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command is turned over to the juniors, next year's seniors and they march by saluting the graduating seniors.

Uniform customs change as do he wore his hat. Today the cadets wear the overseas type cap but plications at A&M. they have retained a different style of wearing it for each class.

beautiful ceremonies at A&M. The nounced by H. L. Heaton, director science," he continued. Aggie Muster held each year on of admissions and registrar. April 21 to commemorate Aggies killed during the year throughout Aggies met on April 21 in a muddy cations had been received. fox hole and for a few minutes Dean of Agriculture G. M. Watfew words here at Muster.

Another beautiful ceremony s school year. All of the lights on economy. the campus are turned out and the students gather in front of the

More Men to Study Agriculture in Fall

the uniforms. At one time the preparing to take advantage of the culture, far from being a declining campaign hat was worn and you many opportunities offered in the industry, is expanding and offers could tell a cadet's class by the way broad field of agriculture, accord- more job opportunities than ever ing to reports on new student ap- before."

student applications in the college's there has been a change from the School of Agriculture for the 1959- teaching of skills to the teaching There are many solemn and 60 academic year has been an- of basic principles of agricultural

held their Muster. Everywhere on kins said this increase in new stuthis day Aggies meet and hold dent applications is very encouragtheir Muster. The cermony held ing because during the past decade young people annually to fill these on the campus is the largest and agriculture enrollment has steadily 15,000 jobs. many noted persons have said a declined in the nation's Land Grant colleges and universities. He said scientists, teachers, trained farmthis upswing indicates a renewed ers, individuals trained in the Silver Taps, which is held when- realization of the growing impor- fields which service the farmer, ever an Aggie is killed during the tance of agriculture to the nation's such as the fertilizer industry, feed

More young men in Texas are | tute, Dr. Watkins said that "agri-

"And to take advantage of the A 23 per cent increase in new broad opportunities in this field,

Recent surveys indicate that the Up to this time the School of eight major fields of agriculturethe world is one of the most sac- Agriculture at A&M has received research, industry, business, educared. Just before the island of Corregidor fell to the Japanese in the last semester. At this time a services and farming — would emearly days of WW II, a group of year ago, 193 new student appliploy 15,000 new college graduates annually if they were available. Unfortunately, however, this country's Land Grant colleges and universities graduate only about 7,000

Watkins said agriculture needs manufacturing, production of pesticides and herbicides, and individ-Quoting from a statement made uals trained in marketing of farm Academic Building to pay final by Dean of Agriculture L. B. Die- products, in grading and storage, tribute to their departed brother. trick of Virginia Polytechnic Insti- in meat and poultry packing, to mention a few.

"At Texas A&M College," Dean Watkins said, "we are well equipped, both in scientific personnel and facilities, to prepare young men for the varied opportunities in agriculture.'

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