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Saturday's Programs

11:25 a. m.—Life for Wildlife (U. S. Department of Interior)
 11:40 a. m.—Interlude
 11:50 a. m.—A Moment for Reflection (Bryan and College Station Pastors)
 11:55 a. m.—The Town Crier and Battalion Newscast
 12:00 noon—Sign-off.

Sunday's Programs

8:30 a. m.—Roans Chapel Singers
 8:45 a. m.—Classical Music
 9:30 a. m.—Sign-off.
 Monday's Programs
 11:25 a. m.—Popular Music.
 11:40 a. m.—Salute to South America.
 11:25 a. m.—Town Crier and Battalion Newscast
 12:00 noon—Sign-off.

Abilene Club Makes Plans for Christmas

The Abilene A. & M. club has completed arrangements for their Annual Christmas party which will be held Monday night, December 22 at Charley Blank's Night Club.

Floating Light



Rivers and harbors are being turned into safe night time landing lanes for sea planes with rings of floating lights like the one shown here by Dr. Phillips Thomas, Westinghouse research engineer. Dr. Thomas will be here on the campus Monday and will deliver a lecture in the Assembly hall at 8 p. m.

Westinghouse Engineer Will Explain Latest Scientific Devices Monday Night

Recent developments in scientific research will be explained with working models and motion pictures by Dr. Phillips Thomas, traveling research engineer of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. The meeting will be held at the Assembly Hall at 8 p. m., Monday, November 15.

Dr. Thomas will show midge whirlwinds from a type of "gun" that some day may clean the air of industrial cities by blowing giant rings of factory smoke high into the sky.

New floating lights that are being used to convert harbors and rivers into safe landing lanes for sea planes and blue lights that make things look red will be shown.

The speaker will demonstrate how radio static can be eliminated by a new coating on powerline insulators. A robot device that "hunts" for fires with an "electric eye" and automatically puts them out with a stream of water will illustrate the photo-tube, a device scientists have put to work to control elevators, open doors, look for holes in metal sheeting, protect factory workers and do many other odd jobs.

An electromagnetic tester that helps manufacturers make better bearings, gears, and pistons by detecting "burned" spots will also be displayed by Dr. Thomas.

The meeting will be open to the public. Engineering and physics students will be especially interested and they are cordially invited to be present. There will be no charge for admittance.

Kimsey Saw Duty at Pearl Harbor, Recalls Naval Experiences While There

Editor's Note: Of immediate interest to all during the present war crises is news of the armed forces of this nation. Here is a feature story written by an Aggie, L. R. Kimsey, who has served at Pearl Harbor and on the battleship Oklahoma.

By L. R. Kimsey

Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, is situated on the island of Oahu, second largest in the Hawaiian group. Often hailed in the past as "The paradise of the Pacific" Honolulu is today even more prominent in the news. Our attention is crystallized, not on the picturesque landscapes of Waikiki, but centered on grim Pearl Harbor, and the men-of-war based there. We have reason to be thankful for the concentration of U. S. Army forces at Schofield Barracks, and for the far-ranging PBV bombers winging out over the Pacific, constantly alert—alert lest there by a repetition of the foul attack of last Sunday. Conditions are far different now . . . the United States is at war.

Wild Rumors Everywhere
 Since the attack on Sunday, December 7, by the planes of Imperial Japan, one hears no end of wild rumors, of half-facts, and of deliberate falsehoods. Some report half the fleet sunk, others that military leaders are incompetent, and that United States forces are doing nothing by way of retaliation. Such reports are needless, and are of such a damaging nature that they should be stopped at once.

There is reason to believe that many such rumors are started by enemy agents for the sole purpose of creating confusion. True, our official sources do admit the gravity of the situation, but there is no need for panic. We have altogether too many "swivelchair strategists" who will make any sacrifice for their country as long as that sacrifice does not go beyond the talking stage! Criticism of our naval forces ill-becomes one who never stepped aboard a man-of-war, and who doesn't know the acrid scent of nitro-powder! If criticism of the Navy is deserved, it will come in due time from sources whose judgment is based on actual military experience.

