

# Texas Reservists Plan Ceremonies On 46th Birthday

AUSTIN, Tex. — Today's skilled specialist-soldier, armed with technical know-how and space-age weaponry, is a sharp contrast to the 1917 doughboy that carried the 90th Infantry Division's colors "over the top" in three major World War I campaigns. But the modern "Tough 'Ombre" reservist still exhibits that same determination to defend American heritage.

Texas' 90th Division, completely reorganized last spring in accordance with the new "ROAD" concept celebrates its 46th anniversary Aug. 25. Units in 40 Texas cities will mark the occasion with special ceremonies, according to Maj. Gen. Earl Rudder, division commander and president of A&M University.

Born Aug. 25, 1917, at Camp Travis, Tex., the 90th played a key role in the St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and Lorraine campaigns during World War I. Gen. John J. Pershing called the 90th "one of the very best divisions sent over here."

Deactivated in 1919, the 90th saw light of day again in 1942 during World War II. Elements of the division landed in Europe on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Within four days the rest of the 90th had landed and participated in bloody fighting in Normandy, France.

Another highlight in 90th Division history came in April, 1945, when some military policemen of the division discovered the last of the gold reserves of Nazi Germany. Not counting the value of art treasures discovered at the same time, the gold bullion was worth more than \$100 million.

By the end of the war, the 90th had pushed into Czechoslovakia. Late in 1945, the division was deactivated once again, but in 1947 was made a permanent part of the

Army reserve. As a reserve unit, Texas' own 90th Division also has earned an impressive record and repeatedly has received top training and inspection ratings. It was the first Army division to train under the pentagonal New Infantry Division concept in 1959, and again in 1963 the 90th was the first reserve division in the nation to conduct summer camp training under the Army's new "ROAD" concept.

Emphasizing flexibility, mobility and technical skill, the new concept eventually will embrace all reserve and national guard divisions, as well as the active Army. This will allow reserve units to mesh smoothly with the active Army in event of activation. The active Army will be completely reorganized by late 1964.

As reorganized, the 90th now has units in 40 Texas cities with a total strength of approximately 6,000 men.

These men, many of whom are not obligated to serve, nevertheless spend one night a week and an average of one Sunday every two months at their local armories keeping up their military skills. In addition, the units spend two weeks at camp each summer, as well as standing ready for activation in event of a national emergency — "brush-fire" or full-scale, nuclear or conventional.

Underscoring the sacrifices made by 90th citizen-soldiers and by their wives, families and employers, Rudder stated in his 46th anniversary message, "Although not engaged in a conflict today, the 90th must stand combat-ready. It must stand united with American fighting men in the active service, National Guard and Army Reserve to preserve our freedom, our heritage of privileges and traditions and our loved ones."

# U. S. Army Burn Specialist Gives Warning To Parents

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A recent spurt in the number of children seriously burned has prompted an Army burn expert to issue a warning to parents.

Lt. Col. Walter E. Switzer expressed concern that parents are not using extreme caution in storage of gasoline and other flammable materials.

# Aggie Senior Killed In Sunday Wreck

An A&M physics major, Richard Jeffrey III of Dallas, and his companion, Betena Gray of Longview, were killed Sunday in a Longview auto accident.

Their car hit a concrete embankment at an underpass in south Longview.

The 20-year-old Jeffrey was a member of Company F-2 in the Corps of Cadets. He was to have been a senior during the next school year.

Jeffrey's father is promotion manager for the Dallas Morning News.

Switzer is chief of the clinical division of the surgical research unit at Brooke Army Medical Center.

"Within the short space of five days," Dr. Switzer said, "We admitted three children—one each from Austin, Abilene and Waco."

The doctor places the flammable materials in the same category with deadly poisons and declares, "Parents wouldn't put these poisons in reach of their children."

He would like to see a nationwide campaign begun to educate parents about the evils of storing flammable materials where children can reach them, overturn them or break their containers.

He knows fire frequently bursts out with devastating swiftness as the fumes reach pilot lights.

He cited two child patients at the time who were hopelessly burned.

"The parents of these children are still numb," Col. Switzer said. "Parents can more readily accept a child being hit by an automobile. This business of deadly fires is beyond them."



# Foreign Students Work On English

Thirty-nine A&M students newly-arrived from nations around the world are completing the rewarding, although sometimes frustrating, experience of an intensive study of the English language.

The students who come from 14 colonies or nations are regularly-enrolled students and in September will begin studies in varied agricultural, engineering and scientific fields. Most of the men are graduate students.

Purpose of their studies in three courses this six weeks is to help them improve their English language abilities as the groundwork for success in future courses.

