



# The BATTALION



*A Man's Aim Should Exceed  
His Grasp—  
Or What's a Heaven For?*

—Robert Browning

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## SAY AGGIE

The lack of rainfall this year has made the usually beautiful campus look very brown all winter, but again a few spots of green are showing up in spite of unfavorable conditions. You have probably guessed already—"keep off the grass." While the grass was practically dead this rule was not observed much, but now that it is trying to come through, give it a chance. With the exhibition season of the year almost on us, we want the campus to look its best.

There seems to be a growing tendency of underclassmen to take for themselves the privileges that do not belong to them. Since the privileges accorded the senior class have been reduced in the last few years, any infringements upon their rights are very noticeable, not only to the seniors, but also to those who expect to enjoy them when they become seniors, themselves.

The Senior Club was organized for only seniors and fourth-year men and underclassmen should have enough respect for the privileges of others to refrain from the use of the club room. Such matters as these should be governed by one's respect for the rights of his fellow men and his personal standards of conduct rather than by someone on police duty.

Have you ever stopped to think of how much interest your Dad and Mother take in your enterprises and surroundings? If you haven't you should, and if you will you cannot help but realize the magnitude and intensity of this interest. After realizing this you can surely see the pleasure it would afford that Dad and Mother of yours to pay you a visit at College while engaged in your regular routine of college work and not rushed by R. V. or Commencement.

Start talking it over with the folks in your weekly letter for Parent's Day is not far off.

## WAR DEPARTMENT RATING OFFICERS INSPECT R. O. T. C.

Thorough Inspection is Made of Every Unit for Rating As Honor School.

Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Potts and Major C. H. Lee, who make up the rating board for the War Department for the Eighth Corps Area, inspected the R. O. T. C. unit of the College Monday and Tuesday. This inspection takes place annually and furnishes the basis on which the various military colleges and academies are rated. The first ten units in this rating are classified as Honor Schools and A. and M. has held a place among these ten colleges for fourteen consecutive years.

Classes were suspended Monday morning and the corps, in full field equipment, was reviewed at eight that morning. One troop of Cavalry and one battery of field artillery were mounted. After the review, the units of the corps were inspected individually. The various activities of the regular Thursday morning drill were then carried through.

The infantry battalion presented a calisthenic drill, after which the inspecting officers went from place to place observing the cadets in the different phases of their work. Some of the seniors were with their companies directing them in the drill maneuvers and other activities, others worked on the machine guns and still another group went on a tactical walk.

The infantry juniors who were not with their respective companies went to the rifle range and fired machine guns. The sophomores drilled with their companies and a small group received instruction in bayonet combat.

The Second and Third Battalions of infantry went through the regular drill schedule on the drill field and two companies out of this group gave an exhibition of pitching tents. The First Battalion took up work in Scouting and Patrolling.

The artillery furnished one battery to fire a combat problem on the mounted drill field. The juniors of

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## FEW CHANGES IN FOOTBALL RULES HAVE BEEN MADE

Coach Bible Explains Revisions of Football Code Made at Recent Meeting of Committee.

Several changes were made in the rules of football by the Football Rules Committee in session at New York March 13 and 14 before the meeting was brought to an abrupt end by the untimely death of Walter Camp, nationally known authority on football, who was secretary of the committee.

The changes in the playing code, although numerous, are not drastic, but only tend to smooth up some of the rough spots of the game and to clarify existing rules. They follow along the course that Mr. Camp wished, for he believed that the game has reached its highest stage of development as far as conduct is concerned and that the only things necessary were alterations that might tend to make clear the existing rules.

The alterations to the present code as given by Coach D. X. Bible, the representative from the Southwest Conference on this important body are as follows:

The Football Rules Committee in annual session at New York city March 13 and 14 enacted several changes in the playing code before the meeting was brought to an abrupt close by the announcement of the death of Walter Camp who was secretary of the committee.

The changes although somewhat numerous, were not drastic. They follow along in fact the course Mr. Camp wished, for he believed the game has now reached its highest development in so far as its conduct is concerned and that only such alterations as might tend to clarify existing laws were necessary.

1. The kick-off will be made from the kicker's 40-yard line. The use of tees is still prohibited. Tees were abolished last year and it was believed that without these aids the kickers would be handicapped in getting distance on their kick-offs, so that the place of the kickoff was moved up to mid-field. However, the kickers soon proved that they could

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## PROGRAM FOR R. V. FESTIVITIES HAS BEEN COMPLETED

April 16, 17, and 18, Are the Days Three Dances, a Baseball Game, and the R. V. Drill.

The Ross Volunteer festivities have earned quite justly the reputation of being one of the most delightful collegiate affairs in the South. Every spring for many years now the days set aside for the festival have been looked forward to with anticipation of three glorious dances, the impressive drill of the Ross Volunteer Company, and all the incident events that fly by all too swiftly before they become memories. Small wonder it is, then, that R. V. days are so eagerly awaited. The girls who are at College for the dances lend a touch of beauty, color, and gaiety that is lacking at all other times during the year, and their presence for even three days transforms the campus into a lovelier place indeed.

The Queen's Ball on Thursday evening will formally begin the festivities. At this dance the coronation of the King and Queen of the celebration will be held. The official uniform for this dance will be number one, for the R. V.'s as well as other cadets. The R. V. Hop Friday evening is free to the student body. The Ross Volunteers will wear the white full dress uniform. At the Corps Dance on Saturday night the dress for the R. V.'s will be the white uniform without blouse, and for other cadets the dress uniform with white shirt and no blouse, all of them wearing a sash. Many think that the corps dance is the prettiest dance of all, because of the touch of brilliant colors of the sashes, and their contrast with the snowy white of the uniforms.

The Ross Volunteer banquet will be held on Friday afternoon at one-thirty. It will be over in time for the R. V.'s to attend the baseball game at four o'clock between A. and M. and Rice. The Ross Volunteer Company will give their exhibition drill on Saturday afternoon. The company has been drilling steadily in preparation

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