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## Kyle Field Scene to be Filmed Today, Sunday

## All 18-Year Olds Must Register Today

## Entire Corps To Be Used; Governor Coming Tomorrow

### First Vacant Period Cadets Must Sign Up

Booths Open From 9 Until 6 in Rotunda Of Academic Bldg

All men who became eighteen in July and August of this year must register with the Selective Service System during the week commencing Friday, December 11, and ending Thursday, December 17, 1942.

Registration of all cadets will take place in the rotunda of the Academic building from 9 until 6. Students may have their registration cards sent to their local home boards if they desire.

This will complete the registration of the first of the several groups of eighteen-year-olds who will be registered throughout the month of December. Those who reached eighteen during September and October must register during the week of December 18 to 24, both inclusive; and those becoming eighteen during November and December must register during the period commencing December 26 an ending December 31, both inclusive.

Men who become eighteen on or after January 1, 1943, must register with their local boards on the day they attain that age.

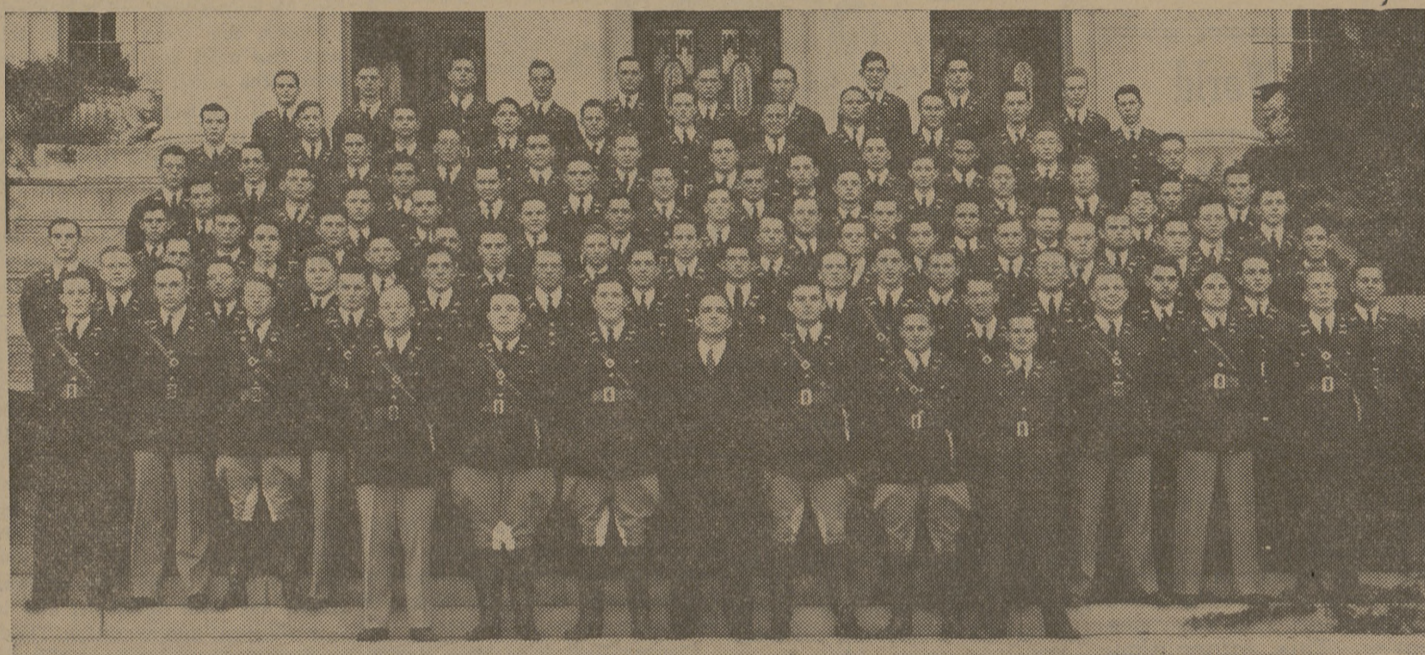
All registrants are urged to make every effort to register with their own local boards, although any registrant who is unavoidably away from his home during the period designated for his registration may register at the local board office most convenient. Any persons who must register away from home is warned to be careful to specify his home address on Line 2 of his registration card so that his card may be forwarded to his own local board.

A registrant who has more than one place of residence may choose which one he wants recorded as his place of residence, but in making the choice he designates the local board which will always have jurisdiction over him.

