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623---And Maybe More---Will Receive Degrees Tonight

Commencement

*Commencement. What, to me, does this day mean?
When I stand there upon the platform, clad
In cap and gown, that moment will have had
The power to cleave the curtain from between
Me and my future. There, beyond the screen,
High on a past of mingled good and bad
Will stand one chapter ended and the glad
Beginning of another, quite as keen.*

*Commencement—End of school and study time?
Of school and study time the simple start.
Commencement comes each moment that I give
Myself to any task. If I but climb
With steady hand, clear eye and fearless heart,
Commencement crowns each day that I will live.*

Roger L. Waring
Architectural Superintendent
A. & M. Dormitories

Williams to Be Honored With Dinner

D. W. Williams, head of the Animal Husbandry Department of A. & M., will be honored with a testimonial dinner given by the Brazos County Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. Mr. Williams, who will sail from New Orleans June 15 to attend the International Congress of Animal Breeders in Zurich, Switzerland during the summer, is being honored for his outstanding work in the agricultural field and as one of Brazos County's leading citizens.

The dinner, which is being sponsored by the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce, will draw a large crowd of Brazos County citizens as well as many men from over the state. Several editors of livestock journals are expected to be in attendance. Hereford Breeders of Texas, who are scheduled to make a tour of the Hereford Farms of the state Wednesday, will be in Brazos County Tuesday and will attend the banquet Tuesday night.

Tickets for the affair, which is to be held in the Maggie Parker Dining Hall in Bryan, may be obtained from Ford Munnerlyn at the Seaboard Life Insurance office, A. K. Mackey at the Animal Husbandry Department, C. N. Sheppardson, Head of the Dairy Husbandry Department, J. M. Jones, A. Exp. Station, Roy Snyder, Extension Service, and at Casey's Confectionery.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS GRADUATES 1100 MONDAY

From Austin comes the announcement that the University of Texas' 1939 graduating class will number 1100 students.

The University's graduation program begins Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock as the graduating class and the faculty hear the baccalaureate sermon given by the Rev. Everett H. Jones, pastor of Austin's St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Previous to the baccalaureate sermon, the faculty will be host to the members of the graduating class and their families at a reception to be held in the main lounge of the Student Union Building.

On Monday night, at the same time, the members of the graduating class will receive their degrees on the terrace in front of the University's Main Building.

YMCA Making Effort To Obtain Temporary Use of Building

Efforts are being made by the Y. M. C. A. to obtain the old College Station elementary school building for use as a temporary Y building near the new dormitories, it has been learned. The Board of Directors has not yet taken action on the proposal.

If the request goes through a confectionery will be located in the building for the convenience of students housed in the new dormitories.

Five Classes of Former Students Begin Reunions Today, Last Through Saturday

The reunion of five classes of ex-students of A. & M. will start this afternoon with a lawn party for the class of '04 given by A. B. Conner, director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and a member of that class, at his home. The classes of '09, '04, '09, '14, '29 will hold reunions here today and tomorrow in one of the biggest meetings of ex-students in the history of the school.

Programs of the reunions of the various classes will be in charge of their respective class presidents or leaders which include numerous campus individuals as well as members from out of state. The class of '29 will be headed by Class President W. D. "Army" Armstrong of Kentucky, Dr. Arnold Anderson of Tennessee, W. L. "Swede" Bostick and R. L. "Bob" Tucker from Los Angeles, and a dozen local members of the class which will serve as a reception and general committee for the meeting. The class of '14 will be headed by J. Forrest Runge, president, who is a rancher at Christoval, Texas. While the class of '09 will be headed by a committee composed of D. M. Shearer, D. B. Harris, W. H. Furneaux, T. A. Van Amburgh, and C. C. Schley, Arthur B. Conner has taken charge of the entertainment of the '04 class while E. J. Kyle, Dean of the School of Agriculture will head the activities of the class of '09.

Activities of the entire former student group as a whole will start Saturday at noon with the annual joint Faculty-Former Student luncheon in Sbis Hall. The Annual Membership Business Meeting of the Former Students Association will be held that afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. Chapel at 2:30 p. m. with Association President C. L. Babcock presiding. The program will feature various reports, the election of directors and the election of officers for the coming year, the discussion of future plans, and any other business which might be brought before the meeting by those present.

