

ANNUAL FEDERAL INSPECTION OF ROTC FINISHED

Review Friday Canceled As General Baker Unable To Forego Official Duties

The annual federal inspection of all units of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at A. & M. was completed Wednesday afternoon after a corps review in which both mounted and motorized units participated and reports are expected in the near future as to the A. & M. College rating for the year.

The board of inspectors was headed by Colonel Edward A. Keyes, Cavalry, Civilian Components Officer, Headquarters Eighth Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The remainder of the board was composed of Colonel Theodore K. Spencer, Infantry, Headquarters Eighth Corps Area; Colonel Oscar C. Warner, Coast Artillery, First Military Area, San Antonio, Texas; Lieutenant Colonel Edward Montgomery, Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters Eighth Corps Area; Major John E. Maher, Cavalry, Central Catholic High School, San Antonio, Texas; Major Howard M. Yost, C. E., A. & M. College of Oklahoma, Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Major William F. Kernan, Field Artillery, Ball High School, Galveston, Texas.

The inspection program consisted of visits to the classes and drills of the various military units and a full-dress review of the entire cadet corps.

The results of the inspection will determine the rating of the college for the coming year. The board gives grades on the basis of Excellent, Satisfactory, and Unsatisfactory, and it is expected that, as in all previous years, A. & M. will maintain its rating of Excellent. The R. O. T. C. members of colleges receiving the Excellent rating are allowed to wear a blue star on the right sleeve of their uniform.

It has been announced by Colonel Moore that Major General Walter C. Baker, Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service, who was to visit the campus May 17 and 18 to present the Baker award to the best drilled platoon in the Chemical Warfare Service and review the cadet corps, will not be able to be here. General Baker called President Walton from Washington Tuesday afternoon and explained that duties there will prevent his visit. As a result of General Baker's being unable to be here as it had been previously planned the review scheduled for Friday afternoon has been canceled.



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Campus Physical Plant, Valued Now At \$15,000,000, Is Well Developed

In the fifteen years from 1925 until 1940, the campus physical plant of A. & M. has increased from 69 to 135 buildings, with the fiscal value rising from \$3,552,778.86 to approximately \$15,000,000. These buildings cover approximately 225 acres and are so situated as to give the utmost convenience to students. Not only are the buildings well-built and serviceable, but they are permanent sources of beauty in their surroundings of well-kept shrubs and neatly trimmed grass.

The School of Agriculture is equipped with a physical plant valued at more than a million and one quarter dollars. A few of the more recently constructed buildings are the Agriculture Building (1922), which includes administrative offices, classrooms, and laboratories for the study of all kinds of farm machinery; the Animal Husbandry Pavilion (1916), which contains a large judging arena surrounded by concrete seats for 1,600 spectators, besides classrooms and offices; the Animal Industries Building (1933), which provides offices, classrooms, and laboratories for the departments of animal husbandry; the College Creamery (1923), which contains the dairy laboratories and creamery, is equipped for the manufacture and distribution of ice cream, cheese, and market milk; and the dairy barns (1916), which provide facilities for the handling of various classes of livestock.

The School of Engineering, which has a physical plant valued at approximately two million dollars, includes such modern buildings as the Petroleum-Geology Building (1932), where the geology, modern language, and petroleum offices, classrooms, and laboratories are located; the Chemistry Building (1927, second wing 1929), which contains the classrooms, offices, and laboratories for the teaching of all phases of chemistry; the Physics Building (1920) is equipped with all the apparatus necessary for a thorough study of the subject; the Electrical Engineering Building (1912), housing offices, classrooms, and laboratories; and the Civil Engineering Building (1909), which contains the oldest engineering department of the college, is thoroughly equipped for every branch of the civil engineering profession—highways, structural, and hydraulic engineering.

The athletic plant has grown from the open field of 1903 to the present-day stadium on Kyle Field which will seat 35,000 spectators. Memorial Gymnasium which has a seating capacity of 3,500, a swimming pool which will accommodate 600 spectators, and an auxiliary gymnasium for use chiefly in intramural activities. There are fourteen tennis courts, both clay and concrete; baseball diamonds, and fields for football and speedball.

