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Fountain Service Featured at P. X.



Members of the detachment who happened to venture into the P. X. Thursday evening beheld with awe the new soda fountain, quite an addition to the 40th C. T. D.'s recreational facilities.

This added attraction now makes it possible for us to enjoy sodas, sundaes, malteds, and all other ice cream treats that were once week-end luxuries.

All of the boys are grateful for this great improvement, which now makes it possible to satisfy their "sweet tooth" on the post.

New "A" Men Arrive

With high hopes and much concern about the future, America's potential pilots, navigators and bombardiers entered into the second phase of training on the rocky and uncertain road to winning their wings. They are the class of 43L and are proud of their new Alma Mater. Already rounding out under the rigorous training at "Wofford," they have acquired that "eager-beaver" attitude which is essential in becoming polished and outstanding officers.

Squadron "A"'s election of a representative for the honor council was held on the 14th in the chapel. Alex Justiss started the ball rolling along the political angles. Nominations of Charles Timmons, Framon Musgrove, Guy Jones, Wallace King and Mark Leftwich in quick succession and, after much bickering and fluent oratory, A/S Timmons was elected. Appointments of Framon Musgrove as class monitor and Nick Kappas, Walter Infield and George McNeil as assistants have taken place and the men are doing a splendid job.

This transformation was possible only through the consistent and untiring efforts of the commissioned and non-commissioned personnel and student officers of "E" quintile. Gathered together from points far and

OFFICERS PASS IN REVIEW

When the celebrated possessors of T. S. slips report to the "Seventh Heaven of Goof-off-dom" (the Infirmary), they should be certain to observe closely the highly polished insignia worn by Lieutenant (?) - - - Noooooo - - - Captain McCue. Our able curer of almost all physical and some mental ills has received a well deserved promotion.

Captain McCue's military career began with his high school days, for he trained for three years with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. His entrance into the Army took place on December 10, 1942. He graduated from the Officers' Training School at Miami Beach with honors. While there, he attained the rank of Flight Lieutenant and Squadron Commander. Captain McCue was then assigned to Maxwell Field in the Medical Service as a ward surgeon.

Congratulations, sir! The aviation students of this detachment extend to you, sir, the heartiest of congratulations.

Congratulations are also to be awarded Lt. Thomas. Our Tactical Officer was present at a wedding recently. As it happened, he was the star performer, namely, the bridegroom! Incidentally, the Lieutenant embarked on the sea of matrimony with a WAVE.

May happiness follow you and your lovely wife, sir, until "Death do you part."

near, they form a composite group covering nearly all forty-eight states and several foreign countries. Some of the notables include A/S Davie Crockett, the son of Captain Norton S. Crockett (who fought with the United States in World War I). His home is in Kent, England. Young Crockett is the great-great-grandson of that immortal hero Davy Crockett, who died defending the Alamo in 1836. Of no less fame are Aviation Students Framon Musgrove, Michael Hughes and Irvin Fleischman, who have been located on the coast of England for over a year with the celebrated Eighth Air Force and were charged with the repair and maintenance of Thunderbolts and Spitfires of the American Eagle Squadron.

Lt. Howard is an unusually busy militarist these days, as he is not only Acting Commanding Officer of 40th C. T. D., but he also acts in his regular capacity of Adjutant as well. In addition to these duties, he takes his regular turn as Officer in Charge. His hard work is making it possible for Captain Hexter to enjoy a well-earned vacation.

Lt. Howard was the first commissioned officer to be assigned to this post to work with Ceptain Hexter. He arrived in February as a second lieutenant and has since earned the promotion to his present rank.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of our efficient Special Service Officer, the promised G. I. movies could not be obtained for showing.

We were entertained, however, by a few reels of comics (what, no Mickey Mouse!) sports shorts, travelogues, and group singing—thanks to Camp Croft's Special Service Officer.

Yes, sir, the crowded chapel shook with the singing of the old-time tunes.

Don't fret, chums, the G. I.'s will be here soon.

Following Captain Hexter's return to our midst, Lieutenant Goldstein will also journey to New York. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Goldstein.

Although the lieutenant and his wife have only a few days to spend with their folks, they plan to make the most of the brief vacation.

Lighting Improved

We have heard that some of our graduates from Wofford have had difficulty in passing the eye examinations. A possible cause may be improper lighting. Constant close work causes eye strain, and this, coupled with poor lighting, can result in a visual deficiency.

During the last few weeks, a new fluorescent lighting system has been installed in our study halls. A good deal of praise and gratitude is due Captain Hexter and his associates, who worked very hard procuring this beneficent lighting system for us. It is hoped that this will answer your questions as to why we now study in the study halls.

