# SAYS EDUCATION IS NOT EXPENSIVE

MAN WITH THE "STUFF" MAKES IT THROUGH A. & M. WITH BUT LITTLE TROUBLE.

### **OPPORTUNITIES MANY**

By Charles E. Friley, Registrar, economic changes which are constantly going on in our Nation eighth grade, there are practical two-have brought the farmer and the en-year courses in agriculture, electrical gineer-the men who produce things -into the public eve as never before. More and more are the people coming to realize that the foundation of a successful democracy, such as we boast, is the trained farmer who can produce a better acre of corn or raise a better pen of pigs than his untrained neighbor, and the engineer who can erect a stately building, produce substitute for lard from cottonseed, build a substantial highway or rail-road, dam the waters of a river, construct an electric light plant, design and build an engine or clean up a filthy and unhealthy city.

The purpose of the Agricultural and who are un Mechanical College of Texas is to in college. provide adequate instruction in those subjects which will enable the young men of Texas to become leaders in every movement which makes for the material and moral betterment of the people among whom they live and work. As teachers, as demonstrators, as managers of industrial plants, as highway engineers, as chemists or as architects, these young men have it within their power to transform the great State of Texas into a veritable empire, whose products and resources would be entirely sufficient to sup- time learn the fundamental principles

port in comfort and plenty a population five times as great as our present population. The German Empire, with an area no larger than that of Texas, supports a population of 70,-000.000. Texas ought to do one-third as well.

## Courses Are Varied.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College offers courses of study suitable for every class of boys. For the young man from the rural districts, who has not had the advantage of a full high school education, but who has completed the equivalent of the engineering, mechanical engineering and textile engineering, and a oneyear course in telephony. The work offered in these courses is naturally of lower grade than collegiate work, but the thoroughly practical nature of the courses commends itself to young men with limited preparation, who desire to obtain a working knowledge of the most modern and practical methods employed in scientific agriculture and engineering. There is also a class of young men

whose preparation has extended somewhat above the eighth grade, who desire a college education but who are unable to spend four years To meet the demands made by this class, the A. & M. Col-lege has established and will offer next year an elective two-year course in agriculture and a two-year course in engineering. Eight units of high school work, equivalent to the completion of the ninth grade of a standard high school, are required for admission to these courses. The work of the first year of these courses is of such nature that the student is enabled to practically complete his high school work and at the same 

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of agriculture or engineering. work of the second year is entirely devoted to agricultural or engineering work, most of which is of col-legiate grade. Also, these courses are so arranged that students who complete the first year may, under certain conditions, enter the Fresh-Training No man class of one of the four-year degree courses.

#### Four-Year Courses.

The four-year degree courses are a boy can spend nine months at the based on a four-year high school college and pay every expense, inpreparation, and are designed to prepare the young men of Texas for leadership in all phases of agricul-tural and engineering work. The opportunities open to young men who complete one of these courses are practically unlimited. Of course one cannot expect the opportunities fall at his feet and beg for his serv-ices. It is up to him to find the opportunity, and when it is found his college training will enable him to make a success of it. In the final analysis, a boy's success depends mainly upon himself. His college training simply develops to an efficient point whatever characteristics he has which make for success. But which the average boy overlooks enopportunities are waiting for the

The energy and seriousness of purpose and stickability-to grap them. Scientific agriculture especially is in infancy as yet, and it remains for the boys of this State to develop the wonderful resources which have lain dor-

### Training Not Expensive.

Education at the Agricultural and Mechanical College is not expensive, as expenses go these days. For \$250 cluding clothing, books, board, washing and fees. Some, of course, spend more than that amount, some of necessity spend less. Many, by working at spare times on the campus. in the laundry, in the steam plant, in the creamery, at the dairy barn, on the college farms, in the department offices and at the homes of the professors, make enough to pay one-third and even one-half of their expenses. A few make every cent they spend during the college year and have money to their credit at the end of the session. These boys are of course unusually energetic and wide-awake, and take advantage of opportunities tirely. But the point is any boy who every young man who has sufficient has the "stuff" in him can make good