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### NEW BUILDINGS NEXT BIENNIUM COST \$315,000

Program for Next Two Years Will be Credit to Ambition of President Bizzell to Have Building Go On.

Construction and other building plans now under way at the A. and M. College of Texas are of such proportions as to do credit to the ambition of President W. B. Bizzell, so often expressed, that there shall ever be building on the A. and M. campus as long as he is head of the institution. A summary of the work now progressing under the efforts of carpenters and bricklayers and architects shows that in the next biennium more than \$300,000 will be expended in new construction.

The chiefest of these buildings will be an extension service administration building to cost \$100,000, a combination hotel and dormitory to cost \$75,000, exchange store to cost \$40,000, new assembly hall to take the place of the old airdome and to cost \$30,000, dairy building \$20,000, repairs to Gathright Hall \$15,000, greenhouse \$10,000 and deep well \$20,000. In addition there are to be new sidewalks and more gravelled streets, new residences and a number of other repairs and improvements.

The assembly hall, dairy building, repairs to Gathright hall and greenhouse are nearing completion. Plans for the extension building have been completed and plans for the combination hotel and dormitory will be begun by E. B. LaRoche, college architect immediately after he completes the extension service building plans. It is expected that the contract for the two buildings will be let simultaneously about September 1. Contract for the new well was let about a month ago and calls for the completion of a well that will flow 450,000 gallons every twenty-four hours by January 1. The exchange store will probably not be started until next year.

#### Extension Service to be Housed.

The extension service building will be constructed with money appropriated by the Thirty-Eighth legislature and will be the first exclusive extension administration building in the United

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### H. L. Roberts and J. F. Baker Get Highest Rank in Cadet Corps for Session of 23-24

Promotion List Issued by President Bizzell Gives List of Cadet Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers for the Coming Year.

Commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the senior and junior classes of the A. and M. College of Texas for the session of 1923-24, have been announced by President W. B. Bizzell. The appointments were made by Colonel C. C. Todd, professor of

military science on the basis of scholarship, discipline, military bearing, leadership and physical qualities, as judged by the commandant, registrar, president, and on the recommendations of last year's senior officers. The

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### SPIRIT SOON TO REINHABIT BODY

Formal Opening Exercises for 1923-24, September 21; 1000 Freshmen Expected for Work.

Empty classrooms, uninhabited dormitories, a vacant drill field, lonesome mess hall and a quiet athletic field with its sportive equipment standing like death sentinels in a land forsaken, are all calling, beseeching in mute promptings for the vivacious spirit of habitation that will make the whole place resound again with that soul stirring, victorious voice of Aggieland. In other words, there is a great desire for the spirit to return and reinhabit the body.

The "ole school" is offering more this year to inspire the minds, develop the muscles and cheer the hearts of Aggies. It has expanded its log-"school of fish" extended also its building equipment for classroom and laboratory practice and last but not least, added facilities at Kyle Field, the place where Aggie hopes for interscholastic triumphs spring, are seldom discouraged and have never died.

Announcement of the commissioned personnel of the senior class and the noncoms of the junior class gives encouragement to brighter views of student work and play the coming year. With the most experienced and best qualified men in the places of greatest responsibility for discipline and constructive endeavor there is every reason to believe that there will be no discordant elements in the cadet corps this year but instead only peaceful cooperation and harmonious action which makes such a beautiful and admirable thing of the A. & M. student body. A united spirit for a bigger and better Aggieland would be a phrase aptly applied to the new organization that will determine the destiny of the school for another year.

New students will have precedence in date of registration. They will be enrolled on September 17 and 18. Old students will be dated into the fold again on September 19 and 20. Graduate students will be accepted on September 21 and recitations will begin September 21 at 8 a. m. There will be a short respite from class-work, or rather the assignment of lessons at 10 a. m. September 21, for

## The Call to Books

The vacation period is rapidly drawing to a close. The time has come to make preparations for returning to College. It is my sincere hope that every student who reads these words has had an enjoyable, profitable summer and that he can find it in his heart to be joyful over the prospects of renewing his work in College.

Every possible effort is being made to provide as comfortably as we can for the student body this year. Additional housing accommodations have been provided and other conveniences installed that will add to the comfort and convenience of the students of the College. We earnestly hope that the days of "Sheik City" are over. Unless an unprecedented number of students enroll, ample housing accommodations will be available this fall.

Old students who read this communication are earnestly requested to report to College on time. Remember that the new year begins Wednesday, September 19. New students will be expected to register

on September 17 and 18. I hope that every high school in Texas will have representation this year in our student body; not because the College will be short of students, but because I desire that the advantages offered here be made available to the entire state. An old student can render no greater service to any young man than to urge him to come to this College and prepare to take his place as a useful citizen. I urge you, therefore, to bring the advantages of the College to the attention of every young man who is qualified to enter here.

In conclusion, let me urge you to resolve when you leave home to reenter College that you are going to make the new year one of great profit to yourself. I hope that you will come back determined to make the most of your opportunities throughout the new year. I pledge to you my loyal cooperation in helping you to fulfill this resolution.

Faithfully yours,  
W. B. BIZZELL,  
President.