

**Editorials**

**Dissension In the Ranks...**

There is a warranted unrest in the back half of the one-hundred block barracks at the Annex. This is the home of the colorful "Deuce-men," members of the infantry Company 2 at the Annex. One simple reason lies behind this unrest, for the guidon of the company is missing. This is certainly not the first instance of the year where an outfit's guidon has been out of their hands, but it is the first where said guidon has not been found or returned after days.

As Voris Burch, member of Company 2 and freshman commander of the First Battalion, says, "If our guidon were nailed atop the gym or flying from some latrine, we would classify it as 'good bull' and let it go at that, but it's just missing. We can't find it."

Now, fellows, a guidon, if you don't know, is not very large, and it takes no great skill to keep one hidden. The men in the Deuce company realize that, and now seem to have no recourse except the Battalion classified ads. During the week, in the "Tattoo" period, they mass their company and strategically inspect certain suspected barracks for their company's standard, but all to no avail.

If the guidon is not returned shortly or found, no doubt the infantrymen will have to reach deep into their pockets to purchase another one. This would necessitate the loss of several valuable weeks without a guidon, without which a company looks bare during a parade or review.

The Deuce-men were further irked this week, when they thought, after Monday's pass-by review, that they would be disqualified as a result of the loss of their standard. Broad-minded staff officials, however, disregarded this in their ratings of the review. This may have foiled the plans of some individual or group of individuals for revenge on the spirited Company Two men, but we don't think so. If the guidon was deliberately taken from its station, we don't believe that it was for any purpose other than souvenir-hunting, for Aggies just don't operate that way.

The leaders of the men with the lost guidon say that they aren't interested in who took the standard, but only in getting it back. We hope, that by the time our editorial is printed, that the guidon has been returned to its proper owner, and that no other such incident will occur, whereby a company must be without its insignia for days.

**Even With Spring Arriving, Drill Must Go On, Says Bynes**

By ROBERT BYNES

Through the wind and blinding rain, the pitter-patter of tiny feet are heard keeping time to cadence. With the sound of the wind is heard a cry, "I can go no further; leave me behind." And as the companies fight their way to the armory, the quantity of the units are lessened by the cold fatigue and frost bite that accompanies the men as they cross the drill field. Yet, drill must go on.

Feeling their way along the icy earth, the companies find their way to the doors of the black building, barely visible against the dark, misty, winter sky. But drill must go on. And now they are ready for the treatment. With the M-1 rifles, perched upon their shoulders, the companies proceed to march across the sea of ice, stopping occasionally for a manual of arms.

With numb feet and icy fingers, the companies drag to the tune of a hoarse, coarse voice. "Keep your chins up men; we have only two hours to go and then we will

be free! Free to run and play for two hours before C.Q., so drive on men." And drill goes on from week to week in the hardest rain or the heaviest snow.

But soon the summer months are here, and the birds sing as the companies march to drill. The sun beats down with intense heat. The cloudless sky offers no resistance to the scorching heat that eats at the perspiring feet of the men in the companies. Yet drill must go on. And as the columns move slowly across the horizon, a large black vulture is seen circling over the companies, as they proceed in endless drill.

Upon the return of the companies, a count is taken to exact the number of those fallen in the march. The report is given, and the wheelbarrows are wheeled into action. Out across the barren waste the men in white coats are seen pushing their wheelbarrows to the scene of the crime. About dusk, the caravan of wheelbarrows can be seen moving slowly toward the black building with a large red cross painted on its roof. After

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T. A. CLOUD, Annex Postmaster, is shown placing those important letters from home in the boxes.

**Eighth Wonder of World...**

**'Tripod' Becomes Pet Of Annex; Has Great Speed**

By WILLIE DAVIS

Along with our many new cadets who enrolled at the beginning of this semester came quite a character. It is very seldom that one sees a three-legged dog, but that is exactly what the Annex was bestowed with. He arrived by some mysterious and unknown circumstances and soon became the unofficial mascot of Little Aggeland.

Some witty freshman immediately gave this canine a most natural and appropriate name—Tripod. No doubt the genius of nomenclature was a survey-happy engineer.

