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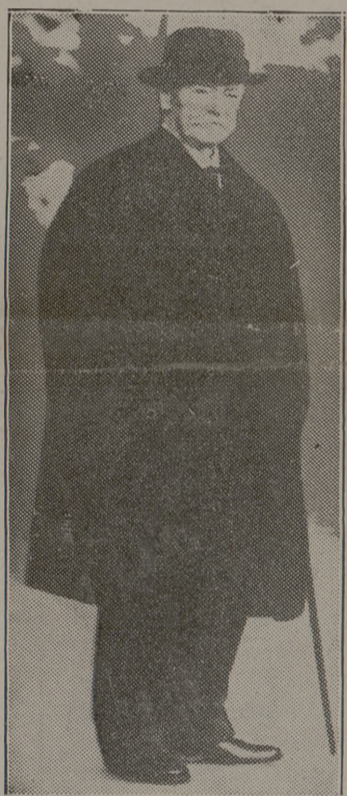
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PLANS FOR NEW ROTC UNIT MADE

TAFT ACCORDED MILITARY HONORS

Salutes Fired and Mourning Signify Regret in Loss of Statesman.



Associated Press Photo

Beginning with a salute of thirteen guns in the morning followed by one gun each half hour until Retreat, when a forty-eight-gun salute was fired, respect in accord with his former high rank as President of the United States was shown William Howard Taft at A. & M. Monday, the date after official notice of his death was received at the College.

In addition to the salutes throughout the day, United States army regulations require army officers to wear the official badge of mourning for thirty days and the draping of all regimental colors and standards for the same period as well as lowering of the flag to half mast.

The system of salutes fired Monday typifies the great esteem with which Presidents of the United States have been held since the founding of the nation as a union of thirteen colonies and up to its present size of forty-eight states.

Fish Bat Staff Partially Picked

All but one man who Reported. Members of Field Artillery Unit.

J. F. Batjer, Houston, has been selected editor and C. G. Brundrett, Dallas, business manager of the annual freshman edition of THE BATTALION, traditional special edition of the student publication of the College, J. L. Cunningham, president of the freshman class, has announced.

Though the complete staff has not been selected, D. H. Handley, Teague; and G. D. Beauchamp, Port Arthur, have been announced as sports editor and joke editor, respectively. With one exception the members of the staff announced are from the same unit of the cadet corps, an undesirable situation.

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Oil Lands Dispute Will go to Courts

Validity of Claim of A. and M. to Portion of Lands Recognized.

That the long standing dispute between the University of Texas and the A. and M. College over the claims of A. and M. to a portion of the oil lands now held by the University will be taken to court for settlement was evidenced last week when a joint meeting of the Board of Regents of the University and the Board of Directors of the College resulted in settlement.

A decision was recently reached that acknowledged the validity of the claim by A. and M. to a share in the proceeds from the oil lands, but the fact that the College has for a number of years been receiving appropriations from the State is considered by the University supporters as sufficient to make the claims void.

UNIT IN CHEMICAL WARFARE LIKELY

Approval of President Secured—Application Now Sent In.

Addition of a chemical warfare unit to the R. O. T. C. of the College appeared in more favorable light this week when it was learned that President T. O. Walton had announced his approval of the plan.

Formal application for the establishment of the new branch will be forwarded to proper officials within a few days and plans are being made to overcome difficulties in the way of the change at present.

There are only two colleges, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Illinois, which boast six branches in their cadet corps and the proposed addition to the local corps would bring the total here to six. The only other chemical warfare unit in the United States at present is at M. I. T. at Boston.

The A. and M. College has been represented at the chemical warfare camp at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, every year since 1927. In that year and in 1928 the chemical warfare students from A. and M. numbered seven and last year the number was fourteen. Eight men have already been recommended this year.

Dr. C. C. Hedges, head of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, and Professor H. R. Brayton, who holds a reserve commission in the chemical warfare service, are among those furthering the move for the addition of the unit.

PLANS TAKE FORM ENGINEERING DAY

Exhibits Will be Both Unique and Exceedingly Unusual.

Even though we find the day of days for the engineers fairly well distant, plans and arrangements for a thorough day of interesting entertainment for the visitors are already being made.

The Electrical Engineering Department has arranged for a complete apparatus for the reproduction of talking pictures for demonstration to the visitors, there being six trunks full of this equipment to be shipped for the demonstration.

The Agricultural Engineering Department has already made arrangements to demonstrate a motor run by buttermilk, the particulars of the motor, however, are not yet known.

And on the other side of the campus are the civil engineers planning the production of a miniature Panama Canal which is to show relative elevations, land characteristics, gates, methods of controlling the water level of the canal, and several other features of the system.

EXES WILL MEET HERE APRIL 4-5

Annual Business Meeting Changed to Fit Commencement Dates.

April 4-6 was named as the date of the annual spring business meeting of the Association of Former students when that problem was considered at the Mid-winter meeting of the directors of the Association. The meeting was held at the Kyle Hotel in Temple on March 6th, and was one of the best attended winter directors' meetings in the history of the organization.

Changes by the College Faculty Committee in charge of Commencement plans practically forced the annual business meeting of the Association to be held at another time than at the end of school. This year commencement activities have been compressed so that school will be over on Saturday afternoon following the final review at 12:30 that day. Since it is deemed best to have the Ex-Student meeting on Sunday and since a meeting at A. and M. with the campus deserted is undesirable, it was necessary to set another date. With several dates to choose from,

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DEBATING TEAM WINS FROM UTAH

Representatives From Weber College Beaten by A. & M. Team.

The A. and M. debate team, composed of W. A. Porter and C. C. Alexander, gained the decision over the lady representatives of Weber College, Ogden, Utah, Wednesday, March 5, on the disarmament question.

The girls from Utah are making an extensive tour of the South and had won four decisions in 5 debates before coming to College Station.

From here the ladies went to Ste-

ENG. DAY EXHIBITS NOW PLANNED