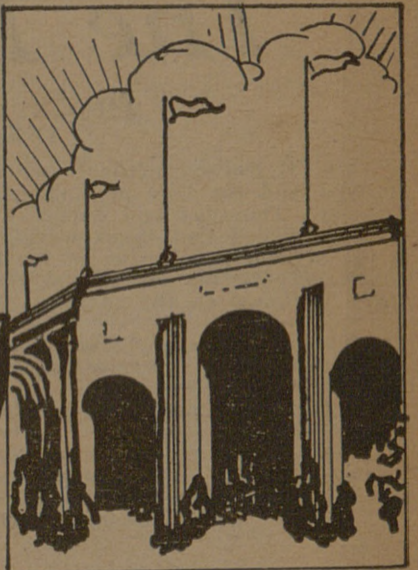


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New Group A.S.T.R.P. Trainees To Arrive

Construction Program Offices Are Opened With Spence Named As Director

Construction Program Offices of the college were opened August 1st in room 318 of the Administration Building with T. R. Spence, former vice director of the Engineering Experiment Station, as manager.

This office was established by President Gilchrist to work out a coordinated program of construction for the future development of the college. This new office will also make plans for the rehabilitation of existing building facilities and for the improvement of college property. The Construction

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Presbyterian Pastor Returns From Church Fund Meet, Ft. Worth

Reverend Norman Anderson of the A. & M. Presbyterian church returned recently from Fort Worth where he spoke to the Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church. The object of his trip was to secure funds for the building of the church here and the Westminster Encampment at Kerrville. The goal set for the drive is \$150,000, which will be divided equally between the two institu-

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Aggie Of The Week . . .

"Aggie Spirit" Keeps Football Team Hustling, Says Cadet, Grid Letterman Butchofsky

By Dick Goad

Hailing from the barren plains of deep West Texas, Cadet Maor Robert L. "Butch" Butchofsky, is another member of the Senior class who has made an outstanding record while attending A. & M.

As Cadet Comander of the 3rd Battalion in the First Regiment, Butchofsky is in charge of F and G Companies, holding one of the key positions in the cadet corps.

Aside from his military duties, Butch also serves as chairman of

Country Club Opens Pool to Bryan and College Residents

Scheduled to open to the public this week, the new Country Club Pool offers unusual recreation for the people of the Bryan and College Station communities. Having met the approval of military and health authorities, its particular designs and facilities will afford an equal amount of diversional relaxation for military personnel and Aggies as it will for civilians.

The pool, built in a fan shape, (See POOL, Page 7)

Letter From Pres. Accompanies Grade Report to Parents

Beginning with the current mid-semester grades, a new system is being inaugurated. Along with the usual report of grades will be a letter from the president of the

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Dorm Sales Restricted

In a statement issued yesterday, the Student Activities Office again emphasized the necessity of all student concessions being registered with the office.

Any student operating a concession who is not listed with the Student Activities office is doing so illegally and is subject to suspension from school. It is the policy of the Commandant's office and Student Activities to withdraw a concession from the concessionaire if it does not adhere to rules and regulations as set forth by the college.

The college is making every effort to help as many boys work their way through school as possible, therefore it is essential that every student and cadet officer assume his responsibility in making student concessions an aid rather than a hindrance, the statement continued.

Former Students Ass'n To Publish Texas Aggie Revue

Beginning with the first issue September first, the Former Students Association will publish the "Texas A. & M. Review," a resume of life at Aggieland, to be sent to Aggie Exes all over the world.

The magazine, to be printed four times a year, will serve to keep the ex-students informed as to current happenings at A. & M. and let them know the progress of the school. It will be mailed to all Aggies Exes and will include a class letter from each class.

At the present, the paper will publish the latest status of the Development Fund project, the post war expanding program, and the news of interest of today and tomorrow that will affect the future of A. & M.

A Former Students Association project, the paper will include four pages, each 8½x11 inches.

Classes Scheduled to Begin Monday; Selectees to Live in Dormitory One

FEES PAYABLE NOW

Third installment of maintenance fees of \$49.80 due August 1-10 inclusive can be paid now.

These fees include board \$38.70, room \$7.70 and laundry \$3.40 to September 22, 1944.

The Cashier of the Fiscal Department will accept these fees from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Rio Grande Farm Program Aided By Large Donation

Launching a campaign for the Lower Rio Grande Valley to assist in financing its own agricultural research program, and acknowledging appreciation for services rendered by the agricultural experiment sub-station at Weslaco in the establishment and development of the 23,000-acre farm and orchard projects of Rio Farms, Inc. at Edcouch, R. B. McLeaish, chairman of the corporation's board of directors, has sent a check for \$5,000.00 to the Weslaco headquarters, W. H. Friend, station superintendent, has announced.

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Arriving this week, the new detachment of the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program will make ready for the new term which is scheduled to begin Monday, August 7. According to an announcement by the college authorities, 92 men are expected to arrive for this training.

Similar to the program which began on the campus in May, this training is a specialized plan of army instruction for boys who have not yet reached draft age, but who have completed high school. The course designed for this new detachment is engineering, and will include subjects such as the ASTRP men studied during the semester which ended for them on July 29.

This new detachment will be housed in Dormitory No. 1 and will wear regular government issue uniforms and be subjected to army (See CLASSES, Page 3)

Press Club Meets Wednesday Night

There will be a meeting of the A. & M. Press Club Wednesday night at 7:15 in the Cabinet Room of the Y. M. C. A.

Plans for the remainder of the semester will be discussed and all members are urged to be present, said Dick Goad, club president.

Texas Aggies Come From the Four Corners of the World

If you happen to hear the accent of the Deep South or the Far West or of some other section of the United States; or if you hear a completely foreign accent on the campus this summer, you will then recognize the fact that the student body is not made up entirely of local personnel.

There are 1,535 Texans here, but there are also representatives from sixteen other states and foreign countries.

Louisiana has a large delegation, 54 in number; Oklahoma has registered 18; and Arkansas, 10. Next in line from the Midwest is Missouri with 6 men. Mississippi

has 5 and Kansas 4. Three are from Tennessee, while California, New York, and Virginia have 2 each; and the following states have 1 each: Alabama, Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, New Mexico, and Washington.

From foreign countries Puerto Rico heads the list with ten men. Costa Rica has eight; Venezuela, 7; Mexico, 5; Panama, 4; and Ecuador, 3. Honduras, Nicaragua, and Peru have two men each, while the following have one representative each: Canada, Columbia, Hawaii, Paraguay, and El Salvador.

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