At first, the cadets took pity on the dog who lacked a leg, but soon the creature showed that he wanted daily at the speed and dexterity with which the dog moves. For breakfast he is seen in the mess hall, by eight o'clock, he might be visiting a chemistry lab session, and by ten be away down by the animal husbandry barn or the rifle range.

Tripod's favorite haunts, however, seem to be the small classrooms, where he is often seen snoozing happily until awakened by a noisy lecture of the instructor. He then grunts discontentedly and stalks, or hobbles, away, seeking a quieter atmosphere.

This eighth wonder of the world, as he is called by many, probably deserves an award for having outlasted less classes than any cadet at the Annex. The instructors have found it hazardous to insist that he be removed from the classroom, and now seem to accept him as another day student.

Tripod has no worries about where his next meal will come

from, as do many of his canine mates. He chooses a certain company to fall out with at each meal formation, and the members of that company seem to have an unsworn vow to feed him at the following meal.

Cadets have wearily followed Tripod all day, hoping to see him go home to his master, but as yet, he seems to have none, although he is appropriately tagged and licensed. His master, or rather his former master, since the corps seems to have adopted him as "Frog Tripod," has taken fine care of him, for he has been shorn completely around the amputated limb.

With due consideration having been given to all factors involved, it looks like Tripod and the Class of '52 have officially adopted each other.

MITCHUM RELEASED AS SENTENCE ENDS

LOS ANGELES, March 31 —(AP) Movie Hero Robert Mitchum was released from the county jail Wednesday after serving 50 days on his conviction of conspiring to possess marijuana.

"This has been a milestone in my life," Mitchum drawled as he headed for a taxicab.

Mitchum said he has his eye on another career—writing.

**Band Again In Top Position After Review**

Company One, the freshman band, regained top place in the regimental standings at the Annex early this week by placing first in the review Monday evening, said Sergeant J. C. Thomas of the Annex Military Science department. The band, who had been out of the top position for several weeks, received 91.26% perfection in their ratings, said Thomas in his bulletin of the review outcome.

Second place in the review, according to the bulletin, was taken by Company 8, with a 90% score. Flight 11 was third with 89.35, while Flight 12 was fourth with 88.35.

Flight 11 is second in the regimental standings, while Company 2, placing seventh in the Monday review, dropped to a tie with Company 8 for third place. Company 2 was previously the number one company.

Fourth place in the regimental standings belongs to Flight 12.

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**Mid-Semester Grade Reports Will Be Posted This Week**

Mid-semester grade reports will be due Thursday at 1 p.m., and should be mailed by the middle of next week, said Mrs. G. W. Fuqua, secretary in the office of Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college for the Annex, Tuesday afternoon.

This grade, as the one posted at the middle of the last semester, are only to let a student know how well he has done up to that point, Mrs. Fuqua said. The report will be used to determine the academic record of the outstanding company of the Annex cadet corps, the outstanding cadet of the freshman regiment, and the outstanding cadet of each company or flight, she added.

"If a student on probation is meeting the terms of his probation, he will naturally be permitted to continue without question. A student who is at present on probation, and is not making the terms of his probation on this preliminary grade report will be granted a personal interview before any action is taken," announced Dr. Abbott. "If it looks as though he has a good chance to make his probation by the end of the semester, he will be permitted to continue," he said.

"Regardless of 10-10, 12-12, or even 18-55, or if the student is the cadet colonel of the corps, he may not get off probation at mid-semester," said Mrs. Fuqua, in answer to the dozens of students who have been requesting information on the length of probation.

**Colonel, Tactical Officers Build Practice Golf Range**

By G. F. "FIG" NEWTON

Golf champions beware! Perhaps the wisest man in golfdom is Byron Nelson, who retired a few years ago. Or maybe he's Bobby Locke, who returned to South Africa last year. Even Ben Hogan's unfortunate automobile accident may have been a blessing in disguise, for the future stars of the tournament trail may now be practicing right here at the Annex.

