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Here We Go Again . . .

We now have the best proof possible that the Fort Worth Corps Trip was a good one on all points. This proof is the fact that all Aggies will be pulling out of here from Friday noon on—headed for Houston.

Yes, this weekend we have another official Corps Trip, this time to stage a review for Admiral Halsey on Saturday morning, and that afternoon everyone will be on hand at Rice Stadium watching the Owls feathers fly.

This trip shows that when the Corps gives its word that it will do something, it does it. Fort Worth proved that without a doubt. Now, we have our Corps trip to Rice, which fact should be taken as a compliment to our integrity, and received as an honor. Another honor in store for the Corps is the fact that Admiral Halsey will be on the reviewing stand while the Cadets parade by. He is also to sit with us for half of the rice harvest that afternoon.

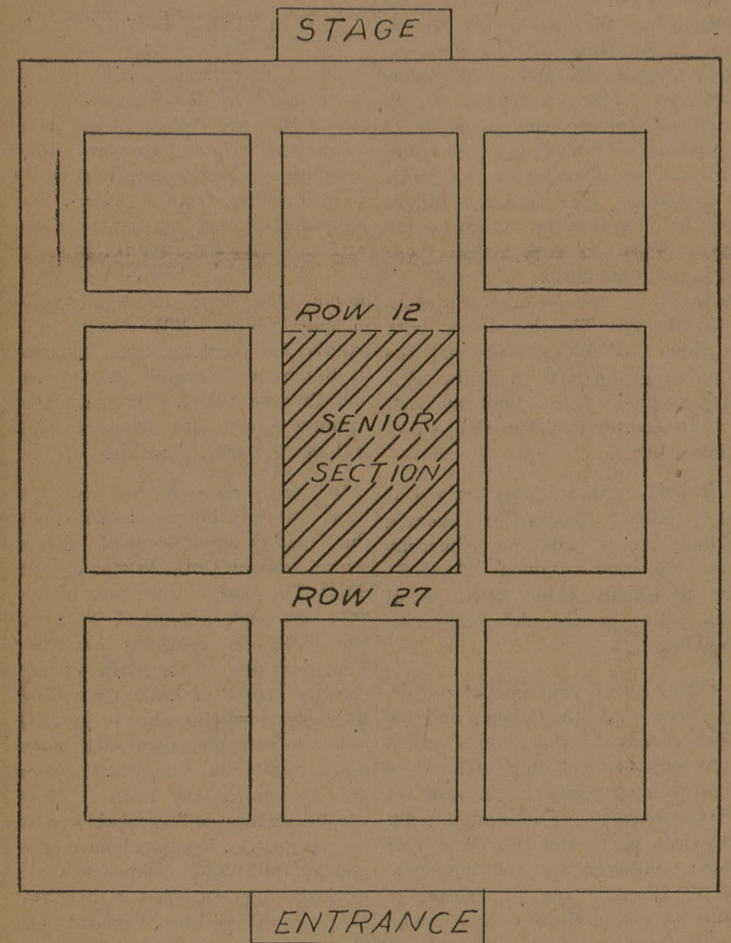
Houston hospitality can be good as Fort Worth's was, in all probability, but it is easier to get people to disliking you than to overlook a few small bad points. Aggies have long been known and respected for taking over the hardest of tasks and completing them in the best of order. The keeping of order and the conducting of oneself properly while away from home has always been difficult.

It is a well known fact that the Corps will return from big "H" covered with glory and proud of itself for a job well done. Let's eat rice this weekend Army, and follow it up on the twenty-eighth with a steak dinner.

Aggie Facts . . .

A. & M. opened her doors for the first time on October 4, 1876.

Observe These Sections!



Pictured above is a diagram of Guion Hall. It has long been the practice for class sections to be observed as in the diagram. The Senior class seats are in the center section, from row 12 to row 27. Although not marked, the Junior section is directly behind row 27. Sophomores and freshmen sections are either side of the center sections.

BACKWASH

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

By The Collaborators
Dear Pop,

I do not know where you got the story about me splashing around the swimming-pool in my tux on a rubber horse in the middle of the night but I am here to say right now that it is a vicious misrepresentation of actual facts and undoubtedly done to irritate both you and me. I cannot understand why anyone should want to spread such a malicious story. Anyway, there is no necessity for me to refute this dastardly story since it is false on its very face.

In the first place my tux is in ho—that is to say I have loaned it to a friend. In the second place I have never ridden a rubber horse, despite the fact that you claim you have a bill for five dollars from the riding academy; this scurrilous document was no doubt concocted by someone here at school with a poor sense of humor. I cannot understand this ten dollar liquor bill you say you have. Dad, I have drunk nothing stronger than beer for almost two months now. As for riding across the pool in the middle of the night—it is outrageous. Why, I spend all my time in classes or studying and have been getting very good grades. I cannot send my examinations at the present date since the professor has been holding them longer than usual because of the stimulating thought therein. Besides, there is a law against rubber animals on the campus. The citation received from the Police Department was one for prolonged parking.

I trust that I have completely cleared this matter up to your satisfaction and mine. By the way, I wonder if I can have my allowance a little earlier than usual this month. I pledged Damma Phi No which made quite a dent in last month's allowance.

