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### LARGE EXHIBIT OF LIVESTOCK TO FORT WORTH

Seventy-Eight Head of Livestock to be Shown at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

In the hopes of duplicating last year's feat of winning the majority of the coveted livestock honors at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show at Fort Worth the Animal Husbandry Department of the College is fitting the best individuals of its herds of horses, steers, sheep, and hogs for the coming show in March.

The Dairy Husbandry Department now under the direction of an experienced commercial breeder and show man of the Great Lakes dairying district and equipped with a number of new individuals which he selected from northern prize winning herds, and brought south with him last fall, will also enter the competition for honors and prizes this spring, which will enlarge its fame in livestock breeding.

All together the College will send a total of 78 animals to Fort Worth. These will be divided as follows: 19 steers, 35 hogs, 7 horses, 9 sheep and 8 dairy cattle. While in number this exhibit is a little smaller than the one sent last year, it cannot be said of it that it is smaller in potential winning strength. Less honor in the show ring will mean not lower quality in the animals but stronged competition. For among the number of animals that have already become familiar in the show ring. Of the steer herd seven are individuals that swept the field of prizes at the American Royal Livestock show at Kansas City and at the International Exposition and Livestock show at Chicago last fall. Only one animal of the herd that was exhibited at these national shows is missing from the number that will be taken to Fort Worth, and that is Tierra Alta II, the Angus steer that was champion of both shows, who was sold at Chicago. The eight animals exhibited by the College, seven of which will be taken to Fort Worth, won more premiums at the International than the herd of any other exhibitor.

Due to the fact that the Fort Worth (Continued on Page 8)

### MAJOR GENERAL LEWIS PRESENTS COMMISSIONS

123 Commissions Presented at Fitting Exercises in Guion Hall.

Washington's Birthday—a day set apart as a tribute to the Father of our country—will long be remembered by the cadet corps of 1923. With the corps assembled in Guion Hall, Major General E. M. Lewis, Commander of the Eighth Corps Area, made the commemoration address and presented commissions to the cadet Senior officers.

General Lewis opened his remarks by praising the cadet corps for its fine upstanding type of manhood and its excellent military showing in spite of adverse weather conditions during his short visit. The College is indeed to be proud of this praise coming from a man of such note and a man of high scholarly and military attributes. He next took up the national defense policy and showed the part the R. O. T. C. has in it. Washington urged a strong policy of national defense, he said, notwithstanding that we call him the Father of our Country and respect him as such, we have consistently failed to follow his advice. Every war has found us unprepared. At present the United States has three lines of defense: the regular army, the national guard and the organized reserves. As a result of the reduction of the regular army more importance is placed on the R. O. T. C. for it is by this method that we get officers to train the mass of citizens which will form the army in case of war.

With these stirring words ringing in their ears, and with a broadened vision of their influence and duties, the cadet officers went forward and received their commissions. Colonel C. C. Todd, professor of military Science and Tactics, called the names of the officers and presented them in grade, beginning with the Cadet Colonel, to General Lewis, who handed each man his commission.

Thus ended the exercises which fittingly commemorated the birthday of the Father of Our Country—George Washington, soldier and citizen.

### COMMANDER OF EIGHTH CORPS AREA INSPECTS A. AND M. CADETS

Major General Lewis Visits College on February 21 and 22 to Inspect Military Affairs of Institution and to Deliver Address at Holiday Ceremony.

### FIRING COMPETITION PROMOTED

College Rifle and Pistol Teams Bring Organized. Matches to be Arranged.

Competitive firing with both rifle and pistol as a form of sport will be more prominent at the College this year than in years past according to plans being made at this time. A rifle and pistol match with the Ninth Infantry at San Antonio has already been agreed upon and practice will soon begin for these matches Major W. H. H. Morris stated yesterday. Other matches are expected to be arranged later.

The College gained much publicity throughout the United States last spring by defeating the rifle team of the Ninth Infantry in a match shoot on their own range at Camp Bullis.

Practically all of the men who composed the team sent out by A. and M. last year are not in school this year but it is expected that they can be replaced this spring with others equally as good.

Of the eleven men who composed the team that went to San Antonio last year only three remain in school today. They are A. L. Parke of Dickinson, H. G. Johnson, of Chickasha, Oklahoma and Z. Smith of San Antonio.

The College did not shoot a competitive pistol match last year but there was some good practice work done and there is a wealth of good material available for training.

Captain J. O. Tarbox will coach the rifle team and Captain F. J. de Rohan will probably coach the pistol team.

Chase-Lister Stock Company at the Palace presenting "The Naughty Bride," a comedy; Tuesday night, and "Over the Hills" Wednesday night.—Adv.

Major General E. M. Lewis, commander of the eighth corps area, arrived at College last Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of inspecting the Cadet Corps. General Lewis was received with full military ceremony on his arrival. President W. B. Bizzell, Colonel Ike Ashburn, Colonel C. C. Todd and his staff of regular army officers greeted the distinguished visitor at the train. He was also welcomed with martial music by the Aggie Band, with the salute of thirteen 3-inch field pieces, and was escorted to the residence of Colonel C. C. Todd by troop A Cavalry under the command of Cadet Captain L. H. Wood.

A review was scheduled to be held Wednesday afternoon, but on account of the rain was postponed till the next morning at which time it was held, but under very adverse conditions of weather.

In beginning his address in Guion Hall last Thursday morning after the review of all units on the drill ground and concluding his second day of inspection of the military affairs of the institution, General Lewis paid the Texas A. and M. cadets the compliment of being the best exponent of the United States Government's new policy of training reserve officers. He expressed great personal pride in having under his command in the eighth corps which is the largest in the United States in both territory and personnel, the leading senior reserve officers training corps unit in the country.

He said credit for the splendid military asset which the A. and M. College was, was due to the fact that the cadets were thoroughly imbued with President Bizzell's sense of the value of a military reserve force. And he recognized the merit of the military instructors in his additional statement that as long as that spirit was injected in the training course the government would continue to keep on duty here the best staff of army officers in its service.

Following his address General Lewis awarded the cadet commissions