

Hot Aggies Claim To Have Proof About Heat And Dust

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Summer camp cadets at Camp Hood are laughing at summer camp cadets at every other post. Why? It's simple. At all the other stations the cadets claim that no place else can be hotter. Here at Camp Hood we not only claim it isn't hotter anywhere else, we know that it couldn't be hotter at anyplace else.

Why do we know this? Because, among the hundreds of perspiring, officer-aspiring cadets here, there are representatives from practically every state in the nation.

They have weathered summers that have made local residents gasp from coast to coast. They have seen the mercury go sky high from the Rio Grande to the Canadian border. But none of them has ever been as hot as they are down here at Camp Hood.

Even those seasoned veterans of a summer school session at A&M can look back on the comparative comfort of those so-called "location and smile." Those days with their warm and pleasant breezes were nothing compared to the present time at Camp Hood.

But the heat alone is not enough. For over all of Camp Hood there is a special ingredient which is exclusive within the borders of this sprawling camp. The substance is dust.

It isn't an ordinary dust. It is white, powdery, blinding dust that creeps into every corner, every piece of equipment and every locker.

Let a six by six truck start out in the morning and, despite the dew, it will be followed by a rising cloud of white, rolling dust. But seeing a truck raise such a cloud and riding in one that is raising such a cloud are two different things.

Take today for instance. Companies F and G, the two cavalry companies taking ROTC summer camp training, were scheduled to do practice firing from tanks using 30 calibre machine guns and the 76 millimeter gun.

Since it was Monday the optimistic among us donned clean fatigues when the reveille whistle sounded at 4:50 a. m.

By 5:30 we were loaded on trucks and had set out across camp to head for the firing ranges which ring the camp. Rumbling through camp we had not yet awakened sufficiently to remember the dust. But, as we reached the outskirts and began the trip to the hills around camp, we left the paved roads.

We had been riding calmly up until then. But all of a sudden the world was blotted out. A white fog enveloped the vehicles which were transporting us. But soon we realized it wasn't fog. It was dust, enemy of all from generals on down.

Steadily it rose behind us. Since there was little wind, it lifted itself high into the air and remained as a sort of smoke screen that obscured the road.

A few of the sleepy ones who had been caught unawares coughed and gagged. The more alert members of the two companies just gritted their teeth, closed their eyes and gave up breathing for the remainder of the trip.

To do that is difficult, but not nearly so difficult as breathing in dust.

Then, after four or five miles of our dust bath, we arrived at the range. The trucks stopped. Ten minutes later the dust began to settle, we began to breathe, and, as firing stations were assigned, target practice began.

All morning long the firing continued. It got hotter and hot-

ter and dustier and dustier. Noon time came with the welcome relief of mess call. Everyone knocked off for an hour and spent the time forgetting the heat and partaking of chow.

Incidentally, chow time here at Camp Hood is about the highest spot of any day. It is good and there is plenty of it even in the field where serving conditions are far from ideal.

The cooks serving the two cavalry companies (and especially F Company with which I am more familiar) must have been the best obtainable for, surprising enough, very few people gripe about the meals. That, we understand, is unusual.

When chow time was over and our mess kits had been scalded, practice firing continued. Each cadet was given an opportunity, or will be tomorrow if he missed to today, to serve as a gunner, a loader, and a tank commander.

The machine gun firing is at moving targets at ranges around 600 yards. The 76 mm. firing is with high explosive shells at ranges from 1,300 to 1,800 yards.

When evening finally arrived and the tanks showed off for their companies it came time for the cavalry cadets to head back to the barracks.

But they weren't the same men who had dismounted in the morning. Cadets and officers alike

AH Students Make Inspection Trip

The Animal Husbandry 416 class left early this morning for a meat inspecting tour of the Swift Packing Plant in San Antonio, according to B. R. Dana, professor in the Animal Husbandry Department.

While going through the plant, the class will be shown the methods used for processing the different meats.

Approximately 30 members of the class made the trip. They will be served lunch by the management of the plant.

Professor Dana is in charge of the men making the trip.

were covered from head to foot with a white mask. Faces which had been clean on departure were chalky and streaked with perspiration.

Shoes looked more white than brown. Uniforms, once dark green, were a pasty green from the day's dust.

Slowly the men mounted the white trucks. Motors roared and as the trucks pulled out of their parking areas onto the roads they raised billowing clouds again.

Down the road they went, but behind them they left their mark. And there are several hundred "jocks" who are willing to bet that the dust plumes will still be hanging in the air when they return to the range tomorrow.

So those of you at Aberdeen, Brooks, Chanute and even College Station can talk about your heat and dust. We know we have you licked on both counts.