Wives Attend Tea To Plan Activities



The Recreation Hall of this detachment has seen many innovations take place within its scorched pine walls. It has provided a rendezvous for the potential airman and his wife, sweetheart, or kinfolk. It has given many an individual enjoyment through its invitations to play and pastime via the "juke" box, pool table, ping pong, reading material, and soft seats.

Now—"Something new has been added!" On the night of Tuesday, October 26, at 2000 (8 P. M.), the Rec. Hall will be the scene of a "Social Tea!" Wives of the men stationed at Wofford have been invited to attend. This program will mark the beginning of a hoped for series of "get-togethers" for the women concerned.

Mrs. Lyles and Mrs. White of the Orderly Room, and Mrs. S. L. Goldstein are the sponsors of this movement and deserve the credit for their plans for aiding the men who are members of the 40th C. T. D. and their visiting spouses.

One of the main purposes of the program is to provide a list of available rooms for those who might wish to visit members of the post and to have pleasant and comfortable living quarters on hand. As matters now stand, visitors have a tedious time finding rooms on short notice. The elimination of these varied inconveniences will make the visit or residence of the soldier and his guest more enjoyable.

Mr. Smith, better known as Col. Smith, has more popularity than "Yank's" pin-up girl. Being here at the 40th C. T. D. ever since it was opened for Aviation Students, he has found out that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. He does all the buying and planning for our swell meals, and his work shows he has been at it a lifetime. Hats off to Mr. Smith!

Gigs and Gags

Squadron A

A most strange oddity has recently occurred in the arrival of class 43L (Squadron A). Among its ranks is one Luther Paul Bobo, a native of Spartanburg and for two and a half years a student in the field of mathematics at Wofford College.

Many Squadron A lads took advantage last week-end of the beautiful weather to go strolling about the campus with South Carolina belles. How did they meet them while being restricted? Well, ask A/S James W. Large, the squadron commander, because he has the telephone numbers.

A new technique! Frank Howrilka dated a gal named Rose from a picture published in the Spartanburg Sunday newspaper.

Squadron B

The past week-end was a colorful one for "B" squadron, receiving their first open post along with an added attraction of 150 gigs for failure to sign in. A/S Crowl, one of "B's" prominent aces, became airsick over the "week-end."

Squadron B's nomination for "Joe Bawls of the Week"—Phillip Barrager—gig collector superb.

"Capitan" Dumerat asks us to announce that, from now on, house slippers and robes are definitely OUT for Reveille formation.

Bo Becker is giving his all to see that Limestone and Converse girls enjoy his Open Posts. When you mix Texas and Carolina accents, you've really got somethin'!

Squadron C

What namesake of the famous pugilist, John L. Sullivan, defied one of our blond, lanky privates of the guard? When challenged, "Halt! Who is there?" he meekly sounded off, "Me!"—Result, one tour.

Why doesn't someone tip off A/S Wisdom that, according to our encyclopedia, the United States annexed Texas, not vice versa?

What plump little gentleman was recently seen gazing happily out of the infirmary window? We wonder if his name could be Harry Sowa, Jr.

And what cute little trombone player, nicknamed "Junior," has been making such a hit with the officers?

Of course this article wouldn't be complete without mentioning the main cause for most of the third flight of Squadron C's worry. We refer, of course, to the gentleman who's pet saying is, "Gig him again!"

Squadron D

Dewey Griffin's wife will arrive about the 26th with a new addition to the family which Dewey has never seen. We are pleased to hear the baby takes after its mother.

All of Squadron "D" knows Andy Hardy. Well, at least Bill Hutson has his girl, Polly Benedict. No reflection on Andy.

We were all surprised to hear on the air the other morning about the outstanding student of Wofford. My, Joe, how you get around!

We believe Dr. DuPre now really knows Mortimer Snerd, as he has so many in his trig classes. Shucks, tain't hard, but we don't get it.

There are many firm believers in the U. S. O. It seems that contacts are good. Ask Hutson and Harris.

We understand a certain Mr. Grey needs a line to charm a lovely lady. How about it, fellows, got any suggestions?

Our quiet, music-loving friend, Roger Gezon, makes his music live. Almost every week-end he has a new "bundle of charms."

If anyone wants any hints on tours, we refer you to "Tour" Hamilton.

"Spartanburg has a large and efficient police force," so say Jackson and Kaminski.

Our young, innocent, piano playing friend, Harry Fore, has recently found out something about Manhattan cocktails.

