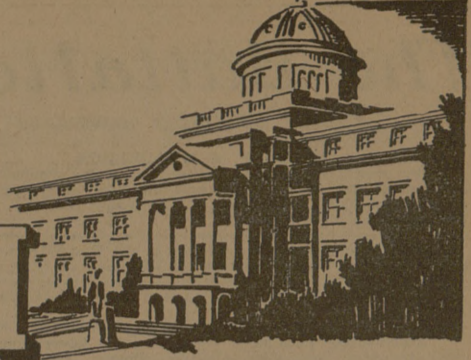


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Review of Cadet Corps To Be Wednesday Afternoon

Stage Show This Week End at Guion Hall Theatre

Magicians Perform For Servicemen

Scheetz and Company will be the stage attraction this week-end on the Guion Hall theatre according to announcement made this morning by the Guion Hall management. This stage company presents magic illusions and are considered leaders in their type of entertainment. In presenting their performance they will use three people of their own company as well as volunteers from the audience, and more than a ton of equipment.

This stage attraction will be presented in addition to the regular screen shows scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday screen attraction is a double-feature including "One Dangerous Night" with Warren Williams and "Night Monster" featuring Bell Lugosi.

The stage show will be presented four times daily during its engagement here; with two shows for each matinee and two for each evening performance.

Although most of the Aggies will be away on mid-semester holidays during the next week-end, a good attendance is expected from the servicemen and the military and naval complement stationed on the campus.



Streetman Receives "Wing of Gold"

Newton V. Streetman, Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Streetman of Grapeland, won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve this week following completion of the prescribed flight training course at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., the "Annapolis of the Air."

Prior to entering the Naval Service, Streetman attended A. and M. College of Texas for two years.

Having been designated a Naval Aviator, Ensign Streetman will go on active duty at one of the Navy's air operational training centers, before being assigned to a combat zone.

Pictured above are shots of reviews held on the campus in former days, as the sophomore, junior is a picture of the review held for Universal Pictures last fall. Notice Reville trotting in front of the reviewing stand. The other shot was taken about five years ago and shows the Corps marching along Military Walk.

Progress Being Made On New Paving At North Gate

Road Finished In Two Weeks; To Cost \$107,000

Rapid progress is being made by the Austin Company in the paving of the street on the north side of the campus. This work was started a little over a week ago and was delayed several days by rain, but in spite of this fact, the paving of the north side of the boulevard is progressing rapidly with the equivalent of nearly three blocks being completed.

A part of this road is being built on college property, it was stated, and will be connected later to the road from Bryan. The double paving will extend from highway 6 to the north gate, with single pavement for two blocks, west from the north gate. A new surface will be applied to the street from the end of the paving to the corner where the U. S. Government Department of Agriculture building is located.

The contract calls for paving all the road from the North Gate to the Houston highway and the road to Bryan from the city limits.

The new road will cost 107,000 and will be finished within the next two weeks provided weather con-

ditions permit continuous work.

The manager of the project is Tyree Bell, class of '13, who was a football player on the A. & M. team during his school days here.

New Clary at Shaw's House

Hollywood.—A seven-pound boy, who will be called Stephen, was born June 30 to Mrs. Artie Shaw, the former Elizabeth Jane Kern, daughter of Jerome Kern, the composer. The baby's dad is touring the south Pacific with his navy band.

Dean's Team Just Around The Corner

Mid summer holidays come next weekend but with them also comes the Dean's Team. The Registrar's office begins the list as soon as grades are posted next Friday at noon. For some of the Frogs who don't know what the dean's team is, it is composed of deficient students whose only aim in life is to do or die for ten hours and ten grade points. So go home and enjoy life this week end; next week maybe you can't.

Willis Reports For Service In Army

Second Lieutenant James G. Willis, Jr., son of J. G. Willis, Sr., Allen Academy, Bryan, Texas, has reported to the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico, where he will be a student in the Air Forces Central Instructors School for Bombardiers.

Lt. Willis is regularly stationed at the Midland, Texas Bombardier School, where he is a bombardier.

The Central Instructors School combines "refresher" courses in basic bombardiering with new techniques worked out in various commands. Officers back from combat contribute their experiences. Students in the school return to their home stations to give cadet classes the benefit of their course at CBIS.

He is a former student of Texas A. & M. College, College Station, Texas.

His wife is the former Alice Joyce DeArman, 2731 Barbara Lane, Houston, Texas.

Sicilians Ignore War, Carry on With Plowing

AGRIGENTO, Sicily.—The war might have been 1,000 miles away, instead of only 1,000 yards, as far as many Sicilian peasants were concerned during the fierce artillery duel preceding the fall of Agrigento Friday to the Americans.

While guns roared in the nearby orchards, yoked mules continued to move deliberately in the fields, girls walked to the wells with earthen pitchers on their heads, and two peasants were seen haggling with an American sergeant who requisitioned their mules.

