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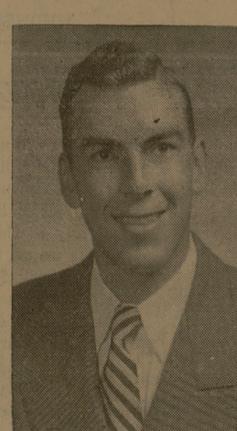
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Battalion's
Pipe Smoking Contest
Tonight in MSC

Foster Destruction Planned by College

Foster Hall, one of the oldest buildings on the campus, will be demolished in the near future. Built in 1899, Foster was used primarily as a dormitory until it was declared untenable.

Permission to demolish the structure was given by the A&M System Board of Directors last week. T. R. Spence, director of physical plants for the system, has not announced plans for wreckage of the building.

L. L. Foster, for whom the building was named, was president of the college for almost three years—from 1899 until his death in office in December, 1901.

Little Operations Now

Now housed in Foster Hall are the text library of the Military Department and the photo-engraving laboratory of Student Publications. The laundry station which has

been located in Foster was recently moved to B ramp of Hart Hall.

The military library will be moved to the YMCA basement, Lt. Col. M. P. Bowden, assistant commandant, said yesterday.

Tentative plans have been made to move the photo-engraving lab to the basement of Bizzell Hall.

Elected to Legislature President Foster, a brickmason by trade, became a very successful politician. He was elected to the State Legislature and was named speaker of the House in the late 1890's.

He was buried near what is now the site of Duncan Hall and the Infantry Drill Field. Upon construction of the 12 "new area" dormitories and Duncan, his body was disinterred and was reburied in the New Cemetery south of the railroad tracks.

Sgt.-Major



Eric W. Carlson

Carlson Is Appointed Corps Sergeant-Major

Eric W. Carlson has been named sergeant-major of the corps.

His promotion was announced this morning by the Military Science Department, after approval by the president of the college and the dean of men.

A junior economics major from Elgin, Carlson was selected by a board of officers. The board's decision was based on scholastic proficiency, leadership ability, and cadet ac-

tivity factors. All junior cadets under consideration for the post were personally interviewed by the board.

Carlson's appointment makes him the first sergeant-major who is an Air Force ROTC student. Previous sergeant-majors have all been Army ROTC cadets.

The tall, blonde-haired Carlson owns a grade point ratio of 2.9—a fraction short of a straight "A" average. On Mother's Day

last year, he was named outstanding sophomore of the corps and of his unit, then H Flight Air Force. He received an engraved cup for the corps award and a key for the flight honor.

The Second Air Wing's liaison sergeant to the Corps Staff, he holds the rank of cadet master sergeant. He is a member of the Ross Volunteers, the Arts and Sciences Council, the Town Hall staff, and Phi Eta Sigma.

Carlson was graduated from Elgin High School in 1946. He entered the Army upon graduation and served until July, 1948. During this period he was overseas for 19 months, which included a tour of duty in Japan. He attained the rank of corporal while in the Army.

Cadets Edged by TU, 42-40 To Become Tri-Champions

Ags Finish Fast, But Steers Win

By FRED WALKER
Batt Associate Sports Editor

The A&M bubble burst last night in Austin as Longhorn forward, 6' 5 1/2" Joe Ed Falk snared a tip-in with only 5 seconds remaining in the game, to beat the Aggies 42-40.

Fighting tenaciously to keep in the game, the Aggies brought forth every degree of push and fire that was in their power, but the clock finally ran out on them and the Southwest Conference championship ended up in a three-way tie.

A&M had gone to Austin with the hopes of obtaining their first SWC basketball title since 1923, but as fate would have it, only a third of that crown was brought back to College Station.

A&M is Host For 'Operation High School'

A&M will play host to several hundred selected high school students Saturday for "Operation High School."

Sponsoring the event are Aggie student home town clubs, former student clubs and the Student Inter-council Committee, with the Student Activities Department serving as the connecting link.

The college will hold open house for selected student leaders of Texas high schools to show A&M's facilities, and advantages.

Members of the student home town clubs have sent invitations to outstanding high school seniors in their home towns. The number of high school students invited was determined by the amount of funds available for the sponsoring organizations to spend on transportation.



John Floyd

... in his first season as A&M head basketball coach, will send his team to a conference play-off as tri-champions.

It had been 17 years ago, when present Texas Basketball Coach Jack Grey was looping the nets at Austin, that the Maroon and White had been able to beat the Steers on their own court.

Into the lion's den went the Aggies with the determination to snap two displeasing records with one blow, but a too-tough combination of clock and miraculous Longhorn shooting proved too much for them.

Gregory Gym had never seen a crowd such as overflowed her walls and corridors last night. Better than 7,000 Texas and A&M fans sat, stood and hung from the iron girders to witness forty minutes of basketball that meant so much to each club. No matter what standpoint the bystander gazed, the contest meant sudden death to each club.

