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Yell Practice To Be Held Thursday Night At 6:30

Bob Lowry, '45, Accepted To West Point Academy

Pvt. Robert M. Lowry, '45, has been accepted as a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., and is to be admitted to the academy July 1. Lowry, who was a member of H Coast Artillery while attending A. & M., has been at Camp Roberts, California, since he was inducted into the Army last month.

Entering A. & M. in June, 1941, Lowry had just completed his junior year in electrical engineering when he was called.

Pvt. Lowry is to receive his honorable discharge from the Army this month and may get to visit his home in Ballinger before going to West Point.

Extension Service Aiding in Soldier Relief Problem

Home demonstration club women in 19 central and west Texas counties have been helping meet the recreational needs of service men in their vicinity. These 4,000 club women pooled their efforts through their local county home demonstration councils to assist men who are patients at the Camp Bowie Army base hospital near Brownwood.

In this program they successfully have followed the recommendation of their state organization, the Texas Home Demonstration Association, says Maurine Héarn, district agent for the A. & M. College Extension Service, who supervises home demonstration work in District 7. All gifts were sent to the American Red Cross for distribution.

From club women, the recreation center of the Camp Bowie hospital has received eight card tables, two divans, four end tables, three smoking stands, two magazine racks, a floor lamp, three serving trays, 13 pairs of book-ends, flower vases, 26 waste baskets, and 413 ash trays. To provide reading matter, the women furnished 118 books, plus two Bibles, and gave subscriptions to 15 magazines.

Supplies contributed for use during parties and other entertainments included 682 water glasses, 305 cup towels, 153 candy and bon bon dishes, and a variety of other utensils. Other recreational gifts were 50 decks of playing cards, a radio, 135 phonograph records, and 136 games including checkers, dominoes, jig-saw puzzles, chess, Chinese checkers, bingo, and croquet.

For the comfort of the patients, the women provided 58 lap robes, 77 pillows, 87 pillow cases, and 816 individual gifts, varying from sewing kits to hair tonic.

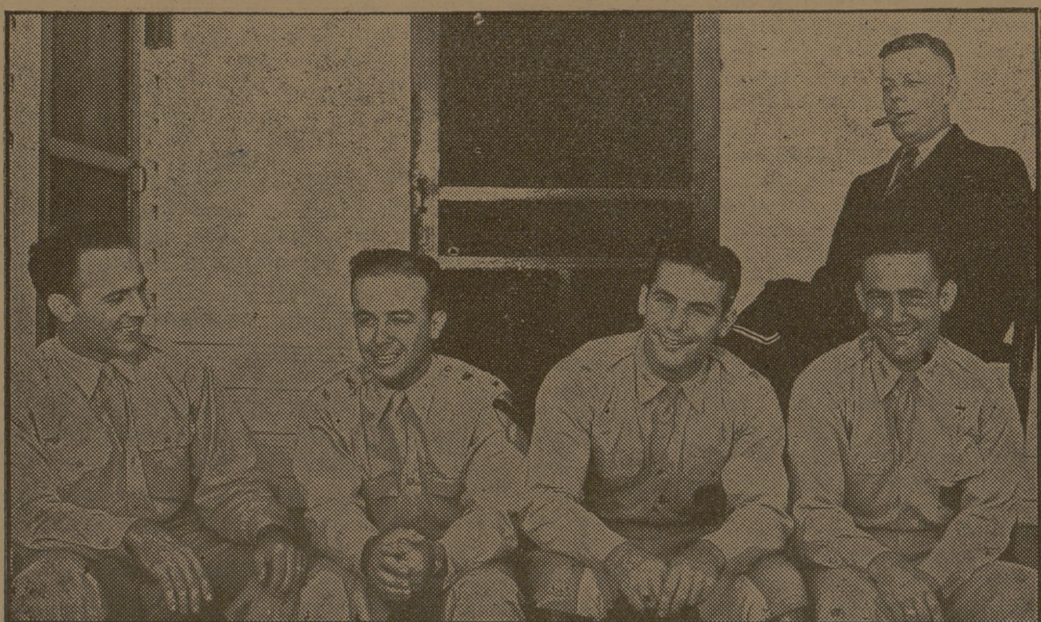
A. & M. Radio Club To Meet Wednesday Night, 7:00 o'Clock

All students interested in appearing on the radio or in learning to operate radio controls are invited to attend the meeting of the A. & M. Radio Club Wednesday night at 7:00 p. m. in the WTAW studios, third floor of the Administration building. Radio experience is not necessary; freshmen are urged to be there.

The club will have a place for radio operators, script writers, announcers, and actors in short radio skits.

The meeting will be over in time for students to make CQ.

During 1942, American forces stationed in Australia and New Zealand received through reverse Lend-Lease 80 million pounds of fruits and vegetables and 30 million pounds of beef, veal, lamb, and mutton.



