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Raine Meets Directors In Dallas Mon

Publicity Director Praises Corps For Impressions Made

Norman Raine, who was on the campus last week to gather background information for the screen play for the Aggie film, will arrive in Dallas from New York City Monday to have a conference with the board of directors for the picture, G. Byron Winstead, director of college publicity, said today.

According to Winstead, Raine has the outline of his story completed and will return to Hollywood from Dallas to write the first draft, or what is known as a "treatment", a complete but condensed version of the screenplay. After this has been approved by the producer, he will begin work on the shooting script.

According to Winstead, Raine was impressed by Aggieland as a whole, so impressed that in all sincerity he said, "I have enough material right here on this campus to write three motion pictures, and some day, when the war is over and people will take such motion pictures, I'm coming back here and write a real story, not a war story, but one of this great institution as a center of education." As an example of what Raine meant, Winstead suggested a story concerning the life of the late Mark Frances, D. V. M., who once saved the cattle industry of Texas by his application of veterinary medicine.

"To the corps, cadet officers, yell leaders, Battalion staff members, class officers, and each and every man on this campus, I want to extend my deepest thanks for making Raine's visit to the campus such a success. Such a welcome as the corps gave him, so friendly and receptive were they to him as a man, and so cooperative with his purpose here, that I will forever be indebted to you, the corps, without whose help the entire spirit of the picture and A. & M. might have been lost," said Winstead.

He went on to say that his job as director of publicity was so very much easier because he knew he could depend on "the boys" to help him in every way. He cited another example of this help from the corps, Quentin Reynolds' visit last spring. "The Aggies showed him a good time," he said, "and everyone read the swell story he wrote about us for Collier's."

Aggies Given Chance to Name Picture Satisfaction Only Prize Being Offered

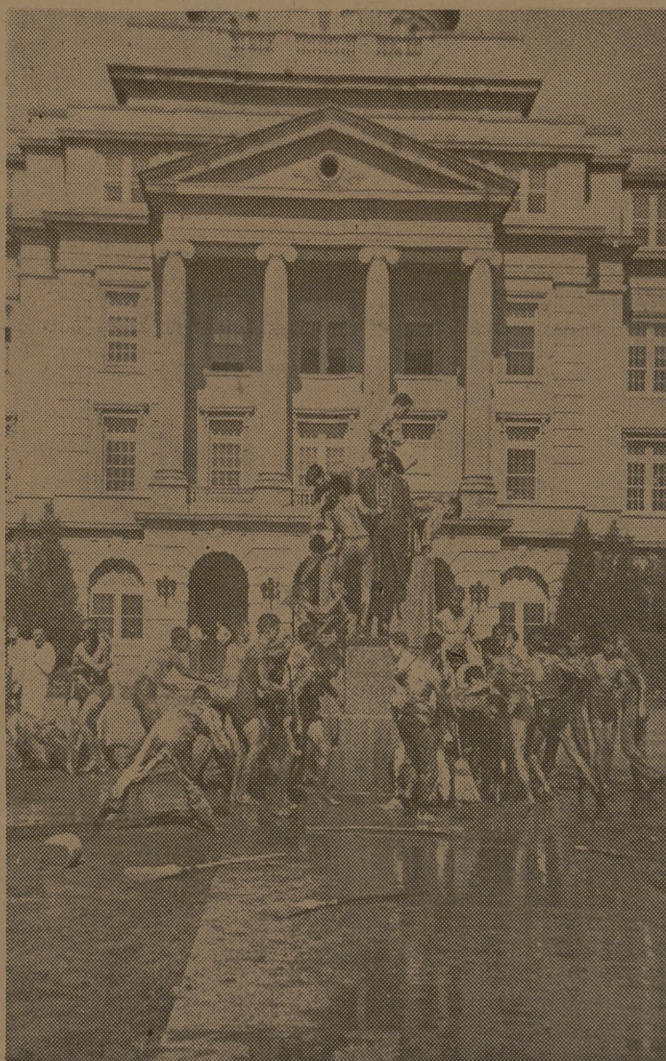
New Contest

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO NAME A \$750,000 MOTION PICTURE? If you would, then rally 'round the old Aggie banner, boys, and kick in your best suggestion for a name for Walter Wanger's forthcoming picture about the spirit of Aggieland! The title "We've Never Been Licked" is only temporary, for the benefit of studio bookkeepers, and will be changed if a better one is suggested. If the show is to be about Aggies, then let the Aggies name it. Rack your fertile brains now fellas, and let's make this picture one hundred per cent A. & M.!