The Y. M. C. A. has a reading and writing room and a parlor

where various club meetings are held, and, in addition, fine recreation rooms with four bowling alleys, billiard tables and ping-pong tables. Plans are now being formulated for the construction of a new \$300,000 Y. M. C. A. building near the new dormitories and for the expenditure of \$50,000 for repairs on the present "Y". The new "Y" will contain a 4,000-square-foot floor for dancing, reading and writing rooms, recreation room and 30 guest rooms.

The history of A. & M. dormitories goes back to the construction of Gathright Hall in 1876, followed by Austin Hall in 1886, and Pfeuffer Hall in 1887. Then as time went on and the student body of A. & M. became larger and larger, Ross (1888) and Foster (1899) were built; from this time on the dormitories have necessarily become greater both in size and number, until at present 11 older halls are in use and 12 new ones. Sbsa Hall, the largest dining hall in the world, serves the original 11 halls. A new dining hall of like capacity serves the 12 new dormitories.

A few other campus buildings are the Administration Building, the Museum, the Cushing Memorial Library, with over seventy thousand volumes and some 350 periodicals, and the Academic Building, which contains the military offices, various classrooms, and the Architectural, English, Economics, History, and Mathematics departments.

Cushing Memorial Library Is Big Aid to Thousands in Student Body

One of the outstanding facilities, educational and recreational, at Texas A. & M. College is Cushing Memorial Library, in charge of Dr. Thomas F. Mayo, widely known for his literary ability and achievements and a close friend of thousands of former and present Aggies.

The present building, a beautiful structure with many unusual interior features, was erected in 1930 at a cost of \$250,000, and is designed to serve the college for many years to come.

The library contains more than 70,000 volumes, covering a wide range. The library is also the depository for state and federal documents, and thus much additional source material is made available for students and research workers.

On the first floor are the newspaper lounges, the smoking room and the periodical room. The latter contains the latest number of more than 600 publications.

On the second floor are the circulation department, the office of the librarian and the main reading rooms.

On the third floor is the Asbury Browning Room, and a music room containing books on music that are the gift of the Carnegie Foundation.

The library is also the research library for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which contributes largely to the formation of

the agricultural collection of books and pamphlets.

The circulation for the year 1937-38 was 31,001 checked out and 40,784 volumes checked in. Dr. Mayo has instituted a new plan by which everyone coming in to use the library is checked.

The all-steel chairs and steel and leather furniture are the gifts of the Texas Company and Humble Oil and Refining Company, while the maps in glass cases are the gift of the A. & M. Mothers' Club of San Angelo.

The library is open to all, the only requirement being that of compliance with library rules.

The library hours are as follows: During regular sessions—week days, 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.; Saturdays, 8 a. m. to 12 noon, and 1 to 5 p. m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 10 p. m.

During summer school—week days, 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.; Saturdays, 8 a. m. to 12 noon; Sundays, 7 to 10 p. m.

Official Notices

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- May 16 & 17—Radio Club benefit show, Assembly Hall, 7 p. m.
- May 16 & 17—A.I.E.E. benefit show, Assembly Hall, 7 p. m.
- May 17—Junior A.V.M.A. Dance, Sbsa Hall, 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.
- May 20 & 21—Conference of Shipping May 22—Reserve Day Banquet, Sbsa Hall, 7 p. m.
- May 23 & 24—Fish & Game Club and Poultry Science Club benefit show, Assembly Hall, 7 p. m.
- May 30—Junior Prom
- May 31—Commencement Services, Guion Hall, 10:30 a. m.
- May 31—Final Ball

CITY TAXES
All taxpayers of the city of College Station will render their taxes for the year 1940 beginning April 15th at the City Office.

ENGINEERING LECTURE
All senior and junior engineering students are expected from class at 11 a. m. Friday, May 17, to hear Mr. A. F. Dickerson, of the General Electric Company, speak on "Illumination of the Golden Gate Exposition", in the Assembly Hall. F. C. BOLTON, Dean

FRESHMAN CROPS CONTEST
The annual Freshman Crops Judging and Identification Contest will be held Thursday afternoon, May 16, in two periods: 1-3 p. m. and 3-5 p. m. The contest will be held on the third floor of the Agricultural Engineering Building. All freshman students in the School of Agriculture are invited to enter. The five high individuals will receive gold medals contributed by the following business firms: Lake Stranella, Aggie Cleaners, A. M. Waldrop & Company, Exchange Store, and Casey's Confectionery. The high-point man will also have his name engraved on the Howell Plaque.

