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All men come into the world a helpless and unproductive creature, but as years pass along he leaves the helpless state, and soon enters the productive state—he produces wealth and beauty for our land. Some men are more capable producers than others, but each man, each creature contributes his bit towards the beautiful that we have to love and appreciate. But what happens when man dies? If he did some great thing he is placed in his final resting place with great ceremony and pomp, but if he just did his bit, and his best, but was not so deemed great he is placed in that everlasting berth without song, or tear. So exists and perishes man.

Not far from the Main Building of the College is the final resting place of several departed persons. The sheep and lambs watch over the silent city. Not a tree or a bush adorns that sacred quiet place. No recent evidence of human care is noticeable. Is such a place worthy of our care and consideration?

The blanket tax has been put before the student body and accepted and it is hoped generally that same will meet the approval of the Board of Directors. The Battalion supported the issue or rather the man behind it and it is here that we give due consideration to him. When J. T. Martin first drew up the preliminary draft, it was thought that such would never receive any action on the part of anyone. However, he pushed the matter so thoroughly that its necessity became a convinced fact and as usual success came to those who wait and try. He is to be congratulated for his efforts and his attitude taken as an incentive to those of us that think "things can't be aid."

GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS HERE.

Two Colonels, one Major and one Captain represent the inspecting party which arrived in College Station last Tuesday evening on their tour of inspections of R. O. T. C. Colleges and Universities. This is a party sent out from General Headquarters in Washington and their purpose is to determine the rating that each shall have. Texas A. and M. is at present one of the distinguished colleges of the United States and hence each man is allowed to wear the gold star on the right sleeve. This is the only institution having

four branches of the service these being namely, (1) Infantry, (2) Artillery, (3) Signal Corps and (4) Cavalry. A thorough inspection is being made, special emphasis being placed on classroom work. Tuesday evening there was a dress parade followed by review and inspection. Each company was called upon to execute different phases of the work such as calisthenics, bayonet drill, extended order, tent pitching, Battalion drill, cavalry (mounted) drill, firing and advancing, etc. The band played all during the evening. The entire display was exceptional and creditable and it is no wild conjecture that were two stars worn, another shipment would soon be coming to College Station.

Wednesday morning was largely consumed with Artillery (mounted) drill and a field problem for the Infantry, Signal Corps and Cavalry. This completed the inspection, the party leaving on the evening train.

COMPANY E. FRESHMEN ENTERTAIN

On April 2nd all of the men of E Company assembled in mass to partake of the same, glorious and sumptuous repast given by the company in honor of the old boys who by their unselfish devotion to duty are keeping the Fish on the straight and narrow path.

The hallways with basement of Goodwin were lined with tables and beautiful decorations designed to be in harmony with the occasion. The affair as a whole resembled a peak conference meeting except that there was not as much noise made that generally marks that kind of a meeting.

Several examples of Fish talent was demonstrated. Fish Pruitt rendered a very pathetic and heart-rendering solo a la French harp, then followed a jig by De Berry which brought applause from the guests and made the tables smimmie in perfect cadence with "Turkey in the Straw." A number of talks and lectures were delivered; among them was an explanation of the "Mystery of Wimmin" by Ewa Nater; "How One Knee Gets by the Other" by Helmit de Vimmins.

Everyone shed crocodile tears when Joe Brown made a talk on "The Advantages to be Derived From Attending the R. O. T. C. Camp." Regret was expressed by all that they did not sign for the camp. Time and space will not permit a review of the masterpieces of oratory that issued from the mouths of Lewis, Herd, Fowler and Kubena.

Delicious cream a la mode table de hote a la Carte de Casey and cakes were served and then as always, the taps blower took all of the joy out of life by reminding us that we were still in Goodwin Hall, Texas, and therefore subject to the rules and regulations pertaining therein, whereupon most everyone filled his pockets with Camels and hit for the hay.

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