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# THE PRESIDENT'S WAR MESSAGE

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Yesterday, December 7, 1941--a date which will live in infamy--the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by Naval and Air forces of the empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that Nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese Ambassadors to the United States and his colleague delivered to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time, the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American Naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

## THE PRESIDENT'S WAR MESSAGE CONTINUED

Last night Japanese forces attacked Hongkong;

Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam;

Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands;

Last night Japanese forces attacked Wake Island;

This morning Japanese forces attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well-understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to victory.

I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again.

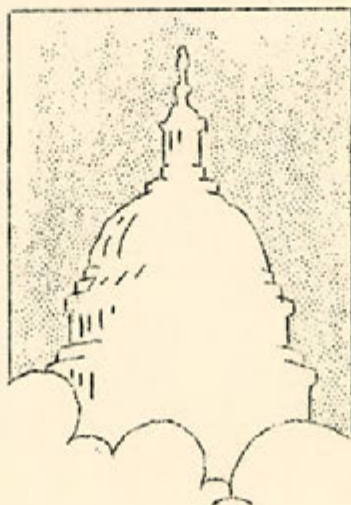
Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory, and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, Dec. 7, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House, Dec. 8, 1941



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS,  
Naval R.O.T.C. Unit,  
Austin, Texas.

December 8, 1941.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE No 12-41.

SUBJECT: Unit Cup Award - 1941.

1. Attention is invited to the "Unit Cup Award" for 1941 which will be made at a review during the drill period December 11, 1941.

2. This cup was presented by the Capital City Post No 316 of the American Legion. It is established as the highest award that may be won each year either under present or future gifts. It is not an outright gift of a cup but it is a "Unit Cup" on which will be inscribed each year the name of the Naval R.O.T.C. student who has done most during the year for the morale and progress of the Unit.

3. Selection is made by all officers attached to the Unit on the basis of:----

(1) Spirit and enthusiasm for the good of the Unit.

(2) Attention to duty as shown by grades in Naval Science and proficiency at drill.

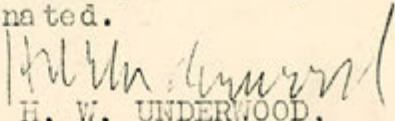
(3) Development of the characteristics of military character.

4. The award for the year 1941 is made to Rom Rhome Jr., who attained the highest grade in Naval Science and set a noteworthy example of spirit and attention to duty during the year.

5. There were other such examples. Outstanding among them are the following to whom have been addressed letters of commendation:

Robert J. Stevenson  
Willie D. Price  
Clifton E. Mitchell

6. The presentation will be made by Major Q. C. Taylor, U.S.A.R. who was Commander of the Capital City Post No 316, American Legion when the cup was donated.

  
H. W. UNDERWOOD,  
Captain, U. S. Navy,  
Professor of Naval Science and  
Tactics.



# SKIPPER'S

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### To Those Who Have Perished

To those men of our Navy who have perished in the defense of their country, we, the editorial staff of this publication, dedicate this issue of the "Spun Yarn". They have died that we might live; so let us "pledge our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Prosperity, that they may not have died in vain." Let us pledge ourselves to revenge their death and to preserve the United States of America and that for which it stands.

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### They Need Support

The football team has certainly been doing a fine job in intramural competition. We in the unit always want to win, but yet we are not doing our part to help the team along. We must turn out for the games and yell for those on the field. Why not take a date and watch the boys in their next contest? Get behind them and give your moral support. They want to be cheered just as any other team. Here is something to think

about: why not ask for permission to wear uniforms to R.O.T.C. sports events?

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### Thanks

I wish to thank the Editor and staff of the "Trojan Sea Horse" for the fine compliments which they have bestowed upon the unit, the "Spun Yarn", and myself. It is certainly an honor to receive compliments from another unit's publication, which is as outstanding as the "Trojan Sea Horse".

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### To Miss Behr

Miss Kit Behr receives my deep appreciation for the cartoon which appears above. Kit is a university student and kindly consented to contribute to the "Spun Yarn".

