

# ACTD NEWS

## Hedge Hopping Squadron IV

Tonight, after thinking back on the short past of Squadron IV, I'm wondering what is in store for us. It seems as if we just arrived here in the Detachment ourselves. Then, too, after finishing the first part of our academic work, in other words School A, so fast we hardly realize where the time has gone. Now we are well on our way in School B.

Oh yes; Mister Harlan W. Sloan is the proud father of a seven pound baby girl, born Friday 20, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. One of the Beavers happened to hear him say, "Any man can have a boy, but it takes a good man with nerve and gumption to have a girl." Maybe some of the other Beaver fathers don't agree with him, but we shall see.

Autumn as Spring, often catches a man napping as it did one of our Flight Lt.'s in a Physics examination. Upon receiving his examination paper the Flight Lt. gazed at it with disgust in his eyes, for to him it was all Greek. And not understanding Greek the Flight Lt. wrote, "Only Good would know the answers to this," and with a look of satisfaction in his eyes he turned the paper in. Upon receiving the paper back for his grade, the professor for his reply wrote, "I'm not God but I know the answers." Three guesses as to who this Beaver is.

The boys of Squadron IV place themselves among the top in Physical training, because of hard work. For instance, one Beaver has developed himself to do 200 sit-ups. Let's keep up the good work.

## RUDDER DUST

By A/S W. D. West

Sunday, I was very fortunate in being able to spend the whole day with my family and cousin. Just how they made it over here on the three gallon ration on gasoline, is a mystery managed only by my father, but the thing that I consider the most prominent during the day, and the thing that I shall write of here, is the candid movies that we took out Sunday.

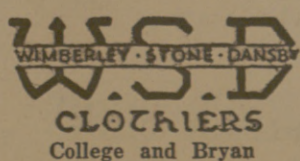
It wasn't the pictures themselves so much as it was when I started to address the film packet, that I thought about my text for tonight. The Kodak Company was kind enough to give me five cities in the States and nine in foreign countries in which to send my film to be processed. Among those listed in foreign countries was one in Berlin, Germany. It gave the full address and I could send the film there, but it was what I imagined would happen was what amused me. Here is how it would happen.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 24. — Reports came out of Berlin yesterday that held claims that the American people are slowly cracking up as a result of the war. Hitler himself was called from the Italian front to see the films they base their claims on (those are my films.) After seeing the film,

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## Spotlight on Sports

By A/S W. D. West

Sport activities among the various Squadrons continues to thrive on in high pitch despite the fact that we at the present have only Squadrons 3 and 4 on the active list, lucky Squadron 2 at this time being on leave.

The strong touch football team of Squadron 3 continues to make fine showings at the recent practice sessions. Mr. McKinnon has at his disposal the services of quite a few experienced gridiron stars. The boys hope to soon shape up, a team capable of providing rugged opposition to any and all comers.

Squadron 3's giant slaying volleyball team after recent wins over Squadron 4 and 2 is not letting up on their sweat sessions. Mr. Clauser in charge of the squad says, and they are ready to challenge the best on the campus.

The Detachment All-Stars, after the impressive win over Bryan Field Guard Squadron last week are out looking for new pastures. The All-Stars boast a strong and aggressive club and would consider a challenge from any other team on the campus. Mr. Martin who is in charge of the group feels as though the boys are capable of holding up its reputation among the toughest of opposition. (A note to any of the might-be-challengers—these boys are plenty rugged to get a toe-hold on.)

In an interview with Lt. Segrest Sunday evening I learned the following bits of news, which holds much interest for us all. The Physical Training program has had a change in the time schedule. The program has been changed so all men, excepting those on flying duty, can take their P.T. classes at the same hour in the afternoon. This affords a grand opportunity for inter-squadron competition.

All non-swimmers will be given special additional instruction so they will be effective swimmers by the time they leave this command. In the near future competition in various types of sports will be introduced among the other services here on the A. & M. campus.

Hitler had them reproduced and sent to all major fronts to show the Nazi soldiers that America is finally cracked. The film shows an American soldier doing all sorts of peculiar motions (that was my rendition of the Lindy Hop) before the camera and boys pushing girls off of benches (that was my brother and sister in a little slapstick). Also there was positive proof that Germany's war of nerves was at last taking effect. The people in the film kept coming from a distance and walking past the camera. A sign of ragged nerves. (That was the only way I could get action in the pictures). In short, the German radio said, "We should be in Washington by next spring (where have I heard that before?)

