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WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

Announcement has been made that Gov. Dan Moody and members of the Senate Finance Committee will arrive here on Friday afternoon on the I. & G. N. train for an inspection of the College and its needs. Members of the committee are: A. E. Wood, Chairman; Gus Russek, Ed. Westbrook, C. R. Floyd, J. H. Hall, H. L. Lewis, Eugene Miller, Julius Real, John H. Bailey, W. H. Bledsoe, R. S. Bowers, I. D. Fairchild, A. J. Wirtz, and Edgar D. Witt.

R. G. White, recently named by Governor Moody as a member of the Board of Directors of the A. and M. College of Texas, is a graduate of the College, of the class of 1895, being a classmate of F. M. Law of Houston, who is president of the Board.

Mr. White is a banker and stockman of Brady. He will take the place on the board to which former Congressman James L. Young of Kaufman was appointed, but which Mr. Young did not accept.

Mr. White will be the second man of that name on the A. and M. College Board. Byrd E. White of Dallas, and Lancaster, a member for some time, is vice-president of the board now.

Ability to handle the rifle appears
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RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MR. DUNLAP.

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has called to his last resting place, Mr. Dunlap, father of our fellow student and classmate;

Therefore, be it resolved, by the undersigned, that we extend to the members of his family our sincere sympathy in their hour of bereavement;

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, a copy to the Battalion, and a copy to the press at Mexia, home of the deceased.

The A. & M. Architectural Club.
The Class of '27, Texas A & M. C.

APPROPRIATION BUDGET MADE

New Library Included in Budget to be Presented to Solons.

The Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee have been working for the past several weeks upon their budget that will be submitted to the two bodies in the State Legislature at the call session starting May 9th. A. and M. fared acceptably in the building program but is facing a serious problem on the question of salaries for its staff.

Two dormitories have already been granted by the regular session as an emergency measure. The Senate Committee has recommended \$250,000 the first year for a fireproof library building and equipment, \$3,000 the second year for housing laboratory animals, \$20,000 for a turbine and \$17,000 for a boiler and stoker, all the first year, and \$13,000 each year for the extension of tunnels. The College was given \$20,000 each year for repairs and \$80,000 annually for maintenance of its steam plant.

For its agricultural experiment stations it was given \$236,906 each year for the main station, and \$108,170 the first year and \$102,970 the second year for the substations.

The extension service was allowed
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AGGIE DEBATERS LOSE TO BOTH S. M. U. AND T. C. U.

The A. and M. debating team lost both ends of the triangular debate last Thursday night. King and Irvin lost a 2 to 1 decision to S. M. U. here, and Pipkin and Jones also lost to T. C. U. on a 2 to 1 decision. The question was "Phillippine Independence."

Much favorable comment was heard, both here and in Fort Worth, on the A. and M. style of debate. Mr. Spriggs has his men debate in the new style, that is, calling the opposition by name, not calling the judges, Honorable judges and other small ideas have been dropped that seem to be in the old oratorical debate.

A. and M. hasn't won a debate this year, only four being held, but the start has been made and A. and M. should soon have a winning team.

LARGE CLASS TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Class is Largest in History of the Institution.

Showing a total of 302 candidates for degrees, the largest class in the history of the institution will graduate from the A. and M. College of Texas on May 31, Commencement Day at the College this year.

Two years ago the graduating class numbered 237. At the close of the College last year 273 graduates were awarded their sheepskins. This year, for the first time in the fifty-year period that covers the life of the College, the candidates for degrees number in excess of 300.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PLANS NEW TYPE OF PROGRAM

At the beginning of this term it was decided that the senior class should have some method of raising its financial status. After some consideration, an agreement was made whereby all entertainments were to be given under the auspices of the senior class and the Y. M. C. A., and that the senior class should receive 60 per cent of the proceeds. This plan has not worked very well since under it the Y. M. C. A., who had to stand the guarantee on all entertainments, has lost quite a bit of money. The failure of this plan may be attributed to two things—either the type of entertainment was not that which would attract college students or else the seniors did not encourage attendance enough.

In view of this it is being planned to handle the entertainment next year much on the order of a lyceum course. Various entertainments will be chartered, including both the serious and frivolous types, and season tickets will be sold. It is thought that arrangements can be made whereby these tickets will be available for the ordinary price of one entertainment. In this way it is thought that a greater interest will be taken in the various entertainments and it will be possible for the senior class to profit thereby. Any discussion on this idea would be welcomed by the committee.

PLANS COMPLETE IN DETAIL FOR COMMENCEMENT

Program Includes Four Days of Festivities.

This year's Commencement looks bigger every day with word from one old Aggie after another that they will be on hand for the big reunion of 1927, at which classes from '81 to '26 will be present. Commencement day is the most colorful period of the whole year, all the seniors' parents being here to see their sons get their sheep-skins.

The Commencement program committee has completed all program plans for the exercises, and it seems that it has done an exceptionally good job. The program starts at 5:30 p. m. Saturday, May 28, with the individual competitive drill by the Ross Volunteers, followed that night at 8:15 by local players in "Lightnin'" at the Assembly Hall. Sunday morning at 8:30 there will be a review of the cadet corps in honor of the "T" men and for the presentation of "T" medals. Rev. W. M. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Dallas
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Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINS SENIOR CLASS WITH SMOKER MONDAY EVENING

A "Smoker" was given to the Senior Class by the Y. M. C. A. through the social committee of the Y cabinet. A large number of the seniors were present, with several of the faculty. President Walton, other members of the faculty, and a few seniors made addresses. The Campus Sereaders, the Band Quartet, and J. F. Criswell entertained with their music. Smokes were plentiful throughout the evening, which was ended with refreshments of lemonade, ice cream and cakes.

J. J. Brown, the social secretary of the Y cabinet, acted as the host of the Y. M. C. A.

This was the first smoker given by the Y, but it is hoped that it will be a foundation for an annual affair, where the faculty and the students may become better acquainted.