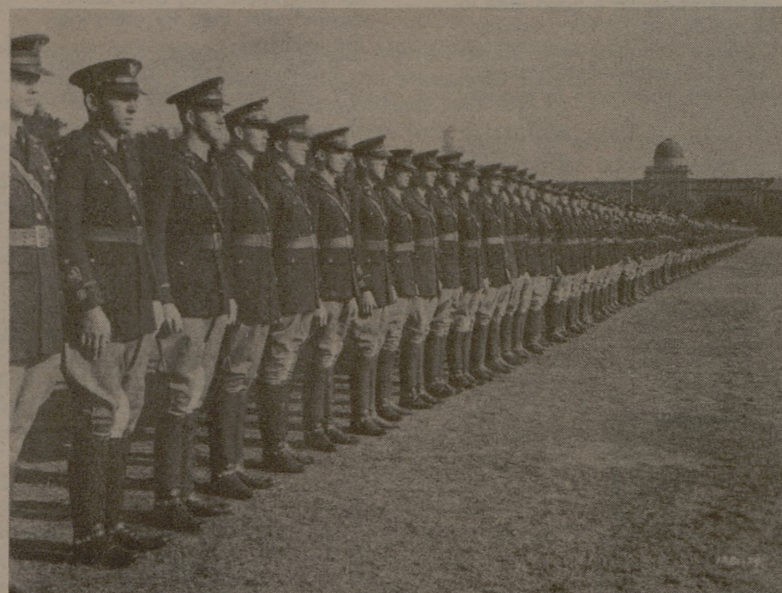
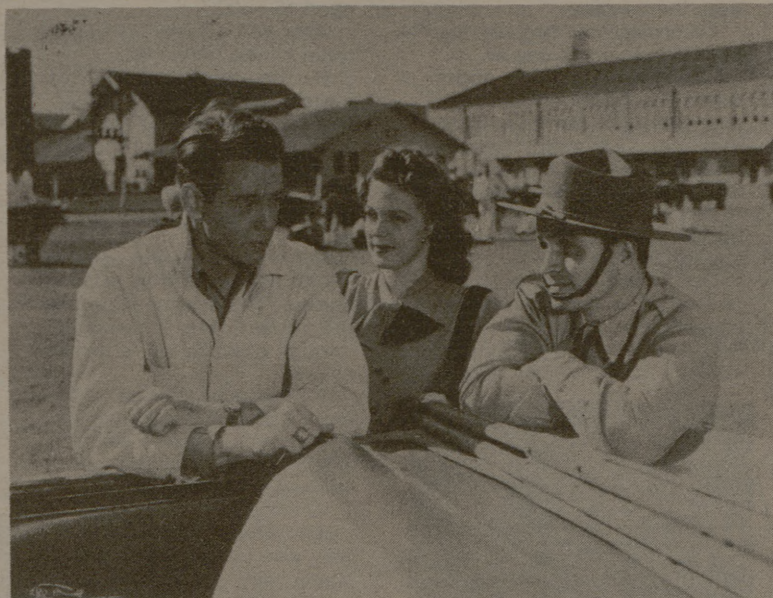


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*Extras, extras, read all about them*

## Many in Aggie film still on campus

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The war effort was picking up steam, Glen Miller was in the top ten and FDR was president.

It was 1942.

It was also the year that "the long and colorful history of Texas A&M (would) live again on the screen."

On July 16 of that year, The Battalion announced that arrangements had been made by Universal Pictures, with the approval of President T.O. Walton and the Board of Directors, to produce "a feature length picture on the dramatic history of the school and its role in the military, engineering and agricultural scheme of the State of Texas and the nation."

The final product, "We've Never

Been Licked", goes something like this:

A broadcast of The Army Hour honors the 6,000 graduates serving in the armed forces as officers. As the name of Brad Craig is called for a posthumous award of the Congressional Medal of Honor, time turns backward. The film then follows the development of a former student's son from the time he arrives at A&M as a fish, until he is accused of being a "Jap lover" and implicated in a plot to steal a secret formula. Leaving in disgrace, it is later discovered that he was only playing along with the enemy. In the end, he dies saving his Aggie "Old Lady" and his country.

"The government and industry were looking for a way to promote the war,

to sell war bonds," said Richard "Buck" Weirus, Executive Director, Association of Former Students.

A good way to do this was by propaganda movies like WNBL.

"We couldn't believe it when we found out," Weirus said. "Boy, it was really exciting."

Even though all of the major roles were played by Hollywood stars, "all of the students" were used as extras and in crowd scenes, Weirus said.

"I played in the dance scene band," he said. "We got paid Hollywood scale. I guess we got over a couple hundred dollars apiece. But most of the fellas didn't get paid."

Another former student on campus who did is Dr. George Kunze, Dean of the Graduate College.

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