Fill out the slip below and turn it in to your first sergeant. There isn't a prize for the winner, but think of the thrill of telling your friends, "I named that film!"

Title for picture _____
Your name _____ Org. _____
P. O. Box _____

Good for \$1.00



Pictured above is one of the last companies to scrub "Sully". This is the picture which won the Longhorn Snapshot contest for the week. It was submitted by Henry Gilchrist, fish of A Engineers.

1906... A Year of Progress; Four Dorms and A Natatorium

—by John Holman
1906 saw A. & M. sprouting into an educational institution the likes of which have never been equaled in the history of the world. Four dormitories dotted the Brazos county prairie, and ten other college buildings gave this place a real "Skyline". Pfeuffer, Foster, Ross, and Gathwright were all in their prime, the first two being nearly new.
H. H. Harrington, husband of Sully Ross's daughter, was president of the school, and on the college faculty were 57 professors.
Graduating that memorable year were forty-six seniors, among whom were John Ashton, P. L. Downs, Jr., Elmer Carlyle (known then for his motto—"Blessings on him who invented sleep"), G. T. Haltom better known as "Eggs", now dead but then an outstanding figure on the campus, R. J. Potts (Pottsy), now living in Waco, and A. P. Rollins, now in Dallas. Rollins, at that time an outstanding

student, said he was "the only man alive old enough to vote who had never been kissed." Wonder what he'd say now.
That class was proud of the fact that when they were freshman, a member of their class scored the very first point A. & M. ever made against Varsity (Texas U.) in football, and members of that class beat Texas for the first time in the history of the school.
While fish, they succeeded in "taking over" by licking the entire corps upperclassmen—juniors, seniors, and sophomores in an April 1 "cane rush" on what is now the field artillery drill field.
Juniors on the campus in '06 numbered forty-eight, and often boasted of the fact that when they were fish, the sophomores strapped them and drenched them. As the Longhorn put it that year, the sophomores (seniors then) had a "devilishly cracking time at the expense of trouser's seats and the college water supply."

An even one-hundred sophomores, including Joe Utay, formerly on the board of directors, and one-hundred-sixty fish completed the cadet corps of three-hundred fifty-four.
Scholastic standards had risen slightly, and a grammar school education was necessary for entrance. Also the age limit had been raised from fifteen to sixteen years.
Campus visitors, few as they were, were awed by the sight of buildings which included the Textile building; Chemistry-Veterinary buildings "with four complete laboratories for enterprising students"; a three-hundred cow dairy barn; five new prof's homes; an athletic stadium "open-air style" which would seat six-hundred and faced a newly graded athletic park; and the "Shirley" a recreation hall opened by the A. & M. College Club.
That Longhorn boasted of the (See YEAR OF '09 page 4)

Dance Tonight Second Of Summer Series Out in Open

Affair Semi-Formal Because of Popular Request from Girls Who Will Attend Event

Ina Ray Hutton, the Blond bombshell, will bring her famous orchestra to The Grove tonight at 9 for the second big corps dance of this week-end.

Miss Hutton, formerly known for her all-girl band, organized her present male orchestra this year because "Although a girl band is easier to look at, the all-male band is easier to listen." The new organization made its debut at New York's famous Hotel Astor, where it broke the season's record for dinner and supper diners.

She and her orchestra have toured the most important vaudeville houses in the country and gained fame in musical comedy with Lew Leslie in "Clowns in Clover", George White's "Melody", and Flo Zeigfield's last "Follies". Ina Ray also clicked in motion pictures, in ballrooms, and even her radio appearances have won acclaim.

