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Has Reveille Been Forgotten? . . .

During the past few months there has been considerable discussion concerning the erection of a suitable marker for the grave of our beloved and revered former mascot, Reveille. But, "discussion", and very limited and general discussion of the subject is all that has been accomplished thus far. The main reason for the delay and inactivity seems to be the lack of a central committee or person to head the project and get a purposeful campaign underway. For several months there has been agitation for the initiation of such a campaign but as yet no chairman or leader has been appointed or those in responsible positions have not taken the initiative in getting such a drive underway. It has been suggested that the president of the Senior class or the corps cadet colonel head such a project or appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of obtaining a suitable monument for Rev's grave. The attitude of the corps towards the subject seems to be apparent and with a student body of 1300 behind the movement it seems feasible that funds for the marker, whatever it might be, could be obtained easily. And it seems that the corps would be only too willing to do their part for Reveille, for it was they who fed her, lived with her, and loved her dearly.

When one stops to consider the simplicity of such a campaign he wonders why, when, one year after Rev's death, nothing has been done to retain her spirit or memory on the campus. He wonders why Aggies who have proclaimed their love of the non-pedigreed mongrel the world over, do not revere the memory of their former mascot in a manner such that they would demand or take it upon themselves that her spirit would live at Aggieland for all time. Her picture has been carried to the far corners of the world on jeeps and planes; poems have been written telling of her deeds; she held the rank of a general in the K-9 corps, the highest position obtainable; and yet, she lies just outside of Kyle Field where she once romped to glory and fame, with only a tattered, worn wreath the only semblance of her final resting place. Surely this doesn't show the feeling and the love which the corps has for Rev, but yet the days pass by and the wreath fades still more. Rev is still there but are the thoughts and love of the corps with her? The days will continue to slip by and the flowers will droop still more unless the corps finally makes up its mind to show their love and appreciation of Rev.

The plan is simple. The cadet colonel could appoint a committee, consisting of a representative from each class, and they could investigate such a project, determining the type of monument desired, the price, and a method by which the corps could supply the funds for such a marker. Such action has been "put off" for over a year and now is a good time to undertake such a project and erase the "black mark" against the corps. One of these days even the faded, worn wreath will be gone.

Give the Freshmen a Chance . . .

Recently, there has been much discussion as to the plight of the newly enrolled freshmen. These students have been condemned unfairly at times because of their limited knowledge of Aggie customs and traditions. They have been marked men ever since their arrival on the campus as they were allowed to live by themselves and have no upperclassmen living with them. Despite the fact that they have had no one to inform them as to the various duties of a freshman at A. & M. and the proper behavior at certain times they have been the object of much hasty criticism. Many students are disgusted because the freshmen are allowed to do as they please while in their dormitory and they believe they are not subjected to certain rules and regulations which they had to endure themselves when they were going through their freshmen year. They use this supposition to discriminate against the freshmen and, more than likely, probably always will until they are subjected to the same regulations by which they were governed.

How many of these upperclassmen knew all the customs and traditions of Aggieland when they first enrolled at A. & M.? There were some, but not many. Then how did they learn them? They learned them through their association with students who were familiar with the life at A. M. and through their own initiative and desire to know. These freshmen have been on the campus three weeks now and as yet they are still living by themselves, having no upperclassmen to instruct them in the ways of Aggieland or to tell them some of the qualities that constitute a true Aggie. They haven't had much of an opportunity yet other than the opportunity to learn through their own initiative and even this opportunity is somewhat limited. Some of these freshmen may become as true and faithful an Aggie as there ever was, even without certain supervision. Others may be hampered by its absence. Nevertheless, whether these students are allowed to move into organized companies, batteries, or troops or continue to live by themselves for a period of time, don't condemn them unfairly. Some of the present upperclassmen were in the same predicament when they enrolled at A. M. and they should know that simple understanding, patience, and cooperation will help the new freshmen at the present time. Was man righteous before he had been taught what was right?

"Re-education is something the Germans must do themselves—the hard way. They must take the responsibility for their political development, and they must get rid of their ideas of super-nationalism. If the Germans can't, we can't. It is something that cannot be forced upon them. We can only help them if they want to be helped. My idea and, I think, the general idea of the Allies is to give the Germans a chance—a chance to become civilized and cooperative so that they may be an important factor in the future." Dr. Konstantin Reichart, University of Minnesota professor of German stresses the need for self-re-education of Germany in a recent address.—ACP.

To the growing youngster, home is but a filling station.

BACKWASH

By Junior Canis

Backwash: "An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster.

Fayetteville, Oh, Fateville

The Aggie Cagers returned to the campus Monday afternoon with but a single thought in mind—how long before a return trip to Fayetteville could be made? The reason, well, it can be summed up in the words, WOMEN! WOMEN! WOMEN!

