

California Woman Lieutenant Heads Feminine Cavalry Unit

(From the Los Angeles Collegian)
Lieutenant of the only feminine emergency cavalry unit, Miss Marian E. Pettit, physical education instructor at UCLA, heads a unique organization which carries messages, searches for lost persons and rescues disaster victims from inaccessible places.

Because there are still some localities in the San Fernando Valley and in the Hollywood Hills where a motor vehicle cannot be driven, local horsewomen are organizing a mounted corps that is a part of the Red Cross Motor Corps. There are 17 charter women

members who are regular members of the Red Cross Motor Corps and have finished their standard and advanced first-aid courses and passed their motor mechanics tests.

Experienced Riders
All experienced riders, they are familiarizing themselves with the bridge paths and hillside firebreaks so they will be able to reach almost inaccessible spots even during a blackout.

Those wishing membership must live in North Hollywood, Burbank, or Glendale, or they will be too far away to do much good in an emergency. Only better than aver-

age riders will be accepted. Prospective members are taken out on an actual practice to see if they can qualify.

Various Stables Used
Different stables in the vicinity are used each time so that each rider will not depend on the same horse and also that members may learn to handle as many horses as possible.

Each member also donates at least half a day a week to any other branch of the Red Cross. Many are in the blood donor service. All the others, like Marian Pettit, who was unwilling to talk about herself, have been riding for years. Mrs. Pettit, small, brown haired, athletic instructor, has been riding for the past 20 years.

Usefulness Proved
Due to automobile rationing and the inability of cars to reach unusual places in hills or canyons, the cavalry unit is forging ahead daily in proving its usefulness and the dexterity of members. The equestrians are ready at any moment to search for persons lost in the hills, or to go to the rescue of plane crash, flood or disaster victims who might otherwise be helpless for hours while motor units tried to reach them on mountain tops, canyons or flood-isolated "islands."

Hardin Junior College Celebrates Twenty-One Years in Educational Field

Did you know that Hardin Junior College is now of age? Old enough to vote?

The year just closed was the twentieth in the history of the college and so this week the college is starting its twenty-first year. September 11, 1942, Wichita Falls Junior College started with 39 students. Classes were held in what is now Reagan Junior High School, with a few classrooms set aside for college laboratories used by the college after high school hours. All classes were taught by teachers also teaching high school work.

May 5, 1925, the college moved into its magnificent new building on Avenue H, now the senior high school. This was then reported to be the largest school building in Texas. Growth of the high school was so rapid that it soon crowded the college. Plans for a larger junior college, even a senior college, were going along rapidly, when the depression came along, and knocked them all out for the time being.

In 1935 just when it looked almost as if the college would have to be abandoned, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hardin, pioneers from Burkburnett, offered to give a partial endowment if Wichita Falls would furnish buildings and grounds and the remainder of needed support. Campaigns for such action were successful. The Federal government gave the college a couple of grants totaling \$17,000 and the city voted an overwhelming vote for a \$200,000 bond issue. Then W. B. Ham-

ilton and N. H. Martin, two public spirited citizens, gave the first forty acres of land. In 1936 the college name was changed to Hardin, in honor of the two pioneers whose encouragement came just in time to save the college. While the new buildings were not completed in September 1936 at fall term's opening, the First Methodist Church gave the college the use of its roomy educational building, and classes were held there, as the third campus for the college, until March 15, 1937, when the college moved into its present location.

Since that time rapid progress was made, with the addition of aviation courses, a machine shop, another forty acres of land, and numerous internal improvements.

Last year was the first year for the college under a separate board of trustees. Formerly the public school board also the college board and the city superintendent served also as college president.

Another step in the history of the college has its beginning now with a new board and a new administrative set-up as well as a number of new faculty members.

Texas is fifth in the manufacture of cheese and eighth in the total income from the sale of milk.

Merle Evans, for 24 years circus band director for Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey, has been chosen leader of the Hardin Simmons university cowboy band.

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All other products of the Guiberson Diesel factory have been turned over to the government in the wartime program, but Allen W. Guiberson, vice-president of the company, got special release on the engine presented to the college, and future aeronautical engineers turned out by A. & M. will be familiar with the workings of this new type power plant for airplanes.

General Electric Salvages Critical Metals from Ashes

Ashes taken from two process-steam boiler pits in the salvage department's shop are yielding critical materials at one of the General Electric Company's major Works. Shop refuse and rubbish from all parts of the Works are used for fuel. Ashes removed from the boiler pits are passed through a ball mill, or grinder; a magnetic separator, which sorts out the finer particles. Metals reclaimed by this method include iron, steel, brass, copper, and aluminum. In 1941 a total of 624,000 pounds was recovered, representing a gross cash return of \$10,000.

Other items, which in the past have been unsalvageable economically, are yielding critical materials in quantities that are worthwhile in these times. For example, the salvage department receives from the wire-drawing department a waste known as "copper and grease." It is taken from the pits under the wire-drawing machines and consists of a mixture of wire-drawing compound and fine copper particles. The wire-drawing compound is in liquid form, and contains water, soap and tallow which is applied to the drawing dies for lubrication and cooling. This flows into a pit underneath the wire-drawing machine and carries with it fine pieces of copper. It is shoveled from the pit into steel drums and when the water and grease are removed, the copper remains in dry, hard chunks. Last year 88,200 pounds of copper reclaimed in this way were shipped out to the smelters and vendors for conversion into raw materials. Gross return: \$8000.

Elmer Davis, head of the office of war information, was graduated from Franklin college in 1910.

Only four men have been twice elected of University of Wisconsin football teams.

Iowa State college short courses drew a total of 12,502 persons to the campus last term.

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