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### Congratulations

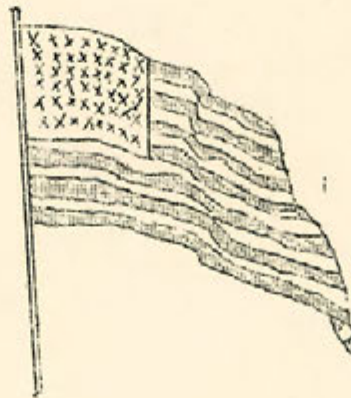
What a Ball, what decorations, when have you ever seen anything like the Naval ball? I doubt if anyone has ever seen the like. Our hats off to those who made it possible.

# EDITORIAL

The United States is at war with the Japanese Empire. We have been the victims of a ruthless and unprovoked attack by one of the Nazi satellites. A large toll has already been taken of military and civilian lives.

What is our position in this new picture? We are and have been under training in the U.S. Navy. Our job is now to continue our training in preparation for our entrance into the war. Our value to the Navy depends upon the degree of excellence we obtain preparatory to our entrance into the war as parts of a fighting unit.

This is going to be no easy job. The psychological reaction of the rest of the University campus will surely be one reflecting confusion and disinterest in the immediate job at hand. Don't let this feeling get a grip on you! The best way we may now strike at our new enemies is to continue and intensify our training. We are future directors of the struggle against the Japanese. Efficient, well-trained officers and men will win the coming battles of this war. This, then, shall be our goal.





# NAVAL HOP



AS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAID  
THE DAILY TEXAN SAID:

Last night the Stephen F. Austin ball room was the scene of the Naval R.O.T.C. Winter formal. This was the first big dance the Cadets have given; and judging from the general atmosphere the Navy was doing itself proud. The Navy men looked more than handsome in their uniforms and the girls brought out their new winter formals. Navy signal flags hanging from the ceiling provided the decorations.

The chaperoning section was made up of Captain and Mrs. Underwood, Lt. Commander and Mrs. Friedell, Lt. and Mrs. Martin, and Lt. and Mrs. Knowles. Music was furnished by Dick Smith and his orchestra.

ACCORDING TO THE RANGER:

The seaworthy sailors of our noble Naval R.O.T.C. splashed out last Friday with their first annual ball. (Take this sentence over to the English department for critical analysis.) Yo, ho; heave ho, three R.O.T.C. men on a dead man's chest! Well my heroics, a good time was had by all, and each deck swabber counts the bells till his next hop. All the dancers, and we do include members of the unit, were perplexed by the significance of the flags strewn about on the ceiling. Oh, well, such is life in the Navy! Smith and his gang of landlubbers caused a slight nor'easter across the dance floor, to keep the unit men swinging and swaying.

AS TIME WOULD PUT IT:

No unsmooth outfit is faststepping Navyman R. J. Stevenson's N.R.O.T.C. Battalion. Far and wide Texas's campus has traveled the reputation of Stevenson and company. Final & crowning touch came the weekend of December 5: the Navy ball.

Not afraid of shattering precedents were Texas Navy men. This gala social event was first of its kind, "biggest and best as well," newshawks were told by chairman hop committee, Don Price, and officer-of-the-watch, James Allison.

AS VIEWED THROUGH THE LENS OF LIFE:

Dignitaries caught through our lens were: President and Mrs. Homer Price Rainey, Dr. and Mrs. John Alton Burdine, Dean H. T. Parlin, Dean and Mrs. F. A. Fitzgerald, Prof. and Mrs. C. D. Simmons, Dean V. I. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Bellmont, Miss Dorothy Gebauer, Dr. R. E. Greenwood, Prof. T. A. Rousse, Major W. T. Andrews, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Calhoun, Prof. and Mrs. C. W. Hackett, Dr. W. J. Battle, Dr. A. E. Cooper, Captain and Mrs. E. G. Smith, Ensign H. M. MacDonald, Mrs. J. W. Brackette, Major and Mrs. Q. C. Taylor, Mrs. R. J. Rhome.

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THEM AIN'T FOG HORNS

Them ain't fog horns, them is bugles. Them ain't machine guns, them is drums.

Twenty-three men have been meeting with Col. George E. Hurt to form the first drum and bugle corps for the Texas N.R.O.T.C. unit. To last year's total of nine drums, fourteen bugles were added this year, making a full corps.

In addition to the regularly scheduled drill on Thursday, the drum and bugle corps meets every Tuesday and Friday. Under Col. Hurts direction, the bugles have been able to play one complete march in five weeks time. This is quite a record inasmuch as three months at one hour a day is considered the minimum to have a new corps on the field.