Upon first arriving the prospects of a good time were dark indeed; however, where Aggies tread something is bound to happen. The thought of the game was foremost in the minds of everyone until a telephone rang and some feminine voice kindly issued invitations for dates after the game. Imagine the surprise upon finding that different groups of girls were waiting in what might be called competition for the team after the first game. A man can do only so much; therefore, the first group was chosen. The second game still had to be respected, however, so a time limit was set the first night.

The following day things began to pop. The morning was spent making many acquaintances and viewing the campus, which is a very beautiful one. That afternoon an open house was held by the Tri Deltas in honor of the ASTP and Aggies. Naturally, without the Aggies it wouldn't have been a success as the songs and ball sessions seemed to appeal to the fair sex. 'Ole Army was greatly outnumbered, but kept struggling on the theory of "get away a little closer."

The second night after the game is what might be termed the climax as the season was over and the team was free. A dance at the country club held the spotlight for about seven Aggies and dates while others chose to see the campus for about the fourth time. It was sad to part from this little piece of heaven as the team had to be on their way back to Aggieland. Summing this trip up brings up one question—"Why can't College Station be moved closer to Fayetteville?"

AGGIES ON THE MOVE

Despite the cold and mud many venturesome Aggies left the campus last weekend to keep appointments in Denton, Austin, Houston, Dallas and other nice towns to keep "appointments" in. Dan McGurk reports there's still no town like Austin to spend a "pleasant weekend" in. As you remember, Dan is A. & M.'s truest and most faithful Kaydet to the ladies. That boy just couldn't be unfair to any girl. Porky Langford is counting the days until the next Fish dance is held when he will once again get that 'ole gleam in his eye and maybe "secure" a date. Coy Jagers, Joe Brannen, and Morris Boone journeyed to the quiet and peaceful town of Crockett over the weekend. They still claim that dating high school girls is a "must" for all Aggies. They're right, aren't they Kearby?

SWEET TESSIE TO REIGN

Once again mild excitement reigns at Tesseland as nominees for the coveted honor of Redbud Queen have been selected. Come March 17 and the chosen queen will be crowned at a formal coronation dance to be held at the school and as in the past Aggies will have to be present to make sure that every "sweet thing" is escorted properly to the dance. The "veterans" who attended last year's ball say there is nothing quite like it and an Aggie simply cannot afford to miss it. Remember, the date is March 17, so start writing those "personality" letters now.

NOTICED AND UNNOTICED

Marlin "Boots" Harris and Bill Peterman, the two quietest boys on the campus, perfect angels; why so many dim rooms at night? must be a light-bulb shortage; And then there was the slightly tipped Aggie, who, when asked what time it was, replied, Be darned if I know, there's two hands on this darn watch, and I don't know which to believe.

:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

Tank and plane parts held up by strike of 14,000 workers at the Chrysler plant. The War Labor Board has ordered the workers (or shirkers) back to work but has not been obeyed. The excuse for the strike was that eight employees had been fired for deliberately loitering on the job and delaying production quotas. The strikers accused the management of trying to speedup production, which seems to be a crime in the eyes of Union Labor, but would probably seem to be a very laudable objective to the fighting man who is waiting for planes and tanks.

Boss Ed Flynn, of the Bronx, who was appointed Ambassador to Australia after the 1940 election (also in part payment of a political debt as in the case of Henry Wallace) but was rejected by the Senate, turned up at the Yalta Conference with President Roosevelt. He told reporters that "he just went along for the trip." John Q. Citizen, that old reliable taxpayer, will foot the bill as usual. Some venturesome individual might check with Flynn to see if he had as high a priority as Elliott's dog. Congressmen do not rate as high a priority as the dog but they are only elected government officials, and not canine or political pets.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate has approved the proposed treaty with Mexico for the division of the waters of the Rio Grande and the Colorado River. The only state opposing the treaty was California, with the other interested states either raising no objection or being enthusiastically in favor of ratification. The measure now goes before the Senate as a whole where it will probably pass.

Carrier planes and Super Forts again gave Tokyo an interesting week-end, leaving fires burning over a wide area. Some bombs are even said to have fallen near some of the Royal Palace buildings. The Jap Prime Minister expressed his regret and anger at the insolence of this act which might have hurt the feelings of the Emperor's Ancestors.

A. S. T. P. Excerpts

By Alfred J. Stetter and Norval Hawkins

For the eighth consecutive time the A.S.T.P. Marauders submerged a Bryan Army Airfield basketball team, this time to the tune of 58-27. Paced by Jerry Cooper, former star of Johns Hopkins University and all Mason-Dixon Conference player, 1943-1944, who scored 18 points, the fast-breaking, smooth-functioning college squad was never threatened. An entirely new but game Air Corps quintet took the floor this past Saturday evening and proved to be no match for the college five, as at no time was the lead diminished by less than 15 points. Before Bryan Field could counter once, big Coop had sunk 10 points, and at the close of the first quarter the score read 18-2.

