

Ex-Aggie Relates Reveille's Early Days Before She Became Nationally Known Dog

Reveille, famed symbol of Aggieland, had a humble beginning at this institution one summer night in 1931 when W. L. (Rip) Collins, found her in the weeds alongside the road between the campus and Wellborn and brought her to his dormitory room. A letter received from Collins, who graduated in 1934 and is at present County Agent of King County, tells of Rev's early history that has become somewhat clouded by the years that have passed since she became an integral part of the college and its life.

Excerpts from Collins' letter follow:

"One night in the late summer school of 1931 I was coming from a little dance at Wellborn with two other Aggies in a model T and had a flat near a railroad crossing. While we were fixing the flat I heard a pup whining and went out into the grass to investigate. It seems that the pup had been thrown out there or was wandering along and hit by a car because it was slightly wounded in one of its back legs. I took it home to the dormitory and brought it food from the mess hall until she outgrew the little ailment. After a few days she began to feel at home and was of such little trouble and friendly we decided to keep her. She immediately made friends with all of the boys in the dormitory and began taking her meals in the mess hall too. She would always come back and sleep in my room. Every night when she thought I was asleep she would crawl up on the bed and sleep between my feet. The following summer she was accidentally run over again by a "hoopie" loaded with Aggies—but she was taken care of by a couple of veterinary students who gave her a general tune-up besides, and she soon recovered, never to be a mother of pups.

The reason all boys made friends with her was because of a little trick she played. When she saw a boy standing around idle, she would go about looking for a rock or piece of brick and would place it in front of the boy who would of course throw it off so she would

bring it back, then when the boy would reach for it she would dodge around and try to make him chase her. I have seen as many as eight or ten boys trying to hem her in and take the rock. Her teeth were finally worn down from biting rocks. That game and leading the band became her favorite sports. There was never a more proud-acting majorette than Rev. She seemed to be pleased to parade in front one of the world's largest college bands.

"During the regular terms of

running around the hall waking everybody up. This is why we called her Reveille. About the first three or four weeks of school I nearly ran my legs off trying to keep her at home. I finally let her go because I knew she was somewhere safe on the campus. That was my last claim on her because I guess she found out that all Aggies were about alike, and like most other girls she just liked khaki. Later she started staying around the Y.M.C.A. following the night watchman, and greeting ev-



school Rev. learned to like all boys with khaki, because I guess, she was never abused by them. I'll never forget how much she liked P. O. (Pat) Bellinger (now deceased) because he could blow a bugle. I know she missed him when he didn't return from summer camp.

"About a week after the regular term started Reveille was stolen from me and of course I had about a dozen fish out looking for her. They brought her in but the same thing happened nearly every night. We always found her in a different Aggie's room in bed. In the morning when she heard reveille sound she would jump up barking and

ery passing Aggie that came in late at night. After she began acting as majorette, our yell-leader, Herman (Two-Gun) Parker took up nickels from Fish to buy her a jacket and some light harness. A Fish was always appointed to care for her on visiting trips. If she happened not to go on some of the trips she would meet all trains and busses until the boys and the band came back.

"Now, I have a three-legged spitz, and a bird dog in the clinic with a broken thigh and being treated by a couple of Ex-Aggie Veterinarians—Burch and Roberts of Wichita Falls. No one likes pets better than I, but I have never

Aggieland's Coed

Navy To Continue V-7 Enlistments

College graduates and college seniors may continue V-7 enlistment in the United States Naval Reserve after May 1 despite the earlier announcement that beginning about that date this class would be closed to all men attending college who have not enlisted in Class V-1, it was announced today by Commander F. C. Huntoon, director of the Office of Naval Procurement of the Eighth Naval District.

In addition to seniors and college graduates admitted to Class V-7, all juniors who while sophomores were not eligible for Class V-1 service may enlist in V-7.

Class V-7 consists of men studying officer training in the Navy, who are commissioned upon the successful completion of their training period.

It was also announced that those previously eligible for V-1 training are not eligible for Class V-7.

Boney Appointed Veterinarian for Extension Service

Dr. William A. Boney, Jr., who received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at A. & M. College on May 15, has been named Extension Poultry Veterinarian of the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service, according to an announcement made by George E. Adams, vice director and state agent.

Dr. Boney began his duties today at the headquarters office at College Station, where his work will deal with poultry diseases, their eradication and control.

A native of Iola, Grimes county, where he received his high school education, Dr. Boney attended John Tarleton Agricultural college at Stephenville two years. For some time he was assistant bank cashier at Iola, before coming to A. & M. to complete his work toward his B.S. degree in Poultry Husbandry. Upon his graduation in 1940 he entered the school of Veterinary Medicine at the college.

"In view of the fact that Texas farmers have been asked to expand production of their poultry and poultry products to meet war needs, Dr. Boney's services will be a great deal of help to Texas poultrymen. His work will supplement that of the extension poultry specialists, Geo. P. McCarthy and H. H. Weatherby," Mr. Adams said. "Only by control and eradication of poultry diseases can we expect to have healthy, producing flocks which can meet the 1942 production goals."

Aggieland Loses Summer Coed Due to the Speed-Up Program

For the first time in the history of Texas A. & M. College the uniform, the military regime for which it stands, and a regular school curriculum marks the opening of the June term. Along with other Aggie traditions abolished to further the school's war efforts has gone the old out-board-shirt, no-meal-formation, care-free summer session.

For the first time since the question became a matter for court debate Texas A. & M. will be a men-only institution not only for nine months but for twelve months out of the year. No longer can Walton Hall boast of housing Juke beauties, can the Battalion sponsor a staff of Jane Arden reporters, or can you sit and ponder over

what shade of lipstick your lab partner wears. Neither the local 400 nor visiting T.S.C.W.-ites will be allowed this season to portion their vacation between the Chemistry Building, the Library, and Casey's (and at the same time accumulate credit hours!).

In adopting its speed-up program for victory, Texas A. & M. has done away with its last semblance of frills—the summer coed. She has gone out with cuffs, sabbars, and details. By the grace of a new open air dance pavilion, however, and barring the rationing of gasoline, the present all-out-for-victory Aggie hopes to develop a class of perennial Juke Box prom trotters this summer.

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