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Ace High With the Corps

THE FRONT PAGE of today's Battalion includes an article concerning a change in tour duty regulations. The front pages of many Battalions in the past few months have included stories concerning such things as the fact that juniors and seniors holding advanced R.O.T.C. contracts could purchase—without a cash outlay—tickets to the Cotton Bowl game; that a drum and bugle unit would soon start playing for all mess formations at Sbis and Duncan mess halls—thus making for more morale in the corps; that the War Department had granted Texas A. & M. college 100 additional advanced military science contracts; and so on through a long list of outstanding achievements. . . . Achievements which represent a leaning-over-backwards attitude on someone's part where the cadet corps is concerned.

What those stories have not told The Battalion's readers is the story behind each individual activity. Nor have the stories told who was doing the leaning over backwards. But that makes a better story than the several news items themselves.

Last September the college received a new commandant and professor of military science and tactics. The job is a tough one at its very best, but the man who began his work last September had a double-tough task. He was following in the footsteps of a man whose work was generally recognized as the best ever performed by an A. & M. commandant—meaning Brigadier-General George F. Moore.

So there was a lot of head-shaking and no little speculation concerning what sort of a commandant Lieut.-Col. James A. Watson would make. The corps wasn't long in finding out.

The afternoon (last summer) that Colonel and Mrs. Watson arrived on the campus they came across three student janitors—perspiring, dirty from several hours of hard work, and just a little rough looking.

"Watson's my name," the colonel said and stuck out his hand. The three cadets introduced themselves and were in turn introduced to Mrs. Watson. The outcome of the whole thing was that the three students got in the Colonel's car and took him on a tour of the campus.

A day later the same three cadets had occasion to be in The Battalion office and throughout their hour-long stay they were ruttid in one subject: To wit: "Our new commandant is a swell fellow—a regular guy!"

That's the way The Battalion feels about the thing. Colonel Watson is a man who has taken a sincere interest in the corps and the college. He has done so to the exclusion of all else. He's a good thing for the college to have.

And, most of all, he has the respect and co-operation of the cadet corps.

Inauguration Aftermath

IT IS THE GENERAL consensus that inauguration of the governor of a state should be dignified second only to that of the president of the United States. At Washington, all formal ceremonies for such an occasion are placed in the hands of army officials thru the secretary of war and the Adjutant General. The ritual as laid down in Army Regulations is strict and must be adhered to.

At the recent inauguration of the governor of the state of Texas, established ceremonial forms were almost entirely ignored and the entire program was badly confused. The greatest cause of these conditions was that too many persons assumed authority and almost all instruction passed out were in conflict.

To begin with, on the original program, the official state song, "Texas Our Texas" was entirely overlooked and in what should have been its place we were treated to a most profane musical jazz number. At the conclusion of the artillery salute, a composition by the governor was rendered, ("Beautiful Texas"), which altho being sentimental and not altogether unmusical, should not have displaced the national anthem, as vital a part of the salute as the guns.

The national anthem was entirely overlooked and when attention to the fact was called, a band other than the official band was given the honor of playing it although it was the bandmaster of the official band who observed the oversight.

The official ceremonies were announced to start at 12:00 noon. At 11:35 orders were given the official band to commence playing and the governor, staff et al, proceeded to the platform. This proved to be a feint or preliminary and the entire performance was re-enacted at 12:00 noon.

Shortly thereafter one of the many self ordained bosses, chairmen or what not, announced that the program was ahead of schedule and that one of the bands should fill in time. This was entirely in error as the program started the band should

play "God Bless America" at that particular point in the program. This was observed by the governor who requested the number be played later on the program. The only phases of the program absolutely synchronized were the correct number of the guns and the bombing planes which flew overhead at exactly 12:00 noon.

It is believed that if all formal ceremonial arrangements were placed in care of the Adjutant General of the State such confusion would never occur. All social phases could be left to the many other regularly appointed and self established groups.

The Collegiate Review

BE MEAN was the only rule for "Meany" day set aside by the Buchtelite, University of Akron student newspaper, as the day for students to grouse and gripe, the day to be mean to everybody.

The old days of custard pie movies came back when a real meany tossed a piece of lemon meringue pie at a co-ed . . . and hit his mark. Another co-ed got her face washed in the snow.

One meany poured water in a co-ed's high rubber boots; another student got the hot-foot; while still another man's shoe strings were tied together while he was sitting in the student building cafeteria.

Someone mixed up all the hats and coats in the checking room while someone else was dumping snow in all the boots.

A student was given a raw hamburger in the cafeteria, so he took it into the kitchen and cooked it himself. Then he refused to pay for it.

—Associated Collegiate Press

FRANK LOVING PRESENTS:

I Heard the Preacher Say

MAN HAS ALWAYS explained the unknown by means of the supernatural. Primitive people could find no obvious explanation for phenomena such as rain; thunder and lightning; the movement of the sun, moon, and stars; or the changing seasons, and since he could not understand these things, he got around the dilemma by cooking up a bunch of gods to serve as explanation. A few races even attributed all this to one God. As our ancestors began to reason out the basic causes of natural wonders in terms of familiar things, they began to draw away from the old ideas about supernatural being. In spite of this change, however, our race of humans has stuck tenaciously to a belief in a supreme being. This belief has come to be a source of inspiration to us to live better, kinder and more useful lives, yet we all have at times a feeling of uncertainty about the whole thing. We find that our experience teaches us explanations of things which we have been brought up to associate with a supernatural being, and worse yet, our experience demonstrates apparently outright contradiction of things we have been taught were axiomatic to our faith. A true scientific proof cannot be demonstrated on either side of the question, but one thing is certain—it is quite impossible for science to explain everything about anything no matter how small. There is always a final curtain, beyond which we can never see, an ultimate veil which no art or science can pierce in its experimenting. Hence we still have our realm of the unknown just as had the ancients—we have merely moved the realm to a little greater distance—and the only explanation for it seems to be the supernatural one. It is quite unexplainable and that is in one sense synonymous with supernatural. Our minds cannot conceive of a God possibly, but neither can they see through the riddle of the universe or of even a blade of grass. In the fact of this, how can we afford to deny God in action if not in word!