The entire corps is made up of freshmen with the exception of the two student officers: R. C. Norris, and S. C. White.

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"Quatermaster, is that our true position?"

"Yes, Sir."

"You're positive?"

"Yes, Sir."

"Then take off your hat. We're in Westminster Abbey."

Yellow Jacket.

# BRATS

ARMY  
NAVY



"Brats took over the Campus on November 21, when they held their annual Plebe Day. Proper uniform for the pledges consisted of cocked paper hats of all descriptions, from the overseas type to some formidable admiral's hats; Brat placards; a kaleidoscopic variety of Service insignia, and a conglomeration of half uniforms, including a "genu-vine" Spanish American War dress coat!

Classes bristled with ominous pop-guns, and many an unsuspecting person was "shôt" by female sentries who guarded the Union Building.

Self-promoted corporals squeaked out orders of "squad's right," etc., while conducting numerous parades up and down the Drag. Another group of pledges serenaded near the Union with a selection of Army and Navy songs. There was the usual session of K.P. duty, when unlucky buck privates, sitting on the steps of the Main Building, peeled spuds in the approved army manner.

As a climax to the Plebe Day initiation "ceremonies", the "Daughters" entertained our Unit with what they called a Coke Party, but which turned out to be a knot-a-minute (one tied every minute), informal dance with the stress laid on the word informal.

Thanks to the Brats and this get-acquainted party which went over with such a bang, the two organizations are off to a flying start. Let's keep 'em flying!

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"Who are those people doing that cheering?" asked an inquisitive recruit as a draftee boarded the train.

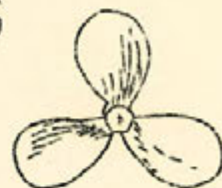
"Those," replied the veteran, "are the people who are not going."-The Log

1779 - John Paul Jones, who had only to contend with men and ships:- "I have not yet begun to fight."

1941 - Admiral E. J. King, CinC U.S. Atlantic Fleet, who has typewriters in addition:- "Cut out the adjectives."

# NOTES FROM THE LOG

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations are in order for the five members of the unit who have survived the preliminary examinations of the Naval Academy "Prep" Class and have been selected by Lieutenant Knowles to continue the course for the rest of the year. Three of these students will be nominated to take the final Civil Service sponsored examination which will be held on the third Wednesday in April.

The five, some of whom may represent Texas at Annapoles, are Rom Rhone, Kenneth Hugh Lyons, Henry Williams, Howard Lowe, and Shirley White.

## PHYSICAL FITNESS URGED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In observance of Navy Day, last October 27 Lieutenant Commander Friedell was invited by the Temple Lions' Club to speak at their meeting on various aspects of the United States Navy.

He opened his speech with reference to the Navy's activities in Texas, pointing out that five active flag officers in the fleet are from this state. He explained some of the new activities in this section, such as the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi and the two N.R.O.T.C. units in Texas.

Lieutenant Commander Friedell said that the failures to satisfy the physical requirements for entrance into the service was a matter of some concern to the Navy and should be of grave concern to every parent. Fifty percent of applicants for enlistment fail to pass the physical examination.

In closing, he told his audience that today's fathers should see that their sons are physically fit and "bring the Navy right into the home."

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HEAR EVERYTHING, SEE EVERYTHING, SAY NOTHING

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IDLE WORDS EQUIP THE FIFTH COLUMNISTS' WORKSHOP

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WORDS ONCE SPOKEN CAN NEVER BE RECALLED

## Letter from Mel Fowler

Lt. Martin recently received a letter from Mel Fowler, editor-elect of the Spun Yarn for this year, who joined the R.C.A.F. during the summer. At Lt. Martin's request, the letter follows:

" Dear Sir:

I just thought that I would drop you and the rest of the boys a line letting you know how I'm getting along in my training.

I have been in my new flying school now for almost three weeks. You couldn't ask for better conditions. We've got a good landing field, with two outlying flying fields we use for practicing forced landings. The school is operated very efficiently by a private company -- this surprised me at first too -- I figured that it would be run by the R.C.A.F. We even have civilian instructors. We are using a very sturdy biplane ( I know that they are sturdy from the punishment I give them on my landings ). It is a Fleet Finch II. It's got a five cylinder 125 H.P. Kinner engine in it. -- Oh yes -- so far, I'm doing O.K. in all of my instruction -- especially the flying part. I soloed last Thursday after just eight hours of dual instruction. The average seems to be around twelve hours. My ground school work seems to run along the lines of the course taught at Corpus Christi. We get quite a bit of Navigation ( I'm really thankful for that Navigation that we had in class and at Corpus ), Wireless ( ten words per minute ), Aircraft Recognition, Aerodynamics, Aero Engines, and several other fairly stiff courses. If the weather holds off -- We're scheduled to finish elementary flying school by Dec. 18. You see we must have seventy hours in the air before we graduate.

