

the formal opening exercises of the College year, a time especially arranged to give Prexy the opportunity of introducing himself as the regular Sunday morning speaker for the College year.

As usual since the prosperous days of A. and M. began, away back yonder in a certain year marked by the coming of the one who at present pilots the ship of education, there will be a larger class of initiates on hand when the doors of the dormitories open to receive their occupants on the "first night" of school. Whereas, there were only about 700 freshmen on hand last year there are expected to be on duty nearer 1000 this next term.

H. L. ROBERTS AND J. F. BAKER GET HIGHEST RECORDS

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record of the men at the six week's training camp just completed at San Antonio, was also considered.

Highest distinction in bestowal of rank has been given to H. L. Roberts of Corsicana, who has been made colonel of cadets. In the direction of student activities and the maintenance of discipline and proper morale and spirit in the cadet corps next year, chief responsibility will rest upon his judgment and tactful leadership. Second in command will be J. F. Baker of Girvin. He will hold the rank of lieutenant colonel and will be in command of the infantry regiment, the largest unit of the corps. Third in rank is H. A. Murphy of Mexia, who will serve as corps adjutant with the rank of major. Unit commanders with the rank of major are as follows: E. B. Calvin, Graham; F. B. Norris, Hubbard; and L. K. Dunnam, Corpus Christi, all of the infantry unit; R. M. Sherman, Waco, field artillery; W. S. Nicholson, Houston, cavalry; J. F. Longley, Westover, signal corps, and P. Donald, Fort Worth, air service.

To J. K. Gibson of Lufkin, goes the highest rank given to a junior. He has been appointed a master sergeant and will serve as sergeant major on the general staff.

All seniors are given commissions and juniors are made noncommissioned officers. Rank is given on the fitness of the men to hold responsibility. Under the guidance of the commandant the senior officers really enforce the discipline at the College and it is this training which is considered as one of the most valuable benefits received by the cadet in his course of military instruction at the College. Commenting on the responsibility which rests upon the men as senior cadet officers next year, Colonel Ike Ashburn, commandant, said: "The training which the men receive in assuming leadership among their fellow students and responsibility for their conduct is invaluable to them. The average college graduate requires usually eight or ten years to learn much of the human element in the vocation he follows after his school years. A man who as a junior in the A. and M. College serves as non-commissioned officer and as a senior serves as a commissioned officer has two years of practical experience in directing and controlling man power. For that reason military training is wonderfully worthwhile.

"The man who serves as a commissioned officer and imposes his will on 100 of his college mates, who controls his organization in an efficient

manner, who adjusts the petty problems which arise constantly in a large group of men, has had an experience that puts him far ahead in effectiveness and maturity of judgment."

The entire promotion list as issued by President W. B. Bizzell is published in other space in this issue.

CIVIL ENGINEERS START PRACTICE ON SEPTEMBER 1

About 60 Juniors Expected to Report on August 31 for Regular Summer Practice Course.

About sixty students of civil engineering who have qualified for their junior year will assemble at the A. and M. College of Texas on August 31 to spend the intervening three weeks before the opening of the regular session in civil engineering practice work.

Circular letters have been mailed to all those who are expected to register for this work which is a required part of the regular civil engineering course. About 80 are eligible but it is expected that at least 60 will take advantage of the course.

Civil engineering instructors who will conduct the work of the students are preparing the outline of the course now and there will not be a delay in the very strenuous program of work after it is once started. For the three weeks the men will be in the field eight hours every day. Topographic surveys of a portion of the college land will be made with both transit and plane table. Land or boundary surveys will be made with transit and compass and much practice in running the level will also be given. In addition various less common operations in surveying will be performed, such as practice measuring a base line, observations on the sun and the north star for determining a zenith and precise measurement of angles as in triangulation surveys.

In announcing the plans for the work Professor O. W. Silvey stated that frequent requests came from students for credit in the summer surveying practice on account of experience of some weeks or months in a surveying party on a highway or railroad job. "It will be readily seen," he said, "on reflection that months of experience in performing a few simple operations in a surveying organization cannot have a large part of the educational value of the special training in the less common and more difficult process taken up in this college work. It is necessary, therefore, to refuse credit thus requested on account of practical experience, as the practical work can fulfill only a part of the purpose of the college course."