Registrants are also warned to give their correct addresses, where different from the home address, so that official communications will reach them without delay.

If any person is in doubt as to (See REGISTRATION, Page 4)

Famed Singing Cadets of Aggieland on Tour of Houston and Vicinity



### Houstonians To Hear Aggie Songsters

Singing Cadets To Appear Before Army Men; Return Monday

The Singing Cadets and Director Richard Jenkins left early yesterday morning for Camp Wallace and the Houston area on a singing tour of that section.

Included in the weekend schedule was a program last night at Camp Wallace where the Singing Cadets sang before several thousand enlisted men and officers of the coast artillery there at Hitchcock, Texas.

Sunday night at the evening service in the First Methodist Church, where Dr. Paul W. Quilian, recent speaker on the A. & M. campus during Religious Emphasis Week, is pastor, the Singing Cadets will give a program before a large congregation of Houstonians.

Monday noon the Aggies will be the guests of the Salesmanship Club of Houston, and will sing at the Salesmanship Club luncheon scheduled for that day.

At a concert given by the Houston Symphony Orchestra Monday night at the Coliseum, the Singing Cadets will perform. (See SINGING CADETS, Page 4)

### Actresses Visit Camp Hood Tank Destroyers Thurs

Make Two Appearances Before Men; Tanks in Action For Wanger Starlets

Misses Anne Gwynne and Martha O'Driscoll were the guests Thursday of General A. D. Bruce, ex-Aggie commander of America's only tank destroyer school, at Camp Hood, near Killeen, Texas.

While at the camp, they were shown every phase of the school's training program and saw tanks, tank destroyers, machine guns, and every other type of equipment demonstrated.

They made two appearances on the stage for the enlisted men and made an informal appearance at the Officer's Club.

### Frank Wood, '41, Gets Air Corps Silver Bar

Silver bars were the "order of the day" for a number of flight instructors at Brooks Field recently. Selected for promotion because of their skill and ability to pass on to students their knowledge of scientific flying were some thirty-odd pilots, many of whom won their own wings at Brooks.

Included in this group of officers receiving their First Lieutenant's bars was Lt. Frank M. Wood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Wood of 1211 South David Street, San Angelo. (See FILMS, Page 4)

### Take Heed Girls! You Can't Wear His Wings Anymore

Well, girls, it was fun while it lasted.

If you are one of the "girls back home" for some aviation cadet or lieutenant and are wearing his wings as a symbol of something or the other, then don't.

According to Lt. Col. Leo Schlegel, air force officer at the North American Aviation plant at Fairfax Field anyone wearing official Army or Navy insignia as costume jewelry is liable to a \$250 fine, a six-month jail sentence, or both.

Costume jewelry is not barred, according to military authorities, but genuine insignia is definitely out. Too bad, girls, it had to be you.

### Saunders Offers Better Yearbook If Elected Editor

Longhorn Candidates See Book As Memorable Record Of Senior Year Here

Harry Saunders, candidate for the editorship of the 1944 Longhorn seeks his office in the student election Tuesday on the Junior ballot. His statement in behalf of his candidacy is as follows:

"I can't offer Dorsey, Gypsy Rose Lee, or Harry James as some of the other candidates are so confidently doing but I can say that there will be a Longhorn for the Class of '44, and believe it or not, on time. With the 1943 Longhorn practically gone to press I fully realize the responsibility that the editor of the Longhorn carries and can assure you that the yearbook of the Class of '44 won't be a humor magazine or resemble a Sears and Roebuck catalogue, or will you want to use it for the same purpose.

"Personally, I want my own Longhorn to be a memorable record of my four years at Aggieland—four years I'll never forget. I think you look at it about the same way. I want my Longhorn to be a book I can laugh at when I feel like laughing, yet one that will make me want to cry when I feel like crying. It should be more than just so many pages of pictures between two pieces of cardboard, and if I am elected I certainly will do everything possible to make the 1944 Longhorn a book you and I can be proud of—one the class as a whole can be proud of, and a goal for future Longhorn editors to aim at."

### San Antonio Mothers Add To Library Fund

"The San Antonio Mothers' Club has given a generous donation to the Student General Reading Fund, and we would like to thank them for it," said T. F. Mayo, librarian.

### Ex-English Prof Wins Praise for Saving US Money

Lt Ernest Spahr Army's Super-Reclamation Expert At Camp Campbell, Ky

Saving the government several thousand dollars a month is a job to be proud of, but it's all in the day's work to Lt. Ernest K. Spahr, head of reclamation work at Camp Campbell, Ky.

