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Watson Replaces Moore As Commandant, P.M.S.&T.

ROTC Contracts Exempt Aggies From Army Draft

Returning from Washington, D. C., where he has been working as Chairman of the National Committee on Relationship of Education to Defense, President T. O. Watson states that the amendment exempting cadets enrolled in the advanced course Reserve Officers Training Corps in senior institutions has been added to the compulsory military training bill which is officially known as S. 4164.

According to Dr. Walton, this ruling places advanced-training cadets in A. & M. on an equal footing with cadets in the United States Military Academy at West Point and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Properly stated the section reads as follows: Commissioned officers, warrant officers... cadets, United States Military Academy, midshipmen, United States Naval Academy... and cadets of the advanced course, senior division, Reserve Officers' Train Corps... shall not be required to be registered under section 2. Section 2 is the part which requires all eligible male citizens to register with military headquarters on a date set by them.

This bill, with the proposed amendment, has now received the approval of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, of which Morris Sheppard of Texas is chairman, and has been presented to the Senate for debate.

In commenting on the amendment that he is largely responsible for having inserted into the bill, Dr. Watson said, "When military training is required in a school as it is here, it only makes sense that this course should lead the students to something definite. Certainly there is no use in calling men for training who are getting that training where they are."

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Record Enrollment Looms Next Year

Coated Book Paper Used For First Time "Texas Forest News"

Coated book paper rolled from machines of the Campion Paper and Fibre Company at its plant near Houston for the first time last week and was used in printing the July-August issue of the "Texas Forest News", bi-monthly publication of the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College.

The Champion Paper and Fibre Company, manufacturing pulp from Texas forest trees since 1937, completed the paper making unit for its mill in June. The machine was designed for manufacture of paper for "Life" magazine and paper used for the edition of the "Texas Forest News" is from the initial run of this new stock.

Company officials say the new paper mill probably is the most modern in this country and report that the paper machine is the longest in the world, measuring 410 feet in length.

Besides the special machine-coated book paper, the company will also make bond, envelope and tablet papers.

Manufacture of the new paper marks another step in the development of the pulp and paper industry in the state. E. O. Siecke, Texas Forest Service director, said. He pointed out that newsprint from the pine forests of East Texas first was produced in January by the Southland Paper Mills, whose factory is located near Lufkin. With finished types of paper now also available, Texas is in a better position to supply the paper needs of the Southwest, he stated.

The paper industry places new emphasis on Texas forests, creating new jobs, wages, products, and a new market for Texas tree species. The two mills also will create new taxable assets for state and local governments.

Students Urged To Get Rooms As Soon As Possible

Registration already more than 500 over what it was this same time last year.

If advance registration is an indication of the enrollment for next year, then a new record will be set on registration day in September. Already there have been 800 more room reservations made than were made at this same period prior to the opening of school last year.

Returning students who desire to live in quarters with their former organizations are urged to make reservations immediately, because placements are being made "first come—first served."

A large block of rooms scattered throughout the various military organizations has been reserved for freshmen this year, and upperclassmen may find it difficult to obtain quarters unless they make reservations quickly.

Each year since 1932 the enrollment of the college has increased approximately ten per cent, and prospects for next year indicate a similar increase. Addition of 1315 new dormitory rooms in twelve new buildings last year alleviated the crowded dormitory situation to some extent, but all rooms were filled by last year's record enrollment of 6,424 students.

Construction of four more dormitories at a cost of \$600,000 will begin immediately, but an increase in enrollment in excess of the usual ten per cent would severely tax present dormitory facilities and classroom space.

Meal Cost To Be Reduced, Hotard Says

A new saving will be made available to the students of A. & M. this coming year J. C. Hotard, manager of the mess hall, has announced. This saving in the food bill will be accomplished by the reduction of the price of three meals daily by .06 per man, or a \$15 savings per year. The daily price is to be reduced from 89¢ to 83¢.