As the World Turns...

BY DR. AL B. NELSON

CHARLES AUGUSTUS LINDBERGH has testified before the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives. According to the latest news reports he believes that the United States should not help England, believes that the United States and England combined could not win the war, and said "I do not want either side to win the war". That is the same as saying that he does not desire that Germany lose the war.

Constant readers of the news dispatches will remember Lindbergh's reports that the German air force could not be withstood. England has withstood the German air might, and Greece has held up under the highly touted Italian planes, and military men are beginning to ask if Lindbergh was "deceived by German misinformation" or was only over-enthusiastic in the Nazi cause. The Nazi's gave him a medal then and if he were just to hold up U.S. aid to Britain for two or three weeks Hitler would probably give him another and consider it small pay.

Davy O'Brien failed to obtain damages in Federal court for the unauthorized use of his picture in beer advertisements.

The C.I.O. leaders should also put in their application for Nazi medals, two or more additional strikes were called this past week in important plants working on national defense orders. The French labor unions did the same thing and were a major cause of the French downfall. Tactics of this type come very near to "giving aid and comfort to the enemy".

A stronger Driver's License Law for Texas is being pushed in the Texas Legislature and is considered to have a fair chance of passage. The new measures would go a long way toward curbing drunken or irresponsible drivers.

The most recent Gallup Poll records that two out of every three voters favor aid to England even at the risk of War.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster.

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TSCW Exchange

Rifle Club Gets New Range To Prepare For Match Against Aggies

By Dorothy Schmittgens
 Editor, The Lass-O

Aggie riflers had better look to their laurels because TSCW's Rifle Club is practicing in its new range under Houston Hall every afternoon. Five new guns, a range for off-hand shooting, and a range long enough for six targets for prone shooting are included in the advantages of the new building. Spring brings thoughts of last year's victory over the gallant Aggies and plans are being made for their entertainment on the return match.

Dead week has been lowered slowly into its grave together with all notebooks, term themes and reports that were due by Thursday, and all students are trekking to the library for cramming, coming back to the dorms only for meals and to complain about their last final or the one to come. There is a premium at campus stores for coffee and ammoniated "cokes", and dormitory windows are bright until the wee sma' hours.

W. P. A. Project

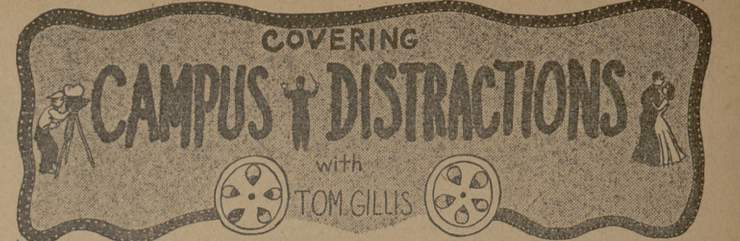
Grandpa's little red schoolhouse has faded into the limbo of the past. In its place has come the elementary school with its own library, workshop, workroom, and specially equipped classrooms, such as the new model demonstration school and education building that was opened for inspection Friday night. A WPA project, the new practice building is a \$100,000 enterprise and is directly opposite the library on the TSCW campus.

Six badminton players from TSCW have already qualified to enter the second annual Inter-collegiate and Baylor open badminton tournament at Waco Feb. 6 and 7 where approximately 150 players from Texas and Oklahoma will compete.

This year the college will be represented by Daphne Suba, Mary Dell Stewart, Henrietta Greenberg, Gloria Suba, Laurel Jean Graham, and Betty Jane Foust. Last year no players represented TSCW although some students were spectators.

Maurois To Lecture

The first drama series program following final exam week is the appearance of Andre Maurois, historian, biographer, novelist, and critic who will give a lecture Feb.



Two unusual types of benefit "NO TIME FOR COMEDY" is the shows are on the movie calendar feature which will be shown.

for this week-end. The "T" Club is having one Sunday afternoon benefit show and the "Y" Cabinet is showing "NO TIME FOR COMEDY" at 10:30 Saturday night, after the regular show.

The "T" club's performance will show the movies of the Rice and the Fordham football games, followed by the regular free show. Incidentally, the free show this week is a plenty good one. The idea of the show is more for the benefit of the football boys than anything else, but they've well earned it and then some.

The "Y" Cabinet is doing an unusual thing in giving its show; not only are they having a sort of midnight feature but they are giving away prizes from the stage before the show starts. These prizes are donated by the local merchants and will be given to the person whose ticket stub is drawn.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Saturday 6:45 & 8:30—"CAPTAIN CAUTION," featuring Victor Mature, Louise Platt, Leo Carrillo, Bruce Cabot and Robert Barrat.

Saturday 10:30—"NO TIME FOR COMEDY," starring James Stewart, Rosalind Russell, Genevieve Tobine, Charlie Ruggles and Allyn Joslyn. "Y" Cabinet benefit show.

Monday 3:30 & 6:45—"SKY MURDER," with Walter Pidgeon and Donald Meek.

AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday—"SEVEN SINNERS," featuring Marlene Dietrich, John Wayne, Albert Dekker, Broderick Crawford, Mischa Auer and Billy Gilbert.

Saturday midnight, Sunday, Monday—"ANGELS OVER BROADWAY," featuring Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Rita Hayworth and Thomas Mitchell.

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