



Cadet Colonel J. T. Dotson, commander of the Artillery Regiment, and his staff reviewed the regiment Wednesday afternoon during the informal federal inspection. Members of the inspecting team witnessed the review, but were not in the reviewing stand.

Aggies Meet ACC Here at 8 Tonight

A&M will face Abilene Christian at 8 p. m. tonight in DeWare Fieldhouse as the Aggies attempt to break into the win column for the first time this year. Students whose names begin with A through M will be admitted to the game first.

The Cadets have dropped their first four games, but the competition before whom the Aggies fell was among the best in the country. St. Louis' Billikens were rated third in the nation last year, but the Missourians had to overcome an early deficit to edge the Maroons, 55-51.

Niagra University, the second team to drop the Aggie quintet, continues undefeated so far this season and lists among its victims still another SWC team, Southern Methodist. The Mustangs lost to the Buffalo team by a 55-47 score.

Long Island University and Oklahoma A&M, the other two fives that defeated A&M, are always ranked among the top teams in the country. Last winter the Cowpokes rated the number two slot right behind the championship Kentucky Wildcats.

Ags Scoring Fast
The Cadets are setting a sparkling scoring pace so far as they average nearly 47 points per contest. Pacing the Ags has been aggressive guard Jewell McDowell, 5'9" speedster who was an all-state performer for Amarillo in '47.

McDowell has ripped the cords for 53 points in the four tilts. This average of more than 13 points per game puts him at the top of the Cadet scorers.

A tight race for the second spot among the scorers has letterman forward John DeWitt boasting 42 points and rookie soph center Walt "Buddy" Davis close on his heels with 41 markers.

DeWitt, a junior who was a highly regarded member of the '47 Waco team that went to the Class AA championship tourney in Austin, stands 6'4" and is expected to be one of the Southwest's top players this winter.

Davis, 6'8" point-maker from Nederland, is holding down the center position. DeWitt was shifted forward from center so that the Farmers could utilize big Buddy's height.

Junior letterman Wally Moon and veteran senior Bill Turnbow complete the starting five. Turnbow has earned three letters and as an aggressive, experienced forward can compete on even terms with any man in the league.

Moon so far this year has out-scored Turnbow—although the Perrin senior had been the team's number two scorer for the last two years. Wally has meshed 27 points to Turnbow's 9. Moon is the only out-of-stater on the squad. He is from Bay, Arkansas.

TISA Receives Official Ratification At Austin

The Texas Intercollegiate Students Association, holding their executive council meeting in Austin Saturday, met their own requirements for ratification, and became an official organization.

Rice Institute wired the results of their meeting in Houston, ratifying the TISA constitution. Rice's ratification, the fourteenth since organization of the association, gave the necessary number for localizing the constitution.

Ben Hammond, president of the Rice Student Council, wired their approval to the group in Austin, where the ratification was announced at a banquet Saturday night.

Meanwhile the delegation, meeting at Texas University to plan this spring's annual convention of the association, voted recommendation that the 1950 meet be held April 21-22 in Waco.

Exact dates must be approved, however, by the Baylor University group, who received the convention

site by vote at last spring's meeting. Convention dates were tentatively set at Saturday's meet after a motion was made by Keith Allsup, A&M delegate, that the meeting be a two-day affair.

Aggie Delegation
A&M's delegation was composed of Allsup, president of the Student Senate; Dan Davis, vice-president of the TISA; and Joe Fuller, Student Senate parliamentarian.

Allsup was appointed chairman of the committee which will plan panel discussions to be held at the spring convention of the TISA. Most of Saturday's meeting was taken up with discussion of the various topics which were suggested for the panels.

Among these topics were several brought to the floor by the A&M contingent. Campus chest drives, out-of-state panels, faculty-student relationship, and others were suggested by the three-man Aggie delegation.

Fuller suggested coordination of the TISA with the American Association of University Professors, the Council of Deans, and other bodies representing faculty and staff groups, in order to maintain a high degree of cooperation among these groups and the student association.

Allsup Takes Vote
As committee chairman for panel discussions, Allsup will take a vote by mail of topics to be listed on the 1950 convention agenda.

Other subjects requested for discussion in the spring were a displaced persons committee, fine arts program, an intercollegiate book exchange, faculty evaluation, and sanitation protection. From these topics, Allsup's committee will select from six to ten—by a vote of member schools—to be discussed in April.

Jim Sierkes, Trinity University delegate, said at Saturday night's banquet that he would introduce a resolution at the spring convention to permit Negro student associations to enter the TISA, according to the Daily Texan. At the afternoon meet, Sierkes had brought the subject for discussion.

"Suppose a negro college applied now," said Bill Hathaway, Trinity delegate. "We could not deny admittance on a constitutional grounds."

TISA's constitution states that any Texas school offering two or more years of college work leading to a degree may apply for admission. Admission will be granted the applying school by a majority vote of the association.

