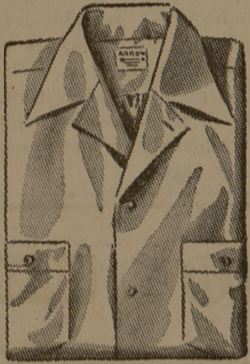


Trimming Tabs Squadron I

Brother students, the time has finally come to publicly congratulate our new and seemingly capable Student Officers. It is a well known fact that competition, both in quality and quantity, has been rather high of late but now it is felt sure that all concerned will settle down and cooperate to the fullest extent especially in view of the fast closing gap remaining between coming classes and our comparatively "free" days at present.

Speaking of the present, the highly informative variety of lectures being currently enjoyed have also brought, quite unintentionally, some fine talent to light in the form of pianists—sweet, mellow and boogie-woogie styles predominating. It would be plenty stimulating and wholly enjoyable if these gifted gentlemen were placed in a position where more of

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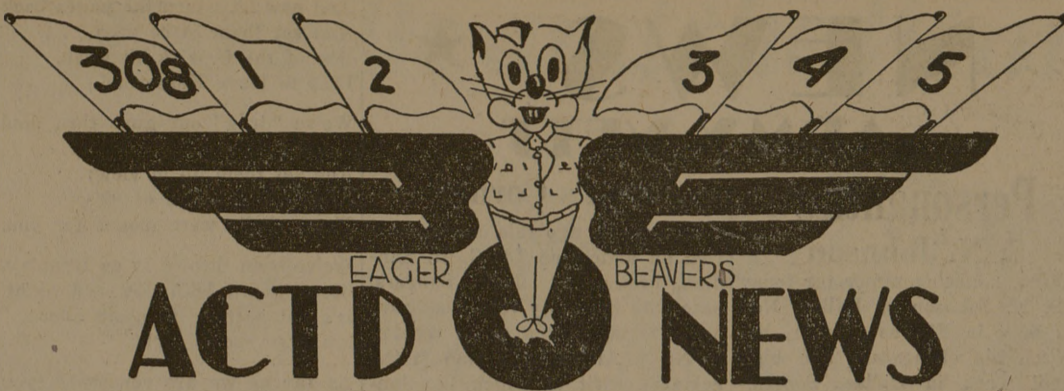


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Observations Of The Commanding Officer

The Commanding Officer is well pleased with Squadron One and Five which recently arrived. They have fitted into the general spirit and best tradition of the Detachment.

It is the desire of the Commanding Officer that the oldest members of the Detachment be complimented on their general attitude. It is the desire of the Commanding Officer that the Squadrons which go on flying status, from time to time, be constantly reminded that their relationship with their instructors will be in conformity with the general regulation of politeness and courtesy.

The Commanding Officer again desires that students of this Command be reminded of the fact that other branches of the Service are their teammates, and every assistance this Command can render will be rendered.

Wing News

We would like to thank the writer of "C. Q. Ramblings" for the wonderful compliment paid us in his column. It is deeply appreciated. We hope that sometime in the not too distant future our Air Force umbrella in its ultimate perfection and meticulous exactitude may enable our teammates in the Engineers to perform their missions with safety and success.

CREDIT DUE

We would herewith like to give A/S Ramon Martinez credit for the last five "SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS" columns, under which various staff members names have appeared by mistake.

THE BIG SHIN-DIG

The young ladies of the Nacogdoches Texas WAC personnel are looking forward to the presence of the men from this Detachment at their dance this coming Saturday night, September 4th. Approximately one-hundred lucky men will be taken along transportation free, which will be furnished by G. I. trucks. Our Detachment Dance Band will furnish the music.

NEWS SLANGUAGE

The following quips were taken from the "CEE TEE DEE" newspaper, the journal of the 320th Negro College Training Detachment of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

To Cop a Nod — To sleep. Motorized kite — Piper Cub. Sliding the movement — One who avades formations — Gold-bricks.

Sigma-Gigma-Tour — Honorary organization for those who become gigged or merit tours. Jodie — a male civilian over 18 years old.

Eye balling — Enjoying the 'curvatures' of the earth while on duty. Terrible shape — Under par. Chow Hog — A glutton. Bear — A not-too-pleasing-to-the-eye female.

Buke — The displeasure element in an order from a superior to an inferior. G. I. Square — A soldier who believes that a prop wash is a solution for washing propellers.