Mr. Hotard also pointed out that this saving will enable each boy to have 50 guests at the new thirty-cent rate on the money thus saved, if he chooses to spend the money in this way.

The new thirty-cent charge for visitors was recommended by an outside efficiency expert whose report was recently handed in to the Board of Directors. The expert's report stated that the guest privilege was being abused by a minority of the students, but the abuse was of such magnitude that some remedy was necessary.

"Other methods of reducing the cost of food to the students are being sought, but the thirty-cent charge on visitors meals is not one of these," Mr. Hotard stated.

Since the term of 1931-32, when the daily charge for meals had reached a peak of 83.7 cents per day for each student, the management of the mess hall has steadily been able to reduce the cost of food to the student body every year. This reduction has taken place through cooperation with the student body, cutting wastes, and more scientific buying. Surveys are conducted to enable the mess hall to use its tremendous buying power to the best advantage.

Complete Aviation Setup To Be Offered During Next Long Session

Leaving no stone unturned in an effort to gear itself completely to the educational needs of its students and the national defense needs of its students and the national defense needs of the nation, the School of Engineering of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas will offer a complete aviation setup to students interested in all phases of flying and aeronautical engineering when the 64th session begins next month, it was announced today by Dean Gibb Gilchrist, who has worked tirelessly toward establishment of the new division of the college throughout the summer. Dean Gilchrist left for Washington, there to remain until final governmental sanction is given plans for establishment of one of the finest airports in the state which occupies a 500-acre site on the A. & M. College campus.

The master plan for establishment of the Class 3 airport, second largest in all Civil Aeronautics Authority classification, has received the approval of the district headquarters, and it now only remains for final approval at Washington before some \$350,000 will be spent on runways, hangars, shops and instruction quarters. The airport will be so equipped as to qualify for both primary and secondary flight training, Dean Gilchrist announced.

Establishment of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering was authorized by the A. & M. Board of Directors and an initial appropriation of \$25,000 was made to cover costs of instituting the new educational department. A complete faculty is authorized and Dean Gilchrist will select several new members of his faculty while in the East on his present trip.

The course in aeronautical engineering will embrace many of the subjects now given in the mechanical engineering department for the first three years, with intensive specialization during the senior year in order for the student to obtain a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering. Further specialized study for a fifth year will gain for students the degree of bachelor of aeronautical engineering, Dean Gilchrist explained.

The course will feature such subjects as airport design, airplane design, airways management and accounting, advanced aeronautical design, aerodynamics and airways traffic management and radio communication and radio beam navigation.

For men with a degree of bachelor of science in any phase of engineering, the new Department of Aeronautical Engineering will offer an intensified course of study to equip them in ten weeks as junior aeronautical engineers, Dean Gilchrist declared.

The master airport plan now nearing approval when completed will provide facilities for training of 1,000 students per year in both

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Change Will Be Effected Next Week

Moore Terminates Three Year Service

By Earle A. Shields, Jr.

Lieutenant Colonel James A. Watson, Inf., will succeed Colonel George F. Moore as Commandant of A. & M. and as Professor of Military Science and Tactics for the coming year, it was announced Monday.

Colonel Watson began his military training with the National Guard of West Virginia in 1918. During the World War he went to France with the 60th Infantry of the Fifth Division and was with this unit as part of the American Army of Occupation in Germany. Then on July 1st, 1920, he entered the regular Army as a Major of the Infantry.

Colonel Watson is a graduate of the Command and General Staff School and is on the General Staff Corps Eligible List. His varied service includes a tour of duty as P. M. S. & T. at the University of Wyoming. He retired from the Army in 1937 and was returned to active duty in July of this year.

For the past three years Colonel Moore has served at A. & M. It was a form of being at home to him for he had graduated from here in 1908. He will turn over his duties in the next week or two and will leave College Station on September 9th or 10th for a month's leave of absence. Then on Oct. 17 he will sail from Charleston, S. Carolina, for Hawaii where he will take up his duties as Regimental and Harbor Defense Commander of the Separate Coast Artillery Brigade.