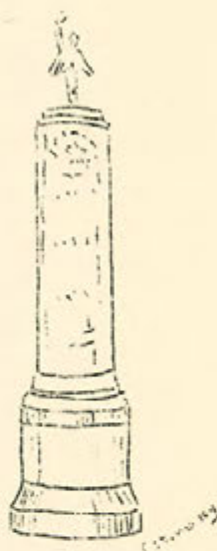
I was lucky enough to get a hold of a copy of the Spun Yarn while I was home. I would certainly appreciate it if I were put on your mailing list. It has improved 100% over last year's magazine. There seems to be more cooperation on the part of the boys. Tell everyone hello, and that I send my regards.

Respectfully yours,  
Mel Fowler"

Needless to say, Mel has been put on our mailing list. Also the unit wishes him all the luck in the world, and hopes that his aim will be better when he gets into the war than it was on a certain occasion at Corpus

# HONOR AWARDS

The University of Texas Naval R.O.T.C. has two important awards for its members in recognition of their merit. These awards, donated by the Capital City Post, Number 316, of the American Legion, are a medal which becomes the permanent property of the winner and a cup that is to be received and returned so as to become a permanent trophy in the unit.



The medal is to be given to the student making the highest merit in the basic course of Naval Science. The basic course includes the work of the first two years. It is now on display in the Ward Room.

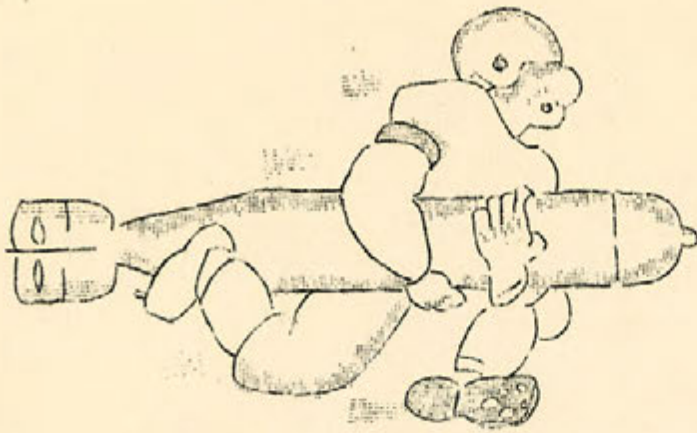
The "Unit Cup", which remains in the unit, is awarded to the Naval R.O.T.C. cadet for having done what the officers of the unit consider the most valuable work. It is presented to the student and his name is engraved on it. It is returned after presentation for keeping in the Unit's trophy case.

## Lead Pledge to the Flag

On Tuesday, November 4, eight members of the unit led the state convention of the Parent Teachers Association in a pledge to the flag. They were Don Price, Rom Rhome, Chas. Heye, M. L. McGee, Clifton Mitchell, Graham Landrum, C. E. Nored, and Grant Stoddard.

## Our Bluebonnet Belle Nominees

The Naval unit has three Bluebonnet Belle nominees, two for the Club, and one for the Drum and Bugle Corps. They are Patricia Echols, Miriam King, and Jewell Luedemann.



# SPORTS

Wednesday, Dec. 3, the Navy romped over a tough Progressive Czech nine in a seesaw battle that saw one team scoring, to be matched immediately by the opposing team. In piling up 24 points to the Czech's thirteen, the N.R.O.T.C. showed vast improvement over their performance in the four preceding games. Outstanding performers for the cadets were Shirley White's signal calling and J.D. Gould's brilliant defensive play. Outstanding play of the day was plebe E.S. Hastings's sneak through for twenty yards. However, the star of the day was Plebe Ben Denny, who put the game on ice with two long runs that resulted in the final twelve points for the R.O.T.C.