And, if you don't believe us, just come down and inspect our camp. You'll know how to get here without trouble. Just spot the dust in the air and head straight for it. We're right in the middle of it.

Atomic Power Not Ready Yet

Los Angeles, July 25—(AP)—It will be 10 to 20 years before useful civilian applications of atomic power can be expected. Right now Canada is ahead in that field.

Dr. Lawrence R. Hafstad, director of reactor development for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, made the statement Friday before the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

Canada has the world's most advanced atomic reactor, a device for the controlled release of atomic energy and the basis of any civilian atomic development, Dr. Hafstad said.

The Atomic Energy Commission says the Canadian plant is located at Chalk River, Ontario, and works faster than any of ours. It is designed to produce isotopes (radioactive materials) for research and also to test the action of atomic radiations on various materials.

Dr. Hafstad said that development of reactors in this country has not advanced much in the last four years because, for one thing, experts disagree on design of reactors needed. The commission is embarking on a program for developing new and better reactors aimed at eventual atomic power for propelling naval vessels and aircraft.

A&M Poultry Men Attend Meeting

D. H. Reid, professor of poultry husbandry, W. J. Moore, extension poultryman, and B. B. Bailey and J. R. Grubbs, poultry supervisors, attended the annual meeting of the International Baby Chick Association, which took place July 19 through July 22. This featured industry event was staged at Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis.

Before returning to the campus, the group joined other members of the staff at Ontario Agricultural College of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, to attend the 38th annual meeting of the Poultry Science Association.

'Bubbles' Will Go Places Some Day

Bubbles Dexter, four-year-old quarter-horse stallion at A&M, is showing great prospects of making a cutting horse.

Bill Warren of the Animal Husbandry Department says that if the present rate of improvement continues until fall, A&M will have an outstanding cutting-horse to show students and to furnish competition for the best cutting-horses in the state.

"Bubbles" was donated to the college by R. L. Underwood of Wichita Falls and is being trained by Leonard McDonald, horse trainer for the college.

Television Taught At Miami University

Miami, Fla.—(AP)—The University of Miami now is offering its students a course in television. Classes are held in the downtown studio of the local television station and lectures are given by the station's staff. Students get three credits for 15 hours of classwork.

Stork Brings Boy To J. K. Riggs Family

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John K. Riggs of College Station at St. Joseph's Hospital last Sunday. He weighed seven pounds and fifteen ounces. Riggs is a professor in the Animal Husbandry Department.

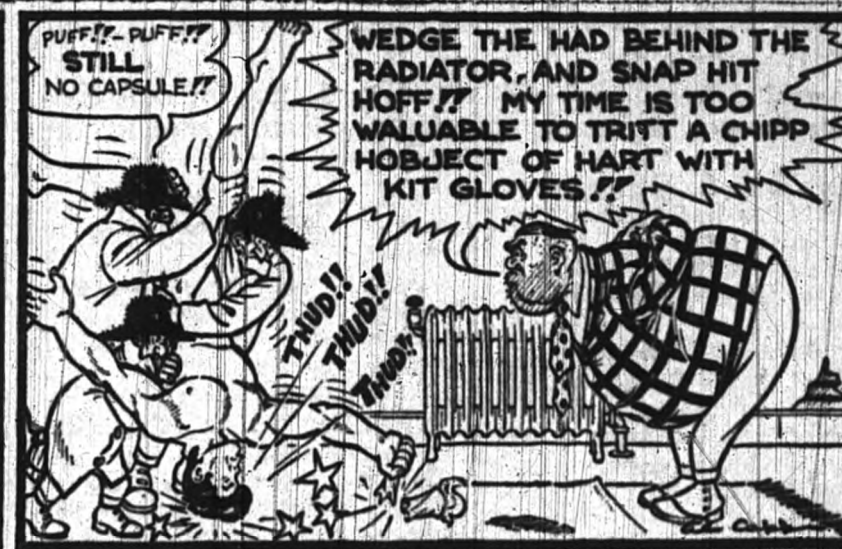
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Shooting, Shindigs, Softball at Meade

By LEONARD C. HILLEBRANDT, Jr.
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Early this month Aggie students of Ft. Meade, Md. were the guests of Ex-Aggies at a swimming party held at the Post Officers Club.

As on all such occasions turnout was 100 per cent. All claim a super time; refreshments were served and the water was wonderful. Many old memories were brought back with the singing of "The Spirit of Aggie Land" and "The War Hymn."

Among the many guests present was the Chief of Staff, Second Army, Maj. Gen. R. B. McLure.

