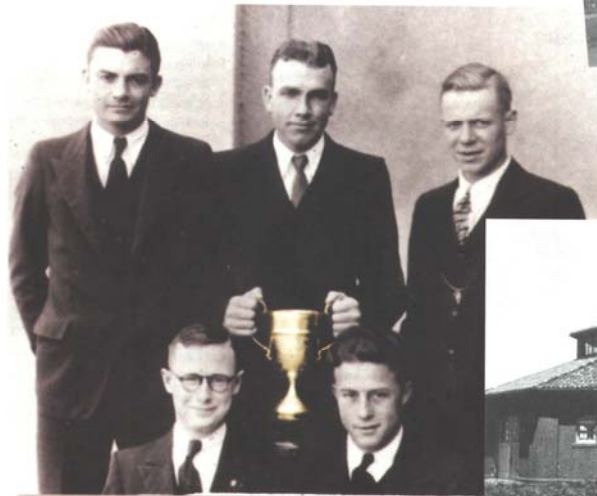
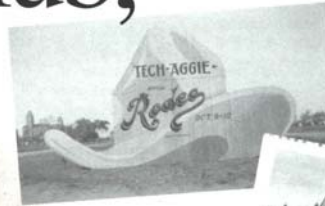


The Aggie Club, 1929—1933



The 1933 dairy judging team won 1st place at the Southwestern Exposition & Fat Stock Show.



Sign placed around town, announcing the Aggie Rodeo.



An early postcard showing the Dairy Barn.

The livestock judging pavilion c. 1925.



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Recently, the University Archive received a donation of a “lost” minute book from Tech’s Agricultural Club. Realizing its potential research value, a donor had saved it for the archives. This book gives valuable insight into the early years of the club.

The minute book covers the time period from fall 1929 through fall 1933. The opening statement from the book of minutes follows: “The Agricultural Club of Texas Technological College was organized at the opening of the college or shortly after in 1925. The membership was small and interest was not very high. The club had a purpose and a place. So it has grown to be of the best on the campus.

“Last year it, with its President, Claude Hope, it (the Aggie Club) did more worth-

while things than any other club on the campus. The chief projects were the Aggie Fair which was put on in the spring. It was a big success for the first year. It is hoped that another and larger fair will be placed this year. A loan fund has been established for short time loans. Besides these activities, the social round is far from small. The annual dance and Home Eco.(nomics) entertainment and pig roast are by far the (most) outstanding and looked forward to by all the members and students on the campus in general.”

Events were usually held in the livestock judging pavilion. During the school year, members had regular meetings, and planned such events as a barn dance, socials, a pig roast and a rodeo. During

these early years, members chose a club pin and the official club colors of red and white. They also decided to have individual photographs of Aggie Club members to appear in the “La Ventana.” Each meeting included some form of entertainment, including such things as presentations, kangaroo courts, minstrel shows, and music. The majority of the members were male, with only a few women, according to the Aggie Club roll. ■

To examine this Aggie Club Minute book, along with numerous photographs that are associated with the College of Agriculture, please visit the University Archive, located in the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library.