Perhaps this is a long stretch of the imagination, but, the address is Kodak, Aktiengesellschaft, Friedrichshagenstr. No. 9, Berlin - Kopenick, Germany. But don't any one write, you might destroy Germa-American relations, and we wouldn't like that, would we?

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## Fair Cotton Prices Assured Farmers

COLLEGE STATION—Fair prices for their cotton is assured Texas farmers under this year's cotton loan program.

Based on ninety-percent of parity price as of August 1, 1943, the beginning of the marketing year, the average basic loan rate for Texas approximates 19.90 cents per pound but will vary in different parts of the state because of distance from warehouses to mills. Under the 1942 program, the average loan rate was 17.92 cents per pound.

As in previous years, the loan rate will be on the net weight of cotton. Premiums and discounts for grade and staple will be calculated in relation to the loan rate on 15/16 middling cotton.

Citing difference in the basic loan rate for key cotton points in the state, P. C. Colgin, commodity loan specialist for the AAA in Texas, said the price varied from 19.75 cents per pound in El Paso to 19.96 cents per pound in Galveston and to 19.96 in Jacksonville.

Other leading points and the rates on a per pound basis include Abilene, 19.89; Big Spring, 19.84; Corpus Christi, 19.78; Greenville,

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## OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

The Commanding Officer desires to congratulate the news staff on the fine service and quality they have produced.

The Commanding Officer takes great pleasure in the spirit of eagerness and loyalty which makes the students of this command outstanding. The Student Officers have performed their duties in a soldierly and dutiful manner, which reflects honor and praise upon themselves and their respective commands. The Commanding Officer is very proud of this command.

## Bonds Away

By A/S Jack E. Shaw

We call them War Bonds and Stamps, but they are far more than that. Every time an American citizen buys a bond or a stamp he is reaffirming the idea on which this government was founded.

He is not only putting his hand to the business of winning the war, he is also taking his stand in the great company of those who value the right to be free, in a free world above all things.

The Chinese, fighting tanks and planes for five years with practically his bare hands, scorches his own earth, so values it. The Russian, driven to the gates of Moscow and driving back himself over the blackened land to his raped village, so values it. The man in the London street, in the ruined streets of the cities of England, left alone against the world invader, so values it.

Too many of us listened for too long to the false prophets who tried to tell us that we could reckon liberty in dividends and dollars, that the right to be free was our own personal possession, that America had a patent on it. But that vast silent army—the people of Greece and Yugoslavia and Poland, of Holland and Norway and Denmark, of Belgium and Czechoslovakia, the stifled people of France—have learned that freedom can't be patented, it has no trade mark, it can't be carved out of stone and set up in a public park to be shown once to our children and then left to the weather.

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19.96; Harlingen, 19.84; Vernon, 19.91; Waco, 19.91; and Lubbock, 19.84.

Loans will be made directly by the Commodity Credit Corporation or through lending agencies, principally banks, approved by the Corporation. Also in effect for the second year are farm storage provisions which apply to all cotton counties.

Producers' notes will bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum and will mature July 1, 1944, but will be callable on demand. Loans will be available until May 1, 1944.

According to state AAA records, Texas has approximately 333,000 cotton farms, the majority of which are expected to participate in this year's loan program.

## Production of Many Metal Goods Stopped For War

COLLEGE STATION—Lately the government has recognized the value of baking pans, ice picks, flour sieves, carpet sweepers and other household items, and civilians soon should be able to obtain a few of these tools from their dealers. Production of these items,

## Aero Antics

By Martin E. Ismert, Jr.

The first transparent plastic nose on a bomber was installed on the Glenn L. Martin M-B-2, in 1921.

The real names for the following nicknamed RAF planes—"Daffy," "Lizzie," "Spit," and "Maggie" are the Defiant, Lysander, Spitfire, and Miles Magister, respectively.

## Physical Fitness

Physical condition cannot be overemphasized. A tired, exhausted, or poorly conditioned flyer is cold meat for a well conditioned adversary. Top physical condition will not just come of itself. It must be cultivated. Proper exercise, adequate rest between flights will pay the biggest dividends. Sound physical condition will contribute to a high morale, instill eagerness to get on with arduous tasks, insure the successful operation of the unit.

The highly popular Canadian Advanced Trainer is the North American "Harvard," similar to the U. S. Navy and Army "Texan."

