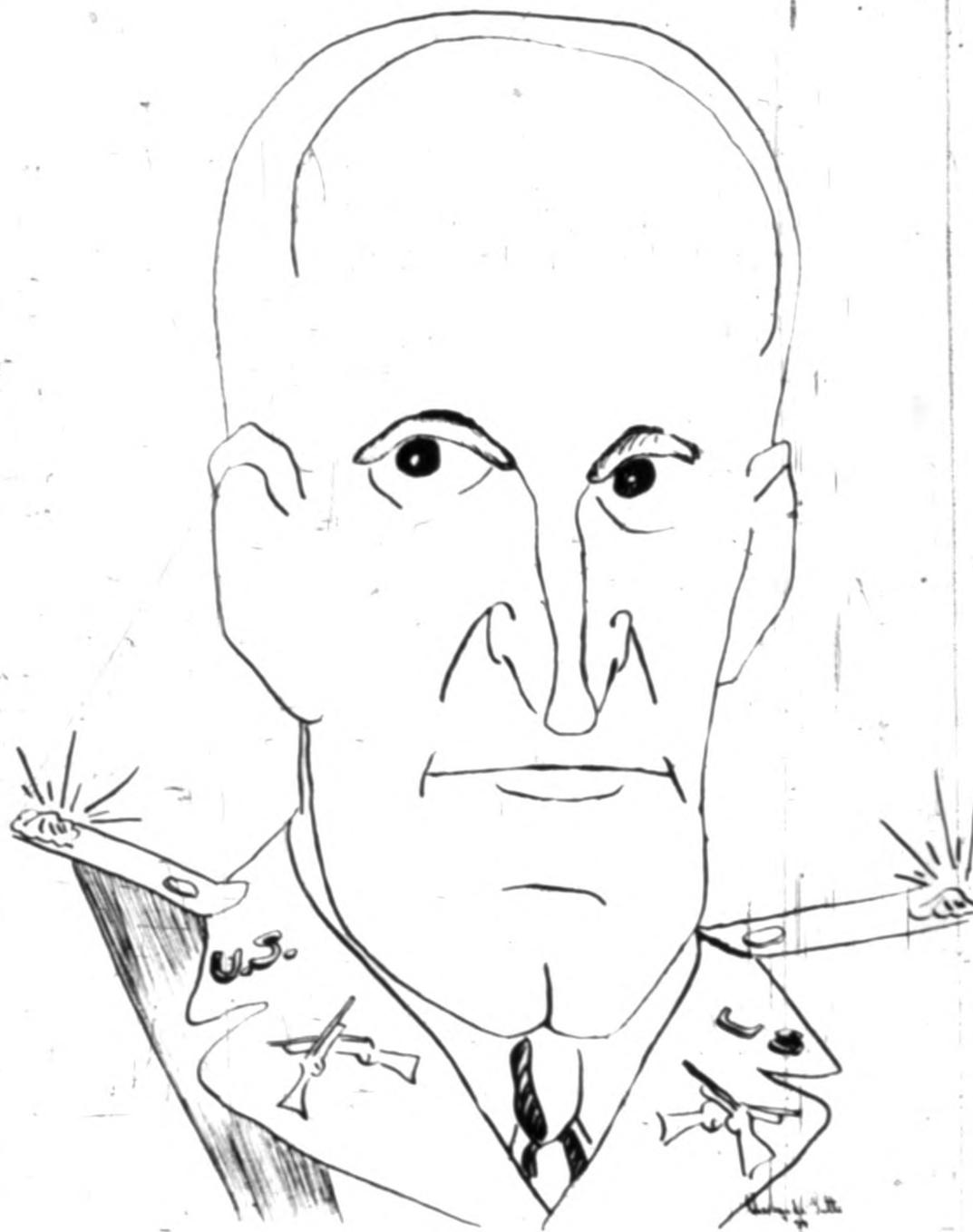


# MEET THE COLONEL

## *A Sketch of the Life of Lieutenant Colonel A. R. Emery*



Lieutenant Colonel A. R. Emery succeeded Colonel Charles J. Nelson as Professor of Military Science and Tactics and head of the Military Department at Texas A and M College, September 1932. Since his initiation to Aggie life, Colonel Emery has brought about a number of changes that have been greatly appreciated by the cadet corps.

Outstanding among the changes instituted by Colonel Emery is the abandonment of the frequent inspections of the cadet corps and their quarters that were so common a few years ago. Colonel Emery's professed interest in a good band has inspired that organization to whip into shape. Now the Texas Aggie band is recognized as outstanding among college bands throughout the country. Their music lends enthusiasm and color to the noon march to the mess hall and their appearance on the gridiron during football season is a spectacle not soon to be forgotten.

In an interview with Lieutenant Colonel Emery we learned the following facts about his very active and interesting life:

A. R. Emery was born in Bloomfield Illinois, on July 26, 1883. His primary education came from schools from Sacketts Harbor, New York, all the way to Prescott, Arizona. In 1895 his father, J. A. Emery, then a

First Lieutenant, was transferred from Whipple Barracks, near Prescott, Arizona, to Baylor University at Waco, Texas. During the last year of his father's three-year detail as professor of military science and tactics at Baylor, young Emery entered the preparatory department as a freshman. During the few months before his father was ordered to join his regiment at Mobile, Alabama, young Emery was drummer boy and bugler in "B" Company, Infantry, and at the same time, W. B. Bizeil, who was later president of Texas A and M College, was first sergeant of "A" Company. Dean T. D. Brooks also entered Baylor at that time.

Upon his father's transfer to Alabama, A. R. Emery returned to Bloomfield, Illinois, where he graduated from high school in 1899. The following year he entered Georgia Tech and in 1904 he received his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from that college.

Emery took examinations from civil life for entrance in the army in May, 1905, and on April 11, he received his commission as Second Lieutenant, Infantry.

Emery's promotions were as follows: First Lieutenant, March 11, 1911; Captain, July 1, 1916; temporary Major, August 1, 1917; permanent Major, July 1, 1920; and Lieutenant Colonel, January 22, 1929.

Colonel Emery's military career has taken him from Cuba, to the Philippine Islands, and to China. He has served with the organized militia of Idaho. During the World War, Emery was detailed with the Quarter Master Corps in China. He was en route to the United States when the Armistice was signed. In 1925 he was graduated from the advanced course of the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. In 1906 he graduated from the Commanding General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with Majors J. P. Wheeler and J. E. Sloan. In 1932 Colonel Emery graduated from the Army War College in Washington, D. C., and from there he was ordered to Texas A and M College where he is now detailed as P M S & T.

In commenting on life on the Aggie campus, Colonel Emery said that Texas A and M College was

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