College Workers Shaken in Accident

Dr. W. P. Taylor, Dr. W. B. Davis, and Paul Jones, all of the Wildlife Research organization of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, were bruised and shaken up Tuesday night when the car in which they were riding skidded and turned over.

Figure In Graduation Exercises



The two men shown above will play an important role in the lives of around 623 A. & M. students today. They are Col. Willard Chevalier, vice president of McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. of New York (left), who is to deliver the commencement address this afternoon; and Walter G. Lacy, vice president of the Board of Directors of A. & M., who will present the diplomas to the seniors and various professional degrees.

OPPOSITE SIDE OF DRILL FIELD FOR SPECTATORS

The procedure for Final Review will be reversed from the usual layout, according to Col. Moore, P. M. S. & T. and Commandant. Spectators this Saturday will watch the corps from the south side of the drill field instead of the customary place across the field on the north side.

This change has been made in order that the corps can form in a straight line of platoons instead of the old "L" formation that was necessary due to lack of room. Col. Moore said that this is the logical formation, and that he couldn't understand why someone hadn't thought of it before.

The corps will march on the drill field and form in a line parallel to the street in front of Law and Puryear halls, and in order to pass the reviewing stand from left to right, the west end of the line will start first.

6,600 STUDENTS EXPECTED FOR '39-'40 TERM

In an estimate of enrollment for the session of 1939-40, E. J. Howell, Registrar, states that he expects a total enrollment of 6,600 for the whole year with an initial enrollment in September of 6,300.

The accuracy of Registrar Howell's estimations have been supported by past statistics. On April 1, 1938, he estimated 5,700 enrollees for the '38-'39 term. The enrollment turned out to exceed his estimation by only 160. Dividing his estimate into classes, there are 200 graduate students, 48 fifth year students, 920 seniors, 1,208 junior students, 1,109 sophomores, 2,500 freshmen and 15 special students expected to attend. It is believed that the enrollment in September will follow those figures closely.

Notice!

A complete list of 623 candidates for degrees to be found on page three of this issue of The Battalion.

Largest Senior Class in History To Be Graduated

All but Five of 26 Graduating Civil Engineers Employed By Highway Dept.

It apparently pays to study civil engineering if the graduating class in that subject at Texas A. & M. is any indication of the need for such engineers.

Of the 26 students who will receive the bachelor of science degrees in civil engineering Friday, June 2, all but five have accepted employment with the Texas State Highway Department at various posts all over the state, according to an announcement made by Gibb Gilchrist, dean of the school of engineering.

Of the five not employed by the highway department, one is returning to his home in Puerto Rico where he will work in his profession; another is going to work for the Kellogg Foundation at Battle Creek, Mich., and another has accepted a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the regular army and will be stationed at Kelly Field, Texas.

One will be connected with the Magnolia Petroleum Co., in Dallas, and the fifth has accepted work with the Soils Laboratory, United States Experiment Station, at Vicksburg, Miss.

Even with all men from this year's class placed, there was still need for more civil engineers than could be supplied by the college, Dean Gilchrist announced. "A similar condition existed last year," he added.

Juniors and Seniors To Receive R.O.T.C. Checks After Review

R. O. T. C. subsistence checks for juniors and seniors will be paid after Final Review Saturday, according to Col. Moore. There is a possibility that they will arrive before Saturday, but it is almost a certainty that they will be here then. Col. Moore said that they had never failed to get here before the end of school, but in case that happened, they would be mailed out.

Juniors will be paid the usual 5¢ per mile travel allowance both ways from College Station to Camp Bullis, and will receive this sum after they arrive in camp, the P. M. S. & T. and Commandant said.

BOARD TO TAKE ACTION ON DORM ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment of students to rooms in the new dormitories awaits action by the Board of Directors at a meeting Saturday, it was announced today. Whether or not the matter will be discussed at their meeting Saturday will depend upon the other matters at hand.

Several plans for apportioning different organizations to the halls are under consideration, but so far the only organizations already assigned to the new dorms are the band and the athletes. Much speculation and anticipation has been aroused over this question, but as yet no plans have been formulated.