As ever, your son,
Jerry
(Thanks to El Burro, Texas College of Mines.)

Notice: This is to inform all Bobby-soxers that no matter how much Gene Howard resembles Van Johnson he is not Van Johnson. Also Gene doesn't like for them to run up and say "Oh Van", and swoon at his feet while asking for his autograph. He says that he is going to have to start going around the campus incognito if this sort of thing doesn't stop. Just last week he was up at the North Gate waiting for the bus and one of the local "swooners" ran up and asked him for his autograph just before she saw he really wasn't Van. P. S. She got his autograph anyway. Resembling "Van" might not be so bad after all.

Theres quite a program in line this weekend down at Big "H". The town will probably be so crowded that everybody will have to wear name plates with your address on them to keep from getting lost in the crowd which is sure to contain a bevy of females. So just latch on (preferably to a dame with money and a car) and blow your respective tops. This is an official Corps trip and all roads lead to Houston. Get ready "Army" and lets go down to Houston and give the much improved Rice Owls the severest set-back of their young lives.

We see by the pulp sheet from Baylor that they are still "mealy-mouthed" around about the defeat which we handed them a couple of weeks back. Instead of "yapping" about it, why don't accept the inevitable and feel thankful that they were spared the humiliating defeat which would have been theirs in '43 and '44.

This is a conversation heard while drinking in one of the local "Pubs".

He: Hom many beers does it take to make you dizzy?

She: About four or five, but don't call me "Dizzy".

Tales from Tessieland

The Corps of Cadets
Texas A. & M. College
College Station, Texas

Dear Aggies:

Thanks for your cooperation in judging the Daedalian Beauties of TSCW. You made it a swell weekend for us all, and we feel this year's choice of class beauties will be tops.

Thanks to all who helped in the preparation of the weekend, to Bill Turner and his Aggeland Orchestra, and to you Aggies in general. So, in behalf of the TSCW group, we want to say, thanks a million.

Sincerely,
The Daedalian Staff.

Gosh, it was a wonderful weekend. We got back to Denton just dead tired, but we knew the meaning of Aggeland, class spirit, and everything that goes with it. We sang all the way back, even the songs Vick, Goose, Al, Sam, and Scott, and the other entertained us with just before leaving Aggeland Sunday morning. However, we spent all our time trying to

remember all those verses of "Shame on You."

Even though we arrived late Friday night in Aggeland, tables in the Mess Hall were still waiting, and after that we rushed back to get ready for the dance. The dance? Well, nothing like that happens at dances in Tessieland. We inspected freshmen spurs, listened to those wonderful yells and above all witnessed one of those much talked about midnight yell practices.

Any one of the activities planned for the weekend would have been a weekend in itself, but to have them all together at once, was just a group of ingredients that spelled s-w-e-l-l.

Saturday morning we got up about 10 o'clock. (After all, what can you expect, half the night was spent after we got back to the dorm, just discussing things in general, which all added up to the fact that we got to bed about 3 o'clock in the morning.) Anyway, we ate breakfast here and there, and then looked over the campus. We jumped off Gathright Hall, and also counted the windows in it,

BETWEEN THE BOOK-ENDS

By Edna B. Woods
(Readers' Adviser for the College Library)

THEY CHANGE THEIR SKIES
by Letitia Osborne

Novels of Honduras are scarce, but such a book as Letitia Osborne's **THEY CHANGE THEIR SKIES** is worth waiting for.

Dona Elena's established boarding house, known as the Casa Lopez, is home for some of the most interesting people in Tegucigalpa—an American girl, who works in the Embassy, a British consul, four German-Jewish refugees, an aristocratic Hondurian and his two attractive daughters, and Armando Lopez, now a doctor who is having an annual visit with his mother. These persons, their friends, and the servants at the Casa Lopez are brought together in a good story—colorful, charming, and lively.

Ralph Hewitt, First Secretary at the American Legation, loves Isabel Gresham, the American girl. But while Miss Gresham is trying to decide how she herself feels about the matter, Pepita falls in love with the American. The main plot of the story hinges on this situation.

The more serious part of the story is concerned with German-Jewish refugees who luckily escaped Germany in 1941, but who are attempting to gain entrance into the United States. Their makeshift jobs, their renewed disappointment with each letter from the States, and their humble hopes are impressively told and are convincing to the disposition of comfort.

Actually, **THEY CHANGE THEIR SKIES** is rich with humor. Dolores Sanchez, the Mexican, carries his fighter cock, Pancho Villa with him always, and courts Maria,

the cook at the Cast Lopez. However, the Mexican plans to marry another, Inocencia, because someday she will inherit a somewhat dilapidated tavern. Having Maria's interest at heart, Dona Elena is worried. So she makes her plans, asserts herself, and handles the situation adroitly to the satisfaction of Maria and the Mexican, and to the genuine entertainment of the reader. This episode approaches hilarity.

