

Annex and Campus Training To Be Identical, Boatner Says

By FRANK CUSHING
 "The adjustments facing a freshman are difficult in any college but when combined with the necessary ones at a military college they are greater," Colonel H. L. Boatner new commandant of cadets and professor of military science and tactics said when interviewed recently.

Colonel Boatner continued, "The freshmen must meet the dual problem of adjusting to the difficulties of college life while also facing the newness of a recruit's life." As a cheering factor he referred to the many graduates of this school. "However all Aggies have made this adjustment since the start of the college and the national reputation of this school has been built on these men."

When questioned on the military program that the Freshmen will be inducted to, he stated, "Military training received at the Annex will be identical with that received on the Campus in that Freshmen will have their own staff, tactical officer, and military property custodian who will issue clothing and related items at the field."

Colonel Boatner went on to explain, "Freshmen leaders will be selected from those newcomers who have had some prior training. In this way Freshmen will have the opportunity to show their true colors and what they can do under their own class leadership."

He feels he is somewhat qualified to understand a freshman's problems for he was a freshman at Tulane University after his First World War service as a private in the Marine Corps. He was again a freshman at West Point where he graduated in 1924. He succeeded Colonel Guy S. Meloy in the position of commandant in August of this year.

As an aid to newcomers he said, "Many have the misconception idea that discipline and punishment are the same thing. Discipline is nothing but the submission of one's will to ordinary conduct. Punishment will be inflicted only on those unwilling to carry on in this man-

ner or those who through excessive energy want to pull a prank to let off steam."

"Nothing I have said should be taken to mean that newcomers will undergo undue hardships. Your health, food, and living conditions will be carefully checked to ascertain that you will not have to bear excessive discomfort." Colonel Boatner continued. "Since you were small, you have been warned that you must take things like a soldier. Now you are facing your first test."

He cited the report issued after the last annual inspection by the inspecting party which made the general inspection of the A&M military training department and the personnel. He quoted, "It is the unanimous decision of the Board of Inspectors that the cadets of A&M College reflected its high state of discipline and training by their military appearance and attitude."

He continued reading from the report, "... the consensus of this board is that the performance of the Corps of Cadets, its superb administration, and the meritorious storage, maintenance, and protection of government property revealed a pre-eminently outstanding Reserve Officer's Training Corps unit."

He said in reference to this record made by the cadets under the command of Colonel Meloy, "I feel certain that with the understanding and intelligent cooperation of all Freshmen that the rating will be even higher this year than last."

Mathews to Leave For Texas Tech

H. L. Mathews, instructor of Poultry Husbandry at A&M College, will move to Lubbock in the near future where he will be an associate professor of Poultry Husbandry at Texas Tech.

In addition to his teaching duties there, he will also be in charge of the College Poultry Farm.

Mathews received his B. S. and M. S. degrees from A&M in 1930 and 1940, respectively. He has been connected with the Poultry Husbandry Department here for the past five years. Two years of this time he spent as a Poultry Inspection Service Workman, gaining much valuable experience inspecting hatchery flocks throughout the state.

He also taught high school vocational agriculture at Elkhart, Texas, for twelve years, developing there one of the most outstanding poultry programs in the state.

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Reserve Officers' Promotion Plan Is Started by Abbott

A new long-range promotion plan for officers in the Organized Reserve Corps has been made public by Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, Senior Instructor of the Organized Reserve Corps in Texas. This new policy is for the promotion of Reserve officers while assigned in the Active Reserve, and does not apply to Inactive Reserve or the Honorary Reserve officers.

The Department of the Army pointed out that beginning January 1, 1949, a Reserve officer must obtain in each calendar year 30 hours of credit in order to remain in the Active Reserve, and thereby retain eligibility for inactive duty training pay, promotion, assignment to an active Reserve unit, or mobilization position and credits toward retirement.