Horsemanship Show Presented on Wednesdays for All

The polo grounds is the scene of expert horsemanship every Wednesday evening at 6:30 since Col. Perkins and Lt. Behrens conceived the idea that such a show would be ideal for an early evening entertainment. Twenty to twenty-five men were on hand last Wednesday to give the visitors a show that was up to par in every respect.

Wednesday's riders included, besides Col. Perkins and Lt. Behrens, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Behrens, Lt. Morgan, Major Apple, and the 12-year old daughter of Col. and Mrs. Perkins Gertrude. Mrs. Behrens has the technique of riding side-saddle down pat, and it does a person good just to watch her. Gertrude is also a great hand at putting a horse through its paces.

A few visitors were on hand at the last show, including Dean R. P. Marsteller of the School of Veterinary Medicine, which is put on for the fun that everyone gets out of, but it is the urgent wish of the riders that there be more there this next Wednesday. The polo grounds are located about 100 yards from the North Gate-Houston highway, so it is easy to walk out after mess on Wednesday. Everyone, College Station residents Aggies, Service Men, and others are given a special invitation to be on hand next Wednesday at 6:30.

Intramural Meets Start Next Week

Next week tournaments will be posted on the bulletin board in the gymnasium. Only one week will be given for each round to be finished. The intramural meet will be on August 7 and 8, with preliminaries on the seventh and finals on the eighth. Volley ball has already begun; entries have already been turned in and leagues will be started as soon as it can be fitted into the regular curriculum. Watch bulletin boards in dorms and gymnasium for times of meets and further information.

Typhus Fever Is Noted In State

AUSTIN—Reports coming into the State Health Department indicate the presence of Typhus Fever in almost all sections of the State without any particular apparent regard to city or rural population according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

In urging full cooperation from all communities in a campaign to exterminate rats and thus control the possible increasing incidence of Typhus Dr. Cox said, "It must be kept in mind that the rat acts as reservoir of the Typhus germ, and the rat flea is the means by which Typhus is transmitted to man. Rats are known to travel many miles from one community to another, and it is therefore obvious," Dr. Cox said, "that it will be necessary to conduct a vigorous rat extermination program over the entire State."

Dr. Cox recommends a four point extermination program in addition to the already widely used poisoning campaign which he asserts will assure more than temporary Typhus control. This program includes making all food stuff inaccessible to rats through proper garbage storage, collection and disposal; rat proofing homes, business and public places; keeping at least two traps set and baited in every home which is not rat-proof and proper educational measures.

In discussing the educational measures, Dr. Cox pointed out that since the Typhus Fever Rat is known to inhabit practically every section of the State it will necessarily take state-wide cooperation to exterminate the pest. In order to do this the public must be come adequately acquainted with the habits of the rat and the various effective control measures that may be applied.

Dr. Cox stated that the State Department of Health has available motion picture films on this subject and that the Department has also issued a bulletin outlining rodent control measures. "This bulletin will be mailed free upon request," Dr. Cox said, "and the films may be had for public showing upon application through local health units."

Marines Write Bloody Page of History Of War in South Pacific Invasion

WITH AMERICAN Invasion Forces in New Georgia.—United States Marines borrowed a page from the bloody Japanese notebook marked "Singapore" to capture strategic Viru Harbor.

The Marines sprang a rear attack on Japanese troops around the harbor area after four days of a circuitous, slogging march through the jungles to reach their objective.

Then screaming Leathernecks drove undermined numbers of the enemy off a 130-foot cliff into the sea.

That's how they made the harbor safe for the New Georgia invasion.

In many respects, Uncle Sam's fighters wrote perhaps the most spectacular page in the history of the South Pacific theater.

The captain leading the Marine force admitted that he never knew the difficulties he had to overcome until he attempted the coup.

Spearheaded Week Early. He also disclosed the Marines spearheaded the direct invasion of New Georgia by landing at Segi June 20 and remaining inactive until the full central Solomons of-

fensive got under way a week later.

They were charged with the responsibility of the attack on Viru Harbor from the rear and by this move surprised the defending Japanese, who were prepared for a frontal attack.

The surprise attack—copying the method by which the Japanese overwhelmed Singapore—came after the Marines had made a slogging, weary, heartbreaking jungle trip.

Yelling, screaming and shouting the Marine battalions, like blood-thirsty wild men, the Marines sent the Japanese fleeing into the jungle.

Harassed by Snipers. During the thirty-mile trek they made preceding the attack, the Leathernecks were harassed by snipers, and occasionally ran into machine gun nests, which they wiped out in short order.

But the Americans, prepared by rigorous training, lived on their D ration of solid chocolate, much of the time without water. But Marine-like, they utilized roots and licked the leaves of non-poisonous bushes.

Sergt. Howard Biggerstaff, com-

bat correspondent from Cincinnati, Ohio, described the torturous trip.