The new Brewster SB2A is produced for the U. S. Navy as the "Buccaneer" and the RAF as the "Berkuda."

Did you know that the P-38 can climb at the rate of 5000 feet per minute, has full maneuverability on one engine, has a top speed of over 400 miles an hour and lands at a speed of 80 miles an hour?

Just in case you are interested—the Air Corps insignia on an officer's shirt collar is worn on his left side.

The four forces which act on an airplane in flight are—pull, lift, drag and thrust. . . . The Army Air Force's heaviest single engine fighter plane is the P-47. . . . Army Emergency Relief is available to all members of the Army and their dependents. . . . the step of a Major's oak leaf insignia points properly away from his neck. . . . a peashooter is the name often given to a fighter plane of the Armed Forces. . . . the Astral hatch of a plane is commonly used by the Navigator.

## Victory by Plane

Air transport can and is shortening the war, not by one day but by many months and perhaps by years.

It is no military secret to recognize that our victory at Guadalcanal depended entirely upon a relatively few aircraft built for and used by the airlines. The money spent by our government and by industry for that type of aircraft is a paltry sum to pay for our success in stopping the advance of a fanatical foe whose grip had almost closed upon our last tenuous lifeline across the Pacific. Without those aircraft, the Japanese aggressor would today have completely severed our nation from the Australian bastion.

plus jar wrenches, metal pot scourers, and workers lunch boxes previously had been stopped.

There are a few other items for which additional metal is being made available. These include meat grinder, can openers, and vacuum bottles, says Louise Bryant, specialist in home management for the A. and M. College Extension Service. The biggest increase will be in war workers' lunch pails.

Replacement cord sets for electric irons now are to be produced in small quantity. The cords will be only six feet long and they will be made so they can be taken apart and repaired easily.

Dairy farmers can expect continued rationing of milk cans during 1944, Miss Bryant says. State quotas are to be used upon gross sales in each state during 1941 and 1942.

A new wrinkle in the manufacture and sale of kitchen cutlery, scissors and shears also has been announced. Miss Bryant says there will be no more boxed sets. The consumer will buy only the piece or pieces he really needs. Only two types of scissors and shears will be manufactured, but they will fill a real need, according to the specialist.

Urging rural homemakers to care for the household equipment they already have, Miss Bryant emphasized the government's request for bottle salvage. Empty milk, ginger ale, and pop bottles usually are good for 30 round trips and if they are located and returned to dealer civilian supplies will be more abundant.

## Circling the Field

Squadron III

By the time that this column appears in print Squadron Three will have finished their first day of flying. For many it was a new experience although the Squadron has quite a few experienced flyers. We may safely say that all the men have a considerable amount of "bunk" time to their credit.

After a hurried trip to the heart of the South, A/S Kenneth L. Nix still insists that Georgia is the home of the most beautiful girls. And, Yankees, that includes all those States north of the Mason-Dixon Line too.

## We Wonder

What Mr. Rodeman was doing Saturday P. M. around 7:30. Was it good???

What the future "chant" will be during "call to quarters" since Physics will be dormant for awhile?

Where Mr. Marengo obtained the beautiful red officer's hat and what's the meaning of the words "Chair Car" printed on the front of it.

Mr. McCook, the generous Philanthropist of Bizzell Hall, supplied the whole Squadron with gum the other morning. What we can't understand is why he is not on speaking terms with Mr. McCloud at present?

The boys of flight 26 gave a very fitting farewell to their Physics instructor last Saturday morning. As the men filed into the room each one presented Mr. Adams with a cigar and then stood in front of his chair. When all were present Mr. Lombardo led the men in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Mr. Adams then made a short speech thanking the men and wishing them the best of luck in the future. All in all we don't believe there was a more studious flight in all of Texas A. & M. last Saturday morning.

## Wing News

We were al glad to welcome the new Squadron V in last night, in spirit at least, even if we couldn't be there physically. This was the first Squadron in the history of the Detachment to arrive by bus. I am sure that they all enjoyed their first meal here at Texas A. & M., and it won't be long until they find out the splendid life the men of this Detachment lead and live here. A hearty welcome is extended especially by the officers of this command and by the Physical Training Instructors. The men of Squadron V will soon and frequently be enjoying the beautiful scenery of surrounding Texas territory, from a double time gait during their P.T. classes.