The seniors in civil engineering will make preliminary and location surveys for a fictitious railroad to connect College Station with the Brazos River Valley about seven miles from College. They will also make a survey for location of a new highway or improvement of an old road. This work is done under conditions as nearly like those for actual engineering work as possible. Some time will be given also to stream measurement at the Brazos River to supplement the instruction in hydraulics during the regular school year. The whole day is spent in the field, trucks being used to carry both the students and supplies of food and water.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

OFFICIAL ADVICE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN

(Official.)

President Bizzell has announced that the Board of Directors has approved the following changes in the organization of the College:

1. The School of Vocational Education has been established and Dr. C. H. Winkler has been appointed Dean. This School is to be coordinate with the other schools of the College.
2. The Department of Poultry Husbandry has been separated from the Animal Husbandry Department and made an independent department. The head of the department has not yet been appointed.

3. The Department of Genetics has been separated from the Department of Agronomy and made an independent department with Dr. E. P. Humbert as head of the department.

Courses affected by these changes will for the Session 1923-24 carry the departmental designations shown by the 47th Catalogue.

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Assigned Electives for 1923-24. For students who failed to comply with directions in regard to electives last Spring, electives have been assigned under Paragraph 30. These assignments become a part of the student's course of study and are not to be changed except upon approved petition.

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Paragraph 47 is again quoted as a reminder to all concerned.

"Petitions for substitutions, for change of Course, or for other changes affecting the student's list of studies, must be submitted at least one week before the first day of the term. For making changes asked for at a later date there will be a charge of one dollar."

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A course in Wool Grading will be open next session to all students in the School of Agriculture.

CHARLES PURYEAR,
Dean.

REGISTRATION ADVICE GIVEN BY REGISTRAR

(Official.)

The following information regarding registration for the first term of the session of 1923-24 will be of interest to students:

Registration of new students on September 17 and 18.

Registration of old students on September 19 and 20.

Entrance examinations for new students who can not fulfill satisfactorily the entrance requirements of the College will be conducted on September 13, 14, and 15.

The general routine of registration will be practically the same as that of last year. Students who find it necessary to make notes for a part of their maintenance fees are advised to write to Mr. S. G. Bailey, executive secretary of the College, not later than September 10. Such students must furnish certain information regarding their financial status before they will be allowed to begin registration. Blanks for this information can be obtained from Mr. Bailey.

A report showing the exact status of every old student, particularly with reference to his deficiencies and his

classification for the coming session, will be sent out from the Registrar's office shortly after September 1. These reports must be brought to the College for use in connection with registration.

New students are urgently requested to submit their credits to the Registrar not later than September 10. A great deal of confusion is caused simply by the fact that many students come to the College without submitting their credits in advance, and the great rush of registration makes it difficult to handle such students properly. The registration of new students can be greatly facilitated by complying with this request.

The attention of new students is also called to the fact that graduation from an accredited high school is required for admission to the freshman class. Those who have not graduated are required in practically all cases to stand entrance examinations to the extent of at least 13 units. The only exception to this requirement is in the case of candidates of 21 years of age who have not attended school recently and are therefore not in a position to pass the entrance examinations. Such candidates, however, are required to submit their credits to the Registrar in advance.

CHARLES E. FRILEY,
Registrar.

UNIFORM WILL BE WORN TO PRACTICE CLASSES

(Official.)

Effective with the beginning of this term a regulation unionall of light olive drab will be worn at all practice classes. In case the nature of the work is such as to not endanger the clothing the regulation uniform will be worn. In case the work is dirty or of such a nature as to damage the regular uniform the unionalls will be worn. Civilian clothes will not be worn under any circumstances by cadets.

IKE ASHBURN,
Commandant.

NEW CADET POST OFFICE PROVIDED IN GATHRIGHT

(Official.)

Soon after the opening of the fall term a cadet postoffice will be established in the north wing of old Gathright Hall. Locked combination boxes will be provided for each dormitory room or tent. More than 1,000 boxes will be provided and these will be used exclusively for student mail.

A fee of fifty cents a scholastic year will be charged from each student for this service. The mail will be put up immediately after the arrival of trains and the office will be open throughout the day. First Sergeant James T. Carroll, retired, who was on duty in Bizzell Hall last session, and who is again in the employ of the Commandant's office will have charge of this office.

IKE ASHBURN,
Commandant.

EXCHANGE OR MONEY ORDERS WANTED INSTEAD OF CHECKS

(Official.)

Read carefully page 79 of the Forty Seventh catalogue. Bring Exchange or money order in the amount stated. Do not bring personal checks.

W. WIPPRECHT,
Bus. Mgr.