



# THE BATTALION



## Freshman Week Begins September 2 Lasts Through 7 Days of Orientation

### 650 New Students Take Physicals Sun.

More than 650 new freshmen will arrive at A. & M. September 24 for the comprehensive freshman week program which is a required activity for every new freshman. Dormitories will open at noon Sunday and the hospital will be open Sunday afternoon from 1 to 5 for the purpose of giving physical examinations.

The freshman week program includes addresses by various members of the faculty and extensive personal and general conferences for the freshmen.

President Gibb Gilchrist will welcome the new students Monday Morning, September 25. Monday the new students will also take an interest locator test and a mathematics and science survey test.

Tuesday the freshmen take a psychological test before being addressed by Col. M. D. Welty, Commandant of A. & M. In the afternoon H. L. Penberthy, director of physical education will have charge of a freshman program.

The fullest day will be Wednesday when the freshmen meet and hear F. C. Bolton, Dean of the College, and also hear an address by Lt. Col. A. J. Bennett, executive officer. Students will also meet with their respective deans and have conferences with special advisers.

Thursday's program will feature E. E. McQuillen, Secretary of the Association of Former Students, in his address on the "Traditions and Customs of A. & M. College. Friday will be taken up by assigned conferences. C. W. Crawford, head of the department of mechanical engineering will address the freshmen Saturday.

## Ross Hall Former Home of Ross Volunteers Was Once Bat Roost

By Billy Blankenship

Erected in 1891, Ross Hall still is in use after fifty three long years of wear. The building was erected in honor of Laurence Sullivan Ross, A. & M's first president. Ross Hall was originally used as dormitory for members of the Ross Volunteers.

The building was condemned some years back and was used as a store house only. It remained a

## Work Supervisors

"Supervisors of student employment are urgently requested to turn in assignment cards for students now employed with your department. The cards may be turned in at anytime between now and September 15th. Please be sure to give a rating of the student's performance."

## Dean Kyle Leaves For Washington

E. J. Kyle, dean of Agriculture, Texas A. & M. College, left today for Washington where Friday and Saturday he will lead a formal discussion on postwar problems relating to agriculture before the joint committee of the Associated Research Councils.

The Associated Research Council represents the National Research Council of Learned Societies, and the Social Science Research Council, Dean Kyle said. He has been appointed a member of the joint council on account of his knowledge of Latin American affairs, and his discussion before the meeting this week will be from the standpoint of inter-American relations.

Forming the joint council with Dean Kyle are Lewis Hanke, Library of Congress, chairman; J. C. Beebe-Center, Tufts College; Earl J. Hamilton, Duke University; Rene d'Harnoncourt, Indian Arts and Crafts Board of the U. S. Department of the Interior; R. A. Lambert, Rockefeller Foundation; Irving A. Leonard, University of Michigan; Carl O. Sauer, University of California, and T. Lynn Smith, University of Louisiana.

store house until it was reconditioned and made safe to live in once more.

Moving out of the Academic building the Military Department decided to make their new offices in Ross Hall. Here the Commandant Department has remained for the last three years. Here on the first floor of the building is found the Commandant's office, (See ROSS HALL, Page 2)

## State Adjutant Gen. To Visit College

Arriving today about noon, will be the Adjutant-General of Texas, A. B. Knickerbocker. He will meet with President Gilchrist during the afternoon for a private meeting. Details of the meeting are not known.

Knickerbocker is formerly of A. & M., being of the class of 1921. He has recently been appointed chairman of the State Military Affairs Committee of Texas. Also, he has been appointed to the Ex-Students Military Affairs Committee, whose interest is directed toward the national post war policy and program.

It is not known how long Knickerbocker will stay on the campus as this will be terminated by his business with the president. However, his stay is sure to be a pleasant one while here.

## A&M Finance Com. Directors To Meet

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of Texas A. & M. has been called for Wednesday evening at six. The committee will meet on the campus to dispose of a few financial matters left over from the last Board meeting in the latter part of last May.