The plot of **THEY CHANGE THEIR SKIES** is simple, but the atmosphere of Honduras is present on every page. The Cast Lopez, the village, the old cathedral, even the flower-filled patio of the American Legation are skillfully created. Humor is subtle but abundant. Mrs. Osborne's philosophic reflections are well-placed, and the characters are excellent. Like a short visit to Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, **THEY CHANGE THEIR SKIES** is delightful.

Good Neighbors

GUATEMALA . . . Picturesque Land

By Ruben R. Caro-Costas
An agricultural country par excellence, Guatemala is one of the most prosperous and picturesque countries in Central America.

Bordered by Mexico to the north, British Honduras and the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the Pacific Ocean to the west, and El Salvador and Honduras to the south, Guatemala contains one third of the entire population of Central America, making her the most populous republic of the Central American family of nations.

Three Geographical Regions
With an area of 45,000 square miles and a population of 3,280,000 Guatemala can be divided into three geographical regions: the rich and

after which we walked and walked and finally arrived at the Mess Hall. Before going to eat, the band played the Aggie War Hymn and again we were glad we were for the Aggies.

Then the game that afternoon. Well, we won anyway, and that Aggie "T", just what we'd been waiting for. After that the Victory yell practice, but fun. In fact, all this was just about the most fun in ages.

That night rush, rush again, to get ready for the presentation at the Jamboree and the dance. Excitement back stage ran high, then the presentation and the dance. The thing about it was that never a dull moment or should I say a restful moment could be found. That's what made it fun and what made things tick. We were always rushing from one thing to another, but fun.

Then, all of a sudden it was Sunday and time to leave. This was a weekend in Aggeland, and we left to the strains of "beat the h— out of Rice" and "Goodbye to Texas"

And now, you want to know what happened at TSCW this past week? Well, most of us were down in Aggeland, and the rest were wishing they were.

Till later,
Sue Jones
TSCW correspondent.

fertile lowlands of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, the volcanic highlands of the "Sierras", and the lowlands of "El Peten" on the north.

The lowlands, comprising both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, hold the richest and most fertile soil of the republic where the most important crops are grown—such as bananas, sugar cane, and cotton. Also the cattle industry is located here. In the Central Highlands are the tallest peaks in Central America and it is here that some of the world's best coffee is grown. This region gives Guatemala in itself a picturesque view. The third and last of Guatemala's regions is the lowlands of El Peten in the northern part of the country. Here, covering one third of the entire republic, is found a dense jungle area, rich but undeveloped.

Climate Is Tropical
Her climate, entirely tropical, enables the raising of such crops as bananas, coffee, sugar cane, and cotton, with coffee and bananas constituting 85 per cent of her total exports. Under this two-crop economy she has become a very prosperous country. Still lying un-

available. Guatemala City, the capital, is a picturesque and prosperous city and one of the healthiest cities in this hemisphere. Having a population of about 170,000 it is a city of striking characteristics where the charm and color of colorful Indian life mingle with the modernistic. Coban, San Jose, Zacapa, Quetzaltenango, Puerto Barrios, and Ocos are other important cities in that thriving republic.

Transportation Highly Developed
Means of transportation in Guatemala are highly developed with excellent roads and railways connecting the different cities and adjoining neighbor republics. Guatemala's section of the Pan American Highway was one of the first to be completed and connects her to two of her neighboring countries—Mexico and El Salvador. Water and air transportation are also available.

College Station Cotton Laboratory Provides Newest Testing Facilities
Testing facilities at College Station make it possible now to determine precisely the fiber quality and spinning performance of samples of raw cotton, according to the September issue of "Marketing Activities", a publication of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Tests or measurements can be made of such physical properties of cotton fibers as tensile strength, fiber length, length variability, fineness and maturity. These tests are variously useful. Cotton breeders use them as a basis for developing improved varieties and strains. Planters use them in selecting the right varieties for planting in various farming communities. Manufacturers and merchants use them in selecting the cotton

best suited for specific purposes. Research workers use them for determining the effects upon cotton quality of different cultural production practices and of different methods of harvesting, conditioning, ginning and packaging.

Other laboratories are located at Washington, D. C., Stoneville, Miss., and Clemson, S. C. The testing laboratory at College Station is operated cooperatively by the Texas A. & M. College and the Production and Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The first American woman to own and operate a flying school was Katherine Stinson, of San Antonio, Texas, in 1915.

Attention Veterans

It has recently come to our attention there is an erroneous story being circulated to the effect students attending the College under the GI Bill of Rights are not eligible for participation in the store's Profit Sharing Plan.

Veterans, as well as all other students of the College, are eligible to participate on their own purchases. Obviously they cannot participate on purchases made for them by the Veterans Administration, but on all personal purchases are urged to use this privilege.

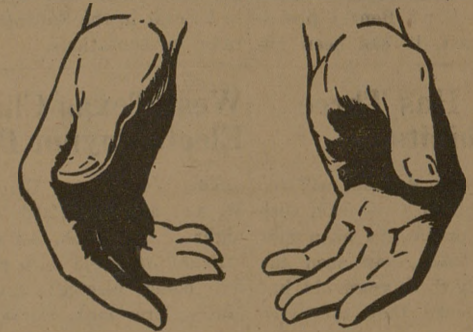
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