

With The Corps

By ALLEN SELF

Make Yourself at Home...

We've always felt that Aggies would make themselves at home anywhere they went, even in another state. But the latest tale tops all.

It seems that Ronny Reger, Charley Thomas, and Kirby King arrived at Norman rather late after hitch-hiking most of the night. After searching all the local inns for a place to stay, they asked their taxi driver if he knew any place where they could sack down.

Company Punishment

Perhaps the greatest step taken in making the "punishment fit the crime" among the Corps is the new set of max-min punishment rules now in the process of formation.

The wide divergence of recommended punishment turned in on the charge sheets by the CO's for the first month led Col. Meloy and Dean Rollins to propose this move, which was carried out by the Corps Council in session last night.

Meeting the Team

Our apologies to the football team for not being at the station when the train came in. From all the dope we've been able to gather (we were in Denton at the time), there were numerous excuses, but their plea of ignorance predominated above all.

However, it was not a question of wanting to go. It was a question of disappointment. It was just a plain case of no proper leadership. So, we're sorry, ole Army. It won't happen again.

What's Cooking

Thursday, October 10
7:30 p.m. San Angelo and West Texas area A. & M. Club, Room 203 Agriculture Bldg.

Congratulations, Sid Smith...

Sid Smith is receiving congratulations this week on being elected president of the Veterans Student Association. He is also receiving from some of the old hands, advice about like this:

"Sid, the organization you are taking over has a chance to be the best thing that A. & M. has ever known, outside the corps. But it isn't that now. Only one in a score of veterans was interested enough to bother to vote in the elections. The old club managed to acquire a reputation that kept people away from meetings. The old club is now gone, phutt, caput. A new one is being born, and its your baby. Here's luck.

There are many appointive offices yet to be filled; representatives to the various councils, committee heads and members. Good men are needed in those posts, too, if the club is to fulfill its responsibilities toward the 7,000 veterans on the campus. So don't hide your light under the old bushel; you're out of the Army now and its safe to volunteer.

If the veterans rally behind Sid Smith and the other new officers; if many of them willingly shoulder the work of preparing social events for the benefit of the group as a whole; in short, if veterans show the same spirit toward the Veterans Association now that they used to show toward their organizations when they were cadets, then the Veterans Students Club of A. & M. will be a group of which the entire school can be proud.

Win, Lose, or Draw...

"Win, lose, or draw, do your best." Every group of men have heard these words at some time or other as a member of an athletic team, a rifle squad, or even a business enterprise. They always knew that come the final whistle, the last shot, or the last conference with the boss they had done their best—though maybe not enough for victory—there was complete satisfaction because they had endeavored with all their ability to do what had confronted them.

You can't put your finger on this quality of character. But thru the years it has come to be known as a vital part of that which we call the Aggie Spirit. No matter what the outcome was—win, lose or draw—there was something which was never lost, and that was the Fighting Aggie Spirit. It made no difference what the engagement was, that Aggie or that Aggie team had done its best. Winning Aggies had it, losing Aggies had it, as well as those who came out with a tie; for it was something which couldn't be taken away; and under no circumstances or any conditions would it be given up.

That Spirit was valued above the sweetest victory on the gridiron. It was there among A. & M. men, prized above any of their possessions, for only Aggies knew what it was. It would be impossible to account for all incidents of that Spirit, but time—since 1876—has seen it developed until now in 1946, seventy years after its doors were opened, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is known around the world by the men it produced and the Aggie Spirit they displayed.

There never was any suspicion that the Spirit would die—whenever thought of such a thing? For it was a never dying flame in the heart of every man who came to Aggieland and classed himself in the 98%. It was composed of little, big, and even ordinary things, but they were the Aggie way; and a true Aggie loved and respected those characteristics of his spirit.

Don't know whose fault it was, but there was a mighty slim crowd at the station Sunday evening when those Fighting Aggies rolled in from Oklahoma. They had been given a send-off in Aggie fashion, but the welcome they received was different—some few friends but no Corps to show the team that a united Twelfth Man was behind them. The team had lost a game in the last few minutes, but still they were Texas Aggies—win, lose, or draw—and retained all the Aggie Spirit with which they had entered that game. Imagine what they lost when returned to Aggieland and there was no Wildcat to greet them! no Fish to carry that bag to the dorm.

Ole Army, don't let that flame die. When you're down is the time to add more wood. Win, lose, or draw, let it be known that the Fighting Aggie Spirit lives always—no matter what may be the outcome of the game or how dark the picture may be. L. S. U. is next. Let's do our Aggie best and have no regrets.

Brooks Cofer, '43.

Lay Off, Vets... They're Just Learning

After all, A. & M. is still a military college. The War Department rates it among only eight in the nation, along with such famous names as V.M.I., Clemson, and The Citadel. It is only because of the war and the G. I. Bill of Rights that such a great preponderance of non-military students are now in attendance. Otherwise, according to college regulations, every student would go through two years basic training, and wear the uniform during his entire four years here.

The Cadet Corps is largely made up of 16, 17, and 18 year-olds who were too young to go to the service while the war was going on. Now, with the advantages of an expanded ROTC program, they are receiving some of the military training that veterans got during the war. They are proud of their uniform. They are proud of their organizations. They are justly proud of their heritages as Aggies and Cadets.

It's true that during the war members of the various fighting branches had fun heckling each other about uniforms, drilling, and traditions. The heckling worked both ways. The greynes sniped at the doggies just as much as army men ribbed the swabbies. And all the way around. But when a civilian razzed a group of servicemen, they banded together and flattened him out. This was an accepted fact. And the flatteners were usually retrieved from the MP's for any such fighting by their CO's.

