

Units From Annex Lauded For Parade Participation

By JOHN TAPLEY

The Freshman Drill Team, Band, and Regimental Color Guard participated last Saturday in the Night Illuminated Parade in San Antonio. This parade, the last one of the Fiesta de San Jacinto, was seen by an estimated crowd of 200,000.

The freshman contingent from the Annex was dismissed after classes Friday afternoon and proceeded to San Antonio by various methods of transportation, most using the Aggie line.

Forming their units Saturday night near the Municipal Auditorium at 6:45, the freshmen did not move out into the parade proper until 8:45 p.m., because of the great length of the parade, which featured many floats and marching organizations.

The three Aggie units were the official escorts for "Miss San Antonio," Miss Nancy Cicchese, in the parade, her float being preceded immediately by the Drill Team. The Regimental Color Guard led the group, followed by the Freshman Band.

Two units in front of the Fish Band was the Longhorn Band of Texas University, marching to "The Eyes of Texas." With the Freshman Band, the parade was a bi-partisan as the two songs reverberated along the winding San Antonio streets.

San Antonio's Sunday morning newspapers lauded the Freshman organization, calling the band "nationally-known" and commenting upon "the precise marching" of the Drill Team as "one of the features of the parade." Another San Antonio tabloid said that the Aggie units "stole the show."

"The parade was almost four miles long," said the same newspapers. The Freshman Units displayed several blocks from the Alamo Plaza at approximately 10:15 p.m., after which the Drill Team went back across the Alamo City to the Municipal Auditorium.

At the auditorium, where Miss Cicchese was to be officially crowned, she and her court were escorted by members of the Ross Volunteers from A&M. The Freshman Drill Team performed at the coronation ceremonies in the auditorium, also being hailed by the master of ceremonies as "one of the most outstanding drill organizations in the world."

The huge throng in the auditorium apparently thought so, too, applauding for several minutes after the drill and intermittently during the performance. One of the most applauded parts of the drill was the famous "Queen

Regiment To Have Federal Inspection

Anne's Salute."

Shortly before the parade began, the freshman units received a well-wishing telegram from Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college at the Annex, expressing the pride of the entire Annex faculty and staff.

Quarters were provided for those desiring them at Fort Sam Houston.

Dobson Named To Committee For Exhibits

By TOMMY MARTINEZ

A Faculty Committee on Arrangements, composed of Dr. W. J. Dobson, Professor T. E. MacAfee and Professor C. H. Ransdell, has been appointed by Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college at the Annex, and is making plans for the display to be exhibited Mother's Day. Displays will be shown by several departments, said committee chairman Dobson; the displays will be held in the Student Center, instead of Building T-356 as originally planned, he said.

Primary planning for the exhibits began in March, said Dobson. Work done by students will be displayed by the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Agriculture, and the School of Engineering. Various clubs, such as the Biology Club, Model Airplane Club, Camera Club, and the A.S.M.E. will also have displays. Although the Annex exhibit will not be as elaborate as the one planned for the main campus, it will reveal to the parents the type of work done by their sons, said Dr. Dobson. The display will open May 7, Saturday, and will continue until the end of May 8, Mother's Day.

"The exhibition at the Annex this year," said Dobson, "should be much larger and present a much more complete scope of student classroom activities than did our exhibit last year."

Dr. Dobson said that any students who are interested and are free Friday, May 6, would be greatly appreciated if they would help to set up the exhibition.

Dr. Merkle Speaks To Biology Club

Dr. John Merkle, instructor of the Biology Department at the Annex, spoke last week at the meeting of the Biology Club in the lecture room at the Annex. Dr. Merkle, who has traveled extensively in the northwestern parts of North America and the United States, spoke on "The Pacific Northwest" and showed many slides to the audience.

Emphasizing the terrain, the foliage of trees and plants, and flowers in that region—Oregon, Washington, and part of Canada—Dr. Merkle was assisted by his wife, who showed the slides.

At the meeting, held Thursday night, Haydon Jenkins, president of the club, appointed two new committees, a social committee to plan for a club party this spring, and a committee to select a gift from the club for their duchess at the annual Cotton Ball and Pageant.

The club selected Miss Barbara Tucker as duchess to represent them at the ball several weeks ago. She will be escorted by Bill Powell, club member from Laredo. Miss Tucker, a freshman student at TSCW, is also from Laredo.