The Board will consider not only the assignment of students to the new dormitories, but also the disposition of certain of the older dormitories. The old dormitories that are not too run down will likely be used for classrooms and offices for the faculty, but this also is not final until the Board gives its approval.

T. R. TMM, ECONOMIST IN farm management at A. & M., has been granted a six weeks' leave of absence to attend a special course at Iowa State College.

Col. Chevalier to Deliver Address

Colonel Willard Chevalier, vice-president of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company of New York, will deliver the commencement address to the 643 members of the sixty-third graduating class at A. & M. tonight at 6:15, on Kyle Field. The exercises will follow immediately the Commencement Processional, which begins at 6:00 p. m.

The Valedictory address will be delivered by Cadet Captain Andrew P. Rollins Jr., of Dallas, who was recently chosen Valedictorian from among the ten seniors having the highest scholastic average, Rollins having the highest average.

Walter G. Lacy, Vice-president of the board of directors of the college, will confer degrees upon the members of the graduating class. 294 of these are from the School of Agriculture, 215 from the School of Arts and Sciences and 47 will receive the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine. 26 members of the Graduate School will receive degrees of master of science, and six professional degrees in engineering will be presented.

President and Mrs. T. O. Walton will be at home informally to members of the graduating class and their guests following the Commencement exercises. Former students and their families and members of the faculty and their families are also invited.

Colonel George D. Sears, of the staff of the Thirty-sixth Division of the Texas National Guard, will make the formal presentation of Reserve Commissions to senior members of the R. O. T. C. at 8:30 in the morning. Final Review will begin at 9:30.

GILCHRIST GIVEN HONORARY DEGREE

Dean Gibb Gilchrist, Dean of the Engineering Department of A. & M., was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Science at the ninety-ninth commencement of the Austin College in Sherman Monday night.

Dr. T. S. Clyce, president emeritus of Austin College, presented the degree at the annual commencement exercises which is one of the oldest colleges in the state. The degree was conferred on Dean Gilchrist by the Board of Trustees of the institution as an acknowledgment of his outstanding work in the field of engineering.

Dr. Gilchrist also received an extension this week of his appointment as consulting highway specialist on the Committee of Design of the State Highway Department of Texas. His reappointment on the design committee, which has charge of the planning and designing of Texas highways, was made by Thomas McDonald, Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads of Texas.

Dr. Gilchrist was born at Wills Point, Texas, and attended school there before his entrance into Texas University from which he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1909. After graduation he entered the Engineering Department of the Santa Fe Railroad where he worked as a construction engineer until the entrance of the United States into the World War at which time he joined the United States Army and served until 1919, being discharged at that time as Captain in Engineers. In 1919 he entered the Texas State Highway Department as a Resident and Division Engineer in which capacity he served until 1924 when he was made a State Highway Engineer. In 1925 Dr. Gilchrist left the state department to enter a consulting practice in Dallas until 1928 when he returned to the state department where he served until his appointment as Dean of Engineering at A. & M. in September, 1937.

Dormitory Dedicated Thursday to Edwin J. Kiest, Vice President of Board and a Great Aggie Worker

The dedication of the Edwin J. Kiest Hall Thursday afternoon marked the first in a series of twelve such ceremonies in the dedications of the new A. & M. \$2,000,000 building program.

Honoring one of Texas' and the Southwest's most outstanding publishers and a man who has been of inestimable service to A. & M., the dedication was a fitting tribute to a man who has given unselfishly of his time and services to A. & M. Owner and publisher of the Dallas Times Herald, owner of radio station KRLD and recently voted Dallas' most outstanding citizen, Mr. Kiest has been a member of the A. & M. Board of Directors for the past twelve years.

The dedicatory services opened as the A. & M. band played several numbers, after which F. M. Law, chairman of the A. & M. Board of Directors spoke in high praise of Mr. Kiest and of the many fine works that he has done for the college.

Following Dr. Law's address, Cadet C. J. Wimer expressed the thanks of the student body to Mr. Kiest for his unselfish work for the college. E. E. McQuillen, Secretary of the Association of Former Students, next expressed the appreciation of the 30,000 former students, and Mr. McQuillen was (Continued on page 4)



Above is shown a photograph of the bronze plaque which has been placed on Kiest Hall, one of A. & M.'s new dormitories, which was dedicated yesterday.