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TAKING TEN FOR A "COFFEE" BREAK—Dr. Robert Kamm, dean of Student Personnel Services at A&M, Cadet William F. Nelson and Lt. Col. George N. Watson, all from A&M, (left to right) discuss field firing problems on the range at Fort Sill, Okla. Dean Kamm visited with A&M cadets and inspected facilities for the ROTC Camp at Fort Sill recently. (Could it be these three Aggies are drinking tea?)—U.S. Army Photo

Recent Graduates Receive Commissions At Ft. Hood

Eighteen graduates of A&M were among the 57 ROTC students that received commissions as second lieutenants this morning at ceremonies at Fort Hood, Tex., according to Col. Ralph Simpson, deputy camp commander.

Brigadier Gen. Thomas J. Sands, commanding general III Corps Artillery and Chief of the ROTC planning staff presented the commissions.

Former students from A&M receiving their commissions were: Edward J. Bunn, Fred L. Hazelwood, James W. Jennings, Odes O. Mattiza, Jr., Wesley E. Shackelford, Jerry M. Sides, David G. Slemmons, Burton L. Young, (all received Artillery commissions); Frank P. Goldstone, (Chemical Corps); James T. Blankenship, Edward R. Castle, Jr., John T. Marks, James S. Morrison, Ben K. Rector, Margarito V. Reyes, Eldon K. Schroeder, John H. Sutherland, William L. Thomas, (all received Infantry commissions).

The awards highlighted annual six-week ROTC summer encampment at Fort Hood where tomorrow's processing will close the 1956 program.

Cadets at Fort Hood have been undergoing intensive training for six weeks. Included in their training

'Progressing Favorably'

Polio Inoculation Drive

Current Polio Inoculation drive sponsored by the Brazos County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is "progressing favorably", according to Jack T. Kent, local chairman.

"Purpose of the drive is to get everyone between the ages of 1-20 and all pregnant women in the county inoculated before the first of the year", Kent explained.

He pointed out there is enough Salk vaccine available to inoculate all the people of the county who are in these categories.

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People in ALL age groups are eligible for Salk vaccine shots as of now, according to local chairman Jack Kent. Prior to today only pregnant women and children were eligible for the shots.

Kent stated that pregnant women are 11 times more susceptible to polio than any other group of people. He urges all expectant women to get their polio shots now.

Pre-school age children should be vaccinated as soon as possible.

AF Reserve Unit Promotes Officers

Eight members of the 9807th Air Reserve Squadron have received orders of promotion, according to Lt. Col. William S. McCulley, commanding officer.

Walter D. Allen was promoted to lieutenant colonel; Dale F. Leipper was promoted to major; Yack C. Moseley, Edward D. Kranz, Homer B. Adams and Harrell M. Drake were promoted to captain; Forest L. Gilmore and Steve E. Davidson were promoted to first lieutenant rank.

All of the officers promoted are members of the Air Force reserve currently employed in Bryan and College Station. They maintain their reserve status by taking an active part in training activities of the local squadron, Col. McCulley said.

Weather Today

SCATTERED SHOWERS

Forecast for College Station area is partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms. Yesterday's high and low were 92 and 74 degrees. Temperature at 10:30 this morning was 90 degrees.

schedule have been bivouacs, weapons firing, tactics, field exercises, regimental reviews and demonstrations by local post units. This practical training has emphasized the development of leadership ability and teamwork while supplementing the classroom instruction of the four-year ROTC courses offered at colleges in conjunction with the Army's program for procuring junior officers.

The future lieutenants will be notified individually by the Department of the Army as to their active duty reporting date.

Basic Division Tests Given to 684 Freshmen

Placement Battery tests were given to a total of 684 men during the three testing periods held by the Basic Division this summer, announced C. H. Randsdell, associate dean.

Given at three periods over the summer months these "aptitude and achievement tests do not influence whether or not a student may enter A&M", Randsdell pointed out. "Exceptions to this are where a prospective student hasn't taken a certain course in high school that is required for entering A&M. If this student can score high enough on our test this requirement can be waived" he added.

Tests were held on June 23, July 7 and July 28 on the campus at A&M.

Randsdell stated that many prospective students had written wanting to take summer examinations. It was decided to give these students three opportunities to come to the A&M campus and be tested during the summer. Randsdell said that at no time was pressure brought to bear upon these students to take the summer examinations instead of during the fall term. He added that the program of summer testing is designed to be of better service to the student.

You Never Know What Will Turn Up

"Old books are like old pennies, they keep turning up again."

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of A&M's graduate school coined a phrase this week after a welcome surprise came his way.

About 20 years ago Dr. Trotter loaned a book on agriculture to a friend while they were both at the University of Missouri. The book still in perfect condition, came back home recently.

"One thing I liked about this, Dr. Trotter said, "is that the borrower did return the book."

"But, you know, I forgot to ask him if he ever read it."

September Enrollment Figures May Reach 7,400 Says Heaton

Sport Shirt, Shorts Day For Kiwanis

Education and Fellowship was the theme of the regular weekly meeting of College Station Kiwanians Tuesday noon in the MSC.

Earl Hufford, Kiwanis Lt. Governor from Huntsville was present at meeting when various committees of the club reported on their activities during the past month.

In addition to hearing committee reports Tuesday was the annual Sport Shirt Day at Kiwanis meeting. As an added attraction a contest was held for the best Bermuda Shorts at the meeting.

