

# Commandant Gives Dormitory Assignments In New Area for Cadet Corps Organizations

Cadet organization dormitory assignments for the 1948-49 school year have been announced by Lt. Col. Joe E. Davis, assistant commandant.

Corps Staff, "B" Veterans, "A" Veterans and "D" Veterans will occupy Dormitory 12. Corps staff will live on the first floor; "B" Veterans, second floor; "A" Veterans, third floor; and "D" Veterans, fourth floor.

"D" Infantry, "B" Infantry, "A" Infantry, and "C" Infantry will occupy Dormitory 10. "D" Infantry will live on the first floor; "B" Infantry, second floor; "A" Infantry, third floor; and "C" Infantry, fourth floor.

Dormitory 8: "E" Air Force, first floor; "B" Artillery, second floor; "C" Artillery, third floor; and "A" Artillery, fourth floor.

Dormitory 6: "D" Air Force, first floor; "A" Air Force, second floor; "B" Air Force, third floor; and "C" Air Force, fourth floor.

Dormitory 4: "A" Cavalry, second floor; "B" Engineers, third floor; and "A" Engineers, fourth floor. First floor will be used for overflow from all units.

Dormitory 2: "A" Seniors, second floor; "B" Seniors, third floor; "C" Cavalry, fourth floor. First floor will be used for overflow from all units.

Dormitory 11: Maroon Band, first floor and north half of second floor; White Band, south half of second floor and third floor; Senior Band, fourth floor.

Dormitory 9: "A" Signal Corp, first floor; "A" ASA, second floor; "A" Cad, third floor and "A" QM, fourth floor.

Dormitory 7: "D" Artillery, first floor; "B" Artillery, second floor; "A" Ordnance, third floor, and "A" TC, fourth floor.



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## Tomato Industry Labor Expenses Reported As High

Expense for labor and materials represents about four-fifths of the total handling expense on green-wrap tomatoes at shipping points in Texas, according to a preliminary study made by the Agricultural Experiment Station recently.

If packing costs are to be lowered, such reductions must be effected through greater efficiency in the use of labor and materials. Administrative costs represent 9 1/2 percent of the total cost of shed operation and management represented two thirds of all administrative costs.

Wage rates in the Lower Rio Grande Valley are relatively low but this does not necessarily mean that labor costs will be correspondingly low. Available labor may be very inefficient unless properly supervised and trained. Hand labor should be eliminated if mechanization can speed up the process and yet be practical.

The Klondike is not in Alaska, as most people believe, but in northwestern Canada.



HEAD OF JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT, D. D. BURCHARD, and family are recent arrivals in College Station. Three journalism courses in Burchard's department are being offered this fall.

## Head of New Journalism Department Has Had Experience in Both Teaching and Writing

By H. C. MICHALAK  
A working newspaperman, Donald D. Burchard of Chicago is head of A&M's new Journalism Department. Burchard began his career in Journalism while a sophomore in college. He got his start by working on the school publication; the head of the Journalism Department was sort of lazy and let him do all of the work and the fact that the Professor lived at his house helped out too. During his senior year, Burchard was editor of the school publications. That in itself was quite a job.

Upon graduation from Beloit University in Wisconsin, he had a job lined up with the Bell Telephone Company to begin in July. However, the time element extending from January to July was just a little too long to wait out, and being financially embarrassed he took a job with a small Chicago newspaper.

Just a few weeks later the paper changed hands and, as the only man left of the old personnel who could write "headings," he was given a raise in pay and promoted to wire editor. When July came along he was making more money than the Telephone Company would pay so he did not take the job.

During the years he has worked in advertising, magazine writing, newspaper work and journalism teaching.

One of his most exciting experiences was when he worked for one of the Hearst papers and covered a gangster war during prohibition. All of the action took place at a gangster resort in Lake County Illinois.

On this occasion, known as the

Fox Lake Massacre, two rival gangster gangs were at a roadhouse getting all liquored up when they decided to engage in a nice little gangster free for all with machine guns instead of the usual broken bottles and brass-knuckles. These boys went about it in a business-like manner by taking their sub-machine guns out of their fiddle cases and really having a target practice session. They used garlic on the bullets to make death certain from a wound even if the wound was not fatal. When the shooting was over and the smoke cleared away, about 15 men were ready for the morgue.

Burchard went to the inquest next day to cover the story for his paper and it was the only time that he ever became sick from what he wrote about. The bodies were in a small, hot, ill ventilated room. The stench of garlic fumes was just a little too much for him.

After several years of newspaper work, Burchard realized the dream of every newspaperman. He owned and operated his own paper in Oakgrove, Missouri.

Burchard got into journalism teaching when he took over the department at Butler University. During his work on newspapers, one of his jobs was that of breaking in new men. He liked it, so he has been teaching ever since.

From Butler University he went to Oklahoma A&M where he was in charge of the Technical Journalism Department. He went to South Dakota State College of Mechanics and Arts.

The highlight of Burchard's teaching came last year when the Journalism Department of S. D.

State won two of the most cherished awards in Journalism at the National Convention of Sigma Del-

ta Chi in Washington, D. C. The awards were for "Chapter Efficiency" and for "Professional Achievement."

Usually these awards are taken by such large schools as the University of Southern California. It is the first time that the awards have ever been won by a small school. Upon winning the awards, the members were feted at a banquet given in their honor by Secretary Forrestal.

Burchard is married, and has a family of two boys, Jack and Don Jr., and a girl, Betsy. His wife, Eleanor, is a journalism graduate of Indiana University. They met while he worked in Evanston, Illinois. Eleanor's sister worked in the same office with Burchard, so when she married, Eleanor took her job and then Burchard married her.

Burchard and Otis Miller will handle A&M's new Journalism Department. One new course, News

Reporting 201 has been added to the curriculum. Two other courses Journalism 415 and 416 are also going to be offered; these two courses have been transferred from the Rural Sociology Department. Journalism 416 is a course on feature writing with a little newspaper management thrown in. Offices and classrooms for the new department will occupy four rooms in the Southwest corner of Bizzell Hall.

Anyone wanting to find out anything about the new department will receive a warm reception from either Burchard or Miller. Burchard welcomes persons in all fields at A&M to come by to talk to him at any time about journalism or anything else.

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