

On Range Cattle, the Old West

# Library Receives Rare Books

The University Library has acquired the unique Jeff Dykes Range Livestock Collection of books.

Assembled by J. C. Dykes, 1921 A&M graduate of College Park, Md., the 4,182-item collection contains many sought-after collectors volumes and extremely rare books, including two original editions of the "big four" range cattle rarities.

Acting library director John B. Smith said the Dykes collection provides a worldwide selection of titles on range cattle but that its scope also embraces fiction, history and poetry of the Western United States.

Located in Special Collections, the Dykes collection will be restricted to in-library use, according to Mrs. Evelyn King.

"The collection is ready for use and we will help anyone in locating research items," the special collections librarian said. Cataloguing is now in progress.

Originals of "the 'big four' range cattle books are James Cox's "Historical and Biographical Record of the Cattle Industry and Adjacent Territory," a historical and biographical source, and "Range and Ranch Cattle Traffic" by Joseph Nimmo, a Treasury Department official who researched a petition to Congress for a permanent 50-mile wide national cattle drive trail.

Other big four items obtained by Dykes in facsimile form are "Prose and Poetry of the Livestock Industry" and McCoy's "Historic Sketches of the Cattle Trade of the West and Southwest."

The Maryland collector also ranks "The Texas Stock Directory" with the big four. The book of marks and brands was compiled by San Antonio area stockmen W. H. Jackson and S. A. Long in 1865.

Volumes on range cattle in South Africa, China, Russia and Argentina, among others, and on all breeds round out the nucleus of the collection.

Rare first and second editions in many areas overlapping range cattle will be of interest to researchers in American history, English literature, ecology and range land, Mrs. King said.

Such a book is one of the first

two editions of Dana's "Two Years Before the Mast." Published in 1840 and one of the older items in the collection, the famous work contains a chapter on hides for which cattle were slaughtered exclusively.

"A very rare member of the collection is A. S. Mercer's 'Banditti of the Plains.' It reported an unpopular viewpoint of cattlemen's invasion of Wyoming in the 1890s and all but a few copies smuggled out to Denver were

destroyed," Mrs. King explained. The Dykes collection copy was obtained from a U. S. Congressman who had each page lined with silk to protect the paper.

Mrs. King said that all items in the collection will be kept in original condition. Catalogue numbers will be on acid-free paper flags inserted between book pages. Many volumes are shelved in original dust jackets.

An open end collection, the assemblage will be added to by

Dykes and the library, with his approval. He spent last summer in England for this purpose and plans to seek cattle items in Wales and Scotland this year.

Sheet music, a Jamaica farm herd book, first editions autographed by publisher, designer and author, items from other famous collections, government pamphlets and a program from the first rodeo presented in Paris, France, are in the collection.

## MSC Directorate Restructured

(Continued from page 1) temporary Arts Committees of the directorate. This will include evaluation of the committee programs, providing public relations for assistance. He will also have other duties assigned him.

The vice president for recreation will have the same responsibilities as the vice president for issues, only the committees the recreation vice president will be involved with are the Camera, Radio, Recreation, and Travel Committees, along with the new singing group being formed as a directorate committee.

The vice president for entertainment will be concerned with the Town Hall, Aggie Cinema, Host and Fashion, and Basement Committees, having the same duties in his area as the other two vice presidents do in theirs.

The vice president for operations will handle such things as the annual awards banquet, the annual Association of College Unions convention planning, and special events, and will be in charge of the directorate's Public Relations Organization (PRO).

Each of the four vice presidents, along with the executive vice president, will have directorate assistants assigned to him to help him in his job.

Directorate assistants are sophomores whose job is to assist directorate officers.

The council comptroller, along with the council historian, a post created last year, will also have directorate assistants assigned to them.

Joe M. (Mac) Spears III, MSC

Council and Directorate president, told council members that the change allows for future growth of the directorate. As new committees are formed, Spears said, they can be assigned to the appropriate vice president, or a new vice presidential slot can be created to equalize the load among the vice presidents.

Earlier in the meeting, councilmen heard a report by Davis Mayfield III, chairman of the Ski the Alps-70 Committee. Mayfield told the group that the project had been a great success, and that he thought it could be done again next year with fewer problems, since experience would help.

He also told the council that the project was only worthwhile if it became a continuous thing—otherwise all the effort that had been put into this year's trip would be wasted.

Council Secretary-treasurer and MSC Director J. Wayne Stark said that he thought the project should be continued, but with the joint sponsorship of the council and the university.

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### \$40,000 in Taxes Returned to City

Texas A&M collected \$39,512 in sales tax for the City of College Station last year, announced A&M Controller Clark Diebel.

The university derived the one-percent city sales tax primarily on food served in its cafeterias and purchases at the Exchange Store and Memorial Student Center gift shop, Diebel noted.

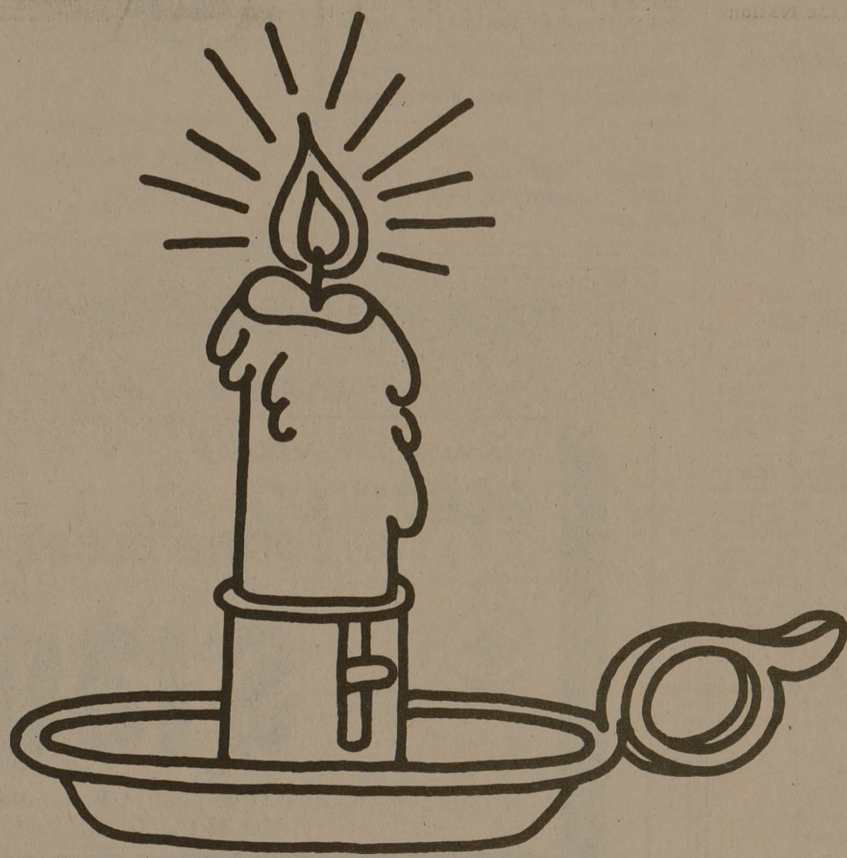
He said the university remits the entire four-percent sales tax, including three percent for the state, to the state comptroller, with notation of the amount to be credited to the city.

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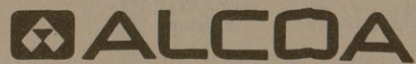
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