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Texas A. & M. Opens Sixty Ninth Annual Session

Fifteenth Annual Short Course Held For Cotton Mill Operators

Representatives from eleven states, India and the Republic of Mexico attended the banquet given Thursday night as part of the 15th annual Short Course for Cotton Mill Operators at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. This school, which started Monday and continued through Friday, is held each year by the Department of Chemical Engineering in cooperation with the Texas Cottonseed Crushers' Association.

Gib Gilchrist, dean of the School of Engineering, was the principal speaker at the banquet. Presiding was Harry E. Wilson, Peoples Cotton Oil Co., Wharton, and the affair was informal and strictly tieless. Others making short talks were: Dr. F. C. Bolton, vice president and dean of the College; Henry Womble, Womble Oil Mill Co., Caldwell, and chairman of the college relations committee of the Texas Cottonseed Crushers' Assn.; Dr. J. D. Lindsay, head of the Department of Chemical Engineering and director of the short course; C. M. Chandler, Lubbock Cotton Oil Co., and president of the National Oil Mill Superintendents' Assn.; Webb M. Sowden, Sowden Sales Co., Dallas, and president of the Oil Mill Machinery and Supply Assn.; and others introduced from the floor.

The history, development and various departments in the School of Engineering were reviewed by Dean Gilchrist. While all students at A. & M., past, present and future, will be proud to answer to the affectionate name of "Aggies," the speaker advised, still it is a little misleading as in the last census taken of the student body, in October 1942, the figures showed there were around 6,500 enrolled, of which 3,427, or about 52 per cent, were in engineering.

Dean Gilchrist described the set-up of the School of Engineering and the number of students in various branches ranked respectively. He noted showing that minerals, including Texas ranked in production of agricultural livestock.

Recreation Activities Visit On Friday

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Wilcox To Direct Student Office Of Personnel

President T. O. Walton yesterday announced appointment of Prof. George Barton Wilcox as director of the newly created Student Personnel Office.

The new office, set up at the Commencement meeting of the Board of Directors, will coordinate personnel work with students on the campus that has been handled in several departments heretofore, it was announced.

In making the announcement (See WILCOX, Page 4)

New Staff To Be Organized For Summer Battalion

The Battalion, as in the past, will still serve as the official paper of the college and the City of College Station. The military branches stationed on our campus will have a definite part in helping to make the Battalion a better publication. At the close of the last semester we lost our entire Battalion staff with the exception of two or three reporters. From this you will be able to realize the difficulties under which we will be working until Freshman, Sophomores and other students can be trained to fill their places. However, the Battalion will be under the supervision of the Student Activities office with L. D. Boone, manager of publications, L. M. Collins, acting editor-in-chief, and Richard Jenkins, assisting with advertising. There is no reason to prevent a freshman or sophomore student from becoming an efficient member of a college paper staff. All students who have had previous experience in newspaper work are urged to see Mr. Collins in the Student Activity office in the administration building from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

With the ever increasing war conditions the newspaper has been forced to be cut to a tabloid size because of scarcity of paper. However, there will be three issues published each week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. All other publications have been abandoned for the duration. Therefore, we should be able to have a better Battalion in order to keep all interested persons informed as to the activities of A. & M. College.

Three general courses were given during the 1943 school: General Basic Training, Fire Department Instruction and Red Cross Lay-Instruction. Prof. E. L. Williams, head of the Department of Industrial Education, directed fire department instruction, while Red Cross lay-instruction was under the supervision of Melvin A. Buzzard, first aid and water safety field representative, Mid-Western branch of the American Red Cross, St. Louis.

Former Athlete Claimed by Death

"Little Hig could have played on any football team I ever saw," said an old friend in commenting on the death of Lt. (jg) Roswell G. Higginbotham at the Quonset Point, R. I., naval air station Tuesday. And the one making this remark has seen them come and go in the past 27 years that he has been on the campus as a student and as an employee. Higginbotham did not recover from an abdominal operation.

Little Hig was a star back and punter on the great A. & M. football teams of 1917, 1919 and 1920. In these three years, until the last game of 1920, the Aggies were not only unbeaten and untied but were undefeated. Then in 1920 A. & M. lost the Thanksgiving game to Texas at Austin by a score of 7 to 3.