—Picture Courtesy Beaumont Enterprise
FOUR FIGHTIN' AGGIES—Pictured above are Aviation Cadet Pete Cokinos, stationed in Florida; Capt. Jimmie Cokinos, of the field artillery, Fort Bliss; Mike Cokinos, in officers candidate school, at Fort Sill; and Mike Cokinos, also of officers candidate school, Fort Sill; seated with their father in the background at their room at 947 Hazel Ave., Beaumont. The four fightin' Cokinos are all graduates of A. & M. College.

Four Brothers, All Aggies, Wear The Uniform of the United States Army

Aggie Is Graduated From Carlsbad Air Field, Bombardier

Unique among schools of the Army Air Forces is the navigation school at the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Included among the graduates was Second Lieutenant John D. McDonald, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McDonald of 1410 N. Queen St., Palestine, Texas.

Lt. McDonald recently received his bombardier wings upon graduation from the Albuquerque, New Mexico Bombardier School.

All students at the Carlsbad school—the only one of its kind—are commissioned bombardiers who came to Carlsbad to receive a special intensive course in "dead reckoning" navigation. With this additional training they are able to direct a plane to its objective and also drop the bombs on the precise spot most beneficial to the United Nation's war effort.

The rugged course of study includes athletics, military hygiene, first aid, and military drill, besides academic courses in meteorology, vectors, aircraft instruments, map reading, and map projections. Theoretical problems are worked out in the class, followed by practice bombing missions where the theory is put to the test of actual flying conditions.

Lt. McDonald is a former student of A. & M. College.

New Sighting Development Adjusts The Sights on Garand Rifle Without Shots

Precision sighting of Garand semiautomatic rifles in quantity production for the U. S. Armed Forces can now be done with mirrors and without firing a shot through the use of a new equipment developed by the General Electric Company.

Officially known as an "Optical Rifle Sighting Gage," the equipment will save up to 13 rounds of ammunition formerly used in sighting each gun, and will permit a girl to do the job in less than two minutes per rifle, about half the time it took two men by the old method. Moreover, the optical equipment requires less room than the average domestic kitchen, whereas sighting by firing requires a 100-yard rifle range.

When sighted by the optical gage, all the rifle "fires" is a light ray at a mirrored target approximately six feet in front of it. The ray is caught by another mirror on the gage equipment at the operator's eye level, and thrown onto

Radio "Hams" To Meet Wednesday Near Dorm 1 and 2

A general get-together of all hams stationed at College Station, whether in the Radio Operators, Radio Materials, or other schools here on the campus, will be held Wednesday, June 16th, at 1900 between Dorms 1 and 2. A picture of the group is to be taken for the American Radio Relay League's Magazine "QST."

A ham is a slightly eccentric individual who sits up all night redesigning and rebuilding his set and transmitter, commonly called his "rig," and spends all day rearranging his antenna, only to talk to somebody a thousand miles away for a few minutes.

The record of the hams of the nation during emergency communication situations that result from disrupted transmission facilities due to floods, earthquakes, sleet storms, and blizzards have saved thousands of dollars and very likely hundreds of lives. A large majority of the eighty thousand hams throughout the United States are now engaged in radio or electrical work, either in the armed forces or on the home front in defense plants, radio schools and other war industries.

a ground glass screen in the image of a cross. Superimposing this image upon another cross on the ground glass correctly positions the rifle, and the gun is then sighted by adjusting its rear sight so that its shadow, magnified 25 times on the screen of a projector directly above it, is in the same relative position as the shadow of the front sight, similarly magnified on another projector above it.

The idea of the optical sighting gage was conceived by N. F. Barnes and K. R. Geiser of General Electric's general engineering laboratory. Mr. Barnes worked out the optics of the equipment, and C. B. Sitterson, another member of the laboratory, handled the mechanical engineering for its development. The equipment was designed by William Fears, also of the G-E laboratory. Although the optical sighting gage was built specifically for the Garand rifle,

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College Heads Are In Favor of Heavy Sports Program

What contribution do sports make to the war effort?

By an overwhelming majority, presidents, athletic directors and coaches of Texas colleges say it's plenty, and not just because of physical development.

Many Answers
 Answering a questionnaire they set forth many benefits and here are some of them:

1. Furnish leadership and initiative.
2. Agility, coordination and quick-thinking—military necessities.
3. Necessary for morale of workers at home; help relieve the tension for soldiers and sailors who follow their favorite sports via newspaper and radio.
4. Engender the competitive spirit, a powerful factor in winning a war.
5. Help overcome the restless spirit so prevalent in wartime.