Argument Closed
With the argument never becoming a motion, Dick Barnaby, TISA president from North Texas State, proceeded with the meeting upon a call for "order of the day" by Peggy Browder of North Texas.

A&M's delegation was housed at the Theta Xi fraternity house. Ellis Brown, president of the Texas U. student body, was toastmaster at Saturday night's banquet, with Barnaby giving the invocation. Featured speaker for the evening was Judge Ralph Yarborough.

Texas University sponsored the executive council's meet, arranging for housing, meals, and dates for visiting delegates. MICA, the Men's Independent Campus Association of Texas University, extended invitations to the delegates to their annual Christmas formal ball Saturday night after the banquet.

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The plot thickens in "R.U.R.", Aggie Players production of last week. From left to right are Jeanne Ostner, Karl "Bucko" Wyler, George Willman, Chuck Benschoter, Gordon Milne (far rear), Vernon Berry, and Elmore "Rip" Torn.

Horticulture Show Begins, Produce Displayed in Sbis

The Horticulture club's annual show of outstanding fruits, vegetables, and other truck produce is being held in the East wing of Shisa Hall tonight and tomorrow.

The show opened today at noon and will close at nine. The same schedule will be followed tomorrow night, Professor Fred Brinson, of the Horticulture Department, said today.

The show will be divided into five main divisions. A. H. Krezdorn, instructor of Horticulture, said. All planning and assembly of material for the show has been done by the students. As in past years, the goods exhibited will be auctioned off and the proceeds will be to the club.

Quick Freeze
One of the exhibits under canning is a demonstration of a quick freeze unit. This unit is able to maintain a constant temperature of 90 degrees below zero. In this unit, which operates on dry ice only, about one hour is required to freeze a large package of peas, but it takes only four seconds to freeze one pea, one of the students in charge of the exhibit said.

In conjunction with this quick freeze unit is an exhibit of packages used in freezing. This includes such things as paper and plastic boxes, tin cans, and cellophane.

To round out the canning exhibit, an exhibit of canning procedures used in packaging fruit juices and cherries is shown.

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Europe in 1949' Is Slated for Monday

"Europe in 1949" will be presented in the YMCA Assembly Room Monday, December 12, at 7:30 p. m. The program, which will be led by Mrs. Lilla Graham Bryan, is under the sponsorship of the International Committee of the American Association of University Women.

Everyone in the community is invited. Mrs. Bryan concluded.

Prof's to Address Volunteer Reserve

Harold D. Loden, of the Agronomy Department, and Fred E. Smith, of the Geology Department, will speak to Flight A of the 9807th Volunteer Air Reserve Training Squadron Monday night, December 12, at 7:30 in room 301, Goodwin Hall.

Loden will continue his lecture on "The Genetic Implications of Atomic Radiation," one part of which he gave at the last meeting; and Smith will speak on "Military Law."

Plans of Chapel Shown to Students

Plans for the new chapel of the Saint Mary's Catholic Church will be presented at a meeting of all Catholic students Monday, 7:30 p. m., in the C. E. Lecture Room.

Executive Co-chairmen of the chapel committee are Lt. Col. Walter O. Parsons and C. A. Bonner, Agricultural Economics professor.

Oilmen Told Latest Methods, Aids in Drilling Techniques

Old and new methods of oil well completion were outlined before the annual joint meeting of the Texas Sections of the American Mining and Metallurgical Engineers held on the campus last week.

More than 200 oil men registered for the two-day session Thursday and Friday. Students from A&M, Texas Tech, and Texas University were included in the registration books.

"Acidization has been responsible for a great number of improved and more effective completions in the Permian Basin as a whole," Bill R. Weaver of Midland, told the convention. "Technique is advancing at such a rapid rate that it is difficult to keep abreast of its possibilities," he said.

"There is a definite place in well completion work for the application of the various types of drilling muds," R. L. Whiting of A&M and E. H. Lancaster of Houston, pointed out in a joint paper on "The Relation of Drilling to Well Completions."

"The choice of the type of mud best suited to any given completion is dependent on accurate knowledge of formation characteristics such as permeability, porosity, pressure and extent of hydratable material present.

"Published data on comparative productivity indices substantiate the benefits to be derived from the use of oil emulsion and oil-base where comparatively unfavorable formation conditions are known to exist."

"Further progress on the drilling fluid phase of well completion technique is the joint responsibility of the reservoir specialists, mud engineers and the operators," the paper pointed out.

Cementing Techniques
"Laboratory and field testing of various squeeze cementing techniques and materials revealed that many improvements could be made in squeeze cementing operations," George C. Howard and C. R. Fast of Tulsa, Okla., pointed out in a joint paper.

"The use of a slow-pumping squeeze cementing procedure permitted the control of the quantity of cement displayed into formation

and aided in obtaining a high final squeeze pressure.

"Field testing indicated the desirability of obtaining high final squeeze pressure, the need for improved formation breakdown fluids and the necessity of controlling the pressure differential after a squeeze job," it was pointed out.