The finance committee is made up of F. M. Law, president of the Board from Houston, Major General H. J. Brees, from San Antonio, and John C. Burns, from Ft. Worth. Law will not likely attend the meeting because he is out of the state. G. R. White, vice-president from Brady, will attend the meeting in Law's place.

## Senate Group to Tour Colleges This Fall

Tax supported state institutions of higher learning will be toured this fall by a Senate Committee it was announced Saturday by Senator Penrose Metcalfe of San Angelo in anticipation of the adjustments that will probably follow the post war period.

This committee of five senators is the same one that conducted an investigation of A. & M. earlier this year. The final committee report on all state colleges will include the report on the earlier investigation at A. & M. The minutes of this earlier investigation have not (See SENATE, Page 7)

## Junior and Senior Courses Will Be Available In Fall Semester Schedule

### Estimated 1700 Will Register October 2

H. L. Heaton, Registrar, announced this morning that the offering of courses for the fall semester would be as complete as possible for junior and senior courses.

A complete schedule of prescribed courses for 1 and 2 semester freshman and sophomore work will be offered and all prescribed 1 semester junior and senior courses will be available in the Schools of Agriculture, Engineering, and Arts and Sciences.

In the School of Veterinary Medicine students will be able to register for all courses prescribed for the first two years and 1 and 2 semester courses in the 3 and 4 years. Only 2nd semester courses will be offered for the 5 year veterinary work.

Six hundred and fifty new students are expected to enroll for the fall semester, it was also revealed by H. L. Heaton, registrar, this morning. This boosts the total estimated enrollment for this fall at 1650.

All old students will register Monday afternoon from 1 to 5, October 2 and new freshmen will register Monday morning. Regularly scheduled classes will begin Tuesday morning.

## Student Employment

"All students who wish part-time employment during the coming term are urged to file either an application renewal or an application with the Placement Office between now and the end of the term. Renewals will be accepted beginning, Monday, September 4th."

## Penberthy to Speak At Press Club Banquet

Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock the Press Club will be honored by the Student Activities office with a banquet to be held in the Dining Room of the Aggieland Inn. Guests will include the Battalion Staff and those who have contributed to student publications and Student Activities during the semester.

Opening the festivities, Geo. B. Wilcox, Director of Student Personnel, will give the invocation, to be followed by Dick Osterholm with a speech of welcome. Master of ceremonies will be Dick Goad, president of the Press Club, who will introduce the guests and the speaker of the evening, W. W. (See BANQUET, Page 7)

## Silver Taps Is Highest Tribute Paid Deceased Student By Fellow Aggies

Highest tribute that can be paid any Aggie by his fellow men here at Aggieland, is the playing of Silver Taps in his honor. Tradition at A. & M. is strong and this one tradition has meant more to many men at Aggieland for its simplicity and stirring emotion than any other tradition on the campus.

For the men on the campus who have never heard the playing of Silver Taps, there is a hollow spot in their lives here at Aggieland. Not that Silver Taps should be played continually for its significance alone does not warrant that, but the emotion and beauty of its silver notes as they drift over the campus mean more to an Aggie than the mere playing of a few notes at midnight.

One does not fully realize the close union between Aggies until he hears Silver Taps play-

ed for the Aggie who has gone to the land beyond. It is one of those traditions that brings the tears to your eyes and the butterflies to your stomach. While you stand at attention, listening to the notes from the trumpets, a thousand and one thoughts race through your mind. The richness of the tones dig deep into your thoughts, and you closely renew your faith in the traditions of Aggieland.

Silver Taps is not too old a tradition here on the campus. It was started about the year 1928, with its style still intact. The music which is known to all, that of taps, is arranged in a three tone harmony effect. It is played by six trumpeters, two playing the first harmony, two playing the second harmony, and two playing the third harmony. It is played in a slow tempo, decreasing during the (See SILVER TAPS, Page 2)