Ex-Aggies sponsoring the party were Colonel Frank Milani, Colonel Barlow Winston, Major James E. Brewster, Major Leon H. Durst, Major R. W. Carpenter, Captain Joseph A. Ford, Captain C. H. Lewis, Captain Victor Penuel, and Lieutenant F. J. Bowers.

On the weekend of the 4th quite a shindig took place in the capital under the able "chairmanship" of M/Sgt. Sam Gordon, MIT, and M/Sgt. Richard "Call Me Father" Schroeder, A&M.

Dates were not too hard to find although Jimmie Cashion and Ray Copus in particular will contest their Texas as compared to that of the Aggie girls. Present were a number of new found friends from the University of Illinois, all members of Co. K.

All the boys had such a good time that the party was carried over for a second day. The day after the 4th, however, when the boys had to get back to work again in their "hung over" condition, they were sorry they had not taken it easier. Ronnie Baggert was last seen in the National Museum of Fine Arts.

Although this has nothing to do with the parties, we heard from Mark Gordon at Camp Lee, Va. and he says some guidons are missing. Tch. Tch. Tch. Some prankster, no doubt.

In spite of the small amount of preparation for the firing season, some fine scores were turned in. Leading the Aggie "triggers" was Herschel Maltz with a 188 out of a possible 200. Also firing expert from A&M were Wayne Stevens 184, Charles Owens 182, Albert Gondran 181, and Charles Modisett and Russel Roark with 180 each.

As far as intramurals go, K Co. is leading the pack. Spirit in particular is high and even a fighting banner has been made and takes its duly-appointed place at the top of a thirty-foot portable flag pole which is erected with reverent ceremonies at the beginning of each game.

The banner is raised over the singing of "The War Hymn" or the fighting songs of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and The University of Illinois. The Banner is lowered the same way if in victory, and flown upside down for a period of two minutes after a loss.

In softball, K Co. so far has the best record in camp with one loss in six games on the diamond, that

loss, the team agrees, was a most unnecessary one. The hardest fought game was with the colored cadets of Co. C. After a hard fought and very close game K Company came out with a 10-7 victory. The winning runs were scored in the last half of the 7th inning.

Outstanding players on the team are Herschal Maltz, 1b; Jimmie Cashion, c; Pete Clayton does a fine job pitching half the games and Bruce Morris does a superior job as manager and coach. Other Aggie players on the team are Doyle "Moe" Avant, rf; Leonard Hillebrandt, lf; Tommy Brookman, 2b.

Players from the University of Illinois on the team are Bob "Killer" Kane, p; and Gene Hoffman, 2b. We almost left out one of the hottest base stealers in the entire league as well as our excellent shortstop, "Wild" Bill West.

The volleyball team or teams, because so many play, are also leading the pack with two wins and no losses. According to the scoop from the team there will be no losses.

Outstanding in volleyball are Billie West, Thomas Kelley, Jimmie Cashion, Raymond McGrew and Stud Wallace. Other players from AggieLand are Bruce Morris, Pete Clayton, Herschal Maltz, Bill Turley and Leonard Hillebrandt.

Checking equipment out at the ROTC summer camp at Camp Hood is Sergeant First Class Joseph C. Thomas, a military science instructor here.

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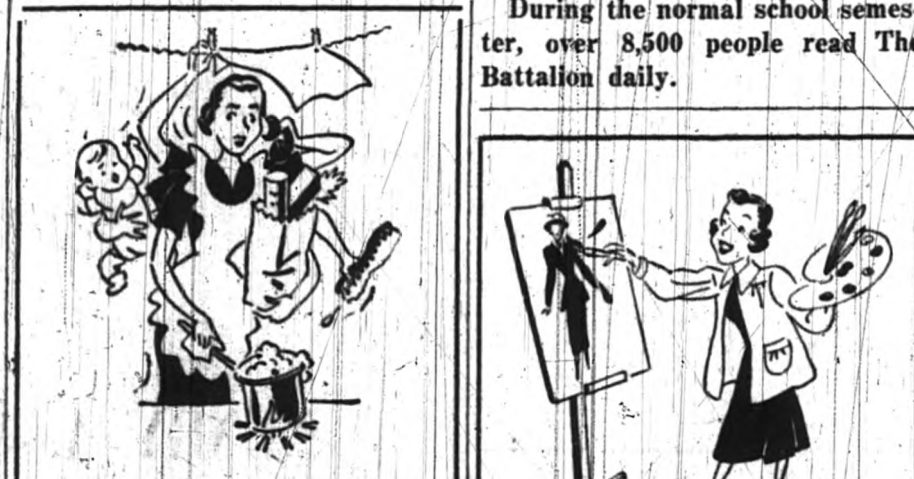
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