On the A. & M. College campus, things are different. There is a group of quasi-military men, and a majority group of civilians, former servicemen. Some veterans, having been razzed themselves when they were in the service, now feel like razzing the Cadet Corps when it is in formation for Retreat, drill, or for mess. Every evening this occurs, and the boys are beginning to resent it bitterly. They can't fight back against a fellow Aggie. All they can do is cuss under their breath.

The cadet officers, along with the military and the office of the dean of men, are striving to build at A. & M. a military organization which will rival the pre-war unit which produced the fightingest officers and men in the U. S. Army.

They'd all appreciate it if you laid off. They have a job to do in winning back the Blue Star, and it won't be easy.

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

This year all of the college football squads are large, and the quality of the material is better due to the return to the colleges of many veterans who were stars before the war.



Penny many fine players are having to be content with a position on the second team or the "B" squad, because their position is being played by another veteran, or a youngster whose education was not interrupted by military service for different reasons. This results in just lots of competition, not only between the college teams, but between the individuals on the respective teams.

I am sure the outlook is very discouraging to a lot of these lads, but the training is very fine because competition is the zest of

life, and we will have it always regardless of our field of endeavor. It is this competition that makes some rise above the crowd, and this fact is a constant challenge to us.

I have heard it said that "No matter where you put the milk, the cream will rise to the top." The other day I read another version which I think describes the situation pretty well. I refer to a statement that said "The same process which shakes out the little rocks brings the big ones to the top."

A&M METHODISTS READY TO BUILD

Contract has been let by the A&M Methodist Church for erection of an educational building and student center on the church property near North Gate, according to the pastor, Rev. R. C. Terry, '27.

The new building to be constructed of brick or stone, will adjoin the present wooden tabernacle, which was erected in 1923 as a temporary building. The tabernacle is now scheduled to be replaced by a new church building within the next few years.

Weathermen's Secrets Are Told In New Book By Forecasters

By Wilnora Barton Reader's Advisor

From the lines of an old poem we are asked this question: "What is it moulds the life of man?"

The answer is "the weather." Although a constant subject of speculation, few of us really know much about what makes weather, actually. The Penguin Books, Inc. have recently published a book, THE WEATHER, by George Kimble and Raymond Bush.

This little book not only shows how the professional weather forecaster works, but it also gives you, the layman, a handy guide for setting up your own weather calculations. Solidly based on scientific fact, the authors have contrived in an informal way to make their subject matter positively intriguing. Those of you who have a scientific bent will be especially interested in studying the diagrams and charts which are included to substantiate the explanations of the text. The methods and the instruments which the "weatherman"

uses to take the temperature and humidity, and to plot the movements of the winds are so thoroughly explained that the amateur will find himself casting a "weather-eye" about and forecasting changes for himself.

Real progress in meteorology has been the result of recent pressing need in air navigation. One of the most interesting sections of the book, in my opinion is the brief history of Man's struggles with the weather and how knowledge has been accumulated from earliest times. The ancient Chinese, the Babylonians, and the Chaldeans had worked out quite a plausible system of predicting the weather by the movements of the stars. The Greeks petitioned their Gods for favorable weather conditions before a battle or a journey. Through the ages some of the most amazing guesses about the weather have resulted in the gathering of a voluminous lore of fact and superstition.

The author, George T. Kimble, is now chairman of the department of geography at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and the director of the meteorological service at McGill. Professor Kimble is also the author of GEOGRAPHY IN THE MIDDLE AGES, and THE WORLD'S OPEN SPACES. The collaborator, Raymond Bush, is an authority on the meteorological aspects of fruit-growing.

THE WEATHER is a Penguin Books Original and was given to the Library as a review copy.

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7:30 p.m. San Angelo and West Texas area A. & M. Club, Room 203 Agriculture Bldg.
7:30 p.m. Harlingen A. & M. Club, Assembly Room, YMCA.
7:30 p.m. Wharton County A. & M. Club, Room 129, Acad. Bldg.
7:30 p.m. Corpus Christi A. & M. Club, Room 227, Acad. Bldg.
7:30 p.m. Wilbarger County A. & M. Club, Room 105, Acad. Bldg.
7:30 p.m. Houston A. & M. Club, Room 125, Acad. Bldg.
Friday, October 11
3:00 p.m. A. & M. Garden Club, YMCA.
7:30 p.m. Petroleum Engineer-Club, Petroleum Lecture Room. Speaker, John T. Pangtay, Gulf Oil Company, Houston.
Saturday, October 12
9:00 p.m. Dance, VFW, Sbisa Hall.
Sunday, October 13
9:15 a.m. Lutheran Student's Bible Class, Assembly Room, Y. M. C. A.
Monday, October 14
7:30 p.m. German Club.
7:30 p.m. Aggie Wives Circle of Methodist Church, home of Mrs. J. F. Minter, 218 N. Munnerlyn.
7:00 p.m. Camera Club, Basement of Guion Hall.
Tuesday, October 15
7:30 p.m. ASME, ME lecture room, ME Bldg. Speaker, W. R. Horsley on functions of Placement office.
7:30 p.m. ASCE, Petroleum Engineering lecture room. Speaker, Major Wood, City Planning Engineer of Dallas. Topic, "City Planning and Zoning."
7:30 p.m. Architecture Society, Physics lecture room, Physics Bldg. Color movies from Houston Power and Light Co.
7:30 p.m. Spanish Club, Room 123, Acad. Bldg.
Wednesday, October 16
8:00 p.m. Landscape Arts Club Picnic, Hensel Park.
Thursday, October 17
7:30 p.m. Brazoria County A. & M. Club, Room 126 Acad. Bldg. All Freshman and Sophomores invited to attend.
Friday, October 18
7:30 p.m. Society for Advancement of Management Party at home of V. M. Faires, 516 Walton Drive, College Hills.