POLYGAMIST

When informed that the Navajo Indian population is increasing three times as rapidly as that of the white race in the U. S. A., 82-year-old Henry Chee Dodge, veteran tribal sagamore, came up with a heap big solution to the problem. Every white man, he suggested, should be given three wives!

G. I. NIGHTMARE

There's the story going the rounds about a soldier who was Bonds and make a trip. He - planning to cash in his War (See NEWS, page 2)

Hedge Hopping Squadron IV

Well, gentlemen, the time has come to fill another column with suff about our Beavers, and to head the list we give you A/S Harlan W. Sloan, who recently returned from a visit to Oklahoma City. Cause of the trip was a seven pound, seven and one-half ounce baby girl, born to Mrs. Sloan August 18. Congratulations to Mr. Sloan, who incidentally believes that anyone can have a boy, but it takes a man from Flight A to have a girl.

As things are going now, Squadron IV should be able to stage a pretty good baby show before they leave here.

As is the usual case in any place inhabited by members of the armed forces, rumors fly thick and fast through the ramps of Hart Hall. Most of these are started as "wishful thinking," men wanting to go east or west, depending on the location of that fabled "home sweet home," and spreading the word that there will be a two week furlough after leaving college, or some other such matter. As long as such rumors are taken lightly, it might be all right to pass them along as a joke. But if they are accepted as gospel truth, then it is high time to call a halt.

Now that pay day has come and gone, the Beavers are pretty busy planning the next week-end. While you are making your plans, men, don't forget the dance at Nacadoches. The WACs have been pretty nice about coming down to help out in the Wing Ball, we'd like to have Squadron IV step out and take the lead in returning their courtesy.

There are a lot of other things we'd like to write about, if we could only think of them. But they'll have to wait till next time. So in parting we urge you Squadron IV Beavers to get out and root for our boys tonight when they take on the newcomers from Squadron V on the softball diamond. Till Saturday, then, adios.

NSLI Stock Rises

Want a tip on a rising stock? For a sure thing, place your money on National Service Life Insurance. Within the Eighth Service Command territory, improvement both in percentage of insured personal and average amount of insurance owned, was reflected in the report of July 31 submitted by all installations to the Insurance Section, Headquarters Eighth Service Command.

Military personnel within the Service Command is now 94.1 per cent insured for an average policy of 8,856, as compared to 91.2 per cent and \$8,504 respectively as shown in the report of June 30.

A number of organizations achieved the War Department goal of "100 per cent insured for \$10,000" and many others reported excellent records and unusual progress. Partial reports of the "clean up drive" during the first ten days in August show a total of more than \$300,000,000 in new "sales."

During July the Reception Centers in the Eighth Service Command sold National Service Life Insurance to all but two of the thousands of men processed. The average sale was \$9,997.66.

The leadership of Commanding Officers, insurance officers and their staffs is most commendable," said Capt. John L. Briggs, insurance officer for the Service Command.

Circling the Field Squadron III

Good day gentlemen, Here we are again, nosing around for all quips of wit that are floating around the Squadron. I look to my right . . . nothing . . . nothing in back of me either; gad, this is terrible. Ah, but what is this to my left . . . Mr. Hansen is having a "check flight." I can't tell for sure if it is one of our "Maytag Messerschmidts" or just a Link Trainer; but with all the paraphernalia he has, it must be a P-47. A/S Heidmou is the instructor and is putting Mr. Hansen in a vertical bank to the left. Mr. Hansen frantically pushes left rudder. "Keep that nose up, you've lost 400 feet altitude," comes bellowing from the instructor. "Look out for that cloud!" Then it came—sp-a-lash! as Mr. Hansen hit the cloud; and so another potential pilot was "washed out." However, the boys were lenient and said they would let him try out for gunner. We'll refer him to our tail-gunner, Mr. Boone.

What's this, is it a bird, it can't be Superman; why it's "right rudder" Rehm madly volplaning out of the skies looking for a nice forest in which to make his forced landing. As an explanation of his daring experience he briefly stated, quote—"We were gayly floating along when the motor went . . . clunk-bang-psssss. It sounded like a thrashing machine thrashing monkey wrenches; but I wasn't afraid . . . nooooo! I just grabbed the plane's 'super structure' and prayed."—unquote. Maybe Mr. Rehm will receive the Purple Heart or even the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroism.

