

A Wildcat for the Band . . .

Is the Aggie Band being taken too much for granted, like the housewife in the kitchen who slaves over a big Sunday dinner and never gets a "thank-you?"

There was a time when, if the band paraded down by the corps, the cadets would wildcat for the musicians. Why not? The Aggie band was—and is—one of the finest in the country. Lately it seems as if the corps ignores the band except when the War Hymn is being played.

That band is not a natural resource, nor is it sent to A. & M. free of charge from some indulgent angel. It is composed of Aggies who spend at least four hours a week in regular band practice, in addition to all the hours that every horn-tooter and drummer has to put into individual practice, in order to play up to standards. All this, while many other cadets are out playing catch or lolling on the grass.

Nothing typifies the Aggie spirit better than the band. Who hasn't thrilled when they marched out on the playing field a hundred strong? Who hasn't had the chills run up his backbone when they played "The Spirit of Aggieland?"

The spirit of that band has begun to sag and its not the fault of the members. Somehow they are beginning to feel that the corps is not with them.

We can't afford to let the band slip downward, just because we are a little careless and fail to show our appreciation. How about it, fellows—lets have a big wildcat whenever the band goes by!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRAILERVILLE IS PROUD, NOT APOLOGETIC

To the editor:

Not long ago the Battalion carried a short article "Please don't pity us, request the veterans in the trailer camp." It seems we didn't make ourselves quite clear.

It's the little things that make us love living in the trailer camp, and we're sure you would too. I can't put my finger on it, but it could be the pride of possession, our flower and vegetable gardens, trees, lawn chairs or the children that no one objects to.

Trailerville plans to have an open house as soon as arrangements can be made. No refreshments can be served, because, frankly, we don't have the facilities. But we will welcome all who are interested or merely curious as we think we have something of importance to prove to you.

Though even the largest trailer is small, it is efficient, compact and homey. We feel that we have a satisfactory solution to some of the major problems of the day.

Dotty Abbey
A. & M. Trailer Camp.

NO CLOSED SEASON ON FISHING IN TEXAS

To the editor:

Reading your paper (a very good one, I think) this afternoon, I came upon a mistake regarding game-fish season laws. Many people are totally ignorant of our present, newest law that has been passed regarding game fish here in our own state. . . . "There shall be no closed season or period of time when it shall be unlawful to take, catch or retain fresh water fish by the use of ordinary hook

Summer School In Guatemala Beckons Footloose Aggies

Several Aggies may attend the University of Houston International Study Centers in Guatemala and Mexico this summer. The trip to Guatemala is to be from June 3-July 2 and the trip to

Aggie House--Marms

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Presented herewith is the seventh of a series of thumbnail sketches on the house masters in charge of the non-military dormitories on the campus.)

O. J. (OTIS) BOLTON is 26 years old, from New Baden, Texas, taking Mechanical Engineering. Entered service in January, 1943 as a private and was separated in November, 1945 as a Captain in the Air Corps. Served 18 months in M. T. O. with 15th Air Force. Received Bronze Star, E. T. O. ribbon with 10 campaign stars, and Unit Citation with cluster. Housemaster for Dorm 1 and lives in Room 218.

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and line or artificial lures" . . . except that it shall be unlawful to take and retain "any large-mouth black bass, small mouth black bass, spotted bass, or any subspecies of above mentioned fish, that is less than (7) inches in length."

There are other laws but the above mentioned should be known by all who intend to spend their spare time on some fishing lake.

Houston Burkhart,
Game Warden School, A. & M.

Mexico from July 16-August 24. Aggies who make the trip will have the opportunity to visit E. J. Kyle, U. S. Ambassador to Guatemala, former Dean of the A. & M. College.

Any student who makes the trip will be able to earn six credit hours in Sociology or History. The cost of either trip will be about \$300 exclusive of tuition. Any one

FEATURES

Captain Merrill Smith, '40, now of the U. S. Army, is on terminal leave and is spending a few days in College Station. He spent four years in the Southwest Pacific.

wishing to make the trip should contact the University of Houston.

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