

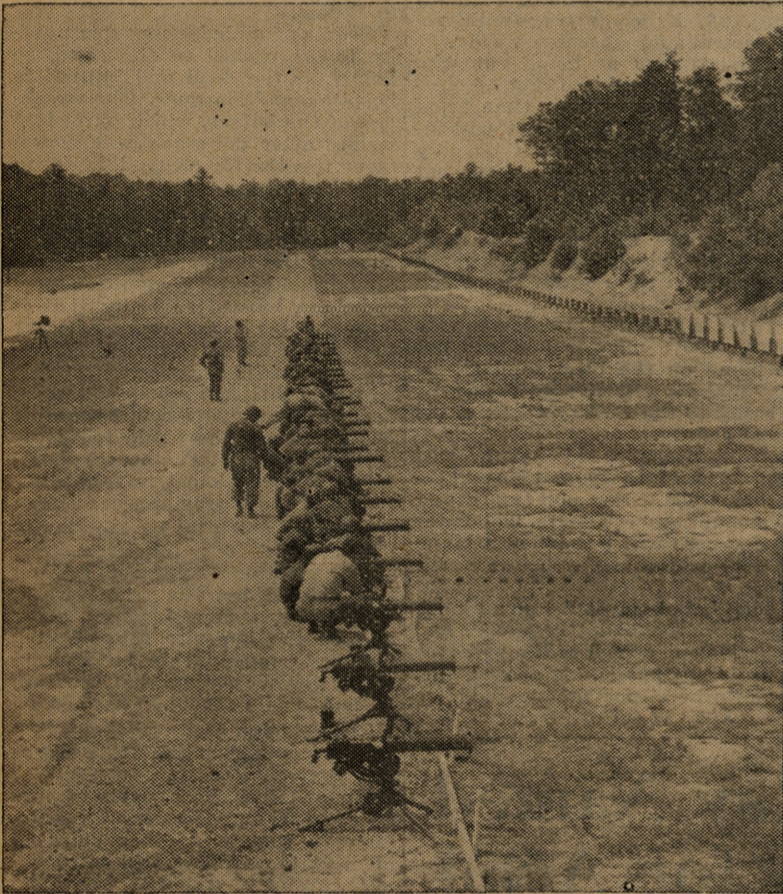
Battalion Editorials

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POTATOES --- AND GRAVY



On the Firing Line



Aggies are shown receiving instructions and familiarization firing in the 1000" range. The Cadets were named the top company at the Infantry ROTC Summer Camp in Ft. Benning, Ga.

School Board Names Teachers

A&M Consolidated School Board announced the appointments for the 1952-53 school year. The teachers were named and holidays set at the Tuesday night Board meeting.

The following appointments were made:

First Grade: Mrs. Lewis Knowles, Joyce Patranella (new), Mrs. W. B. Coke, Mrs. Lucille Letbetter.

Second Grade: Mrs. Sherline Bailey (new), Mrs. Georgia Williamson, Mrs. L. P. Dulaney, Mrs. Jack Kent (new).

Third Grade: Mrs. Evelyn Kincannon, Mrs. C. K. Leighton, Mrs. Warren Criswell, Mrs. Don Dale (new).

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Rowena Creswell, Mrs. C. B. Holzmann, Mrs. J. J. Skrivanek (new).

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Pearl Tanzer, Mrs. Bernice Parker.

Sixth Grade: Mrs. H. L. Heaton. Seventh Grade: Mrs. Deliah Fleming (new).

Eighth Grade: James Woods (new), Jim Bevans, W. T. Riedel, Horace Schaffer.

Ninth Grade: Mrs. J. T. Duncan. Tenth Grade: Mrs. Charles Byrd. Eleventh Grade: Mrs. Mabel Barger.

Twelfth Grade: Col. R. J. Dunn, Bob Boone, J. J. Skrivanek (new), O. V. Chafin, Mrs. Sydney Sorensen, Thomas Ryan, Mrs. Muriel C. Orr, Jack Chaney, James Forsythe (new).

School Calendar for 1952-53: Opening of School, Sept. 8; Thanksgiving Holidays, Nov. 27 and 28; Christmas Holidays, Dec. 20 thru Jan. 4; Easter Holidays, April 9 and 19 and 13; Closing of School, May 29.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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"Poker Flat" Deals Realism, Not Hokum

By JERRY BENNETT
"Outcasts of Poker Flat" starring Anne Baxter, Dale Robertson, and Cameron Mitchell—20th Century Fox—Campus Theater.

