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## Old Editors Never Die; They Have Returned

### WTAW Frowned, Thumbing Deplored in 'Roaring Twenties'

W. D. Tiner became editor and C. M. Close associate editor of The Battalion in 1922. On Jan. 9, 1923 it was reported "WTAW Radio Station Officially Established At College." The story said "The College has stretched out its arm in another direction and that is the establishment of a regular broadcasting station here."

into the memoirs of our days with "THE BATT." In some ways that seems to us like yesterday, but in reality that year pre-dates the birth of the average resident day Senior by six or more years. THE BATTALION of those days was a weekly (also weekly) sheet put together by an editor and a staff of a few faithful associates all of whom were devoid of journalistic training and talent. The entire night on the eve of dead line was spent in writing so-called copy. Circulation was about 2500 (student body about 2000), advertising revenue was scant, and we were lucky to make ends meet. We had one bright spot, reporting the Thanksgiving Day football game. We beat Texas, Yes we did, in Austin on old Clark Field, score 14-7. That was the day "Bull" Johnson, who had been moved from the backfield to a guard position, ran wild and drove himself into the Texas backfield. This called for a special edition in color and gave us plenty to write about for weeks. It all added up, however, to a feeble attempt at journalism. Yes, our paper was a far cry from THE BATTALION as it is published today, a real community daily newspaper with good reporting, well composed and with excellent reader appeal.

### Battalion Matures In Poor Thirties

The 1930-31 Battalion took seniors to task editorially for not being able to select and agree on a class ring. "Would it not be an accomplishment... if the class stood undivided for the first time in many years on a ring selection?" Claude M. Evans was editor of the Batt in 1931-32. P. J. John was managing editor. In those years the depression was gripping the nation and investigations were, according to the Oct. 7 issue "the vogue." In fact there have been so many commissions detailed by the greater and lesser powers that they had no time to look into conditions and that is bad. The bosses should concern themselves with things of importance. On Nov. 4, it was observed "This place is beginning to look more like a college every day. With the passing of the shacks comes the first step of renovation."

On March 14, 1934 the Batt named its "bests and worsts" for the year. They were: Best orchestra... Fred Waring Best program... Rudy Vallee Smoothes Music... Guy Lombardo Noishest Music... Cab Calloway Best Singer... Bing Crosby Worst Singer... Al Jolson Best Comedian... Eddie Cantor Worst Comedian... Ed Wynn Editorially the Batt said "The Roosevelt Administration is making greater use of radio than any previous administration. In less than 10 months, President Roosevelt has been heard 20 times, Mr. Roosevelt 17 and the members of the Cabinet 120 times." On May 4, 1932 "Dean Friley Accepts Position at Iowa State College."

### Reveille--- You Blow It

The only blight on an otherwise perfect job of editing The Battalion came when I was just an innocent freshman on the staff. As you no doubt remember, I was sent to get a story about "Reveille." Thinking there was only one kind of reveille, the kind one gets up by, I asked Dog Dawson for some material about when reveille was blown, who did it and why. It was only then that I became acquainted with one of the "Famous Fifty Facts."

### Guests Asked To Stow Guns

In keeping with the old Wolf proverb—"If you go to the sparrow's ball, take with you some ears of corn for them"—all guests are requested to leave any guns outside. Some of you may wonder why you are here tonight. Others of you will wonder after this occasion is over. We find it impossible to be very sympathetic. If you become fretful, remember this: "The rat enters the trap, and the trap catches him; if he did not go into the trap, the trap would not do so."

### Senior Privileges Are Backed in '35 Battalion

In 1935-36 J. M. Shepherd as editor headed The Battalion with Tom M. Brown as managing editor. The newspaper was still a weekly and on Sept. 25, 1935 The Battalion proclaimed in banner headlines "Enrollment Largest in History of School as 3,400 Enroll." The most outstanding thing about that year was the editorial policy, constant and persuasive taken by the editors. On Sept. 25, '35, The Batt was demanding "We Want A Paved Entrance to Our Campus." On October 30, 1935 it screamed "Senior Privileges Must Be Upheld."

### MENU FOR TONIGHT Beans en Casserole Cookies

This menu differs greatly from those served on past occasions. In turning to the philosophers, we found that Seneca said, "Frugality makes a poor man rich." And we want all our guests to be millionaires. Our program tonight is a happy, untrivial, and untrivial, in keeping with the capabilities of our members and the tastes of our guests. If, by chance, you fit outside the categories mentioned above, just remember this: "According to differing emergencies, There is a science of stretching The limitations of our conscience, And of compensating the evil of our acts By the purity of our motives." Apology in Order

### Early Football Tilt Like Swim Meet

The editor of The Battalion in 1894 was A. Miller Todd. In April The Batt carried a chart showing "Life in the U.S. Army (pay scale of officers)." This is the revealing chart given. Second lieutenant, not mounted, \$1500 per year. Second lieutenant, mounted, \$1500 per year. First lieutenant, not mounted, \$1500 per year. First lieutenant, mounted, \$1600 per year. Captain, \$1800 per year. Major, \$2500 per year. Lt. Colonel, \$3000 per year. Colonel, \$3500 per year. Brigadier General, \$5000 per year. Major General, \$7500 per year.

The article continued "There are four kinds of discharges: excellent, very good, fair and bobtail—that is, the bottom part is cut off, which means no character. A man cannot reenlist on such a discharge as it is given only to those who are of no interest to the service and are not wanted back again."

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On Feb. 4, 1925 "Mid-Term dances Enjoyed by those attending. Miss Lily Bess Kyle and Professor Tom Harrington were chosen as prize winners, and the report continues "the struggle (dance) lasted from 9 until 2."

### Cadet Leader Pulls Fast One in '37

In September 1936 through 1937 Tom M. Brown edited The Battalion. Through the Fall days on Sept. 30, 1936 an editorial brought sharply to attention "The Housing Problem" and clamored for more and better housing facilities for students. On Oct. 21, 1936 it reported "Todd Breaks Loose For Vivid 76-Year Run!"

On May 5, 1937 the campus was giving itself "Franklin D. Roosevelt to Visit Campus May 10."

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### One Night In Moronia

A TRAGEDY IN ONE ACT By HENDERSON SHUFFLER 1929 Setting: A clear, cold, moonlight night in Old Moronia, back in the year Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Five. There is a large shapese pile of grey stones in the background, from which a series of mud and order in the tobacco splattered stone steps extend toward the center of the stage. Around the base of these steps, as the curtain rises, one sees a small shivering group of the natives, huddled together as if expectantly waiting some happening of importance. Shortly after the curtain is raised the stillness of the night is shattered by a terrible blare of trumpets and a crash of cymbals, at which signal the natives leap up as one man, and go into ecstatic gyrations, moaning and shouting in such a manner as to give the whole scene the appearance of a madhouse holiday. The noise is suddenly hushed and the group is halted in its weird performance, as on the topmost steps appear the white-robed priests of the order, waving their arms and chanting in a monotone the mystic rites of the creed. At a signal the whole crowd joins in the chanting, and the musicians take up the weaving rhythm on their barbaric instruments. Suddenly, all is hushed, and the High Priest steps solemnly forward to address his followers.

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