

PROP WASH
Squadron II

Seems as though the boys from Squadron II couldn't resist showing off their well developed (?) bodies to our new Squadron III as they marched up the esplanade last Wednesday evening. As a result they were privileged to demonstrate their precision in close order drill on the old drill field the following two evenings.

The band gave a nice welcome to the members of our new squadron. The boys stepped off the train to the strains of the Air Corps song, and were escorted to their new quarters 'mid a hail of applause and music.

A couple of our "beavers," namely Messrs. Eugene Field and Frank Garcia, could not resist the urge to portray Sleeping Beauty during the course of a recent History class. Careful, fellows, a snooze can lose two weeks' work!

Mr. L. P. Fedigan claims that the band is going to win the ribbons at today's review. On your toes, Squadron II, the band has been putting in considerable time in marching rehearsals.

Two of the men from this squadron are about to take what is sometimes referred to as 'the biggest step in life.' Yes, you guessed it. Willard Sollers and Lester E. Moeller are the gents getting married. Next week-end is the probable date. They got off Wednesday afternoon classes to go into Bryan and get the certificates.

This is a squadron news column and any bit of news or any amusing incident that would make good copy for your column would be appreciated. If you happen to know something that would be good, jot it down on a slip of paper and leave it in Room 58, Ramp 6. Thank you, gentlemen.

A/S Raymond C. Sabatke reports that his wife and son are to arrive sometime in the near future. Sabatke said he is going to bring his wife to the Wing dance on the 18th and everyone is invited to cut in. Bring Junior along, Raymond, the boys would like to meet him.

This afternoon the ribbons go on the block again. "Terrible Two" should keep them flying in front of their squadron. "We did it before and we can do it again."

A/S Ellis Nickell made the remark the first of the week that if anyone beat him signing-up for a pass Thursday morning, they would have to hustle. Ellis surely wasn't fooling for he was in the first half-dozen that got their names on the dotted line.

ALL SERVICE MEETING OF PRESS CLUB HELD

The first all-service meeting of the A&M Press Club was held last Wednesday evening under the direction of Mr. L. B. Boone of Student Activities and Mr. May who has charge of the publishing of the Battalion. At this meeting the Aggies officially welcomed the different branches of the services stationed at A&M to the Press Club.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. May who explained the importance of the paper to the morale of the services, and he outlined the policy of the Battalion for the coming semester. Officers of the club were elected and took over their duties. The following hold

ACTD NEWS

RUDDER DUST

by A/S Jack E. Shaw

News of the day is the arrival of the new squadron at Texas A. and M. Yes, and a bit of all right they are! Sprinkled with a goodly amount of non-coms, they ought to prove worthy drillmen and certainly good students as well.

These men come from all branches of the army and from as many states as well. Tapping the grapevine, we find that the men are enthused with their new venture and actually eager to get started. They were especially pleased when the men of Squadron Two cheered them as they passed Puryear dormitory. It was heard by some of the staff's news sleuths that never upon entering the many camps in their career, have they been welcomed by a band and by cheering rather than jeering men.

The staff of the Aircrew News, the officers and the rest of the detachment wish you men of Squadron Three, a pleasant stay here at A. and M. Your student officers are in charge to keep you "Eager Beavers" eager and orderly. Work with your leaders and you'll have a squadron equal to none!

And finally, a word to the wise—get your dates and tie them up with a good strong rope in preparation for the big "Wing Dance" next week!

Who is it that said the whole world is but a stage and people are the bad actors!

Another reason to keep your desk clean—you might want to put your feet on it. Thanks to John (Stinky) Ogle.

Some aiffing tyro gave out with some of these "Daffynitions" having some vague connection with the Air Corps.

Aileron—adverb, such as "He is aileron today."

Rudder—conj., ie., "Where's her rudder sister?"

Landing gear—part most often skated on!

Prop—verb, used as "Prop me up, I'm ridin' the beam!"

Prop-wash—a clean beam.

Power dive—to fall in love with the power on.

Aviation student—boot camp on a long ramp.

Aviation cadet—you MAY fly, brother!

Zeke says, "Lots of people itch for what they want but won't scratch hard enough to get it. What was that aviation student Harold Stratten scratching for last Saturday night?"

Just a line to welcome A/S Bob Compton from good ol' "Shep" and formerly of Iowa who is a classical and boogy woogy pianist deluxe.

positions: Mr. Boone of A&M, President; Mr. M. J. Kaff of the Engineers, Vice-President; Mr. William R. Peters of the Air Corps, Secretary Treasurer; Mr. Robert Irving of A&M, Parliamentarian. Pictures of the club were made, after which refreshments were served.

The executive committee of the club will work in cooperation with a council composed of Mr. Boone; Lt. A. S. Kelly, USAAF; Lt. Richenbacker, USN.; and Lt. Arthur Jors, USEC.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

I am extremely happy over the way that the dormitories have improved in appearance and over the fact that they are being kept in inspection condition at all times.

The recent reviews have been exceptionally fine and have been aided greatly by the presence of our band. Th bandsmen are very capable and the group shows promise.

