

Five Named For Annual Battalion Awards

Two New Wells Now Producing

By KEN WIGGINS

Two of A&M's four new water wells have been completed and casing was being set in the third one Tuesday, according to T. R. Spence, Director of Physical Plants.

The first well was pumped to a maximum test of 700 gallons per minute, but has been fitted with a 450 gallon per minute pump, and the second well will deliver 350 gallons per minute, which is about one half million gallons per day.

"The quality of the water from both of these wells is of the same excellent quality as the water from the City of Bryan and the Bryan Field wells," Spence said. "This water contains only 300 parts per million of total dissolved minerals, which is very pure."

\$20,000 Cost

The wells are being drilled one mile northwest of Bryan Field by Layne Texas Company at a contract cost of \$20,000 per well. All the wells are in sparta sand, which runs about 100 to 130 feet thick. The top of the sparta sand is from 300 to 400 feet below the surface of the ground, said Spence.

The construction of these high production wells includes the drilling of a 20 inch hole to the top of the sparta sand, and setting an 18 inch casing in this hole. This casing is cemented from top to bottom to seal off the shallow water.

Underneath the casing the well is drilled and reamed to 30 inches in diameter, and a ten inch casing is set inside the 18 inch casing. The last 100 feet to 130 feet of this casing (which is in sparta sand) is made of very fine screen. Fine gravel is placed around the screen to keep sand out, Spence added.

A six inch flow pipe is then inserted, which has a deep well pump at the bottom and an electric motor on the surface.

Bids In May

"The fourth well will be drilled as soon as the third one is completed, and within two weeks we will advertise for bids to be received in May on eight miles of main water supply line. The water will be collected in a reservoir near well number one, and this main supply line will bring the water from this reservoir to one at the pumping and breeding station. Here it will be pumped into the college distribution system," said Spence.

Spence said that completion of

the entire project was expected sometime in the fall.

A ten year contract with the City of Bryan expired March 23, but an interim contract has been authorized by the Board of Directors and the City Commissioners, Spence said. This new contract provides for the continuance of water delivery to the college at a base rate of thirteen cents per 1,000 gallons until the new college water supply system is completed.

"Under the old contract water was supplied at six cents per 1,000 gallons for five years, and at seven cents per 1,000 gallons for the last five," added Spence. "Both of the rates were on a stepped production basis beyond a maximum amount per year."

Zeiske Reports German Press As Hindered

The German press is badly bound by centuries of tradition, but there is good reason to hope they may shed these encumbering conventions, Franz Zeiske, publisher of the *Bellville Times*, told an assembly of journalism students last night.

Zeiske, who spoke on "German Newspapers and German People," returned last summer from a tour of German newspapers. He was working on the Press and Journalism Project of Information Services Division of Office for Military Government for Germany.

"American newspapers should realize the problems of the German press," Zeiske told the audience. "Credit should be given to the extensive campaign now being conducted through the Military Government to wipe out these hindering customs."

Since the Hitler regime first came into power, German newspapers have been in a virtual "blackout," fearing the government and allowing it to control the press, Zeiske said. It is the hope of our "visiting experts" that the newspapers there will eventually get away from these restraining influences which now permeate their every page, he added.

Conditions existing in German journalism only reflect conditions in the entire country, he said.



Feature Editor Dave Coslett beams happily at a check for \$500 and a certificate of Editorial Excellence presented The Battalion. Looking onto the scene are (l to r) Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist; R. L. Hardaker, representing Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Insurance Company; President F. C. Bolton; Governor Allan Shivers; and Dean M. T. Harrington.

Gov. Shivers Lauds Batt Contest Effort

By JOHN WHITMORE

Governor Allan Shivers, Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist, and President of the College F. C. Bolton headed the list of honor guests at the formal presentation of the certificate of Editorial Excellence, to the Battalion yesterday. This award, sponsored by the Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Insurance Company, was for the Christmas Safety Section.

Dave Coslett, feature editor of The Battalion, accepted the certificate and the cash award of \$500 in behalf of the Battalion. Coslett edited the prize winning edition.

R. L. Hardaker, of Lumberman's Mutual, presented the award in behalf of his company. He praised the Battalion for "the excellent way in which you handled the job of selling safety to your readers and for your splendid cooperation in this campaign to reduce the holiday accident toll."

President Bolton remarked during the presentation that "This was the first time, in a long while that there were no serious accidents which involved students on their way to and from school."

Governor Shivers came into the room amidst a burst of flash-bulbs. After he was introduced to the group, by master of ceremonies, C. C. Munroe, he extended his congratulations to the Battalion for a job well done.

Following the formal presentation and numerous pictures, the group had an informal coffee. During this time the Governor met the members of the Battalion Staff and guests.

Governor Shivers left for a parade in Bryan at 3:30 p. m. He was escorted by Ross Volunteer guard of honor.