As a parting, I would like to leave this bit written by A/S Rick Toth of Squadron II. He didn't write it for intentional publication. A/S Sturge happened to see it and knew we would like it—I hope you will. "Yup! I finally flew and was at the stick for about thirty minutes (See CIRCLING, page 2)

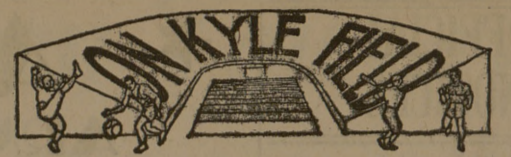
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Aggie Coaching Staff Bolstered By Return of Line Coach Bill James

With the return of "Uncle Bill" James, line coach in past years, the Aggie coaching staff has received a real shot in the arm. Bill has been devoting the summer to his private business and really looked good to the boys when he returned. As a line coach, "Uncle Bill" probably rates as one of the best this conference has ever seen. Before coming to the Aggies in 1935 he had coached at Texas Christian University and the University of Texas, a total of 14 years of coaching experience. At the Monday and Tuesday afternoon sessions Bill really showed that he has lost none of his valuable store of knowledge and experience. He began by showing the linemen, especially the ends, just how they were going to move around on the line. This movement is a sort of cross between a crawl and a sideways hop, with the bottom leg furnishing the power, and if you think it's easy you've

got another think coming! In the absence of Coach Norton and Coach Dimmit, Manning "Smitty" Smith took over the backfield coaching duties. The practice session opened with the usual punting and tackling practice but moved swiftly into quite a bit of scrimmage with several fast running and deception plays looking exceptionally good. Of course the aerial attack is not being neglected, so there'll be plenty of action of all kinds when we tangle with Bryan Field for that first game. Incidentally, as you all have seen from the schedule of coming events, new students for next fall will register on September 24th. Now the Bryan Field game is on the 25th, which doesn't leave much time for the new students to learn the yells and other proper technique for football games. That means, if we may drop a hint, that they're going to have to absorb a lot of knowledge in a hurry.

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Ten Aggies Play in Oil Bowl Game

Last night the annual Oil Bowl classic was reeled off at Wichita Falls, and it was a real thriller. Coaches Homer Norton and Lil Dimmit were present, as were ten of our own boys, including Goble Bryant, Monty Moncrief, Charlie Wright, Herb Turley, and Marion Settegast. This game should prove to be valuable experience, for many of the high school stars that are now attending other conference schools were also there.

We thought that some of you, perhaps freshmen, would like to know a little more about the Aggie coaches, so for the next few issues I'll give you some thumbnail sketches, beginning today with Manning Smith. "Smitty" came to the Aggie coaching staff in 1934 with coach Homer Norton who had coached him to All-America mention at Centenary College as a quarterback and seat backfield man.

His first duties were assistant backfield coach and backfield demonstrator. In 1937 he became co-coach of freshman baseball and in 1938 took on the varsity tennis team. The same year he also had the freshman basketball added to his jobs, so he dropped the freshman baseball work. By 1941 he was co-coach of all freshman sports except track.

Last year was "Smitty's" first season as varsity backfield coach and head basketball coach, succeeding Lt. Marty Karow. He will give up the tennis team as his time will not allow him to take

(what's cookin' doc?) Sultain, working his Math, Physics and drilling together with a few calisthenics thrown in for good measure (this is all accomplished in his peaceful sleep.)

A few moments later you will hear a sickening thud. That's his bunk buddy, Charles "Puppy" Stump, giving him a light tap on the skull with a G. I. shoe. All's quiet.

on. "Smitty" has made a real place for himself in the hearts of all the boys because he is just one swell guy, as well as a top-notch coach. That about winds it up for today. Let's get down and watch that team!

TEXANS

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friendly to one man and one man only. They're positively vicious toward strangers.

The master is Pfc. Jack J. Schwartz of Milwaukee, a member of the 944th Guard Squadron, who was sent from Goodfellow Field to Fort Robinson for an eight-weeks course in training and handling the dogs. After his first two weeks there, the soldier was assigned his four dogs which he personally trained for the work they'll do at San Angelo.

Soon he will begin training eight other soldiers who will learn to work with the dogs. Schwartz said too many masters can ruin them, hence the number of men trained will be held to a minimum.

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