Previously the N.R.O.T.C. had beaten the Geology Club 19-0, beaten the Baptist Student Union on penetrations after a 7-7 tie, and won a game from Prather Hall because of an ineligible man's participation. Their only defeat was at the hands of the Tejas Club, who walloped the Navy boys 34-0.

The N.R.O.T.C. fared somewhat worse in tennis doubles. The unit entered three teams in this competition, as follows:

J.E. Allison and J.D. Gould  
Murry Roe and S.C. White  
Gene Nored and J. Loveless.

## First round results:

Allison and Gould ( N.R.O.T.C. ) defeated Maurer and Herndon ( A.S.M.E. ) by default.  
Roe and White ( N.R.O.T.C. ) defeated Lindsay and Lawson ( L.C.D. ) by default.  
Nored and Loveless ( N.R.O.T.C. ) defeated Mills and Govliland ( Prather Hall ) 6-1, 6-3.

## Second Round results:

Shandly and Vichery ( L.C.D. ) defeated Allison and Gould ( N.R.O.T.C. ) 6-2, 6-0.  
Romas and Calvilla ( Latin-American Club ) defeated Roe and White ( N.R.O.T.C. ) 6-1, 6-2.

Mored and Loveless (N.R.O.T.C.) defeated Triaino and Shanahan (Newman Club) 6-2; 6-1.

Third

Third Round results:

Smith and Liebhosky (L.C.D.) defeated Mored and Loveless (N.R.O.T.C.) 6-3; 6-3.

In table tennis we did as follows:

First Round results:

Cowan and Pike (N.R.O.T.C.) defeated Brownfield and Clemer (Prather Hall) 22-20; 21-15.

Guidera and Allison (N.R.O.T.C.) defeated Sparks and Kirk (Rinky Dinks) 21-17; 21-13.

Second Round results:

Cobb and Miller (Tejas Club) defeated Cowan and Pike (N.R.O.T.C.) by default.

Guidera and Allison (N.R.O.T.C.) defeated Ficner and Triano (Newman Club) by default.

Third Round results:

Guidera and Allison (N.R.O.T.C.) defeated Gill and McCormick (Prather Hall) 21-12; 21-10.

Fourth Round results:

Guidera and Allison (N.R.O.T.C.) were defeated by the Rinky Dinks, 21-16; 17-21; 21-15.

In golf:

John Cowan and Bud Guidera (N.R.O.T.C.) qualified in Champion Flight with a total score of 175, although they were defeated.

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#### Basamanowicz Leaves

Stephen L. Basamanowicz, former member of the unit, is now a member of the United States' growing selective service army. Steve had a good record while he was in the unit, and his departure is a loss to the unit as well as to his friends.



# CLUB NOTES



The Navy Club has had three meetings since the last issue of the Spun Yarn. The first of these was on the evening of October 22. Captain Underwood spoke to the club during the meeting on the subject of Destroyers and Submarines. The Captain explained the use of listening devices aboard destroyers and submarines, and the "blindfolded" battles between these two types of warships.

Announcement was made concerning the Navy Ball and the date of December 5 set. Don Price, chairman of the committee, is in charge of all planning.

Another committee was appointed to accept Bluebonnet Belle nominees for the Cactus. Tom Bradshaw was named chairman of a committee to investigate possibility of campaign bars as club pins.

Movies of the Summer Cruise at Corpus Christi and another movie "Patroling the Yantze" were shown.

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The Navy man must give up little things for the good of the whole group. Lieutenant-Commander Fridell made this comment in his talk, he chose to call it that, to the Navy Club in its meeting of November 5. Mr Fridell drew from his wide experience for tales to interest the group.

A movie of the fleet in action and another entitled "Crossing the Line" were shown following Lieutenant-Commander Fridell's talk.

Business for the meeting was brief and chiefly concerned plans for the Navy Ball.

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In the meeting of November 19, pictures of the operation of submarines were shown. A word of explanation on the different scenes was supplied by Lieutenant Martin.

Following a report from Treasurer Bradshaw, the club voted to have pictures of the unit placed in the Cactus. Mr. Bradshaw also announced that the firm that had been approached about making campaign bars for the club would be unable to do so. The matter was let stand for a while so that other prices could be gotten.