Equally noted as a baseball player, Higginbotham pitched a no-run, no-hit game against Texas in 1918 which A. & M. won 1 to 0. Little Hig returned to A. & M. as Freshman football coach, leaving in 1936 to accept a similar post at S. M. U. While here he coached the baseball team five seasons and developed two conference champions.

He was born in Grayson county and was a graduate of the Sherman High School. Surviving are his widow, one son, two sisters, and a brother, Graley (Big Hig) Higginbotham, another Aggie football great.

Greetings From The President

The administrative officers and faculty of the College welcome the new men that have enrolled in the College for the first time.

These are uncertain times. This fact is recognized by all those who labor here. It is the earnest purpose and the sincere desire of the faculty to do all that lies within its power to make sure that you shall have unhampered opportunity for mental, physical and spiritual development as long as you are members of the student body of the A. & M. College of Texas.

We urge you to apply yourselves diligently to the academic tasks and other extensive obligations that you as a student in the institution have assumed. We invite you to counsel with members of the faculty, particularly with the Heads of Department, your Deans and other administrative officers, when problems arise upon which you feel that you need the counsel of these mature men. Our offices and homes are open to students at all times. I trust that you will take advantage of the willingness and purpose of those of us who serve here to render you assistance in every way we can that will assure you a profitable stay at this College.

T. O. Walton
President.

A&M Completes Fourteenth Annual Firemen's School

For the benefit of volunteer firemen in small towns and rural communities, the A. & M. College cooperates with the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association in conducting an annual School for Firemen. The 14th school was held on the campus Monday through Friday and was conducted by the Department of Chemistry under the direction of Dr. C. C. Hedges, head of the department.

While the majority of those in attendance were from Texas points, there were some registrants from Oklahoma and New Mexico. Eight drill periods were given in the general basic training course, covering ladder and knots, hose, forcible entry, salvage, hazards and safety, fire fighting practices, pump operations and methods of instruction. These drill periods were conducted by representatives of the fire departments at Fort Worth, Waco, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, Luling, El Paso and other points.

Lt. Col. W. B. Russ, past president and trustee, Texas Medical Association, was the principal speaker at the banquet for the firemen Tuesday night. Preliminary remarks were made by Lt. Col. Ozro Woods, regional medical officer, Office Civilian Defense for the 8th region, comprising the states of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Dr. Hedges was toastmaster. "The Office of Civilian Defense," Dr. Russ stated, "does not conflict with any other agency set up as part of the war effort or our normal way of life. The name 'civilian defense' does not convey the true picture of the work of OCD. I prefer to look upon it as the medium for training and conditioning our people against our enemies from without and from within, to awaken our people to take their part in the general scheme of things necessary to win the war and uphold the American way of life in the world after the war." OCD, he explained, supplements the work of the U. S. Public Health Service, the American Red Cross and other organizations.

The talk by Dr. Russ swung from sparkling wit to serious admonition. In appealing to the American people to be self-reliant, to depend upon themselves, he cited many instances of men and women handicapped physically or born in humble surroundings who, through their own efforts, became leaders of humankind. Guiding their conquest of these handicaps, Dr. Russ stated, were indefinable spirit, miracle and mystery—a fighting soul that recognized neither a boundary nor barrier. A breakdown of the registration showed 398 student firemen, six visitors for the speaking program, 30 instructors, and 243 towns as the subject for an address by

Authorities Expect 800 New Students For Summer

Total Enrollment of Both New and Old Students May Reach 2000

Texas A. & M. College will open its sixty-ninth annual session this coming week. This the second time in the history of the school that the opening has been in June. The college pledged its facilities to the National War effort in 1941, and the year-round program is a result of this pledge.

The enrollment will be less than ever before due to the draft and the absence of the juniors and seniors who were called immediately after the close of the semester just concluded. Mr. Heaton, the acting registrar, feels that we will have approximately 800 new students and 1,000 old students who will return for the summer session, making a total of 1,800 or better. Registration of old students will begin at the Assembly Hall, Saturday, May 29, at 7:30 a.m. Registration of new students will begin in the Assembly Hall Monday, May 31, at 7:30 a.m. Classes for old students will start meeting Monday, May 31, and new students will meet classes beginning Tuesday, June 1. New students may get their physical examination at 1:00 o'clock on Sunday, provided they have their entrance cards with them. All examinations will be given at the College hospital. Physical examinations will be continued all day Monday.