Among the honor guests present were Dr. M. T. Harrington, president elect; Dr. John Paul Abbott, dean of Arts and Science; R. L. Elkins, assistant to the president; E. E. Angel, assistant to the Chancellor; and W. L. Penberthy, dean of men.

Hardaker will present Oklahoma A&M's newspaper with a third place award today.

Pointers Send 'Thanks' Letter After Weekend

A letter of thanks to the Corps of Cadets from two West Point cadets was received today by Col. H. L. Boatner, PMS&T.

Cadet Captain First Class Jared Schopper and Cadet Frank Watson, members of the U. S. Military Academy's Debate Team, wrote the commendation expressing their appreciation for the hospitality shown them during their visit on the campus at the time of the Military Ball.

The letter received by the commandant read as follows:

"Dear Colonel Boatner:

"Thank you for the generous hospitality, friendliness and audience which you provided Cadet Watson and me at A&M. We enjoyed the debate even though the decision was adverse to the smaller half of the Army.

"Sir, we were very much impressed with your school. My knowledge of A&M has been mostly hearsay and because of our visit, though brief, I think I learned a great deal of the objectives and goal of the embryo officer's training there.

"Especially did we admire the friendliness and geniality of the cadets. Hands, a little frayed on the edges after the ball, testify to that.

"But seriously, the parade, reception, supper in the cadet dining hall and the ball were terrific. I believed we received a fairly comprehensive introduction to life at A&M.

"Please relay our thanks to Col. Lewis (senior infantry branch officer) and cadets who took so much care in meeting our need. And if at all possible, please send a debate team to West Point. We'd like another crack at the boys and an opportunity to show them the same kind of hospitality that we received.

"Sincerely yours, Jared Schopper, Cadet Captain First Class."

Who's Who Note

The thirty-one students who were named Who's Who at A&M are to check with the receptionist in the Student Activities Office to make arrangements for having pictures made for the annual, the editors have announced.

Immediate action is required as the first pictures are to be made on Wednesday, April 12, the day after the end of the Easter holidays, the yearbook heads explained.

The four class presidents are to check with Howard Berry at the Visual Aid and Photographic Lab in the Administration Building to arrange for Aggeland '50 class officer pictures, they added.

Batt staffers deserted their typewriters Tuesday afternoon long enough to see Feature Editor Dave Coslett receive for the paper a certificate of Editorial Excellence from Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Insurance Company. After the presentation, which was witnessed by Governor Allan Shivers, they gathered around Co-Editors Billingsley and Munroe, Managing Editor Clayton Selph and Coslett to view the certificate and the check for \$500 which accompanied it.

Veteran Officials Will Visit Thursday

Lennie Sutherland, Regional Veterans Administration Insurance Officer and a contact representative from the Waco veterans' office will be in Room 260 Bizzell Thursday from 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

The purpose of their visit, according to Taylor Wilkins local veterans advisor, is to assist veterans with their problems.

Mayo, Stark, Bowden, Hill, Mogford Chosen

Three professors, a tactical officer, and the director of the Memorial Student Center were awarded the annual Battalion achievement awards today, according to Co-editors C. C. Munroe and Bill Billingsley.

Professor J. S. Mogford of the Agronomy Department, Dr. John H. Hill of the History Department, Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the English Department, Lt. Colonel Marion P. Bowden of the Commandant's Office, and J. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center were chosen for the honors by a selection board composed of all Battalion department editors.

Their selection was announced concurrently with the mailing of certificates to the awardees the co-editors said.

Fourth Annual Presentation

Now in their fourth year, the awards are made annually to members of the college staff and faculty who, in The Battalion staff's estimation, have made outstanding contributions to the growth and welfare of The A&M College of Texas.

Each award is an 8 x 10 certificate, headed by The Battalion's masthead, and inscribed with the citation to each recipient. They are signed by the co-editors in behalf of the staff.

The following are the inscriptions, in part, from each award:

J. S. Mogford

"—to J. S. Mogford, of the Agronomy Department, for his work in originating and building the Cotton Ball, Pageant, and Style Show."

J. Wayne Stark

"—to J. Wayne Stark, for his consistently conscientious work and his visionary planning on the Memorial Student Center."

Lt. Col. Marion P. Bowden

"—to Lt. Col. Marion P. Bowden, for his outstanding work as dormitory tactical officer, in which he has proved that discipline can be tempered with understanding."

Dr. John H. Hill

"—to Dr. John H. Hill, scholar and teacher, who maintains the highest class room standards and the highest class room respect and interest as well."

Dr. T. F. Mayo

"—to Dr. T. F. Mayo for a third of a century of making A&M's a broader education by injecting, in a variety of different ways, much of the arts and letters so essential to a well rounded life."

Begun in 1947

The awards were begun in 1947 by The Battalion staff after a chance remark at a staff meeting. The statement was that it was regrettable there was no visible recognition of college staff members who put forth extra effort in their day to day jobs, which made A&M a better and more pleasant college.