A&M drew first blood in that no-quarter fight when its great center Walter "Buddy" Davis swished a free throw through the net, but the Longhorns came roaring back to go ahead on a field goal by flashy guard Frank Womack.

After A&M's valiant little guard Woody Walker had tied up with two points, Texas roared into a 10-3 lead on three charities and

two field goals by Falk. Texas held their lead until only six minutes remained in the first half. After the superb Leroy Miksch had ringed a floor shot to narrow the lead to only one point, Davis repeated the performance and A&M lead, for the first time in the game, 16-15.

Held 10-Point Lead at Half It was point for point the next four minutes, but with the clock reading 2:20 and the score 20-19, the Steers ran completely berserk. In that two minute period, they rolled up nine points, blanked the Aggies, and left the floor at half-time leading 29-19.

The Orange and White rallyers took complete charge and their cries of "Poor A&M!" echoed and re-echoed for ten minutes.

A&M was trailing by 10 big points, but they hadn't given up by a long shot. But what loomed largest and blackest were the four (See JINXED, Page 3)

Meeting in Austin Will Set Play-Off

By DEAN REED

Representatives of A&M, TCU, and Texas University will meet in Austin Thursday to decide how and where the Southwest Conference basketball play-off will be held.

Losing to Texas last night by a 42-40 score, the Aggie cagers were knocked into a three-way tie for the conference title, with the Longhorns and TCU. Each team now possesses an 8-4 record in conference play.

The A&M-TU game last night, together with the SMU-Rice battle, finished the conference's regular season. SMU defeated Rice, 58-46.

La Motte Talks To Journalists

Choosing now between sports writing and news writing is like choosing "blondes or brunettes," Clyde La Motte told about 50 members of the Journalism Club last night.

La Motte, former Houston Post sports editor, is now a staff writer for the Houston Press. Considered by club members as one of the outstanding writers in the Southwest, he was invited to hold a general discussion on newspapers and sportswriting.

After his "blonde-or-brunette" answer regarding choices of writing, La Motte listed three major points for good newspaper work in the sports field.

"You must watch for 'false' stories," the Houston newsman said. "By this, I mean stories which give different meanings and implications than the facts show."

"Don't hide your best news deep down in the story. Using colorful phrases and beautiful descriptive adjectives can't replace telling the reader just exactly what happened."

Speaking of the ethics involved in sportswriting, La Motte said the acceptance of money or gifts for "plugs" is decreasing. "At one time about 75 per cent of our sports editors could be bought. Now I believe that number has decreased to about 25 per cent."

La Motte flailed the writer who fails to uphold the dignity of his profession, tending, instead, to be little it and be "one of the boys."

Bandy Conducting Training School

W. A. Bandy, chief of water and sewage training for the Texas Engineering Extension Service, is conducting a water school at Cameron. The school began Feb. 12 and will continue through March 2.

The school meets three nights a week for two hours at the county health unit. Twenty-four water plant employees from nine Texas towns and the Little River Water Works, the Milam County Health Department and Fort Hood are enrolled.

Towns represented include Rockdale, Cameron, Hearne, Rosebud, Marlin, Temple, Lexington and Bartlett.

When decisions are made for the play-off, the three teams will enter the post-season contests, with the winner emerging as the Southwest Conference's representative to the NCAA—National Collegiate Athletic Association—national tournament.

Last year's SWC representative to the NCAA play-off was Baylor, whose team reached the semi-finals. Baylor and Arkansas wound up their regular conference season with records exactly like the tri-champs this year—eight won, four lost. Baylor defeated Arkansas in the conference play-off and went to the NCAA meet.

The champion of the Pacific Coast Conference will be the first opponent for the 1951 Southwest Conference representative. The two teams will meet in Kansas City March 21.

The 16-team NCAA meet will open in Raleigh, N.C., and New York on March 20 and in Kansas City March 21. Its field will be made up of 10 conference champions and six other teams picked at random outside these major circuits.

Tessie Groups To Give Show Friday Night

Singers and dancers from TSCW will present a show on the Guion Hall stage Friday night.

The Caporettes, dancing ensemble, and the Singing Stars, song group, will begin their program at 7:30 p. m. The Singing Stars are under the direction of John Murray Kendrick, associate professor of music at TSCW.

Miss Bettigene Slover is soloist for the Singing Stars. Friday nights program will consist of Rogers and Hammerstein numbers, Cole Porter selections, a group of American Folk Songs and numbers by Gershwin, Hupfield, Arden and Charles.

Included in the program will be "You'll Never Walk Alone," "If I Love You," and "People Will Say We're In Love."

Also on the program are "Night and Day," "In the Still of the Night," "Careless Love," "Ida Red," "Inconstant Lover," and "I Wonder When I Shall Be Married."

The last group of songs will include "Clap Yo' Hands," "As Time Goes By," "I'll Get By," and "Let My Song Fill Your Heart."

Annual Cotton Ball, Pageant Slated May 4

The Cotton Ball and Pageant, sponsored annually by the Agronomy Society, will be held May 4, Tommie Duffie, Society social secretary, announced this morning.