Approximately three weeks ago, Major W. E. Wood, Captain C. M. Taylor, and Captain H. R. Williams, Annex tactical officers, continued their scientific research to the golf realm by constructing a practice course one block north of the Saturday afternoon recreation circle. With a few tin cans serving as cups and sticks representing the flags, they have taken advantage of this practice range to improve their game considerably.

The most unusual hazard of the hazard-filled course is its tall grass. Take notice, men! Bushy opportunities arise. Dispatch a hunting party of ex-caddies into this jungle-like foliage to snag the golf balls. The weekly expense account sent to your parents need no longer be padded, with a regular source of income, as could be afforded by your friends, the ball-sheltering blades of grass.

On this course, "rank hath no privileges." Colonel Melcher may be seen begging for strokes from his subordinates. Here the game is played for recreation, with cokes for the winners.

Anyone can use their practice course. Those people desiring lessons might do well to contact either Captain Taylor or Captain Williams, who have just completed extensive and exhaustive research on Ben Hogan's "Power Golf." Good golfing, gentlemen!

**Class Funds Will Net \$700-- Luke**

The Class of '52 will probably net about six or seven hundred dollars for their class fund this year, said Luke Harrison, dean of men at the Annex, after conferring with Ted Stephens, class treasurer.

Most of this profit was derived from the Freshman Ball, Harrison said, with another part of it coming from the coke machine fund.



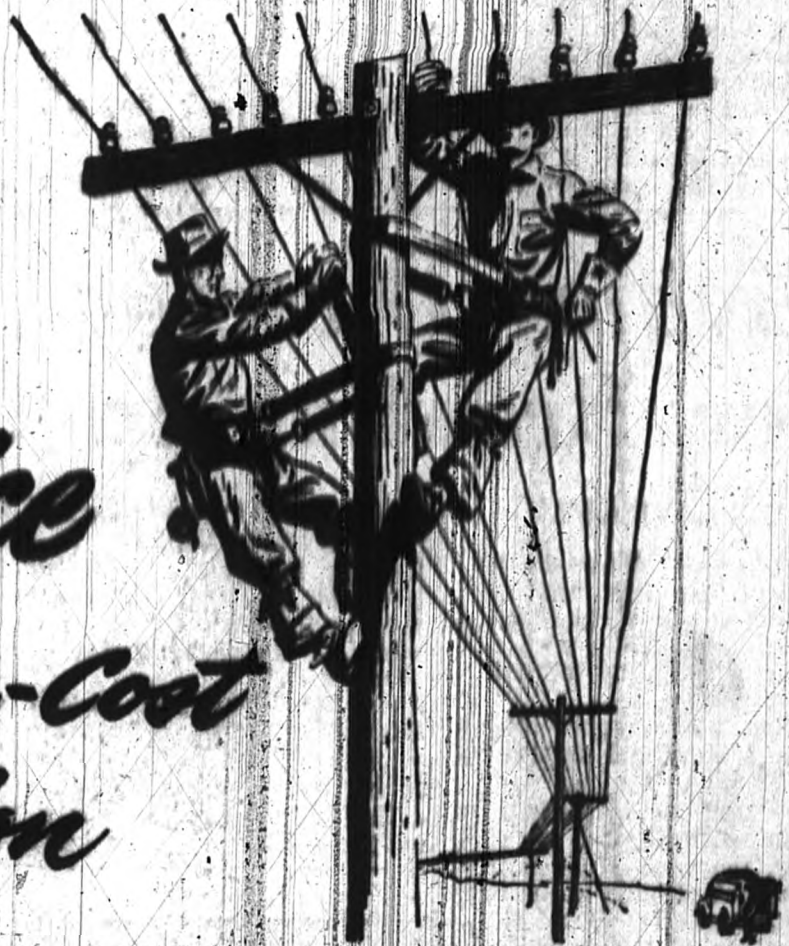
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**Coming To Guion Hall**



Texas World War II Hero Audie Murphy is shown in two of these scenes from the new movie BAD BOY which will be previewed at Guion Hall Saturday night. In the movie, Murphy is seen as a wild youngster who reforms and comes to A. & M. to school.

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