Diamond Bits
Robert F. Todd of the Core Laboratories, Inc., Dallas, in an address on "Diamond Bit Coring" said that "at the present time special equipment is being designed for the use in slim-hole diamond coring in wildcatting unproven areas. It is only a matter of time that slim-hole diamond coring equipment will be available to core to a depth of 10,000 feet at a cost greatly reduced from the now expensive large holes. This equipment is being so designed to take core from grass root to total depth. During the past few years the mining industry has sunk holes, less than three inches in diameter to depth of 10,000 feet with the use (See OILMEN, Page 2)

AFS President Praises Local Student Group

The local student chapter of the American Foundry Society celebrated its first anniversary with a banquet Friday night in Bryan.

C. R. McGrail, president of the Texas Chapter of the A. F. S., one of the honor guests, congratulated the chapter on its first full year of activity.

Other guests at the anniversary banquet were Jake Dee, Houston, past chairman of the A. F. S. Texas Chapter; M. J. Henley, student chapter industrial advisor and head of the Texas Chapter's education committee; and Dean H. W. Barlow, dean of the School of Engineering.

The regular meeting of the chapter was held in conjunction with the banquet.

Student members were presented to the guests. Robert Jones, senior mechanical engineering major, gave a talk on "The Recent Graduate Engineer's Place in the Foundry Industry."

Dean Barlow discussed foundry education, and faculty advisor L. G. Berryman announced that a new foundry scholarship has been established by the Texas Chapter of the T. F. S.

Films of the A&M-SMU football game climaxed the celebration.

Xmas Seal Sales Near Half Mark

BY ROGER COSLETT
With Christmas only thirteen days away the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association is near the half-way mark in its Christmas Seal Campaign. The association hopes to raise \$5,000 to aid the fight against tuberculosis.

Seal sale donations to date stand at \$2,194.08.

Mrs. W. L. Penberthy, chairman of the sale, is confident of reaching the \$5,000 by Christmas. The funds will finance the local association's TB educational and case-finding program for the year.

Mrs. Catherine Gent, publicity chairman for the drive, summed up the Association's convictions that community education is the first line of defense against TB.

The second important phase of the local work, the case finding, is done in close cooperation with the Brazos County Public Health Unit. TB suspects are brought in for chest X-ray and hospitalization if possible, to protect others from the contagious disease. The funds also help to finance rehabilitation for arrested cases of TB.

If present plans are carried out by the association the students and faculty of A&M will be included in the mass X-ray survey this coming spring.

Letters, each containing two sheets of Christmas Seals, were mailed to 7,000 residents on November 21. Much of cash now on hand was, and will continue to be, raised through a large number of small contributions.

Through the efforts of Mrs. B. R. Holland, and her committee, unique Christmas Seal dispensers, have been placed in the four pharmacies in College Station, the Cave, the Campus Corner and the A&M Grill for those who wish to serve themselves in the purchase of the seals.

The continued success of the campaign will depend upon your help.

Poop for the Profs . . .

New Handbook Will Inform Incoming Faculty Members

BY JOHN WHITMORE
The new Hand Book for Faculty and Staff is now being distributed by the Office of the President.

In this handbook is a collection of information compiled to tell the newcomer, and refresh the memories of the old staffers of some of the history of the school and benefits that the system offers its employees.

Within the cover of this booklet is a short course on insurance, the Texas Teachers Retirement program, and even a plug for the graduate school.

This guide was collected and compiled by R. L. "Sach" Elkins, assistant to the president.

The opening paragraphs deal with the study opportunities available for the staff members who wish to take advanced work. Under the present set up the teachers in any department, with the consent of the head of the department, may take up to four semester hours. This work may be taken in addition to a regular teaching schedule.

The retirement, as explained in the booklet, is divided into three divisions. The first is a plan for modified service after a man has reached the age of 65. If a man has been with the college more than ten years and is over 65, he may be relieved of his administrative duties and do part-time teaching.

The second division of the retirement plan is under the Texas Teacher's Retirement Program. This is a state-wide program which has nothing to do with the time spent at any one school. The last retirement plan which is listed is for people coming under the Employee's Retirement System of Texas.

An interesting note is that seven pages out of 20 are devoted to

means of getting out of work. This includes retirements, hospitalization, leaves of absence, holidays and military leaves of absence.

One of the added benefits that the A&M System gives is adding to military pay, if it is less than that the man earns while an employee of the college.

Another interesting fact is five lines are devoted to remuneration, while twelve lines are spent on employee charities.

Ending the part on the school is a short section on the Placement Office. This tells how the office

helps graduates find employment upon graduation.

The last two pages are devoted to telling the advantages of moving to College Station. Here are listed some of the recreational facilities available for college employees and their families.

One of the choice statements made in the handbook is "living costs are somewhat lower here than in the cities and other parts of the United States."

As I said in the opening paragraph; this is a hand book for FACULTY members.

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