"Any organization which did not receive an invitation to send a duchess to the Ball and Pageant last year may insure one this year by checking with me or leaving a note with the Agronomy Department, Room 201 of the Ag Experiment Building," Duffie said.

Invitations will be sent to organizations next week, the social secretary said.

King Cotton, who will reign with his queen over the Cotton Ball and Pageant festivities, will be chosen here March 13. A group from A&M will journey to TSCW March 31 to select the queen and her court.

President of the Agronomy Society this year is Leo Mikeska. Faculty sponsor is Eli Whitley of the Agronomy Department.

Other officers of the Society are Billy C. Gunter, vice president; W. E. Watson, secretary; Charles W. Wendt, treasurer; Berwin J. Terrell, reporter; E. B. Danjel, parliamentarian; and Don Hegel, assistant social secretary.

AF Promotes Former Student

William K. Boyd '38 has been promoted to the rank of major, United States Air Force officials announced this week.

Major Boyd is currently assigned to Kelly Air Force Base at San Antonio.

Symphony Changes Date to March 6

The San Antonio Symphony which has scheduled to appear on the Town Hall program on Monday, Mar. 5 will be heard, instead, on Tuesday, Mar. 6. Spike White, assistant to the dean of men for student activities, said the date was changed at the request of the visiting symphony to conform with a tour planned by it.

They'll Puff for \$280 in Prizes

Batt Pipe-Smoking Contest Tonight

By ROGER COSLETT

Tobacco will be king tonight as the slaves of the "Leaf of Paradise" huff and puff to win their share of prizes in The Battalion annual Pipe Smoking Contest.

Prizes to go up in smoke tonight at 7 in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room will amount to over \$280 when the first match is lit.

Fire engines and pulmotor squads are standing by waiting for the match that might go astray and any contestant or spectator that might be overcome by the smoke.

No one will leave the contest empty handed. There will be tobacco for spectators to fill their pipes with and free cigarettes for those who prefer them.

The Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., of Louisville, Ky., donated six one pound cans of Sir Walter Raleigh Tobacco and an Ital-

ian hand carved pipe, of Sir Walter Raleigh's face to be used as prizes since yesterday.

The Raleigh pipe and a pound of Sir Walter Raleigh Tobacco will be given as a special prize in the pipe collections division. Another pound of Raleigh will be added to the first place prizes in the professor's division. The remaining six cans will be added to various contests as prizes.

Three cartons of Old Gold Cigarettes were added to the P. Lorillard Company of Houston contribution of a Stanhope Pipe, twelve half pound humidors of Briggs Pipe Mixture, and a pound humidor of Briggs already presented.

One carton each of Old Gold Cigarettes will be added to the first place prizes in the professional cigarette rolling contest and the successive ring section of the smoke ring blowing contest. The remaining packs will be distributed

to runners-up in the cigarette contests.

A complete listing of the contests include large, medium, small, miniature and metal bowl pipe smoking; a calabash and church-warden section; a corn cob pipe smoking contest, a cigar smoking contest.

Also a contest to see who can blow the most smoke rings with a single "drag" on his cigarette; a large ring smoke ring blowing contest; cigarette rolling for professionals and amateurs—professionals will use a rougher cut of tobacco. And a contest to see who has the best pipe collection.

A special division has been set aside for professors and instructors only. Any or all of the above contests may be held in this section providing there are sufficient applicants.

The object in all pipe smoking contests will be to see who

can keep his pipe lit the longest. A predetermined amount of tobacco apportioned in accordance with the size of the pipe will be given to each contestant.

The Memorial Student Center, co-sponsor of the contest, and The Battalion will provide corn cob pipes which the contestants may keep, and tobacco for pipes and cigarette rolling.

Six persons have been designated to dispense justice and prizes in the smoking fray. They are: Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. I. B. Boughton, chairman of the judges; C. G. "Spike" White, director of Student Activities; John Cummings, chemistry instructor; D. E. Newsom, journalism instructor; Corps Executive Officer, Raymond Nutt and "Nita" Kearby of Nita's News Stand fame.

Prizes to be given have been donated by both local and national

tobacco, pipe, and novelty manufacturers and dealers.

Marxman Pipes of New York is the donor of two Marxman Pipes and a matched set, in a leather case, of collector item Marxman Pipes.

A Kaywoodie Calabash has been donated by The Ely Company of Dallas.

Thirteen Certified Purex Pipes has come from the L&H Stern Company of Brooklyn, N. Y. Rothenberg & Schloss Cigar Company, of Kansas City, Mo., has contributed a Demuth Aristocrat Pipe, a Hollycort Pipe and a Certified Purex Pipe to be used as prizes.

A&M Chesterfield Cigarette representative, Autrey Frederick, has donated seven cartons of Chesterfields.

Two Roger's Air-tite Tobacco pouches have come from Rogers (See PIPE-SMOKING, Page 4)