

U. S. Declares War On Central Powers

APRIL 6, 1917

PEACE

By The Associated Press

Washington, Nov. 11.—The World War will end this morning at 6 o'clock, Washington time, 11 o'clock Paris time. The armistice was signed by the German representatives at midnight. This announcement was made by the State Department at 2:50 this morning.

The announcement was made verbally by an official of the State Department in the following form:

"The armistice has been signed. It was signed at 4 a.m. Paris time and hostilities will cease at 11 o'clock this morning, Paris time.

Training Camp Set For Aggie Seniors

May 3, 1917 . . . Recruiting officers for the officers' reserve corps training camp to be held at Leon Springs beginning May 14 have been opened at the A&M College. In addition to members of the senior class from the college and employees of that institution applicants from Bryan and neighboring towns will be received at the College Station office.

Examinations are being conducted by Dr. Otto Ehlinger, surgeon at the college hospital.

Sixty-six men have been certified since Sunday. Of that number sixty-two are cadets. C. M. Torrents, a special student, has enrolled, Charles B. Hudson, a young attorney from Bryan, W. L. Driver, athletic director at the college, and Ike Ashburn, publicity agent and secretary to the board, also have been certified.

All of the sixty-two cadets are seniors and most of them are officers.

Jack Shelton was commander of the regiment this year. He had planned to return to his farm which is now managed by his family and had refused appointment to the regular army. Now that war has been declared he feels that as a

result of his long training he can be of more service as an officer.

Shelton left last night for his home at Brownwood for a few days visit before reporting at Leon Springs.

Cadets registering thus far are C. C. Albert, R. C. Black, R. E. Bosque, H. J. Burkett, E. L. Brown, A. J. Bennett, J. K. Bivins, F. L. Bramlette, H. M. Cather, T. B. Cochran, C. C. Cox, H. J. Conway, C. D. Dodd, H. I. Earnest, J. L. Fry, J. C. Findlater, J. W. Fucks, M. G. Gibson, J. L. Gibbs, D. L. Hook, B. E. Irby, H. A. Jopling, D. J. Kiber, H. R. Kerbow, W. C. Lockett, H. M. Lowe, M. Mitchell, J. K. Mattox, S. L. Metcalfe, G. A. Powers, S. E. Perrin, H. M. Poetter of Franklin, P. P. Reilly, H. H. Seale, O. F. Spencer, Jack Shelton, G. A. Woody, Reid Wipprecht, A. A. Walker, O. F. Zedler, J. S. Allen, C. F. Braunig, F. A. Crow, R. L. Chappelle, N. E. Gardner, F. W. Halsey, R. E. Hill, E. J. Hammer, S. D. Hervey, H. Q. Jennings, L. S. Kotzebue, I. G. Moore, J. A. Otto, N. L. Peters, H. P. Stockton, N. Y. Stormen, W. T. Swink, C. T. Trefkey, C. M. Torrents, B. P. Wadley, A. B. Weaver, N. W. Thomas and C. O. Denning.

Ag Juniors to Leon Springs

May 24, 1917

By a recent order of the War Department juniors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas have been permitted to sign up for admittance to the officers' reserve corps training camp at Leon Springs.

The order as revised permits them to enter the camp June 10. They of course will enter upon the basis that everybody else does, that is, all are going into training to fit themselves for officers and their work will determine the rank they will attain at the termination of the training period.

Thus far about twenty-four of the juniors have signed up.

Incidentally the student body is being gradually depleted. Most of the seniors have gone and their diplomas will be forwarded to them except that President Bizzell may visit Leon Springs and deliver them to the boys at a ceremony. Underclassmen have been going away for the past week or two for one reason or another but drilling continues unabated. The class work of the year is continued, but is not being stressed like drilling. Target shooting is had every day and the boys are making some good records. In fact it has been discovered that there are among them some natural born marksmen. Boys who have never before handled a rifle are able occasionally to qualify as expert marksmen on the first round.

As a result of the gradual retirement of the student body several professors have been granted leaves of absence departing for points to which they want to go about two weeks earlier than is customary.

1917 Graduates Enter Service At School End

June 2, 1917

Without special ceremony the 1916-17 session of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas was brought to a close this morning, the students departing on trains shortly after noon for their various homes in this and other states. Some of the teaching force have already departed for their summer vacations, a few not

to return, and others left with the students, while some will be going daily for the next few weeks. Several will remain to serve in the various meetings that are to be held at the college and take their vacations after the close of these. The reason for the lack of ceremony this year can be blamed on Kaiser Wilhelm, who started this world war and made its effects felt on the student body. Most of the seniors have departed for Leon Springs and other points.

Financial Report For Football

December 20, 1917

Athletic Drive furnishes the following statement.

