

Aggieland Mourns Death of Beloved Mascot, Reveille

By Harold Borofsky
 "Reveille is gone." These words, so hard to believe, are true, for on Tuesday, January 18, 1944, this plain non-pedigreed dog, beloved by many thousands of Aggies the world over, passed away.

With Reveille goes an era in the history of Aggieland. She saw Aggieland at its height, when more than eight thousand cadets knew her and loved her. She saw Aggieland at its ebb, when the darkness of war took many of her

friends from her. Through her life she stood as a symbol of the great fraternity that has become hallowed in blood so many times—the Aggie brotherhood.

Old timers remember, now with a small tear in the corner of their eye, the night when she was found by the side of the road and brought to the Aggie campus for the first time. The stories have become legend about her; how she used to wander into the freshmen's rooms and how any bed she chose was hers, the owner finding other

quarters for the night; how she used to seek out unhappy Aggies and attempt to cheer them up by bringing a stick that they could throw and she could return; how she learned to love the color of khaki and to know that anyone wearing it was her friend; how she used to prance in front of the great Aggie band at football games and be the idol of everyone there.

Reveille was more than just a dog. She was a symbol in the memory of every boy who stopped

to pet her, a symbol that reminded one of the pup left behind at home, and a reminder of the many other things left behind in the quest for greater knowledge. Rev stood for something worth fighting for, something that boys in foxholes could think about, for she meant to them not only a remembrance of Aggieland but the memory of home, of the old familiar paths once loved so well in boyhood, of the girl who trusted and waited, of Mom and

Dad and Uncle John and Aunt Susie—these things lived in Rev.

Above all Rev was loved because as boys became men they realized that there was a link of friendship between a man and his dog, a friendship that could last forever, for when no one else would give consolation, when no one else would be friendly, in happiness or despair, riches or poverty, a man's dog was always near to him, always ready to be his loyal friend and companion.

And now Reveille is gone. There

is no doubt that she has a honored spot reserved for her in the Great Beyond of the canine world, and though we are grieved to lose her we know that she will be happy there. Aggieland has preserved her memory in a painting, and in future years when upperclassmen and freshmen and Aggie-Exes shall stand together beneath that painting those same stories will flow forth again to renew Rev's glory.

As the years go on and time cloaks Aggieland with its mystic

touch, there shall always be things we can remember—the Academic Building in the moonlight, Sully, Military Walk—and Rev. And when sometimes an Aggie may be lonely in a far-away land he will hear, as the evening shadows slowly fall, the silver notes of the bugle sounding retreat; and the memory will again return; the Spirit of Aggieland will sound dimly, far away, and he will think of her. Rev, rest well, for Aggieland shall never forget.



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Richard Crooks To Sing On Town Hall Stage Tonight

"General" Reveille Given Military Honors

Opera Star Tenor Appears As Fourth Town Hall Show

Corps Lays Famed Mascot to Rest On Kyle Field With Impressive Ceremony

Reveille, recently made a general in the K-9 corps division of the WACs by the Cadet Corps of A. & M., died Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the local veterinary hospital, according to Dr. J. W. McCoy, who took care of her the two weeks preceding her death. It was a great shock to the many Aggies who have known her, yet it was to be expected, for she was gradually failing in health during the last two years of her life.

Yesterday, just as predicted years before, Reveille was given a funeral that befitted her position as mascot of the Texas Aggies. Her funeral march was that which would be given the Queen of Aggieland; it was completely military with the entire Corps falling out en masse to pay their last tribute to her. Falling out in front of their dorms, the men in the Aggie Corps marched to Kyle Field where they saw Rev put in her last resting place. She was buried right outside the stadium and in the oval behind the Athletic Office. At this spot, the many people who attend Aggie football games can see Rev's grave.

The casket which Rev was buried in was purchased with money raised by the Corps last semester. It was, in its white color and small size, the appropriate kind that should be given a dog such as this one which lays claim to some 10,000 masters.

At 5:10 last afternoon, the Corps fell out of their dorms and marched to the stadium. While they stood at attention inside the stadium, Rev was carried into the field by her pallbearers with one carrying a Texas Aggie blanket which was placed on the casket while in the middle of the field. The ceremony was carried out in military style with the Corps at attention until the last note of taps was blown. Upon completion of the mid-field ceremonies, the playing of the Spirit of Aggieland and Taps, the body of Rev was carried out to the grave where it was placed with the Aggie blanket still draped over it and every Cadet and visitor could see it as they passed out of the stadium and home, never again to see the famous mascot of the Texas Aggies.

