one of the boilers had mounted too high. On noticing this, Bolton leaned over to shut one of the valves. Then it happened.

A boiler above him exploded and sent a quantity of scalding water right down on his back. Somehow, Bolton's Aggie Ring slipped from his finger and rolled beneath some of the equipment.

Severely burned and already in agony, Otis crawled under this equipment in search of the ring. Only after he had found it did he call for help.

The Aggie-ex was taken immediately to the hospital where doctors found his burns so bad that they were forced to graft skin. Now he has only a few operations left and expects to be back to work in the latter part of June—wearing his Aggie Ring.

Bolton entered A&M in 1938 but found his education interrupted by the war. In October of '42 he enlisted in the Army Air Force,

served three years in Europe, Africa and Italy and was discharged with the rank of captain in November of '45.

In this time he picked up the ETO Ribbon with 10 clusters, a Bronze Star, and a Presidential Unit Citation with one cluster.

He is the nephew of Miss Maurine Blakely of College Station and is presently employed by the Pure Oil Company. He was graduated in June of '47.

## Consolidated High Will Hold Election

Les Richardson, Consolidated High School Principal, said today that student elections are getting under way.

On the morning of election day, which is Friday, May 20, office seekers will make speeches telling their constituents why they should be elected. Following this, students will go to their respective home rooms to cast ballots.

Candidates are nominated for posts by petition requiring 20 names. No petitions have been filed as yet, Richardson stated, but deadline for filing petitions is not until Thursday, May 19, at 4 p. m.

In all 19 positions are to be filled. Included are 10 members for the Student Council, four year leaders, president of the student body, editor of the Shorthorn (yearbook), editor of the Round-Up (School paper) and junior business managers for student publications.

## Admitted Communist Fellow To Testify Before Commission

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—Lawmakers were assured today of a first-hand account of how at least one admitted communist received a fellowship for science study from the atomic energy commission.

Hans Freistadt, a University of North Carolina student, said last night he had accepted an invitation from Chairman McMahon (D-Conn) to testify before the Senate-House atomic energy commission.

It was Freistadt's fellowship which touched off the sharp inquiry on Capitol Hill into the commission's scholarship program. The 23-year-old student, Austrian born, acknowledges he is a communist.

He wired McMahon that he wants to testify and asked the senator to name a date.

For today's session, the Senate House Committee called for testimony from Dr. Detlev Bronk, chairman of the National Research Council.

1. Senator Knowland (R-Calif.)

## Faires Speaks On Post Grad Studies

The aims, objectives and advantages of Post Graduation Studies are currently being explained to engineering seniors in departmental groups by V. M. Faires, head of the Management Engineering Department.

Faires invites agricultural, arts and sciences, and veterinary seniors to attend one of these meetings. The students may select a time to suit their convenience.

Dates and places of meetings are as follows:

May 18 9 a. m. Petroleum Engineering Lecture Room.

May 18 10 a. m. Petroleum Engineering Lecture Room.

May 27 10 a. m. M.E. Lecture Room.

## Senior Class Will Meet Wednesday

The Senior Class will hold its last meeting of the year Wednesday night at 7:15 in the YMCA Chapel, Don Kasper, president, announced.

hinted that the Senate Appropriations Committee may be asked to limit the use of the commission's funds to prevent any student aid from going to Communists or fellow travelers.

2. Chairman McMahon (D-Conn) said there may be room for compromise between the committee's apparent view that the loyalty of all applicants for student aid should be investigated by the FBI and the protests by scientists and commission members that this would "put the government's finger in education."

3. Commission Chairman David E. Lilienthal said he would accept a known Communist in the student aid program if the Research Council recommended him, because he feels the awards should be in the hands of a "private, non-government, non-politically dominated organization."

But it might be a good idea, Lilienthal added, if the council were to change its methods of picking students for fellowships.

The committee heard yesterday that FBI investigations had turned up two Communists and two fellow travelers among the aid applicants. One of the Communists was Freistadt.

Dr. A. N. Richards, vice president of the University of Pennsylvania and president of the National Academy of Sciences, told the committee yesterday that it now appears that the award to Freistadt was a "mistake."

But he contended that the government should not require investigation of every applicant for student aid, since none of the science study under that program involves handling atomic secrets.

## Students Judge Alfalfa Stock Show

E. H. Barron, R. C. Heaton and L. M. Vaughn, all Agricultural Education majors from College Station, attended the annual Alfalfa Fiestas and FFA Stock Show at Hearne Thursday.

The group was invited by R. W. Dugger, vocational agriculture teacher of Hearne, to act as judges for the FFA project show. The projects shown consisted of fat calves, and fat barrows. The animals were judged first and then the boys showed them were judged for showmanship. Several classes of poultry were also shown and judged.

All entries were placed before noon and lunch was served to the group by the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the show.