

Corps passes through turbulent period

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This is the second of a four part history of the Corps of Cadets. The Batt will focus this week on the Corps in recognition of Military Weekend—Ed.

The years from the turn of the century to the end of World War II were turbulent for the Corps because of rapid growth.

In 1908, the school was almost wrecked by an incident involving the wife of the president, H. H. Harrington. Ironically, Mrs. Harrington was the daughter of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, who had advanced the school so far.

One of the most popular professors, C. W. Hutson, had a visiting son. The son's baby developed whooping cough.

The Harringtons also had a baby — the only one of several to have lived. Mrs. Harrington was anxious of her child's health and persuaded her husband to quarantine the Hutsons.

The students thought this unfair and, finding protests useless, began to leave the school. Former students convinced the cadets to return and both the Hutsons and the Harringtons departed at the end of the year.

Complaints of hazing were common but little effort was made to stop it until January, 1913. The faculty expelled 22 cadets.

The Corps was angered and presented President Robert T. Milner a petition bearing the names of 466 cadets of the freshman, sophomore and junior classes. They demanded the reinstatement of the cadets with no penalties.

In reply, the faculty expelled the 466 signers.

The legislature tried to end the troubles of the school by moving

Play presents tragedy of sin

A tragedy of the human condition is the subject of "Rain," the Aggie Players production which plays in the University Center Forum this week.

Based on a story by Somerset Maugham, this play is about a fantastic missionary, Rev. Davidson (Paul Bleau), who secretly lusts after Miss Sadie Thompson (Aileen Wenck) whom he suspects of being a prostitute. Davidson deludes Miss Thompson and himself, believing he intends to save her from her sinful past and send her to prison to do penitence. His tragic end is the result of repressed human drives overcoming their restraints.

Dr. MacPhail (Lynn Lawhon) is Davidson's intellectual opposite, being wryly humorous where the Reverend is zealous and righteous. "You have a sufficient good opinion of yourself," says MacPhail, "to bear mine with equanimity."

Davidson's wife (Julia Jones) is a stiff, masked, pathetic caricature of a woman, enduring a lonely, sexless existence with a husband who allows only the proper religious outlet for natural energy.

Davidson's chief opponent for Sadie's trust is Sgt. Tim O'Hara (Jim Marks Dennis), with whom Sadie had planned to take up a new life in Australia before she attracted the missionary's attention.

Directed by Robert W. Wenck, assistant professor of English, this play runs through Saturday, at 8 p. m. for \$1, in the Forum.

it to Austin and consolidating it with the University of Texas. Former Aggies managed to prevent that and more than half of the student were eventually reinstated.

The next year the forest service, extension services and experiment stations were added to the growing system. The YMCA was built to provide recreation—something the campus lacked.

The pool halls in the YMCA

seemed to represent vice. An English professor would read poetry aloud there each afternoon to improve its reputation.

Three years later, the Corps became involved with another disagreement, World War I. The entire senior class volunteered for active duty.

The 55 Aggies who died in that war are still symbolically honored here. It was also during this war the "Aggie War Hymn" was writ-

ten by J. V. Wilson as he stood guard on the Rhine River and the uniform was changed from the cadet grays to olive drab.

The school continued its growth and, in 1931, was given a third of the state's Available Fund. Revenue from public lands increased the college's growth and still benefits it.

When World War II started, more than 18,000 Aggies served in the armed forces. A&M pro-

vided more officers, 13,000, than any other school including the service academies.

Aggies seemed to find each other no matter where they were. Muster, an annual event begun in 1903 to honor Aggie dead, was held by Aggies from Europe to the Pacific.

Six Aggies won the Congressional Medal of Honor. One of them, Dr. Eli Whitely, is now a professor of agronomy at TAMU.

Cigarette may have started fire in nightclub, Archies'

The fire that swept through Archie's the morning of Feb. 19, may have started from a cigarette, said Raymond Janac, Bryan fire marshal.

Archie's a nightclub located in an old residence on Texas Avenue, suffered extensive damage, said Janac.

"The fire's progress seemed to indicate the fire started in the SE corner of the third floor," said

Janac. "There were several couches there and a cigarette have fallen between the cushions. Janac said one fireman was injured by falling debris but he treated and released.

The insurance company is appraising the damage, said Janac, but as far as the fire department is concerned, the institution is closed.

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