We must realize that fleet units operating at sea in wartime maintain a strict radio silence whenever possible. True, news of the victory of American ships over the enemy would be welcome indeed—but would it not also betray the position of our ships to the listening ears of the enemy? Is it worth the price? Until such tidings can be divulged with safety, we must be content with the knowledge that all our fleet units, wherever they may be, have this terse order: "Seek out the enemy and destroy him!" You may be assured that as long as a United States vessel remains afloat, that aim shall be relentlessly pursued.

Served at Pearl Harbor

This writer once served a tour of duty on the U. S. S. Oklahoma, reported sunk in Pearl Harbor by an aerial torpedo. The U. S. S. Oklahoma was an old vessel, but a good fighting craft, and one that holds an enviable record of service to her country. Commissioned in 1914, she operated out of Bantry Bay, Ireland against the Germans in World War I. For a number of years, she held the fleet gunnery record for the U. S. Battle Fleet. Modernized in 1928 in Brooklyn Navy Yard, the Oklahoma lost her old style cage masts and was fitted with tripod masts, also regunned throughout. When hostilities broke out in Spain in 1936, the Oklahoma performed yeoman service in the evacuation of American and Spanish refugees from Bilbao.

Old as she was, the Oklahoma was a gallant ship. This writer will never forget the thrill of seeing the three guns of turret Four—old Mabel, Becky, and Agnes—plunge back in a 30-inch recoil, and of seeing through the

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Texas U Band Honors A&M By Playing of Aggie War Hymn

By Nelson Karbach

Will wonders never cease to happen ! ! ! ! The Texas Longhorn band played the Aggie war hymn three times at the TU-Oregon game last Saturday — and of their own free will and accord, too!

When the Longhorn band marched on the field during the half, it immediately began to play "Good-bye to Texas." They played it through twice and after they had finished, it was announced over the public address system that it had been played in honor of Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis, who was in the stands, because of the fine sportsmanship that had been exhibited by the Aggies at the Turkey Day game on Kyle Field.

Late in the final quarter, just as the game was about to end, the A. & M.-Washington State score was announced over the loudspeaker. From the throats of every teagripper in the stands there arose a

lustly cheer that according to Tom Gillis was louder than any cheer they had given for their own team.

As the cheering died down, the Longhorn band once more swung into "Recall." It was said by the director of the Longhorn band that he had not given the order to play "Recall," but several members of the band began to play it spontaneously—just because they felt like it ! ! ! What has happened to the Steers? Did they catch a little of the Aggie spirit when they were exposed on Thanksgiving.

Morons on Increase, Colgate Prof States

Hamilton, N. Y., (ACP)—The United States is changing from a democracy into a moronocracy, according to Doctor George H. Estabrook, Colgate university psychology professor.

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Rising Accident Toll Looms as Real Menace to Defense

By The Texas State Health Dept.

The Texas State Health Department has joined the President in his effort to prevent accidents. The rising accident toll is a menace to our national defense program and, unless checked, can seriously hinder our efforts.

Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, says that fatal accidents are now one of the ten leading causes of death in Texas. Last year, over 4,600 Texans died as a result of accidents. Thousands more were injured and countless days were lost from work in non-fatal accidents.

Motor vehicles led the list of fatal accidents in Texas, with 1,807 deaths; however, they account for but one-third of the accidental deaths. Other leading causes are: Falls, 675; fires and burns, 490; and drowning, 267. To stop this loss, each person must, of his own accord, make it his responsibility to do all in his power to prevent accidents on the road, in the home, and while at work.

Accident prevention must be practiced all the time to be effective. A person may be careful while at work all day and then relax his caution while driving home and become involved in an automobile tragedy. Be courteous, be cautious, be careful and prevent an accident from happening to you.

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