Buy your tickets to the Senior Ring Dance and Banquet now!

Double-Header Ball Game Will Be Played

A double-header basketball game will be held in the gymnasium tonight. The first game is to match the A. S. T. U. Officers (nicknamed the Ross Hall Old Folks) against the Air Corps Officers (Broken Propellers). In the second game of the series the enlisted personnel of these two organizations will meet.

The traditional Senior Ring Dance and Banquet will be held at Sbsa Hall January 28th; \$1.50 per plate for the banquet, \$2.50 for the dance.

Tickets Sell For Senior Ring Dance

First Sergeant Lists No. Men to Attend

Tickets have been placed on sale for the Senior Ring Dance for the class of '45 according to the chairman of the ring dance committee, Hank Avery. The price set for the tickets is \$2.50. The banquet tickets are on sale for \$1.50. The dance is on January 28 at Sbsa Hall.

Arrangements for dormitory space have been completed, but it will be necessary to have an estimate on the number who expect to reserve a room, stated Avery. Those intending to reserve a room are asked to notify the member of his outfit who is in charge of selling tickets for the dance in that outfit. An approximate number of those intending to reserve rooms must be known before the commandant's office can announce which dormitory will be vacated.

Any one who enrolled in A. & M. on or before September 1941 is eligible to attend the dance and banquet, and to participate in the ring ceremony if he so desires, stated Avery. The small size of the Class of '45 present on the campus, makes it impossible to have all exes invited to the dance as guests, as has been the custom in the past, continued Avery, but "we do want you all there, even if you do have to buy your own tickets."

Barney Rapp and his Orchestra will play for the dance. Barney Rapp has played in such places as Adolphus in Dallas, the Hotel New Yorker, New York, and at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

Taking action Monday morning, the Student Activities Committee released the money in the class of 1945 treasury for the Senior Ring Dance and Banquet, according to an announcement from the Student Activities office. These funds have been accumulating since the class entered college and were originally designated for use for the Senior dance and banquet.

A plea was issued by Avery for those intending to attend the banquet (See Dance Page 3)

Reveille Buried On Kyle Field



REVEILLE, famed little black and white dog who has been the well-loved mascot of the Texas Aggies for the past fourteen years, died at the Veterinary Hospital on the campus last Tuesday morning. She was buried at an impressive military ceremony staged by the Cadet Corps. She rests in Kyle Field, where for so many years she was an important feature of Aggie football games and ceremonies. No mascot in Southwest Conference history was better known or more universally respected and loved. In her hey-day, Reveille followed the Aggie Band on the field, at formal military reviews, and on all Corps Trips. Remarkably old for a dog she has been gradually growing weaker the past two years and this fall was unable to make her regular appearances.

YMCA Sponsors Money Drive To Aid War Prisoner's Morale

By Sylvester Boone

Morale, under no circumstances, should be neglected in the prison camps overseas. If the American people, and especially the students in American colleges and universities, do not respond to the call that the Young Men's Christian Association is making in the World Student Service Fund, that is just what is going to happen. Money is needed and needed badly by this association if they are going to do an effective piece of work in these camps and keep their morale at the top by providing them with the tools of body and mind that they are asking for.

Those men who have been so unfortunate as to be put in captivity by the Axis nations should not be failed by those who are more fortunate. These war prisoners are asking now if the "Y" can't furnish them with technical books (they have very little use for any books other than those

which can teach them something constructive), athletic and other recreational facilities, musical instruments, and most anything that will keep their minds off the horrors of war. It is little enough that can be done for them so there should be no slacking or reluctance on the part of any person when money is asked for.

Little more in the way of morale should be said here, except that money is needed. It is up to every one who can, and what few can't, give money for this most worthy cause. These men should be helping, and you are asked to do your share, and more if at all possible.

A campus-wide canvass is going to be made in the near future. The campus has been divided into sections with the Aggies, the Army Specialized Training Unit, the Navy and Marines, and the Air Corps being the various ones. A separate canvass of each group will be made, but they will not be

at the same time. Men who are in charge will decide the time for their individual campaign to begin. Robert G. Cox and Jack Knox will take care of the Aggies, Jack Jordan and George Neiman of the A. S. T. U., Carr and Dobb of the Naval Training School and Charles W. May and Kenneth Sawyer of the Air Corps have been appointed by M. L. Cashion of the YMCA to collect funds.