I am especially proud of the fine record of the men of the detachment who have gone on. Out of thirteen cadet officerships, ten of the men selected were former members of our detachment. The highest rank, that of Cadet Major, was bestowed upon our own Bob Dallas, who was our last Wing Commander.

The news staff has done a fine job and I am pleased with their efforts.

News of Squadron I, due to an earlier dead-line, was not included in this issue of the Air Crew Training News. The News of this group will appear in the next issue.—Battalion Editor.

HART THROBS
Squadron V

In the blue of evening when the staff drags in the staff room to rack their brains (?) for news, they usually shoot the breeze first (See HART THROBS, Page 4)

DUTY, HONOR, AND COUNTRY
By A/S Alvin B. Cooter

We have all heard "On the Ball, On the Beam" so much that we have come to disregard the meaning that it holds. To certain members of this detachment has come the belief that it does not make any difference one way or the other. We are not walking the line just as we should. The idea that it does not make any difference what we do here is completely wrong in all senses. We seem to be forgetting that the record we make for ourselves here will follow us no matter where we go.

The selected few will become Second Lieutenants, and the others will become flight officers. When the board begins to look over the past records of the graduating class, and when the record shows that a man is officer material, he is selected. Gentlemen, if our records are not what they should be we will be in the lower bracket. What places a hardship on the ones that are walking the line is they are being held back by the few that just do not give a darn.

There are quite a few in this organization that will be in that privileged class if they complete their prescribed training successfully. I do not consider it fair and just to those that want to succeed to be held back because of others that say it makes no difference. Stop, ask yourself, "Am I one of

Circling the Field
Squadron III

We wish to express our thanks for the wonderful welcome we received upon our arrival here Wednesday night. The majority of us have been stationed at several camps since our enlistment and never before have we been wel-

comed so heartily upon arrival. Speaking for all, we want you to know we received a pleasant surprise when we found the band waiting to receive us. We fully expected to have to carry our barracks bags and to walk to our new quarters accompanied by jeers and calls of "you'll be sorry." It left a warm place in our hearts when, as we marched along behind the band, the men along the streets cheered and applauded us. One of the moments that shall remain in our memories and remind us of what we are fighting for, was one that occurred Thursday morning. We entered the Mess Hall feeling lonely and a little scared and were received with a heart-warming burst of applause. We wish to take this opportunity to thank every one of you.

It is just as easy to be a good Aviation Student as it is to be one that has none of the military about him.

It is not hard to have a good military bearing. It is just as easy to be in there pitching as it is to just lie down and quit. The Command would appreciate the cooperation of all in getting back in the old saddle. Let us all work together for we are all striving for one purpose. We can be one machine, successful in battle and successful in being true officers of the highest quality.

It is a little early yet for us to see a policy but we wish to go on record as saying that we expect to make Squadron III the best on campus, not only in the military sense, but also in athletics. Our group is composed of men from all branches of the Army and we hail from all parts of the country. A small portion of our men have seen overseas duty and the majority of them have considerable service behind them. Due to this fact it will take us a few days to adjust ourselves to school life again. We ask your indulgence in this matter and in return we promise to do all in our power to make ourselves worthy of it. In closing, we would like to repeat how much we appreciate your welcome.

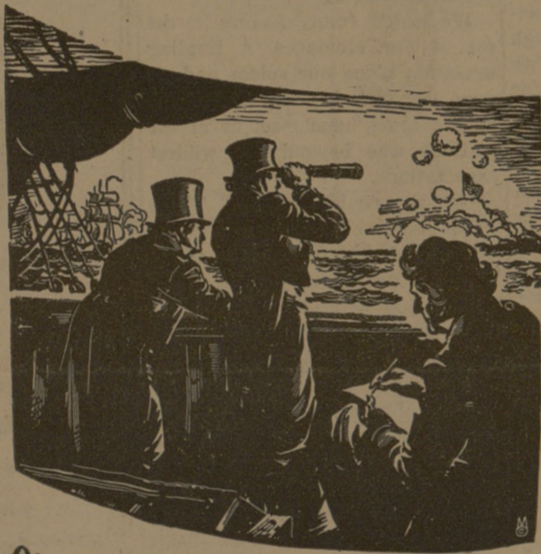
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Hey, fellows—we've reopened Creamland—the place to spend that few minutes off. It's a swell place to drop by and have a malt or an ice cream—and boy! the sandwiches are swell. Try our plate lunches, too. They'll please your appetite.

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CREAMLAND

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O say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming. Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming, and the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there,

And the Star Spangled Banner
IN TRIUMPH SHALL WAVE

O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"

Those beautiful words of our national anthem—mean more to us now than ever before. One hundred twenty eight years ago young Francis Scott Key wrote them—and in them he embodied a picture of our country that will stand forever as a guiding light throughout history's pages: "The land of the free and the home fo the brave!"

Today we are fighting to preserve that freedom—not only for ourselves and for our own country, but for all peoples, everywhere. What could be more fitting on this Flag Day than that every American rededicate himself to the cause both the words and flag bespeak! How better can we rededicate ourselves than by reaffirming—each and every one—the pledge to BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!

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