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The Bermuda, or "Sport Shorts", part of the contest drew laughs and various comments from the members as Russell Couch was the only entrant. As the judging drew to a close W. E. (Woody) Briles protested giving the prize to Couch and pulled off his trousers to reveal "something new" in Bermuda Shorts.

Charles Richardson, treasurer, was awarded first prize in the sport shirt division and Briles beat out Couch for shorts honors.

Dick Hervey, Tony Sorenson and John Longley judged the contest.

As the contest winners were named, Kiwanian Herschel Burgess declared "no self-respecting Kiwanian should appear looking like Russell Couch!"

Result of National Trend To 'College Consciousness'

A&M's enrollment will show part of the nation-wide increase in college students this fall, according to Registrar H. L. Heaton.

Heaton expects 600 more students this fall, than were enrolled in the '55-56 session. The increase would bring enrollment from more than 6,800 to 7,400.

More students are also enrolled in this summer session than attended A&M during the second six weeks last year. Present enrollment is 1,850, as compared with 1,652 last summer.

Heaton explained the increase as a result of the national trend toward "college consciousness."

"A greater per cent of high school graduates are now attending colleges," he said. "The US birth rate began rising in the late 1930's and continued through World War II. Young people born in those years are now reaching college age," Heaton said.

With the increase, A&M's freshmen will outnumber any other class. However, the class of '57 will be larger than last year's graduates.

Heaton mentioned he had noticed an increased interest in all branches of engineering at A&M. Need for engineers and scale of salaries partially account for the interest.

To aid underclassmen now attending junior colleges, the registrar's office is cooperating with many two-year schools. Heaton says his staff prepares data comparing A&M's courses with those other colleges offer. The staff tells junior college department heads what additional courses transfer students will need at A&M.

"Many junior college students will enroll this fall, but we have noticed no unusual gain," Heaton said.

This year enrollment figures during the summer sessions bear out this tendency toward increased numbers in students attending college.

During the first summer semester (See ENROLLMENT, Page 5)

Polio Drive Endorsed By CS Lions

College Station Lions endorsed the current campaign being waged in Brazos County to encourage parents to secure polio shots for their children.

L. C. Grumbles, president of the local club, read a letter to the members discussing polio shots from Jack Kent, local chairman for National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Charlie Haas made the motion that the club endorse the campaign.

Meeting in the MSC Monday at noon at their regular monthly business meeting, local Lions heard reports from various committees and officers. During the business of the club Don Davis, secretary, announced that \$444.93 was realized from the Lion Boxing Tournament held in May.

Club members and their families plan to travel to Kerrville Saturday where they will visit the Lions' Club Crippled Children's Home.

Next week's program will feature Capt. M. J. Steger, assistant operations officer at Bryan AFB who will talk on "Breaking the Sound Barrier."

Graduate Honored

T. Cullen Davis, a 1955 graduate of A&M who majored in industrial engineering, was among 330 new officers commissioned into the US Navy at ceremonies held recently in Newport, R.I. Davis and his classmates completed an 18-week course in Naval Science subjects and will report to duty stations in the fleet and shore establishments as junior officers in the Navy.

The Grove Schedule

The following movies will be shown at The Grove this week:

Thursday

Rogue Cop—starring Robt. Taylor, Janet Leigh, George Raft and Steve Forrest.

Monday

Deep in My Heart—billed as a "spectacular" musical with 21 songs featuring Jose Ferrer, Merle Oberon and Helen Traubel and an all-star cast.

Tuesday

Black Pirates—in color, starring Anthony Dexter and Martha Roth.

Wednesday

Battle Ground—starring Van Johnson and Ricardo Montalban. Gates open at 7 p.m. and movies start at 8.

Veteran Deadline

Veterans are reminded tomorrow is the last day they may sign for checks for the pay period 1 July-31 July. Reports will leave A&M Saturday morning. Those that have not signed for this period can do so by going by the Veteran Advisors' Office on the ground floor of the YMCA.

Bound for Cairo, Egypt

Jones Assigned to ICA

A familiar figure for 42 years around the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will leave soon for an overseas assignment with the Egyptian government for the International Cooperative Administration.

J. M. Jones and his wife will leave this week for their second overseas assignment. This time the Joneses will head for Cairo, Egypt. During 1951 and '52 Jones served as livestock adviser to the Ecuadorian government.

Reared on a ranch in Wyoming, Jones holds degrees from the Universities of Wyoming and Missouri and was connected with the New Hampshire State College for two years prior to his coming to Texas in 1914.

The Texas Station created the Division of Range Animal Husbandry in 1918 and Jones was named to head this new division. He later was named to head the sheep and goat division of the coordinated Department of Animal Husbandry in 1947.

Jones called a meeting in Del Rio, Texas in 1915 that was the forerunner of efforts to establish the Ranch Experiment Station between Sonora and Rocksprings.

A presentation by Jones in 1919 before the board of directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association on the advisability of establishing a research wool and mohair grading and scouring plant in Texas led to efforts by the association in getting appropriations passed by the state legislature. After the proper appropriations passed in 1921 operation of the plant began that year in College Station. Jones continued to supervise its operations until 1947.

Later investigations carried on with Jones' assistance proved the

feeding value of grain sorghum to be equal to that of corn. At this time this crop was not widely grown in the state.

Sheep breeding investigations carried on under Jones' supervision in the early years of the Ranch Experiment Station furnished sire bloodlines in use today in a large

number of Texas commercial flocks.

Announcements to the press and interested stockmen of findings in cattle and sheep feeding trials by Jones were the forerunner of progress reports in agricultural research now issued by the Texas Station.



J. M. Jones