In December, 1947, the procedure whereby a Reserve Officer may accrue credit hours was outlined in detail by the Department of the Army. Participation in classes or schools either as a student or instructor, completion of extension sub-courses, administrative work with Reserve units or a court or

board, and tours of active duty are some of the methods provided for the procurement of the credit hours by active Reservists. Officer promotions in the Active Reserve will be made to fill available positions within grade authorizations established by the Army to meet procurement objectives for any possible mobilization. Selective procedures for promotion will be followed in order to secure the best qualified officers reasonably available to fill these position vacancies. For this purpose Reserve Selection Boards will be appointed by area commanders. Reserve officers will be represented on the Selective Boards. Reserve officers serving on Extended Active Duty with the Army are also eligible for Reserve Corps promotion under this plan.

New Chemistry Professors Assume Duties in September

Dr. Royce H. LeRoy and Dr. John O. Page have assumed their duties with the chemistry department here at A&M. LeRoy is professor of inorganic chemistry, and Dr. Page is an assistant professor of analytical chemistry.

Dr. LeRoy holds bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Missouri and a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. He has held teaching positions at the University of Missouri and the University of Nebraska, was professor of chemistry and acting dean of men at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, and has been chairman of the department of chemistry, University of Kansas City. From 1942-1947 he was a chemist in charge of research and development for the Bar-Rusto Plating Corporation, Kansas City.

For the past year he has been visiting professor of chemistry at the University of Nebraska. Dr. LeRoy's professional affiliations include the American Chemical Society, American Electrochemical Society, American Association of University Professors, Alpha Chi Sigma, Sigma Xi and Phi Lambda Upsilon.

Dr. Page was graduated with his bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester and received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1933. He has been with the U. S. Food and Drug Administration in the position of chemist-analyst and has served four large companies as research chemist.

During the early part of the war he was research group leader with Shell Oil Laboratories, Cactus Ordnance Works, Dumas, Texas, and later was connected with the El Dorado Oil Works, San Francisco. Dr. Page left a position in analytical chemistry at the University of Idaho to come to A&M.

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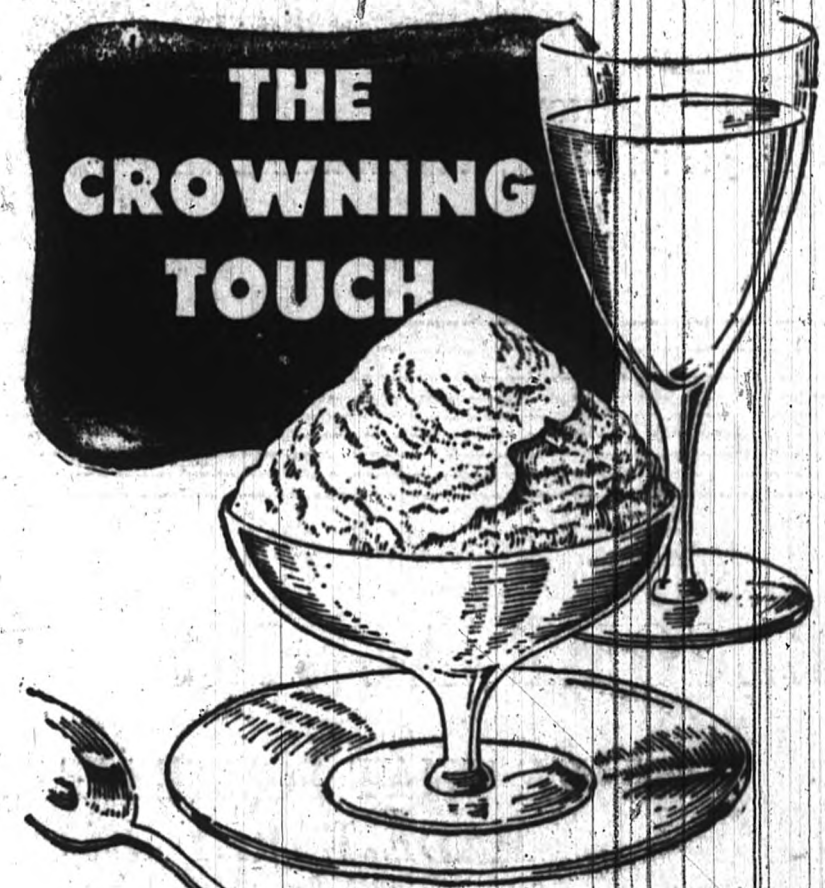
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