The next meeting, said club sponsor T. M. Ferguson, will be held May 5.



The efforts of these men to mold an outstanding regiment will come to light Friday morning during Federal Inspection at the Annex. The entire military department staff and military science staff are, left to right, (front row) Major H. B. Greer, PMS & T for the Annex; Lt. Col. Robert L. Mecher, Annex commandant; Captain Charles M. Taylor, second battalion Tactical Officer; Major W. B. Wood, Tactical Officer of the first battalion; Captain G. M. Staples; Captain H. R. Williams, squadron Tactical Officer. (Second row) Sgt. J. C. Thomas, Captain Gay Campbell, Sgt. J. Davis, and Sgt. J. J. Hammonds.

My Drawing Instruments, James . . .

1949 Engineering Drawing Contest Saturday at 1 P.M.

By W. W. ALDRIDGE

The 1949 Engineering Drawing Competition at A&M will begin Saturday afternoon at 1, said B. F. K. Mullins, instructor of the Engineering Drawing Department at the Annex and one of the sponsors of the contest. Contestants at the Annex will report to Room 4, Building 367 there, he said.

Contest time is limited, said Mullins, to the hours between 1 and 5 p.m. Participants are to report to the designated room, he said, with all their regular drafting equipment, textbooks or reference material if desired, and scratch paper needed for each class competition. The paper on which the contest drawings will be made, however, will be furnished by the E. D. department.

A title strip form for each drawing and other specific problem in-

formation is outlined on sheets to be supplied at the same time of the contest, said Mullins. Each contestant will be limited to one of the following classes of competition:

Class A: A shop drawing in pencil on tracing paper; first prize, set of drawing instruments.

Class B: Complete solution of a descriptive geometry problem, data of which will be supplied at time of contest; first prize, large portable drafting machine.

Class C: Freehand lettering, to be judged for technique, word and letter spacing, arrangement and general appearance; first prize, portable drafting machine.

Class D: Freehand pictorial sketch on plain white, heavy drawing paper, without use of scale, straight edge, or any drawing instrument of any kind; first prize, small portable drafting machine.

Prizes of a commensurate value will be given for second and third place awards in each Class, said Mullins, and attractive souvenir prizes will be given to all contestants.

All students entering, must be recommended to enter by their instructor, said Mullins. In general, only students who do "A" or "B" work should enter, he said.

Company 8 Places First in Parade; Flight 10 Second

In the last of the rated parades held this year at the Annex by the Freshman Regiment Monday afternoon, Company 8 took first place with 91.20 points. Flight 10 was close on their heels with 91.13, while Flight 12 placed third with 90.71. The Freshman Band, Company 1, was fourth, scoring 90.16 points. This announcement came from Sgt. J. C. Thomas of the Annex Military Science Department early Tuesday morning.

In the regimental military standards posted in the military science building, Company 1 still leads the regiment with 48 points, followed by Company 8 with 44. These ratings will be figured in the selections of the outstanding company in the regiment, to be announced May 8 at the Mother's Day Ceremonies at the Annex.

Flight 10 has made the most outstanding improvement during the past several parades, according to the charts posted by Sergeant Thomas. They have brought their points total from 9 to 23 within the past two weeks.

Talent Show For Annex Ready to Go

By "FIG" NEWTON

Pull that piccolo out of the foot locker, polish up that shower-room tenor for your quartet, or perfect that soft-shoe routine "Pop used to do" in the Roarin' Twenties, for the 1949 Annex Talent Show is on its way.

The show will be open to any type of talent, said freshman class president Ralph W. Rowe, who, along with Luke Harrison, Annex dean of men, is planning the program.

Entry blanks for the contest are published in today's Battalion on the Freshman page, and must be turned in by 8 p.m. Friday night, April 29. Entries will be accepted in Harrison's office in the administration building at the Annex until 5 p.m., after which they may be turned in at the Campus Security office until 8.

An exact time and date have not been set for the show, but will be announced as soon as possible, Harrison said. It will probably be held on a Thursday night, he said.

Student Activities have appropriated \$25 to be awarded in prizes for winners of the show, Harrison said. Prizes will be given to the first place winner of the various divisions, such as singing, musical instruments, and others to be announced at the performance.

Further details on the show will be given over the public address system both at formations and in the Annex mess-hall, said Harrison, and all interested freshmen are urged to have their entry blanks completed and turned in by the deadline time.