"Our two companies left the night of June 27 in rubber boats for a native village north of our landing point and we reached there four and a half hours later.

"Early the next morning the hike began. During the first day a group of from twenty to forty Japs began hitting our rear and we dispatched a detachment to take care of them. We killed eighteen of their men.

"The last platoon of our column charged up a hill in face of machine-gun fire, throwing grenades and routing nests.

"One kid was shot in the right knee during the fracas. He stumbled, fell sideways, breaking his right ankle. But in spite of intense pain, he insisted on continuing. We bandaged his knee and ankle and he kept going for three more days with the help of a couple of native guides and participated in the final assault.

"We constantly fought off Jap snipers during July 29 and 30.

(We were scheduled to reach Viru the 13th, but constant fighting. (See MARINES, Page 4)

Event to be Held on the Old Drill Field at 7:00 P. M.

A Temporary Cadet Colonel Will Be Appointed To Direct First Review

Tomorrow night at 7:00 there will be a review of the entire Aggie Corps on the old drill field West of Goodwin Hall.

The Corps will fall out in formation corresponding to the present dormitory order. This is, 1st Company, 2nd Company, etc. First call will be sounded promptly at 7:00 and Assembly will be blown at 7:05.

The Corps Band under the direction of Richard J. Dunn, will play for the review as has been the custom for many years.

According to Major Joe E. Davis, Assistant Commandant, these reviews will be held more frequently in the near future. Some plans are being made for the selection of a "Color Battalion" at the next review. This selection will be made on the basis of drilling and performance of the Battalions on the drill field and elsewhere.

A temporary Cadet Colonel will be selected to have charge of this first review. An Adjutant will also be designated.

The main purpose of these reviews is to acquaint those who have never experienced one before with the manner in which they are carried on. They will be considered as only practice reviews until further notice.

Everyone not participating in the review is invited to attend. This includes all the men in the various training groups stationed here as well as all civilians who are interested.

This will be the first review many of the new freshmen have participated in and only the second for many of the old freshmen. Everyone is asked to do his best and make this one of the best reviews ever.

Work Continues on Water Mains; Signal Arranged for Users

Citizens of College Station are again reminded that work is being done on the water mains from time to time and that it will be necessary for the water to be turned off at certain times to facilitate this work.

A signal has been arranged, according to city officials, whereby users of water will be forewarned that the water will be off so they can get water for emergency uses. The water will be turned off for 20 minutes the city officials explained and at the end of that period it will be turned back on for ten minutes to give residents time to draw a supply of water for emergency purposes. At the end of the ten minute period, the water will be turned off again and the repairs effected. Complete service will be restored as soon as possible it was explained.

The repairs will not effect the campus, it was stated, but only the residential and business districts of the college not located on the campus or college property.

Bumper Baby Crop Overtakes Hospitals

HOUSTON.—A bumper crop of babies has put a premium on service at Houston hospitals so new mothers whose cases are uncomplicated will be permitted only five days' hospital stay, the Houston Hospital Council announced.

The usual increase in childbirths from July to March is greater than ever this year, hospital officials said.

Hike to Harry

New York.—Two Canadian soldiers spent 48 hours of their short furlough hitch-hiking from a distant post in Canada to Hotel Astor to hear Harry James. After two hours or so of digging The Horn, they started the trek back to Canada. One skeptic asked them, as they departed, if it had been worth it. They said, unequivocally, "Yes."

Japan's beloved Italy is an extremely grave situation Tokyo observes. Beloved Italy is also besieged and bewildered.

Battalion Won't Be Published During Coming Holidays

According to announcement made by the Student Publications office the Battalion will not be published during the mid-semester holidays. The paper issued next Thursday morning will be the last issue of the Battalion until after the holidays, it was explained.

The next paper will bear the date of Thursday, July 22, and the next issue will bear the date of Thursday, July 29. The publication dates of July 24 and 27 will be missed, inasmuch as a large portion of the Aggies will leave the campus for the holidays for trips to their homes or to nearby cities.

The mid-semester holidays will begin at noon on Friday and will continue until mid-night Monday. The holiday includes Aggie students and members of the faculty and staff, College personnel and clerical workers, except where there is an overlapping in the teaching staff of the various branches of service stationed on the campus.

Grable Puts Up Defense for Girls Who Wear Glasses

HOLLYWOOD.—Betty Grable has registered a protest in behalf of girls who wear glasses.

Contrary to the famous couplet of Dorothy Parker, in which she held all spectacle-wearing girls up as wallflowers, Betty says there are plenty pretty girls who wear glasses. She told her director, Bruce Humberstone, who is to make her Pin Up Girl film, that "hundreds of thousands of beautiful girls wear glasses and I know they won't appreciate it a bit if they see Grable, supposedly trying to make herself look drab, using glasses as part of the effect."