TRIP TO OBSERVATORY
Dr. Everts V. DeWet of San Antonio has extended an invitation to the alumni of the University of Chicago and their families to visit the McDonald Observatory on June 27. All alumni interested in making this trip please see me in room 321, Chemistry Building, soon so that the necessary arrangements may be made. W. M. FOITTS

RENT HOUSES LISTED
Those residents of College Station who wish to rent their houses for the summer, please list it with the Commandant's Office.

MATHEMATICS CONTESTANTS
The final examinations in the Mathematics Contests will be held in the Chemistry lecture room, Thursday, May 16, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The students whose names appear below have qualified for these examinations.

Sophomores
Ashford, Fred, Jr.; Barker, J.; Calvert, C. E.; Doak, Robert A.; Doughty, E. G.; Hardie, B.; Holliday, J. M.; King, Gerald R.; Lamberson, J. L.; Landus, A. J.; Miller, M. A.; Pearce, R. B.; Perkins, G. M.; Puckett, Q. M.; Rollins, H. M.; Sinex, J. M.; Skidmore, R. G.; Swain, W. C.; Thompson, J. W.; Tomaso, Louis.

Freshmen
Adkisson, W. M.; Allen, T. W.; Baen, Spencer Roe; Baird, Jack A.; Blasdel, J. G.; Burks, S. V.; Crown, Philip; Dixon, H. E.; Ellaberry, S. A.; Flowers, Braulio, T.; Goppert, J. G.; Griffin, Don; Hartman, Earl C.; Hengst, L. C.; Holland, W. E.; Hudson, R. W.; Keeney, F. C.; Landson, D. S.; Marwil, Stanley J.; Matteson, Albert L.; Mullins, W. H.; Noa, Wm.; Robertson, L. R.; Sanborn, Frank D.; Specia, A. J.; Thenn, George R.; Townsend, Robert T.; Treadwell, D. A.; Wellington, C. G.; Cox, J. T.

Will the student who saw the bread truck back into the red Pontiac coupe Friday afternoon, May 3, in front of the College Courts Coffee Shop, on highway 6, please come by to see me at their earliest convenience? S. B. Apple Jr., 308 Agriculture Building.

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The contest is open to all freshman students in the School of Agriculture and will be held in two periods in order to accommodate all students expected to enter. The first period will be from 1:00 to 3:00 and the second from 3:00 to 5:00.

The five high individuals in the contest will receive gold medals contributed by Bryan and College Station firms, and the individual making the highest score in the contest will have his name engraved on the Howell Plaque which hangs in the Agriculture Building.

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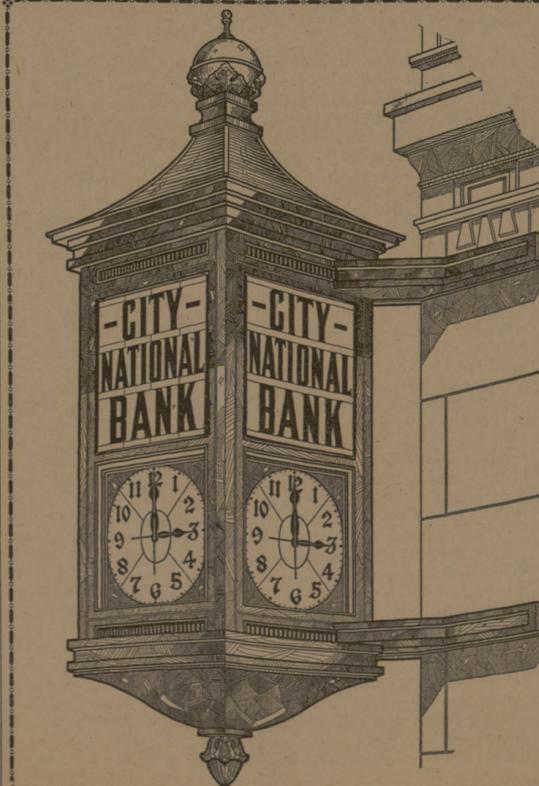
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