Visit Professor J. J. Woolket's Modern Language 100 classroom some morning and you gain a sharper appreciation of what the students face in learning oral English. Consider the varying pronunciations given "ed" at the end of a word.

"IT'S POSSIBLE now to understand the majority of the students. At first their ability to communicate in English was nil," Woolket said. He is language teacher who heads the Department of Modern Languages.

"They know what they want to say and think that they are saying it," Woolket said of the plight of some of the students when the course began.

The students study writing and reading English in other courses.

Among the students are men who teach various subjects in their homelands. Here they first must improve their English before beginning advanced studies in their subject field.

THE STUDENTS come from many nations. Countries represented in the classroom include Free China, Egypt, Israel, Belgium, Pakistan, India, Korea, Iraq and half a dozen Latin American nations.

"We have quite a number whose fathers have been students here," Woolket said. "Most of the students have friends who are enrolled now or have attended A&M." Perhaps three-fourths of the stu-

dents hold scholarships from governments or major corporations.

Among the students is one coed, Ana Maria Minicucci. Her stepfather is here to study for a master's degree. She thinks she may return to Argentina within the next few weeks, but she wanted to improve her knowledge of English.

THE MODERN languages laboratory, with machines for playing tape recordings of any language and for practice in speaking, is put to good use by the students. While other Aggies study such languages as Spanish and Russian, the newly-arrived students hear tapes of spoken English.

The English language has more than 50 sounds, Woolket said. Various of these sounds prove troublesome to people from different areas of the world.

In the classroom a student asks for an explanation of the meanings of "few" and "quite a few."

"I'm sorry, but that's our language. We use a word in a contradictory manner," Woolket explained.

Learning English will be a long-term proposition for the students. But then it is for native-born speakers of the language.

# Church News

Dr. James R. Allen will be guest supply preacher at the College Station First Baptist Church this Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Guy F. Greenfield, who is away on vacation.

Allen is Director of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas with offices in Dallas. In this position, Allen heads a program of applied Christianity designed to help Texas Baptists to carry into every area of life the whole Gospel of Christ.

The Christian Life Commission emphasizes five areas of applied Christianity: family life, race relations, Christian citizenship, daily work, and moral issues.

# — Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion: Although I have a very heavy schedule this semester I must take the time to make a comment on the letter written by Mr. Rowland as the representative of the "Committee for an All-Male Military Texas A&M." It is only natural that Mr. Rowland sees things in a rather slanted way. What I find preposterous is the idea that the people of Texas should follow suit.

Texas A&M is a state-supported school. Women as well as men pay the taxes to this end. It strikes me very funny that the exes make so much ado about what they do for their alma mater — it is not less, and certainly not more than that which any alumnus does for his alma mater, if he can. If the exes really think that they made A&M, then they should make it a private school, call it EX-Ag College, support the whole thing and see what they can do.

It is easy to criticize the action of the Board of Directors. I am sure that none of the exes has ever had much headache about keeping good faculty members, which have been blessed with an over-abundance of female offspring and were unable to send them to a far-away college. These men usually have to leave in order to assure the college education of their girls — or do the naive exes, think a college professor can afford to pay for it from his salary? And how about promising graduate students whose wives want also to advance their education? And about staff members who further themselves if they had the chance? The reasons for the Board's decision are endless, and I am sure anyone with a little reason in his thinking knows them anyway.

I never knew, during nine years of work at A&M, that it was a "military" college. Certainly there is a ROTC program, and the Corps is there, but to call it a military college is rather silly if one compares the material going to West Point, the USAF Academy and Annapolis with what enrolls in the freshman classes of A&M. The fact that A&M accepts civilian students contradicts this concept also.

After integration has been accomplished at A&M — where

does this then leave women, if discrimination is to be exercised? This is another point to consider.

Any girls who comes to A&M will have in mind to study — to take the curriculum it offers. There are plenty of "cookschool colleges" in the state where those interested in home economics can be happy. But nobody should deny a woman the right to follow a course of study at a school which fits her interests. There are some good female physicists, architects, veterinarians, chemists, mathematicians and electrical engineers around — why in the world should they not be able to be graduated from A&M?

As to the danger to the Corps — the Corps is its own danger. Female influence could not do anything detrimental to it, I am sure. Discipline is discipline, whether girls are looking or not. Of course some of the foul language would have to subside, but that would only be for the

better of the English — there improvement is recommended anyway.

If this country relied on a dition in as heavy a manner the exes do, one would cross the prairie in covered wagons and build forts around towns against the Indians. A people would die young and main stupid. If tradition interferes with progress it becomes obsolete.

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