Opening the second quarter with a safe margin, the college second squad was enabled to prove their capability. Sparked by Ed Shepton and Lou Oddo, the second team was able to overcome the flyers' second period spurt. The game was more or less nip and tuck until the first squad took the floor again; from this point on, the contest turned into a rout. The first

half closed with Bryan trailing by 20 points.

During the second half, Shepton and Oddo played several minutes with the first team—here are two boys that keep the regulars on their toes! Entirely outclassed, the opposition could only score 13 points in the last half.

Besides Cooper's 18 points, Fred Lewis scored 14, Bob Lewis 8, and Bill Freeman and "Sparky" Cohn each 6, while Parshall, Russell and Shepton each sank one field goal. One sad note during the week was the transfer of Dick Halpern from the company to another unit. The peppy, fighting little spark-plug was a vital factor in the impressive string of victories the team has rolled up (having lost only one game in 16). He was a great ball player and no doubt we'll miss him, but with the great wealth of talent we have, he can be replaced. Well, so long, Dick, and good luck!

The quint has a home and home series this week with Bergstrom Field. Tuesday evening, Bergstrom Field comes here and Saturday evening we return the visit. In coming editions the writers

of the A.S.T.P. unit plan to give the readers a short sketch of some of the men in the company. Included in our company are many men of achievement whom we would like to tell about; you better tell about first than our unit commander, Major Charles D. Apple?

Born on an Arkansas farm, he began to earn his own living at the age of fourteen and worked his way through the remaining years of school.

Major Apple first entered the service in May 1917, was enlisted at Dallas, Texas, and assigned to the 16th Cavalry, Fort Ringgold, Texas. In September, 1918, he was sent to the Central Infantry Officers Training School, Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas, from which station he was discharged November 26, 1918. He entered the Officers Reserve Corps in November, 1924, as a second lieutenant of the cavalry, trained with the 5th and 7th Cavalry Regiments and engaged in other activities of the organized reserve until January 15, 1942 when he was called to active duty with the armed forces.

Since his recall to active duty Major Apple has served with the Houston Recruiting District, Houston, Texas, as Aviation Cadet Procurement Officer and member of the Cadet Examining Board, was Executive Officer, Houston Recruiting District from May 15, 1942 to April 1, 1943, at which time he was ordered to Dallas, Texas, and assigned to duty with the Dallas Recruiting District. Coming to A. & M. College on June 15, 1943, he was assigned to Army Specialized program and placed in command of the Second Student Training Company which at that time was comprised of the men in the Veterinary Medicine School.

An unusual feature in connection

"Aggies In Action" . . .

Fightin' Texas Aggies

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The Lowdown On Campus Distractions

By Teddy Bernstein

Guion—Playing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is "Commandos Strike at Dawn," with Paul Muni. The British Commandos raid a German stronghold and leave this commando to get information on an airfield. The Commando is a Norwegian and he finds his wife and lives with her for a while, then the British attack again and he has to leave his wife to carry on his work.

Lowdown: An old picture, but still good.

Campus—Showing Tuesday and Wednesday is "The Mask of Demetrius" with Sidney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre. Demetrius, the famous, is not up to par when he is compared with these two horror men of Hollywood. The typical scare picture is concocted out of an old tale and made a successful picture.

Lowdown: A mystery and very typical.

Showing Thursday and Friday is "Up in Arms" with Danny Kaye, Dinah Shore, Dana Andrews, Constance Dowling, George Matthews,

with Major Apple's military service is that to date his service in both world wars has all been in the State of Texas. After the war he plans to return to his home in Rusk County, Texas, and pursue his favorite hobby of growing fruit trees. Major Apple is married and has a 17-year-old son who tells his Dad that he is coming to A. & M. some day.

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and Goldwyn Girls. A super-hypochondriac working for a clinic finds himself drafted even though he is quite sure that any minute he is liable to have contusions of some sort. His two favorite nurses become lieutenants in the nurse corps and complications develop aboard a troop ship. Mainly the trick of hiding a stowaway on a troop ship. The stowaway is the pretty Dinah Shore. In trying to attract the Colonel's attention so she can sneak up to the nurses deck he falls on his head. A wild dream results. He is surrounded by a bevy of beautiful girls and dances to and from among them till Lieutenant Shore appears, then he wins her. The amount of trouble he gets into cannot be estimated, but he stays in the clear because Lt. Shore tells the Colonel that she was drawn by her love for him to come on the ship. Once they reach the scene of battle he becomes a hero by capturing a bunch of Japs. The CO is still not through (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 3)

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