Football receipts and expenditures for 1917 for Texas A&M College:

Receipts

Incidentals, \$8.90.
Box Seats, \$52.45.
Season Tickets, \$4760.
Gate Receipts, \$17504.80.
Refunds, \$5.82.
Total Receipts, \$22,331.97.

Expenses

Incidentals, \$1723.63.
Office and Salary, \$3,430.36.
Hotel and Traveling, \$1808.04.
Equipment, \$1,186.47.
Officials, \$798.80.
Field and Permanent Improvement, \$754.61.
Guarantees, \$6672.61.
Advertising, \$260.95.
Total Expenses, \$16,635.47.
Amount for Season, \$5696.50.

A&M Adjusts Quickly For War Emergency Training

World War I came unexpectedly to the American people and to the A&M campus. Anxious eyes had been cast toward Europe at the invasion of Belgium by German Armies and most Americans sympathies were with France, England and Belgium.

Coupled with this kindred feeling also was a certain belief of "It can't happen here."

President Woodrow Wilson was elected on the slogan, "He Kept Us

Out Of War."

With the announcement of the German government that they would resort to unrestricted submarine warfare and the sinking of the Lusitania, President Wilson asked for a declaration of war. This declaration was approved by Congress and the fight was on.

No draft machinery was in operation, America had a midget size standing army and little in the way of a trained reserve.

The news of World War I was received quietly on the A&M campus although there was a general feeling of, "What can I do to help?"

Subsequently seniors were asked

to volunteer for officer training, and later juniors were permitted to volunteer.

In the later part of 1917 a Signal Company of the Army was sent to the A&M campus for training. This was merely the vanguard of many more such units that were to receive training on the A&M campus under the auspices of the S.A.T.C.

Coupled with the depletion of the student body, other Agricultural Agencies were leading the campaign to grow more food. Gardens sprang up all over the campus, and in every village and town.

A&M men acquitted themselves well and A&M furnished more commissioned officers to the Army than did the U. S. Military Academy.

The final unofficial count of A&M men taking part in World War I was set at 2200. Of these 55 paid the supreme price.

A&M YMCA At Leon Springs

May 21, 1917

Charles Firth, chief student advisor and coach of the track team at Texas A&M College, left last night for Leon Springs, where he will establish a YMCA center for rest, recreation and devotional services for the recent A&M graduates, old and recent, who make up such a considerable part of the men training there.

There were but three or four seniors at the college, ten of the honor graduates having entered the regular army of the United States and twenty more joining the marine corps as officers.

The exercises will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon; in addition to music by the Third Field Artillery band, stationed there, Miss Lucille Huckmann of San Antonio will render vocal selections and Col. W. S. Scott, commandant of the camp and former commandant at the college will address the members of the senior class.

Bizzell's Tennis Courts into Garden

May 4, 1917

Tennis courts at A&M have fallen before the plow. President Bizzell led the procession of those putting in all surplus unused ground in gardens. His tennis court has been plowed and tomatoes and other vegetables planted there. All uncultivated and unsodded ground will bear fruit in terms of vegetables this season.

About two acres directly in front of the hospital have been plowed and corn, peas and other such vegetables planted. These vegetables will be open for consumption by campus residents, charges being confined to actual cultivation costs. All waste places must be cultivated says Dr. Bizzell.

Juniors Given Command

May 19, 1917

Since the recent departure of the majority of the senior class from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, junior cadets are acting as battalion and company commanders. The remaining seniors are in charge of the corps staff offices and are assisting the juniors to master the technique of commanding company units. The organization of the corps is undisturbed by the change and the underclassmen are benefitting by the responsibilities placed heretofore only upon seniors.

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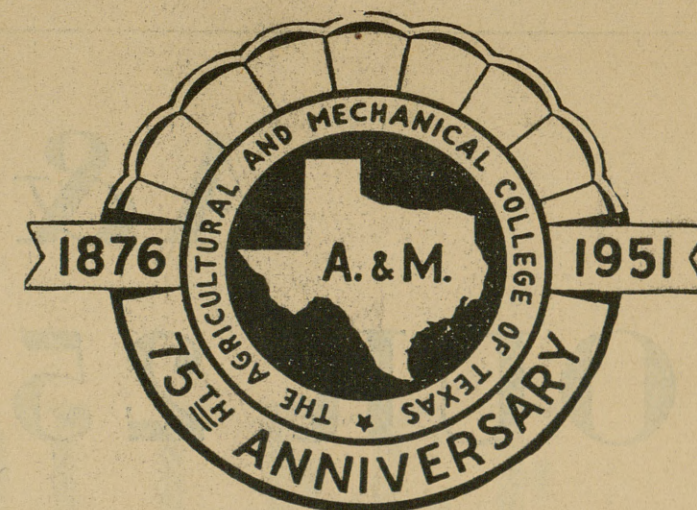
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It is with immeasurable pride that our entire staff pauses, reflects and says,

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