Tomorrow night during Call to Quarters, the Aggies will have their canvass of all dormitories. Cox and Knox state that every dorm will be contacted with a man on each floor or ramp making the rounds to get the money. It will be a simple matter, then, to slip in the suggested amount of 25¢ when the collector gets to the room. Just remember when you are asked to give that it is not you who is behind prison walls but someone else who might be (See Y.M.C.A. Page 4)

McQuillen Speaks At Annual Banquet Of A&M Press Club

Special Awards Given Outstanding Members; Three Speeches Made

In the Banquet Room of Sbsa Mess Hall last night the A. and M. Press Club held its annual banquet. This was a continuation of a tradition which holds that a banquet be held at the end of each year. Since, however, last semester the organization decided that because many of the members drop out each semester, it would be fairer to have the occasion more often.

The program opened with the invocation being given by President F. C. Bolton. Next came the dinner of steaks and accessories followed by several musical numbers from the Singing Cadets under the direction of Euell Porter.

Three speeches were made by students: Charles West spoke on Reveille in a memorial, F. D. Wallace of the Air Corps, and David Seligman on the "Benefits Gained by Students Working on a College Newspaper". The main talk of the evening was given by E. E. McQuillen, secretary of the Former Students Association, who spoke on the "Post War Development of A. & M."

Special awards were given to those members who did outstanding work on the Battalion.

City Stops Can Pick-Up Monday

Lloyd D. Smith, Business Manager of the city of College Station, stated today that no more tin cans will be collected after Monday, January 17th, because the Shredded Steel Plant of Houston where the city has had its cans picked up has closed its factory. Cost of sending these cans to northern factories makes it impractical to send them anywhere but to a southern factory, none of which are available at this time.

George G. Chance, chairman of the Brazos County Salvage Committee, has no suggestion to make at this time concerning the picking up of cans and sending them off. A statement may be made later by him, but the city of College Station feels that this work must be stopped for the time being. Smith states, "The City Officials, as well as Mr. Chance, wishes to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of College Station for their active cooperation.

Richard Crooks, internationally known Metropolitan Opera Company tenor, will appear here tonight on the stage of Guion Hall in the fourth feature of Town Hall, it was stated by the Student Activities office as the Battalion went to press yesterday. The performance will begin at exactly 8 o'clock, and it will be a full evening of entertainment. Tickets for Crook's program have been on sale for several weeks, and indications of the sales point to a sell out crowd being on hand when the curtain is drawn. Aggies, service men, and residents of this area are urged to be present at the program which promises to be one of the best ever put on by the Town Hall committee.

This famous star of radio and opera appears in some seventy United States cities yearly to give pleasure to the many people who have come to appreciate and love the type of program he puts over the air and on the stage. He has become a well known personality and his fame as a tenor is still rising.

Crooks started in as a singer at an early age, that of ten years. He was then starred as a co-artist with Schumann-Heink in a musical festival. When he was 17, he participated in World War I by joining the Aero Squadron, but it was back to singing for Crooks upon the completion of war and his return to New York.

Many European countries have had the privilege of hearing this man who has become so popular. He has established reputation of being the "greatest box office attraction" in Australia and South Africa and he has almost achieved the same record in this country.

In 1941, Crooks made a tour of this country and Canada. This tour was sponsored by the Metropolitan Opera Company. Besides this coast-to-coast trip of these two countries, he has made some twenty-four broadcasts for Firestone and two guest performances for this company.

Tonight is the night of Richard Crooks performance on the stage of Guion Hall at 8 o'clock. The admission price has been set at \$2.00 reserved seat and \$1.00 for general admission. It is well worth the price by way of judging past programs that Crooks has put on. Tickets may be obtained in the Student Activities office, room 3 of the Administration building.

Wagner to Speak at Chem Society Meet

The thirty-second meeting of the Texas A. & M. section of the American Chemical Society will be held in the Chemistry lecture room Thursday evening, January 20, 1944 at 8 p.m.

Mr. Cary R. Wagner, consulting petroleum chemist, will speak on "Chemicals from Petroleum."

Mr. Wagner has been a member of the American Chemical Society (See Wagner Page 3)