Singing songs in the torchy manner—mindful of Dinah Shore, she also put on a good show with her dancing about the bandstand.

Bobby Stephens announced that due to requests from girls all over the state, the dance tonight will be semi-formal, leaving the question of clothes up to the girl.

Ropes have been placed around the slab to keep onlookers from choking off the cooling breezes the corps found so delightful last night, and anyone who attended the dance last night can attest to this fact, says Stephens.

Top female orchestra leader in the country, Ina Ray has chestnut hair, blue eyes, 5 ft. 3 in. and weighs 108 lbs. She was born in Chicago March 13, 1917, and is not married.

Since most boys will have dates, and hence a short stag line, organizations are asked by the Student Activities office to allow their freshmen to attend the dance tonight without dates. This will be left up to the organizations but they are urged to comply with this request as it will be to the corps advantage because better bands can be obtained if a good showing is made this week-end.

Deficient Students Scarcer Than Ever States Registrar

The total number of students on the deficient list this semester is much lower than it has been in the last six years announced the registrars office yesterday. In addition to this, the percentage of those deficient is also the smallest it has been in the six preceding years.

Offering no reason for the drop in deficiencies, R. G. Perryman gave figures on the total number of men on the deficiency list for the last five years showing 987 on the list in the '38-'39 school year, 1,189 in the '39-'40 session, 1,039 in '40-'41, 1,173 in '41-'42, and 750 this semester. The list showed a drop to a 14.9% deficiency from an 18% average held for the last five years.

In discord with general theory the freshmen class is 10% less deficient this semester than the freshmen of last year, the report stated.

Distribution of the total deficiency list by schools did not vary much with last years figures as the engineering school led with 59% of the total deficient, with the school of agriculture second with 23%, liberal arts and sciences 13% the school of veterinary medicine with 4% of the list.

The percentage of each schools enrollment on the dean's team showed the engineers ahead with 17% of that schools enrollment deficient. The school of liberal arts and sciences annexed second with 15% as the agriculture school and the school of veterinary medicine showed 12 and 10 percent of each schools enrollment on the deficiency list.

Kadet Kapers Will Show Grand Finale From Engr's Show

The grand finale of the 1941-42 Engineers Show will be presented by Kadet Kapers tonight at 7:00 in the Assembly Hall, states Dick Jenkins, producer of the Saturday night revels.

"The Slipstick Follies of 1942" which was the title of last semester's Engineers show had for its finale an act presented by the Architectural society in the form of an Easter parade that had as its models members of the architectural society dressed up in most ravishing costumes depicting the latest styles. By popular demand this act has been brought back so all the new freshmen as well as the Aggie dates here this week-end can see an example of Aggie versatility.

Ina Ray Hutton, whose orchestra will play the dance tonight, has been invited to attend Kadet Kapers and add the name of one more celebrity to the long list of those to grace the stage of this Saturday night fun-fest.

As usual, tonight's show will feature singing, dancing, beautiful girls galore, and contests in which special prizes will be given to the girls. "Elmer the poet" will be in front of the footlights with a poetic masterpiece rendered in his own inimitable way.

Kadet Kapers is the Saturday night free entertainment that has been presented nearly every week for the entertainment of the corps. The show features mostly Aggie talent plus occasionally celebrities that come to the campus. The idea for a much needed entertainment on the week-end that didn't cost anything was conceived by Dick Jenkins, who enlivens every show with his personality as master of ceremonies.

Texas Co-op Institute Will Hold 5th Meeting

With the development of co-operatives in Texas to be discussed by state wide leaders the fifth annual meeting of the Texas Institute for Co-operatives beginning Monday, August tenth and running through noon Wednesday August 12 promises to be one of the biggest agricultural meetings of its kind ever held here at A. & M., according to J. Wheeler Barger head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the college, who is chairman of the Institute Program committee.