"Outcasts of Poker Flat" is further proof from Twentieth Century-Fox that a horse opera doesn't need to feed on corn to develop into a strong well made motion picture.

Fox has proved this point before with such pictures as "The Gunfighter" "Rawhide" and "The Secret of Convict Lake", all of which relied on an unusual plot combined with good acting instead of an abundance of blank cartridges to tell a story.

Adapted from Bret Hartes famous story, "Outcasts of Poker Flat" is not a western in the box office sense of the word. As was its predecessor, "The Secret of Convict Lake", the movie is actually a study in suspense and crime told against a western background.

The film's characters act like

believable human beings and wear clothes instead of costumes. Their dress looks as if it was bought in a 19th century general store instead of form fitted in Studio A. For once the heroine seems to prefer the typical fashions for that period, a full length dress complete with high neck, instead of the usual buckskin riding skirt and cowgirl hat.

For A Purpose

The actors dress for the elements instead of their fans and they look as if they are worn for a purpose instead of merely as ornaments.

The heroine is pretty, not glamorous, and the hero is brave without being ridiculous. He is a gambler, not a gunman, and in the end he deals death to the villain as he does cards, with his bare hands.

Neither cowboy nor his four legged namesake ever appear in the movie. Only a minority of the town's population are gunmen, the rest being just ordinary citizens who suffer from 5 o'clock shadow and whose hair gets out of place.

The scenery is unusual simply because it also is realistic. With time the snow looks as if it might turn into ice instead of suds, and the backdrops appear to have been designed by nature instead of the art director.

Due to the absence of technical- or, the camera is able to capture the film's mood of impending violence as three killers stalk the mud covered streets of a darkened town while the off key music of a fiddle and piano from the town's saloons blend with the film's background score.

Anne Baxter, as usual, gives a vivid characterization, and Dale Robertson says more with his eyes than the average young hopeful can convey with a dozen pages of dialogue. Cameron Mitchell is good as the trigger happy outlaw, but it is Billy Lynn as an elderly drunken half-wit who turns in the show's best performance.

Lions Club Hears Delaplaine Speak

Dr. W. H. Delaplaine, head of the economics department was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Lions Club, Monday in the ballroom of the MSC.

Delaplaine summarized the rise to power of Eva and Juan Peron in Argentina, and discussed government controls, foreign trade, and the economic stability of Argentina under the Peron regime.

Omar Smith, owner of Smitty's Grill and a member of the Bryan chapter was a guest. He discussed the possibilities of a softball game between the two chapters in the future.

A board of directors meeting will be held Wednesday noon, in room 2-C of the MSC, announced L. E. McCall, president.

Students Offered New USAF Opportunities

College graduates and students in their last semester of undergraduate work are now being offered direct commissions in the United States Air Force as electronic countermeasures officers, as announced here today by Lt. Col. William S. McCulley, Commanding Officer, 9807th Volunteer Air Reserve Training Squadron.

Technical Study

Prerequisites for the commissions include scientific or engineering backgrounds. Specifically, one year of physics or one year of mathematics to include algebra or trigonometry, is required.

Age limits on the direct commissions are from 18 to 27.

Electronics

The electronic countermeasures officer understands the principles of electronics systems and the use of electronic countermeasures. He plans and executes the electronic warfare program and is a vital cog in the Air Force machine as an air electronic intelligence officer who performs a trusted duty in protecting our national defense.

A limited number of second lieutenants will be appointed each month. After 10 weeks training at the USAF Officer Basic Military course at Lackland AFB, at San Antonio, the candidates will be trained in specialties at Air Force technical schools. These include 22 weeks of electronic fundamentals training, 15 weeks of ground phase training, and 10 weeks flight phase training.

College graduates or seniors interested in electronic countermeasures training are invited to contact Headquarters, Third Air Reserve District in Austin, their nearest Air Force Reserve Flying Training Center, or Volunteer Air Reserve Training Group for further information.

Those candidates selected will be given specialized training and will fly in the latest model aircraft of the USAF.

Norma McMullan Injured in Mishap

Norma Jean McMullan suffered first and third degree burns on her face and back in a \$3,000 fire at the McMullan home at 303 N. First Street, recently.