There were some who did not think sports make a contribution to the war effort. For instance H. W. Stillwell, president of Texarkana Junior college, while favoring a strong program of physical training, through intercollegiate and interscholastic sports not only make no contribution but actually detract. President L. W. Hartsfield of Hillsboro Junior college marked "none" on his questionnaire.

Hartsfield added that he could see little reason for continuing intercollegiate athletics under the present emergency. "It seems out of line to attempt this part of the program in the face of the numerous restrictions which have been placed upon travel," he wrote. "Undoubtedly, this is a violation of the spirit of the ODT program."

The strongest recommendation in favor of sports as a contribution came from Morley Jennings, athletic director of Texas Tech. Jennings said:

"I would dread to think of the physical condition of our youths had it not been for our competitive sports programs in universities, colleges and high schools. Although it is true that only the good athletes can make the teams, the achievements of individual athletes and teams have inspired American youth of all ages to emulate and copy, thus giving a tremendous, unplanned impetus for their physical development which has not been universally acknowledged. Of all the groups, the athletes are, with few exceptions, the first to enter the armed forces and a large majority are officers and leaders. Their competitive experience has been invaluable in the present crisis."

John E. Gray, president of Lamar college (Beaumont), said he thought sports contributed in giving

Rehabilitation Work In Tunisia Already Under Way With OFRRO Aiding Military

The Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations announced today that its operations in Tunisia now have been centralized at field mission headquarters in the city of Tunis.

Members of the OFRRO field mission, assisting the military detachment which has primary responsibility for relief during the initial stages of liberation, moved into major cities of Tunisia immediately after cessation of military operations. Distribution of food and clothing to civilian populations of Tunisia was begun in such centers as Sousse, Sfax, and Gabes even before the final Allied victory in Tunisia.

Fred H. Hoehler, Chief of Mission for OFRRO in North Africa, appointed E. Reesman Fryer to take charge of Tunisian operations. Fryer is assisted by a civilian staff of 10 OFRRO field workers, additional personnel assigned by the military, and national personnel assigned by the local French

To Be Held On Grass Beside Walton Hall

Thursday night there will be yell practice on the grass between Walton Hall and the Hospital. It will start at 6:30 and break up at 6:55 in time for everyone to get in for Call to Quarters.

John Thomas, James Landers, Billy Terrell, and Ben Fortson have been appointed to serve in the capacity as yell leaders for this first in a series of yell practices to be held this semester. Later on there will be an election to determine the permanent leaders.

Dobie To Speak To College Professors At Banquet June 22

J. Frank Dobie, well known author and lecturer, has accepted an invitation to address the annual banquet meeting of the A. & M. Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. This meeting is to be held on Tuesday evening, June 22, and as in the past, will be open to the public.

Dobie has gained wide fame as a result of his work in the field of Texas and Southwestern folklore. He has edited the publications of the Southwestern Folklore Society for many years and is the author of a number of books. Best known among his books are "A Vaquero of the Brush Country," "Yaqui Gold and Apache Silver" and "The Longhorns."

The AAUP always makes an effort to obtain a distinguished speaker for the annual banquet. In past years they have brought to the campus the presidents of the University of Texas, Rice Institute, Texas College of Arts and Industries, and the Director of the Hogg Foundation, as well as other well known Texans.

The public is invited to join in the welcome to Prof. Dobie. A good time will be had by all.

Horse and Buggy Era Returns To Campus

When President Erb of the University of Oregon took decisive gasoline-saving action, and banned the use of automobiles, students resorted to old-fashioned transportation methods. Farmers, it is reported, are swamped with requests for the use of horse-and-buggy, and now the borrowers gaily drive about town in Victorian style.

Methodists of State Raise Money For Church At A. & M.

Sunday has been designated as A. and M. Church Day" in Methodist churches throughout Texas when pastors will present to their congregations the need for adequate church facilities for Methodist boys at Texas A. and M. College.

The proposed plant will have a church auditorium, of cathedral type, with a seating capacity of 850. In addition there will be a social center, an educational unit, and provision is being made to house four boys from the Methodist home at Waco while attending the college. Total cost of the structure will be about \$125,000.

Bishop Frank A. Smith, Houston, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Dallas, will lead the campaign. Dr. Glenn Flinn, executive secretary of the Texas Wesleyan Foundation, is state director, and will be assisted by a committee in each of the five Texas conferences of the Methodist church. The Fort Worth area committee includes Rev. W. W. Ward, pastor of Polytechnic Church, chairman; Rev. Warren Johnston, First Church; Rev. L. Bowman Craven, Boulevard Church; Mel Faulk, and Judge John Speer.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Preliminary reports from the field indicate that plans for distribution of essential supplies to distressed civilians in Tunisia were executed close on the heels of Allied military operations in that area. While Gordon was cooperating with military authorities of the British and United States armies in Southern Tunisia and

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