The addition of Miss Mary Mims, extension specialist in organization from Louisiana State University, and Ezra Benson, executive secretary of the national council of farmer co-operatives, swells the fast growing roster of guest speakers who will devote the major portion of their time to discussing problems of the Institute delegates.

The newly chartered Texas Federation of Co-operatives will also hold their first membership meeting during the Institute and directors will be elected to formulate programs.

Grove's Opening Biggest Corps Hop Of Summer School

Informality Predominated As Adeline Koffman and Fish Sullivan Vocalized

Last night the Grove, Aggieland's newest nightspot, was formally opened by Curley Brient and the new Aggieland orchestra.

Informality was a feature of the biggest corps dance so far this summer, according to Bobby Stephens, social secretary of the senior class.

Featured by the Aggieland were the voices of Adeline Koffman of Houston, and Fish Sullivan, 3 Hq. F. A., both of whom contributed sweet melody and swing to the evening entertainment.

Five saxophones make up the Aggieland's woodwind section, and they were featured in special choruses to the delight of the dancers. Also trumpet tricks by Dick Altson, Bully McGregor, and Wally Scott were popular, with Freddie Nelson, Curley Brient, Tom Inglis, Jack McGregor, Buck Weirus, and R. C. Mallet all adding to the danceable rhythms put out by the Aggieland.

Previously known as "the slab", the new dance pavilion was gaily decorated with soft lights, and a new sound system made hearing in all parts of the floor excellent.

Members of the orchestra presented a floor show during the evenings entertainment.

Named "The Grove" in contest among students, the new pavilion will later be equipped with tennis nets, and possibly equipment for roller skating. Last night, however, it was solely a dancing spot, and according to Stephens, everyone had a swell time.

Former Activities Head Made Lieut

Lieut. Joe H. Skiles, former head of Student Activities here, recently received a commission in the Army Air Force Reserve Technical Corps and has been assigned to duty at Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Before coming to A. & M. to accept the position as head of Student Activities he was engaged as attorney in Denton. He represented Denton County two terms in the Legislature and was active in the Young Democratic state organization.

Skiles is a graduate of North Texas State Teachers College and received his law degree from Texas university.

A & M Gets Chance At Band Wagon

Drugstore Voting In This Area Can Get Band National Spot

Word that the Aggieland Orchestra has been placed on the list of bands from this area eligible to be on the Fitch Band Wagon broadcast from Dallas, September 13, was received here today by Curley Brient, leader of the Aggieland.

Mail sent in from this area in the last several months assured the Aggieland of a chance to get on this broadcast from Dallas next month provided enough votes can be turned in from this area during the next two weeks.

Here is the way in which votes may be turned in for the Aggieland during the next 14 days: Every time a purchase is made in a drug store at the listed places in this area of 25 cents or more one vote may be cast for the Aggieland. That 25-cent purchase may be of drinks, cigarettes, or anything that drug stores have in stock, but it must be from a drug store in this area.

The following towns are the main ones listed for the Dallas area: Abilene, Big Spring, Breckenridge, Cisco, Denison, Fort Worth, Henderson, Kilgore, Midland, Mineral Wells, Paris, Ranger, Sherman, Sweetwater, Tyler, Vernon, Weatherford, Wichita Falls, and Waco. These are merely a (See BAND WAGON, page 4)

ASME Dance Held In Grove Aug 14

American Society of Mechanical Engineers members will hold their dance at "The Grove" on Friday August 14, it was announced at a joint meeting held with the I. A. E. S, Thursday night.

At this meeting R. T. Shields, a representative of the Dallas division of General Electric, was the guest speaker. He presented a series of films, "The Inside of Arc Welding" a picture designed for the instruction of arc welders and emphasized important points in the art of welding. In addition to these pictures a lantern slide series was presented covering the use of electrical equipment in the aviation industry.

Ina Ray Hutton



This blond bombshell pictured above will, with her orchestra, furnish music for the second summer corps dance to be held in the "Grove" tonight at 9. The dance last night was acclaimed by Bobby Stephens, social secretary, as the largest and most successful of the summer.