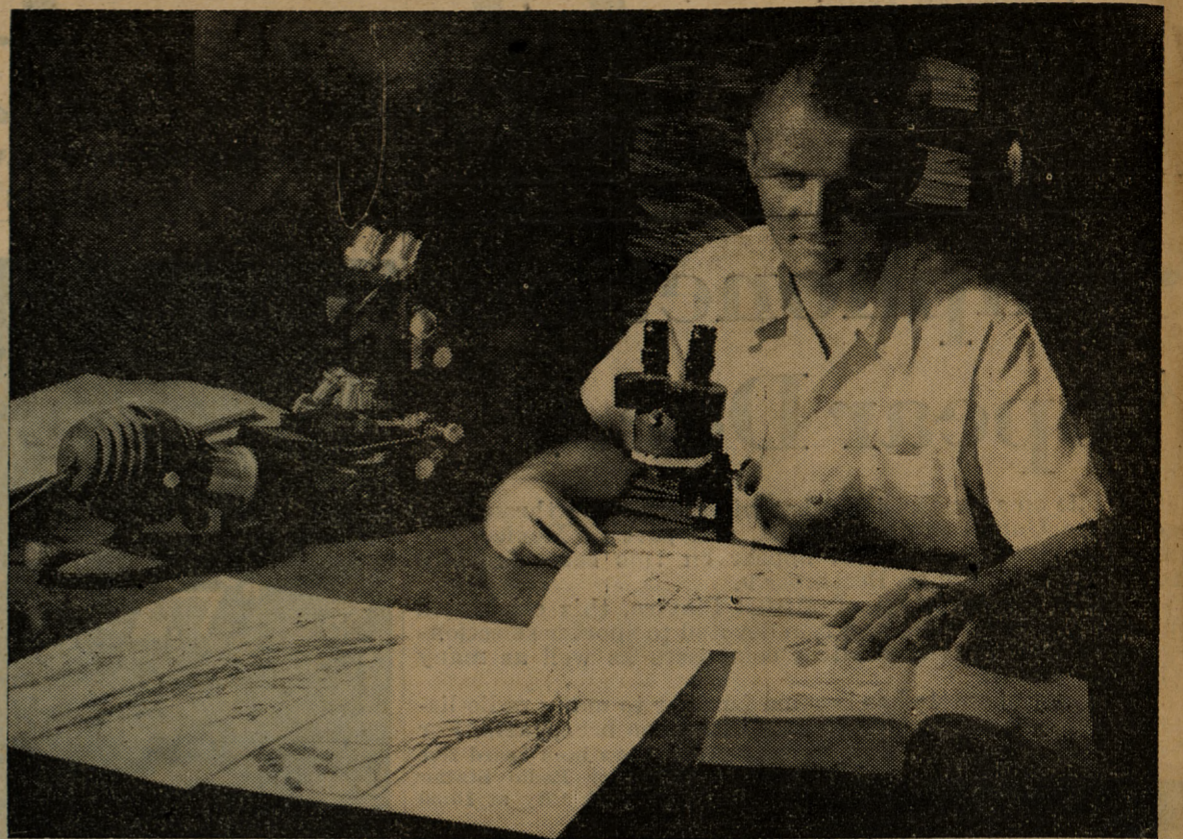
D. T. McMullan, a fifth year architecture student, burned his ankles when his shoes caught fire from the gasoline which started the blaze.

McMullan was using gasoline to clean the floor before putting down tile when the fumes from the gasoline caught from a nearby water heater.

The fire blocked off the bedroom door where the McMullans were and they escaped from the house through the bedroom window.

Mrs. McMullan's 12-year-old sister, Carolyn Lawhon of Kaufman, who has been visiting in the McMullan home was not harmed.

Neighbors with hoses and fire extinguishers soon had the blaze under control but the clothes and furniture of the couple were badly damaged.



Dr. Frank W. Gould, in charge of the Tracy Herbarium at A&M, checks his identification of a grass specimen before placing it in the steel filing cabinet behind him. More than 12,000 specimens

of grasses are contained in the cases. Some of the specimens in the collection are almost 150 years old.

Tracy Herbarium

Dr. Frank Gould Discovers Four New Grass Varieties

There's a man at A&M who is poking into the family secrets of grasses and coming up with some interesting discoveries.

He's Dr. Frank W. Gould, the man in charge of the Tracy Herbarium.

Specifically, Dr. Gould is engaged in cyto-taxonomy of grasses of the beard-grass and bluestem types. Cyto-taxonomy, according to Dr. Gould, means classification by cell study.

One of the secrets he has uncovered is that many grasses are misclassified because researchers have mistakenly interpreted superficial

C. E. McCullough's Have Six Lb. Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward McCullough are the parents of a six pound five ounce boy born at 5:10 a.m. Saturday, July 26. He was named Charles Thomas McCullough.

McCullough is a senior electrical engineering major from Fort Worth. He and his wife live at 20A Vet. Village.

Hilliard Announces MSC's Activities

Activities scheduled for MSC in August were released today by Mrs. Ann Hilliard, social director of the MSC.