It might be a good idea to check up on A/S Fossee once in a while. The gentleman has a tendency to walk in his sleep.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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Squadron E

How many of you have heard that Vic's Louise is due to visit?

Is Chet. B. serious about Virginia or is it just the old line?

Whitey Fort seems to be debating whether or not he should take the fatal step. What's the matter, boy, afraid to pop the question?

Davidson certainly appreciates what the WACS and WAVES are doing for their country. At least, he does his best to show the girls a good time.

What's this we hear, Farone, about Viril M.?

J. L. Morey's cook is named "Betty." Need we say more?

Mr. Fraking and wife; a very pleasant couple.

C. H. Harbeson is really "on the ball." Watch him the next time he has command of his flight.

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Chaplains' League that several "Terrible Situations" exist among Aviation Students of "A" Quintile;

Whereas, the situation has experienced no relief,

Be it proclaimed this week of October 22, 1943, as "Terrible Situations Week";

Whereas, it is essential to conduct this occasion in a proper manner, be it further proclaimed that all former M. P.'s be appointed Honorary Cadet Chaplains, with authority to punch T. S. cards.

Clip Out This T. S. Card

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
T. S. CARD									
Good for the week beginning October 22, 1943									
To be punched only by authorized M. P. Cadet Chaplains									
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Upon the completion of twenty punches, a G. I. weeping handkerchief will be awarded.

T. S. cards will be punched on the following basis:

- 1 punch—1 tour or no date.
- 2 punches—2 tours or date and no dough.
- 3 punches—3 tours or Gremlinitis.
- 4 punches—4 tours or no furlough.
- 5 punches—5 tours or G. I. Galloping Epizootis.
- 10 punches—Two weeks restriction or any combination of three of the above.

Terry and the Pirates



It Was Rank



Thanks, oh, so much, dear janitor, for the very welcome heat. Now that we do not have to scrape the icicles off our clothes ere climbing into same, less time is needed to "fall out" for Reveille.

Now that permission has been granted for the wearing of the official Air Corps braid on our flight caps, let's get out the old sewing kits and go to work. Uniformity is the basis for a neat appearing group.

For those interested, Professor Coates has prints of the main building of Wofford. These colored photographs can be procured at a nominal fee.



Basketball League Formed by Coach

This week Coach Ted Petoskey announced the innovation of another form of getting Aviation Students at Wofford into better condition, at the same time affording them plenty of enjoyment. Plans have been completed, schedules have been made, and games will be started this week in a 12-team Inter-Flight Basketball League.

Each flight will be represented by one team, making a total of twelve teams from the four squadrons. The league will be conducted in Round Robin fashion and will continue throughout the winter, with incoming squadrons entering the league as the outgoing quintiles leave.

Until such time as darkness interferes, the outdoor courts will be used for three games each twilight, and a fourth game will be played in the gym. Provision has been made in the schedule for each quintet to play on the wooden court at least once a week. Coach Petoskey also announced that should the case arise, the game period day of Physical Training will be utilized by teams for playoff matches.

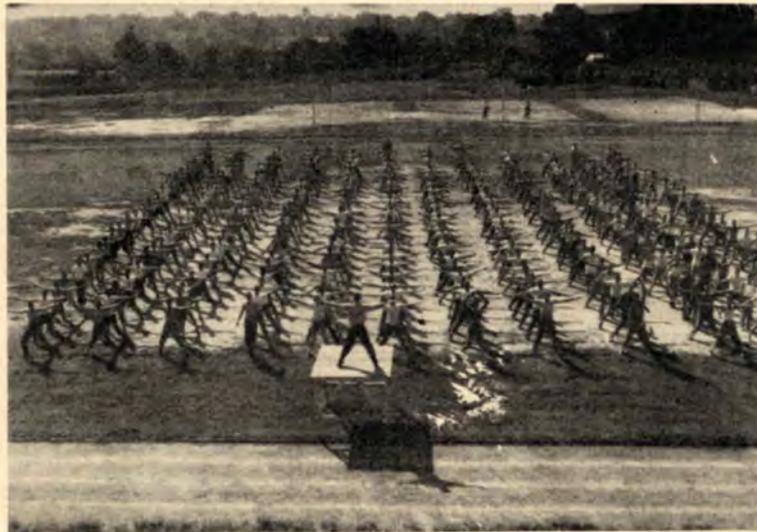
One of the principal concerns to the success of the league at this point is the procurement of a sufficient number of capable referees to conduct the games in orderly fashion. If you are a licensed official or have had any experience whatsoever at officiating at basketball contests, apply immediately to Coach Petoskey.