Longhorns Ready For Distribution On Tuesday

The 1944 Longhorn is a beautiful book, even though it is some smaller than the pre-war publication. Marvin McMillan and his staff have done an excellent piece of work, and especially so when we realize that they published this book in less than one semester. The delay in receiving the books was a great disappointment to the seniors and juniors, but general war conditions and transportation difficulties due to the flood caused the final binding and delivery to be several days behind schedule. All students leaving forwarding addresses will receive their books within a few days.

The cover used for the Longhorn is most outstanding and the excellence of the contents gives no hint of the difficulties under which the publication was made possible. The theme of the book is "Freedom," and the dedication is made to the United Nations. This is the last Longhorn for the duration.

Mr. Heaton will meet with the new students on Monday morning in the Assembly Hall and will give detailed instructions in regard to their registration at that time. According to F. C. Bolton, dean of the college, all students who are entering college as freshman will receive basic R.O.T.C. training. The freshman and sophomores will have at least two semesters and perhaps more before being called into the army, depending on war conditions at that time. Veterinary students will continue their course toward graduation, and engineering students who expect to receive their degree by July 1, 1945, will probably be given time to complete their courses for graduation.

Farm Labor Problem Receives Special Attention of Agents

Texas' 236 county agricultural agents have been assigned the responsibility of administering the farm labor program within their counties, H. H. Williamson, director of the A. & M. College Extension Service announced.

Recruiting, training, and placement of all farm labor within the county, and of directing labor centers and the few camps for migratory workers in the state, will be among the responsibilities of the county agricultural agent. If and when war prisoners are available for farm labor in Texas this additional phase of the program also will be under the jurisdiction of the agents.

Quoting Lt. Col. Jay Taylor, Panhandle rancher and business man who is the deputy administrator of the War Food Administration in charge of labor programs, Director Williamson said that "99 per cent of the program will be carried on in the State of Texas and the counties, and one per cent in Washington." He emphasized, "There'll be no cotton chopped, pigs slopped or berries picked in Washington or College Station. The problem and the job belong to the county."

The national farm labor act assigned the administration of the farm labor program to the Extension Services of the land grant colleges in the 48 states. President T. O. Walton of A. and M., chairman of the executive committee of the Land Grant College Association, recently pointed out that the Extension groups had not sought the program but would accept the responsibility "like good soldiers."

While farmers will not be able to obtain the type of labor to which they are accustomed, the Extension Service will help them obtain and make best use of the available workers.

Texas To Follow New Insecticide Law

Hereafter it will be unlawful to adulterate, misbrand or misrepresent agricultural insecticides and fungicides sold in Texas. The state legislature at its current session enacted a law providing for the branding or labeling of all such products placed on sale within the state. The law also requires attaching to each package a printed statement showing the minimum percentage of active ingredients, and the maximum percentage and names of inert ingredients it contains.

According to Dr. H. G. Johnston, entomologist for the A. & M. College Extension Service, the act provides for the examination and analysis of agricultural insecticides. It will be administered by the state commissioner of agriculture and analyses will be made by the state chemist, located at the Texas A. and M. College. The law exempts household insecticides from these restrictions, and thru the definition of "agricultural insecticides" also eliminates insecticides used for controlling internal parasites of domestic animals, Dr. Johnston says.

The law provides for taking samples of any agricultural insecticides offered for sale within Texas for analysis by the state chemist. Under its provisions any corporation, firm or person may be prosecuted if they offer for sale insecticides which are found to be misbranded, adulterated, or intended to deceive the consumer.

Dr. Johnston points out that all vendors of agricultural insecticides or fungicides are required to file yearly with the state commissioner of agriculture an application for registration. At the same time they are required to file a copy of each label to be attached to packaged agricultural insecticides to be sold within the state. This registration must be obtained on or before delivery to dealers of any insecticides for sale in Texas.