The activities are listed as follows: Aug. 5, Kiwanis Club Luncheon; Aug. 6, Lions Club Board of Directors Luncheon and Camera Club; Aug. 7, Aggie Wives Bridge Club.

Also scheduled are: Aug. 8, wedding reception sponsored by Mrs. Dan Young; Aug. 11, Lions Club Luncheon, Air Force Reserve and Southwest Football Officials Assn.; Aug. 12, Kiwanis Club Luncheon and Magnolia Sales Conference.

Dr. R. C. Potts To Attend Meet In Quaker State

Dr. R. C. Potts of the agronomy department, will attend the sixth International Grassland Congress at State College, Penn., August 17 through 24.

This is the first meeting of the Grassland Congress to be held in the United States and plans call for the discussion of the important grassland problems from the countries registered, said Potts.

The meeting is sponsored by the United States Government and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Delegates from 55 countries are expected, totaling about 2,500 persons. Registration from 21 nations has been received thus far.

Speakers will include N. E. Dodd, director general of food and agriculture organization; John S. Fine, governor of Pennsylvania; and Milton S. Eisenhower, president of State College, Penn.

Four tours, including about 60 delegates each, will be conducted to various parts of the United States following the meeting.

resemblances among the species. He has found at least four new species and varieties.

Plant Chromosomes

The key to these findings lay in the differences of the number of chromosomes of the plants. Chromosomes are the cell structures which determine the physical characteristics of the off-spring.

That is, chromosomes see that junior bluestem has papa's shade of coloring and mama's lag blade.

The chromosomes determine more than that, too, Dr. Gould says. They have the final say concerning marriages in the family. If the chromosomes don't match—no wedding.

Dual Purpose

Dr. Gould has a dual purpose in such work. He plans the accumulation of information which will permit improvement of native range grasses, and at the same time is building up a larger collection of specimens in the herbarium.

At present the herbarium contains more than 60,000 plant spec-

imens, with more than 12,000 grasses from all parts of the world.

Some of the specimens were collected as long ago as 1805 and 1806. Others are still growing in a special garden which Dr. Gould cultivates as part of his study.

A third purpose served by the herbarium is identification for residents and students in the region.

New Specimen

Dr. Gould compares the herbarium to a huge reference library. When a new specimen comes in for identification, it is compared to specimens already in the files. First the general types are selected on a basis of resemblance.

Then species are compared, and finally, varieties of the species which most nearly match it.

All this comparison work requires exhaustive filing systems if the researcher is to avoid thumbing through thousands of mounted specimens in their neatly bound folders. So the herbarium's resemblance to a library is even more pronounced. It has a thorough card-catalogue system with cross-filing.

Although Dr. S. M. Tracy started collecting specimens for his own use in the early 1900's, and his collections form the heart of the present herbarium, the first real organizational work by the college was done in 1937 when filing was begun.

Dr. Gould joined the college staff in 1949. He holds the bachelor of science degree from Northern Illinois State Teachers College; the master of science degree in botany from the University of Wisconsin, and the Ph.D. degree in botany from the University of California at Berkeley.

Memorial Library Gets Contributions As Books Total 379

Total collections for the Cornelia Brown Sloop Memorial Library now numbers 379 books and a great number of magazines, said C. G. White, chairman of the Cornelia Brown Sloop Memorial Fund.

Mrs. L. G. Gabbard, beginning with a fund of approximately \$500, has done the excellent job of compiling the collection, White said.

Mrs. Gabbard requests that all books and magazines that can be used by elementary school age children be given to the A&M Consolidated School Library.

Cornelia Sloop, deceased A&M Consolidated teacher, was nationally known for her successful method of teaching children to read. Mrs. Sloop requested before her death last March that friends donate all money to a library fund rather than for flowers.

E. V. Walton Gives Speech in Houston

E. V. Walton, associate professor of agricultural education, will speak at the Kiwanis club luncheon at Houston Wednesday.

In answer to the request to the chairman of the agricultural committee, Walton will discuss the problems the youth of our nation are having in getting started in the farming business, and the effect the declining farming operations are having on our nation.

Samuels to Attend Unions Conference

John Samuels will represent A&M at a conference of Association of College Unions Sept. 9 and 10 at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

The conference will set up basic plans for the national convention that will be in Berkeley, Calif., the last part of April in 1953.

Samuels, a business administration major from Galveston, was leader of panel discussions the last two years at Lansing, Mich., and Stillwater, Okla.

Last year at Stillwater, Okla., 300-400 students and staff members represented 82 colleges and universities of the United States.