In the three-month period starting September 8, 1942, when the camp reclamation shop was opened, it has saved over \$3,000 for the Army Quartermaster Corps by repairing and tailoring footwear, clothing, tent materials, and the thousand and one items that go into equipping and sheltering Army men. Each month that sum is growing, as more and more material comes in for reclamation.

Buttons are sewed on, seams restitched, and holes patched expertly by civilian workers. Over 12,500 items of clothing were repaired in this way during the first two months of operation—the clothing section didn't get under way until the first of October.

Enlisted men don't pay a cent for these services. The government allows the department a given amount on each item equal to one-half the cost of replacing it. To have replaced the material reclaimed in these three months the (See LT. SPAHR, Page 4)

### Fried Chicken for Lunch Today; Barbecue On Menu for Sunday; Finish in Sight Now

All day today and tomorrow the corps, faculty, and residents of College Station will sit in Kyle Field while the ceremony of the dead hero being posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor is being filmed. Sunday Governor Coke R. Stevenson will be on hand to appear in the scene.

If the weather permits the satisfactory shooting of this scene, either Saturday or Sunday, the majority of the movie outfit will leave College Station for California Tuesday. This will wind things up as far as the college is concerned.

Also to be shot Saturday is the famous "T", the Aggie band, and what might be a football game.

At noon, a lunch of fried chicken with all of the trimmings will be served, and tomorrow a barbecue lunch will be on hand.

G. Byron Winstead, director of publicity, urged that everyone that possibly can be on hand to assist the directors and cameramen in finishing up their work here.

"We want the extension service people, the faculty, Bryan people—in fact, anyone and everyone that can possibly attend, to be there this morning," said Winstead.

When informed that the students, the faculty and people of the community would be asked to give up their normal relaxation on Sunday and participate in the movie activities at Kyle Field, President Walton said that he knew that everybody would give their fullest cooperation in the effort to get the movie taking completed so that we might have next week for real college work without interruptions.

He said that the College authorities felt honored that the company should select A.&M. and the Aggies for the picture that would show to the world the typical young American and his environment, but that he had not anticipated so much loss of time. The only recompense that the College and the students will receive from the time that the picture making has required will be the publicity that the College will receive. We believe that the picture will bring Aggieland before the world in a favorable light and that both the College and the students will receive increased recognition as the result.

President Walton took occasion to squelch rumors that have been prevalent on the campus. He stated that neither the College or anybody connected with it received any pay from the movie company and that the faculty had no intention of reducing the Christmas holidays below the week stated in the catalogue because of the time that had been missed from classes.

### Louis Buck Files For Yell Leader Post

Arnold Disqualified; Bob Latimer Files For Engineer Editor

Only two additional names were filed for the post of junior yell leader after the student election committee had extended the deadline until yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Louis Buck and J. Barto Arnold brought petitions and filed, but Arnold was disqualified for not having been on the campus for the required number of consecutive semesters. The addition of Buck to the list of candidates for the yell leader job brings the total to five, Dan Kuykendall, Joe Pettit, Gordon Brin, and Johnny Zummo having filed previously.

They will be weeded out and the two winners will be elected along with the Longhorn Editor, Social Secretary of the Senior Class, Town Hall manager, Junior representative on the student activities committee, at the general election Tuesday.

John Holman has already been awarded the editorship of the Battalion by the withdrawal of his two opponents, Doug Lancaster and Nelson Karbach.

Bob Latimer filed for the editorship of the Engineer's magazine. No one has as yet filed for the Agriculturist's and applications will be accepted until Tuesday.

### Claude Nathan Wins Naval Air Commission

Claude C. Nathan, Jr., son of Mrs. Nina Belle Campbell, Paris, Texas, has hurdled the last obstacle between him and a chance to join the fleet for duty against the enemies of the United States.