When asked for a statement about his leaving, Colonel Moore said, "I have enjoyed my service here tremendously and regret that my services are to be terminated at this time. I am very appreciative of the cooperation I have had from the cadet corps during my duties here, and I know and hope that Colonel Watson will receive the same consideration."

25 'Opportunity Awards' To Be Made By Association of Former Students

The Association of Former Students of the A. & M. College, in cooperation with the college and with A. & M. clubs and A. & M. men, is offering 25 Opportunity Awards to outstanding high school or junior college students. These awards will provide a complete financial program to cover the student's college career. The original agreement will remain in force for the full college career, provided the student continues to meet requirements set out by the Opportunity Award plan.

The Opportunity Awards will combine a student job through which the student may earn \$150 annually, a student loan of \$100 annually, the student's own financial participation in the amount of \$150 annually, payable on or before September 1 of each year.

This total annual income of \$400 will cover the student's normal expenses. His indebtedness to the loan fund is to be liquidated by monthly payments following graduation.

To be eligible a student must have ranked in the top 25% of his

graduating class. He and/or his family must be able to provide \$150 each year; he must need such assistance as this award gives; he must possess good character, good reputation, good appearance, and must have demonstrated real qualities of leadership and personality. He must have the endorsement of the A. & M. club of his community, or in the absence of such club, the endorsement of five to ten members of the Association of Former Students.

Candidates for opportunity awards must make application to the Association of Former Students, College Station, Texas—such applications to be accompanied by a transcript of credits, completed application for entrance to the A. & M. College accompanied by a recent picture of applicant, a letter from the principal of applicant's school, certifying his need of the opportunity, his position in the class, his character, activities, etc.

If such applicant has been checked and found eligible by the College Registrar's Office, his name

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F. Wallace Taber Wins Writer's Fellowship

F. Wallace Taber, who took his master's degree in the department of fish and game at A. & M. last year, has been awarded the Outdoor Writers' Training Course fellowship for one year, according to word received here. Taber, whose home is San Diego, Calif., won the award in open competition with others over the nation and will enjoy the fellowship sponsored by the Outdoor Writers' Association of America in cooperation with the American Wildlife Institute, Washington, D. C.

Taber will resume study towards his doctor's degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, upon completion of the year's fellowship. Associates at Texas A. & M. where he was graduate assistant in the department of fish and game, believe Taber will go far in his chosen field of research and study.

YMCA CABINET MEETS AT GAYS

Last Friday night nine members of the senior Y. M. C. A. Cabinet were invited to an ice cream party at the home of J. Gordon Gay in Oakwood.

Those who attended and helped turn the freezer were Preston Bolton, Lee Carson, Bob Cockerell, Joe Floyd, Paul Haines, Frank Loving, Bob Nisbet, Robert Powell, and Paul Stach. A. J. Robinson of San Antonio was a guest to the affair.

Four Agricultural Eng. Students To Take Special Trip

Four Texas A. & M. College agricultural engineering students, accompanied by Fred Jones, head of that department, will leave September 1 to attend the 1940 Industry Seminar, sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers and the Farm Equipment Institute. P. W. Kimball, instructor in Agricultural Economics, will join this group at Moline, Illinois.

Those students making the trip are: W. D. Fitch, a junior from Dallas; W. Mupica, a junior from Puerto Rico; H. G. Talbot, a senior from Big Spring; and H. V. Vasquez, a junior from Mexico City.

Approximately one hundred agricultural engineering students and instructors representing nearly ev-

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Education Plus Pleasure Had On Cotton Contest Tour

By W. O. Brimberry

Imagine one winning a free trip to New York, through New England, and into Canada. This is just the prize that awaited four A. & M. agricultural seniors last Spring when they won, by making the highest grades on a series of examinations pertaining to cotton, a free tour sponsored by the Student Agronomy Society and the Student Agronomy Society and the Agronomy Department.