We wish our "baby" Squadron the best of luck and know they will live up to the splendid reputation of their predecessors.

## Rodent Control Is Effective Means To Save Much Food

COLLEGE STATION—Rodent control is an effective means of saving substantial amounts of food and feed yearly in Texas, according to R. B. Hickerson. He is the district field assistant of the state Rodent Control Service working in cooperation with the A. and M. College Extension Service.

Wild creatures which feed upon field crops include gophers, rats and jack rabbits. In the same category are coyotes and mountain lions which harm poultry and livestock. Destruction of these animals reduces the amount of grain, peanuts, rice and other food and feed they steal yearly, and at the same time makes more pastures for livestock.

Listing some results of control work, Hickerson says that in 1936 forty sections of the Means ranch near Valentine was practically worthless for grazing because of prairie dog infestation. An intensive control campaign resulted in an estimated 99 per cent kill. Clean up was conducted in 1938, 1939 and 1940. A check in January of this year showed less than 10 acres infested. Hickerson says that the ranch now carries 1,000 more cattle and 4,000 more sheep than was possible prior to the control campaign.

Illustrating the depredations of pocket gophers, Hickerson says that Chester Latham, county com-

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Watch Dog of the Aggies

## Attention Seniors and Faculty

Due to the conservation program now being carried on because of war conditions, the freshman class takes this opportunity to invite the military staff and the faculty of the college to attend the Freshman Ball which will be held in the Grove from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., on Friday, August 27.

In accordance with the old Aggie tradition, the Freshman class also invites the Senior class to the Freshman Ball.

## Lighter Yarn To Be Used In Hose

COLLEGE STATION—Women who have been complaining about the heaviness and thickness of rayon hose have been offered a ray of hope.

The Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics in Washington has announced that greater quantities of full-fashioned, moderately fine rayon hose are to be produced this fall. Since April when the original order for rayon hosiery was issued, only heavy yarns have been made into 39-gauge stockings. . . . But now lighter yarns will be used in 39-gauge hose.

Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, clothing specialist for the A. and M. College Extension Service, explains that gauge refers to the number of stitches to one and one-half inches of knit fabric. The higher the gauge, the finer the stocking.

She adds that if any rayon stockings are knit of acetate rayon, they may be one and a half inches longer than those made from other types of rayon yarn. That is because acetate rayon does not stretch as much as the other kinds. That will make the acetate rayon stockings 30 and one-half inches in length in comparison with the average 29 inch length.

News about socks is that they will be limited to seven colors. And henceforth, the length of the sock will depend upon foot size. For instance, a foot size 8 will have a leg measuring seven inches. This information should be of special interest to farm women and girls who now wear socks far more than in former years.

missioner of Marion County, estimates he lost 500 bushels of his 1942 peanut crop to these rodents. A bushel of peanuts was found in one gopher store room. But before planting his 1943 crop, Latham treated the area with poisoned maize for control of the pest.

Coyotes were responsible for the loss of 100 sheep and 85 hens and turkeys in Jim Wells County this year. Hunters employed by

## WFA To Inspect Housing Conditions

COLLEGE STATION—Representatives of the Office of Labor, War Food Administration, are expected to inspect housing facilities in Colorado, Brazoria, and Galveston counties in preparation for the expected employment of Mexican nationals in the rice harvest, the Texas Extension Service has been advised.

WFA labor representatives and spokesman for the Rice Growers Association met last week to discuss plans for obtaining, distributing and housing the workers. No Mexican nationals can be recruited in Mexico until the WFA has approved housing facilities and contracts have been signed by the growers.

The Extension Service was advised by Washington the first week in August that Mexican nationals could be moved into Texas. Prior to August 7, the Mexican government had not agreed for nationals to come into the state because of alleged discriminations.

While no indication has been given of the number of Mexican workers which may be obtained, C. Hohn, assistant state agent for the Extension Service, says rice growers have requested about 3,500. The rice growing area now is considered the most critical section in the state with regard to farm labor.

The War Manpower Commission already has certified need for 850 Mexican workers to the Farm Labor Office of WFA. That means these imported laborers will not compete with farm labor already available. Certification of approximately 2,000 Mexican nationals for this area is believed likely.

the county have taken 101 bobcats and 661 coyotes in the past 12 months, Hickerson says. A male mountain lion weighing 151 pounds caught by dogs in southern Kinney County is credited with destroying 150 sheep and goats estimated worth 900.

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