Alamo City Parade Tires Fish Groups

By DEAN REED

The bass drummer gave a huge sigh of relief, the bass player weakly placed his huge instrument at his feet, and the entire Freshman Band had finished an approximately four-mile parade Saturday night through the center of San Antonio. This was the climax of a weekend trip for three Freshman Units, invited to participate in the Illuminated Night Parade, by the arrangement committee of the Fiesta de San Jacinto.

Another Fish unit, the drill team, were not quite as lucky in the musicians from Company 1, since the former group had only started their business for the night. From the point of dismissal, the drill team moved to the Municipal Auditorium, where they performed in a special exhibition before the coronation ceremonies.

Miss Nancy Cicchese, crowned "Miss San Antonio" at these ceremonies, commented on the Drill Team as "just out of this world!" Another Aggie organization, the Ross Volunteers, were official escorts for the queen and her court.

San Antonio had never seemed so full of Aggie rooters as it did Saturday night during the parade. In every section of the city with the winding streets, regardless of race or social position, the huge crowd seemed highly pleased with the performance of the Freshman Band when they started the famous "Aggie War Hymn," and were no less expressive when they sighted the snappy, precise movements of the Drill Team. Accompanying the "War Hymn" vocally, the teens also put some added spice into the parade, with a marching manual of arms performed to the rhythm of the song.

After the long hours of drilling and marching, the groups were rewarded with a few hours of frivolity. Many stayed in the auditorium for a dance held after the coronation; others went to a party sponsored by Ernie Rubsamen, drill team member, while many of the weaker ones turned in.

Several members of the Annex Military Department were at the

parade, watching the units. Among them were Lt. Col. Robert L. Mecher, Captain Charles M. Taylor, Captain Gay Campbell, Sergeants J. J. Hammonds and Davis.

The fish went back into the parade and were helmet liners. The drill team wore their number one uniform of serge, with white helmet liners, leather belts, gun slings, and leggings.

Sparkling rifles also caught the eye of the large San Antonio crowds when the Drill Team passed. They were ones which had been chromographed and were secured for the group by Colonel H. L. Boatner, commandant and PMS&T of A&M.

Who are America's Most Successful YOUNG Men?

In anybody's book, one of them is hustling, strapping Charles H. Percy. Said TIME early this year:

Ever since he was an undergraduate at the University of Chicago, Charles H. Percy has been a young businessman in a hurry. To work his way through college (his basket father had gone broke in the depression), Chuck Percy ran a wholesale business supplying the university's fraternities with food, coal, furniture and linen. He also held two other jobs, and captained the rough, tough water polo team. In the summer vacation of 1937 he took a job at \$12 a week in Chicago's Bell & Howell Co. (cameras). For the next 1 1/2 years he was in & out of Bell & Howell, but was seldom out of the mind of its president, Joe H. McNabb.

It was McNabb who persuaded Chuck Percy to work for Bell & Howell on weekends and vacations, and gave him a full-time job when he graduated from Chicago in 1941. He was put in charge of a new department to handle defense contracts. The contracts rolled in so fast that six months later, when Percy was 27, he was in charge of the major part of Bell & Howell's business. Just before he joined the Navy as a seaman, McNabb made him assistant secretary and a company director.

Newberry, Stationed in the West Coast, Percy spent his spare time studying West Coast industries and the causes of strikes. His reports so impressed McNabb that when Chuck Percy was discharged (as lieutenant), he became Bell & Howell's industrial relations and personnel director.



CHUCK PERCY
The reports were impressive.

Percy began to streamline Bell & Howell's management. In 18 months, he reduced the number of departments from 189 to 130, hopes to bring them down eventually to 88.

New Boss. This week, Percy got the go-ahead to finish the job—and in his own way. To succeed McNabb, who died last week, the directors chose him president. At 29, he is boss of a company that sold \$18 million worth of motion-picture cameras and equipment last year, and earned a net profit of some \$2,300,000.

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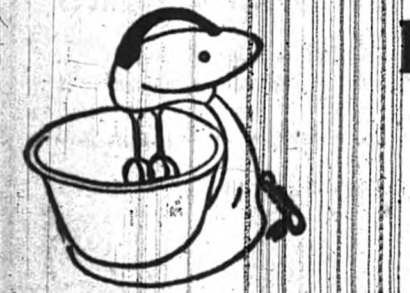
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