Accompanied by Professor Tilden Easly who was in charge of directing the tour, the group—H. L. Rucker, H. L. Petty, C. L. Petty, and H. C. Forbes—acted wisely and first made a thorough inspection of

what the industry had to offer at home. On June 3 and 4, the group visited many large compress and bagging companies in Houston and Galveston. While there, of course, they had the opportunity to inspect the large Anderson, Clayton and Company's warehouses. The Texas tour was completed with a trip to Dallas where the boys had the opportunity to visit the government cotton grading and classing laboratories.

No time was lost by the group after leaving Texas, for on June 7 they were in the Mississippi Delta going over cotton breeding farms, watching cotton ginning research

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For Three Days Only - Turn-About Week; When Milady Fools the Bills and Makes the Date-Requests

By Ivan MacGillicuddy

Blitzkrieg in England... Trojan Horse in France... Fifth column activities everywhere from Constantinople to the Brooklyn Bridge... And now, at last, turn about week at Aggie!

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary—simplified and otherwise—doesn't have much to say about a turn-about week, but of the noun "turn-about" Mr. Webster says, "A changing from one side, allegiance, etc., to another; a person who changes or advocates change; a radical; a merry-go-round."

The custom during the past several hundred years has been for a young man to ask his favorite belle for a date—a procedure which generally involves considerable expenditure of that which is generally accepted as a medium of exchange.

But the boy-versus-girl problem is becoming more serious of late. Since the Great Depression of 1929-32 (it's still going strong as far as MacGillicuddy is concerned), the financial problem has become increasingly difficult. Then, too, the matter of reciprocation has come to mind and the resulting clamor and outcry on the part of the unlanded gentry of our nation for some sort of pact with a mutual benefit clause is finally demanding an answer.

No longer is this unhealthy condition to exist. No longer will this blight on the masculine world tarnish a male's ego—at least, not for three days.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday—August 22, 23, 24—are the days set aside for the so-called "Turn-about Week". For three days the beaux and belles of College Station change places. For three days only the male will be the escort and the female will be the escort.

The idea originated with O. C. Gardner, Joe Floyd, Virginia Cashman, and Tomye Bowden and, according to the originators, everything—for three days—will be in reverse. The Juke Box Prom, picture shows, drinks, and otherwise will originate from women-kind.

So it's the Aggies who'll be sitting by their telephones waiting for a date-request... For three days only.

MacGillicuddy's advice—Make hay while the sun shines!

John C. Knight, '40 Killed When Training Plane Spins to Earth

John Clifford Knight, '40, Rotan, Texas, was killed when the training plane he was piloting crashed nine miles north of Carrollton on Wednesday. Knight was enrolled in the United States Army's primary training school at Love Field, Dallas. He became a flying cadet shortly after he graduated from A. & M. this spring.

Air Corps detachment officials at Love Field said they were notified the plane had gone into a spin at an altitude of about 300 feet. Knight was alone on the flight piloting one of the new PT-19 training ships received at Love Field recently to replace the old PT-3 models which the student fliers had been using.

Lieut. R. C. Cannon, adjutant said the plane went into a spin as Knight, who had several solo flights to his credit, was attempting to make a 360-degree approach preparatory to landing.

Knight was born in Colmesneil, Texas, December 27, 1917. While at A. & M. he took major work in Agricultural Economics and minor in Agronomy and Animal Husbandry.

Keith Langford Marries Annie Laura Beckmann

Miss Annie Laura Beckmann and Ernest Keith Langford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Langford of College Station, were married in St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Monday August 19.

Among the guests who attended were Dr. and Mrs. T. O. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hensel, Billy Hensel, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Langford and daughter, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edge.

The couple are honeymooning in New Mexico after which they will reside in Baytown.