That year the first awards were presented, and they have been awarded each succeeding year.

Five File For Campus Posts, Deadline Set Next Weekend

Five more applications for positions in the campus elections to be held April 18 were received in the Student Activities offices yesterday.

Students who filed were Herman C. Gollub, English major from Houston, for editor of The Commentator; Alfred R. Hardin, agricultural economics major from Amarillo, for editor of the Agriculturalist; James E. Boyles, mechanical engineering major from El Paso, for Town Hall Manager; Sid B. Abernathy, agricultural journalism major from Rusk, and Ken Bernhard, accounting major from Fort Arthur, for veteran co-editor of The Battalion.

Qualification requirements for each of the editorships is the same. Men filing must have a 1.5 grade point ratio and be classified as a junior. They must be taking at least 12 hours of their prescribed course and have passed 3/5 of their work the previous semester.

Each candidate must have served at least one year on the publication's editorial staff in a capacity that would qualify him for the editorship.

All applicants must be willing to serve for the entire school year and obtain approval of the Manager of Student Publications before filing.

Applications must be in to the Student Activities Office before 12 noon, Saturday, April 15.



Lt. Col. M. P. Bowden



Dr. J. H. Hill

Jones Resigns As Experiment Station Officer

S. E. Jones, vice director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, has announced his resignation effective April 15 to engage in large-scale farming and seed production in the El Paso and Pecos Valleys areas with headquarters at Clint.

Dr. Jones had a good deal of experience in farming under irrigation from 1933 through 1946 while on the staffs of the experimental substations at Winter Haven in the Winter Garden area and at Ysleta in the El Paso Valley.

An assistant director of the Texas Station from January 1947 and vice-director from August of that year, Dr. Jones has done much to modernize and strengthen the agricultural research programs at the 43 field stations and laboratories. He led in the development in Texas of on-the-farm type of research.

With the exception of two winter seasons in the middle 1930's on graduate studies at Iowa State College, Dr. Jones has been on the Texas Station staff since 1928. Soon after getting his bachelor degree in entomology at Cleburn Agricultural College in 1928, Dr. Jones came to the A&M Department of Entomology as a graduate assistant.

A degree of master of science was conferred upon him in 1940 by Iowa State College.

Most of Dr. Jones' field research experience was acquired at the field stations at Sonora, Winter Haven and Ysleta from 1930 through 1946. He was the first superintendent and builder of the El Paso Valley Experiment Station at Ysleta which was established by the State Legislature in 1941.

'Smoker' Holds April Meeting

A newly organized "Smoker" sponsored by the enlisted men of the Military Science Department held its second monthly meeting this afternoon in Goodwin Hall. Both Army and Air Force personnel are included on the rolls of the "Smoker." M/Sgt. F. G. Giraud, president, said today.

Forty seven men now hold membership in the "Smoker," Giraud said. All EM's assigned to the college are eligible.

The organization's first social gathering was held last month in the dining room of the Triangle. All members attended with their wives and guests.

Meetings are held once a month and social gatherings take place about every two months, Giraud continued.

Officers Named

Officers of the "Smoker" in addition to Giraud, who is in the infantry are M/Sgt. R. L. Bowen, transportation corps, vice president; and M/Sgt. D. S. Owens, field artillery, secretary and treasurer.

On the committee for the first social event were M/Sgt. J. C. Thomas, Inf.; M/Sgt. W. L. Davis, Inf.; and Sgt. Icl. T. R. Heller, field artillery.

All officers of the "Smoker" are elected from the membership. Terms of office are one semester.

Purpose of the "Smoker" is to help promote recreation, social activities, the welfare, and a spirit of comradeship among the enlisted men attached to the college.



J. Wayne Stark



J. S. Mogford



Dr. T. F. Mayo

'Take a Break'

A&M's fame spread a little further last week through the medium of Eddie Arnold's tormented tonsils on the Purenna Jamboree, broadcast daily over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

The 15-minute show had almost run its course and the A&M majors were almost through with their daily lab when the following monologue ensued:

"For our request song today," quoth Brother Eddie, "we have a letter from two freshmen of Texas A&M College, 'Flash' and 'Buzz Boy'."

"They want to hear 'You Know How Talk Gets Around,' for all the students of Texas A&M."

"Ah'd be proud to, boys," continued the hillbilly crooner.

And so, while steel guitars moaned soulfully in the background, the pride of Nashville serenaded A&M.

Have some more hog chittins, 'Flash' and 'Buzz Boy'.

Advertisement for Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Insurance Company. The ad features a large graphic of a building and text describing the company's services for students and faculty. It includes contact information for the Waco office and a mention of a recent award received by the Battalion.

Flanked by a "good as gold" check for \$500 is the Certificate of Editorial Excellence presented The Battalion yesterday by Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Insurance Company.