## Famed "Birth of Nation" Film To Be Shown at Library Tonight

The Birth of a Nation, the movie which changed the whole course of the entertainment world and which, in fact, ushered in the motion picture as we know it today, will enjoy a revival at the Library tonight at 7:15. Those who come too late to get seats at the first show will find plenty of room at the second show at 8:45. The revival of The Birth of a Nation has been continuous since the picture's first showing at the Astor Theatre on March 6, 1915. At its first night people not only sat but stood in the aisles. Seats sold for two dollars, and the house was sold out for two hundred and eighty performances. The very fact that the tickets sold for two dollars was a revolution, since moviegoers had been used, up to that time, to ten and fifteen cent movies, one or two reel thrillers shown at the nickelodeons spotting the country. The Birth of a Nation ran for twelve reels. It was an epic in the manner of Gone With the Wind, and today many first-rate critics, allowing for the undeveloped methods of that time,

declared it to be superior to G. W. T. W.

The man who conceived this movie, who directed it, and who, in a sense, wrote its scenario, was David Wark Griffith. He was a young, would-be writer, a director of hundreds of the one and two reel thrillers. Always in the back of his mind was the idea of making such a movie as The Birth of a Nation, so when in 1914 his at-

tention was called to the novel by Thomas Dixon called "The Clansman," he decided to risk everything for his idea and make a movie based on the book. His faith was well founded, for The Birth of a Nation has made over sixteen million dollars; it has earned larger profits than any movie before or since.

The movie was made under the most adverse financial circumstances. When Griffith was not directing he was passing the hat. Lillian Gish, the leading lady, and her sister, Dorothy, offered Griffith their total bank account of three hundred dollars, but he refused it, knowing that it was all they had. There were no set designers. When Griffith wanted a Southern mansion or a village street, his tobacco-chewing stage carpenter did the job. There were no wardrobe mistresses or hair dressers or maids. Lillian Gish's mother made many of her costumes, and she came every day laden with parcels and bags. There were no electricians, no script girl, (See FILMS, Page 4)

### Corpus Mothers Club To Give Dance 22nd

The Corpus Christi A. & M. Mothers' Club will honor all Aggies from that vicinity with a dinner-dance at the Corpus Christi YMCA Tuesday night, December 22, at 8 p. m.

As the dance is to be formal, cadets are to wear uniforms, tuxedos, or civilian business suits. All boys planning on attending the dance are asked by the club to let the invitation committee know as soon as possible, said Mrs. John B. Hardwicke of the club.

## Speaking of Rumor, Somebody Got This One Printed Last Year

Editor's Note: The following story, or "fable" appeared in the May, 1941, issue of Flying and Popular Aviation under the Gulf Oil Company's Birdmen's Perch with the title "This Month's Whopper." It was written by a member of the Battalion staff, and was addressed to Major Al Williams, famed aviator.

Dear Major: I am, along with 6344 more boys, very grateful to the makers of that good Gulf aviation gasoline, for the splendid way in which they have pushed height education ahead here at Texas A.&M. Yes, it has really rushed things up for us, or at least it did a couple of days. It isn't too long a story, so here goes.

About the 20th of December, last year, the manager of the college airport had his underground tanks filled with G. A. G. By the 3rd of January, the tanks were empty and the dealer was called out to refill them. Unfortunately (or should I say fortunately) the dealer was out of town and sent

his helper, a little Negro boy. The boy had put only two or three gallons into the tanks when he decided to light his "rolled-the-minute-before" cigarette, which he promptly did. Well, it's the same old story of the lighted match. It landed right in the middle of the gasoline! The tank, boy, and three gallons went sky high!

The surprised, but unhurt boy landed close to Dallas in a farmer's silo; the tank was found near

### Tom Marshall, '41, Is Air Corps Captain

Less than a year ago Tom Marshall, class of '41, was a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States. Now, at the age of 23, he's a captain and shooting up.

Captain Marshall, until recently supply officer at Perrin Field's sub-depot, is leaving on the 14th of this month to start flight training. He's already served as an officer in the cavalry, the armored forces and the air forces.

San Antonio; but the gasoline for a cloud above the campus!

The next day the weather turned off bad and the ceiling became absolutely zero. The cloud of gasoline settled upon the campus like bees upon the comb. Night came. Everyone opened their windows to let in the wonderful, fresh night air. By the next morning, everything and everyone was thoroughly saturated with a dilute solution of powerful 85 octane aviation gasoline.

Believe it or not, what little gas we had breathed was so powerful that it gave us the energy and push to finish a whole month's school work, take final exams, and register for the next semester—all in the space of 48 hours!

Thank goodness, you didn't make your gas a mite stronger, because an hour later the effect had worn off! Naturally, we had the rest of the semester off, thanks to your brand of juiceline.

That's why 6344 Texas Aggies appreciate your famous product. And by the way, that Negro boy is now shining shoes for a living!