Officers Defeated First Time by "E"

America has its "wrong way Corrigan" and Wofford its "wrong way (Sgt.) Rumore." The story: Permanent Party was trailing by two points and desperately trying to regain the lead. Rumore broke under the basket with dazzling speed, snatched the ball off the floor, and made a beautiful crisp shot, straight as an arrow, for two points. The crowd went wild—as did Sgt. Rumore. He had just scored for "E" quintile! When the final whistle blew, the officers were trailing by four points (marking their first basketball defeat of the season); the game ending with a score of 40-36.

The victors of this bitterly contested game were the student officers of Quintile E. The entire game was fast and furious. Sgt. Rumore has not yet announced on which side he will play next week.

EXERCISE POSITION — HO!



Look closely and you shall see
Men of Squadrons A, B, C, D, and E.

SPORTS CHATTER

Rules and regulations again put somewhat of a damper on these sports circles. Recently it was announced that inter-C. T. D. meets would be discontinued as far as Wofford was concerned, since it is said they are allowed to compete with colleges only in a twenty-five-mile radius. The nearest competitor to Wofford is Presbyterian, some thirty miles distant. At the same time, the Physical Education department concluded that since intercollegiate competition was no longer possible, it was not extremely practical to continue with the inter-squadron weekly meets. In its stead, Coach Petoskey has provided substitutes far more beneficial to Aviation Students in the form of basketball (see story, column 1) and football (see story, column 4).

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The Permanent Party quintet continued their unbeaten string through the sixth contest recently at the Field House when they edged the fast-stepping lads of Quintile "E." The decision was by the narrowest of all possible margins, 31-30. The winning markers were shot by Coach Petoskey himself, with less than a half of a minute remaining. After Petoskey's twine-tickler, the "E" men frantically tried, but in vain, to retaliate, and the time ran out with the PP's in possession of the ball. The game was closely fought throughout, and provided many thrills from the roaring throng that was on hand.

Referring once again to the main topic of the week, the new leagues that are about to be in full swing, stress cannot be too heavily laid upon the fact that the success of both endeavors on the part of the Physical Training staff rests entirely in the hands of the students. It is an excellent opportunity for keen competitive sport, provides recreation greatly needed, and in many ways strengthens the morale of the unit in general. But most important, the promotion of the leagues to their fullest extent will put many of the Wofford students in better condition for the bigger things to come. Basketball is one of the top coordination games there is, and football stresses team play far more than others. Here is your chance for better coordination and sense of teamwork. Both are needed, both are essential qualifications of a good pilot.

Bob Paffrath, former Minnesota back, was supposed to be civilian backfield coach of the Ft. Douglas (Utah) grid team this fall. But the day before Ft. Douglas played the Salt Lake City Air Base he was inducted into the Army. The next day Paffrath played in the Ft. Douglas backfield.—CNS.

Lt. E. P. Dee is the Army's new sit-up champ. His record is 4,004 sit-ups in 3 hours, 15 minutes. Lt. Dee is athletic director for the 5th Battalion, Drew Field, Fla.—CNS.

Modified Football Planned for Sqdns.

In conjunction with the new basketball league started this week, Coach Ted Petoskey has arranged a touch football league to provide outside recreation for those students who would rather play football than basketball. The four squadrons will have one team apiece. The teams will be of the regular eleven man strength and the same rules that apply in regular football will be employed with the exception that, instead of tackling, a man will be considered "down" if an opponent is able to get two hands on the ball-carrier's person.

There is plenty of football talent in the 40th C. T. D., and it is expected that many former college and high school aces will again don the helmets and make the league a success. Rules and regulations governing pre-flight aviation students do not permit the play of actual contact football. This is due mainly to the time element involved, in that the program provides no time for actual practice and that serious injuries would be perpetrated if the necessary practices were withheld.

Rules and Regulations

According to present plans, there will be from three to four games during the week, so—after retreat, from 1745 to 1845, with no time allowed for timeouts between periods. The participants will eat a special, late chow at 1900. On Sunday there will be a weekly playoff. The participating elevens will be the winners in the quarter and semi-final rounds throughout the week. It was decided to have a weekly champion (rather than have a league which determined a winner after a period of weeks) because quintiles will be entering and leaving throughout the entire season.

The first game will be Monday afternoon between Squadrons A and B. Periods will be from twelve to fifteen minutes in duration. It is expected that a large crowd will be on hand to witness the opening fracas and start the season off on the right foot.



WHEN OBSERVING AT night, try and get where the object will be silhouetted against the sky and its outline will become clear.