## UNIT MARCHES AT GAME

Two hundred men of the N.R.O.T.C. unit here at Texas have had a "first" in their military career, for when the two companies formed at Memorial Field before the Oregon University football game on Saturday, December 6, they participated in the first military exhibition by students of the University for over twenty years. During World War I there was an army R.O.T.C. on the forty acres, but since then, there has been no other organized military group at Texas.

With new white gloves, full color guard, and the newly formed Drum and Bugle Corps, the unit put on an exhibition that was lauded by all as a fine piece of drilling.

It seemed as if this exhibition came at a strategic moment, with the crisis in the Pacific coming only a few hours after the unit left the field. This was the first full dress appearance of the unit this year with its compliment of two hundred men; and with reports from the Army and Navy Departments in Washington, the Japanese situation demanded an order stating that all officers and enlisted men were to wear uniforms starting Monday. This no doubt to create an atmosphere of militarism and preparedness.

The maneuver performed with the black and white cap covers proved to be a unique act with the "T" that was formed in both colors was commented on favorably by spectators as well as in the newspaper and radio reports.

Another thing that was noticed was the striking effect produced by the unit's wearing white gloves. In the stands, a unit movement with the white gloves over their heads proved to be a colorful action and caused much comment. Their appearance on the field gave the Companies the Annapolis look that they were striving for.

Husband: "What would you do dear, if I should die?"

Wife: "I should go nearly crazy"

Husband: "Would you get married again?"

Wife: "I said nearly crazy." - The Pointer

"Rastus is my bawthawarm?"

"Yassuh, de wahmist I was evah in."



# SOCIAL NEWS

## Brats and Cadets Get Together

The Brats entertained the Naval R.O.T.C. Cadets before the Thanksgiving holidays with an informal mixer in the Texas Union. The Brats and the Cadets met each other and enjoyed informal dancing. Refreshments were furnished during the afternoon.

Members who missed this get together certainly missed out on a fine time and the delightful hospitality of the Brats.

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## Mitchell to Orate

Clifton Mitchell, genial president of our Naval Club, leaves on December 10 to debate Wichita University. Mitchell is one of the outstanding debaters on Professor Thomas Rousse's University debate squad. We wish him the best of luck.

## Rifle Range Ready

Now ready for use is the new rifle range which the University has built in the south end of the west wing of Memorial Stadium. A fence has been constructed to protect the range from passing automobiles, and chains have been attached to the pillars so that spectators may not get too close to the firing line. The range has nine positions and each will be lighted by spotlights for late afternoon shooting. The range is 50 feet for small bore, .22 caliber, rifle shooting.

Tom Bradshaw was recently elected captain of the rifle team, but according to a statement Lt. Martin the new range will make possible the extension of company competition to include rifle shooting, and special points will be given to members making scores entitling them to a rank as riflemen.

The new range is to be used temporarily until the Naval R.O.T.C. Building is completed. The building plans include a five-position indoor range.

## "Navy Building News

The latest development on our new building is that two prospective sites and plans are under consideration, both of which are on twenty-second street close to Gregory Gym. Captain Underwood has submitted the plans for both buildings to the Building Committee of the University and is awaiting their decision before the materials for construction. No trouble involving priority rulings is expected, he said.

One of the buildings provides for a rifle range in the basement while the other does not have sufficient room for one, which would necessitate placing the range in a separate building.

The building should be completed by the end of the academic year and ready for occupancy during the summer.

## Navy Contemplating New Destroyer

Reliable sources recently reported that the Navy is examining plans for a new type 52-knot destroyer. This vessel, to be of aluminum, will weigh about 940 tons, around half the weight of a steel destroyer. Because of its light weight and short length, 285 feet, compared with the ordinary 350, the ship would be 25% faster and much more maneuverable than destroyers now in commission. It only requires half the crew needed by a steel 1600-tonner.

Plans and specifications along with a model of the ship were submitted on November 18 by William S. Newell, of the Bath Iron Works of Maine. The new ship should be in the water within fifteen months.

# NAVAL ETIQUETTE

"It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy should be a capable mariner . He must be that of course, but also a great deal more. He should be as well a gentleman of liberal education, refined manners, punctilious courtesy, and the nicest sense of personal honor."

-John Paul Jones.

The importance of etiquette to the Naval Officer cannot be over-emphasized, particularly that part dealing with customs and traditions of the service.

Along these lines there are a good many points which should be remembered and practiced by every member of the corps.

With reference to the commissioned Officers of the unit: unless you have some important business, do not bother them, the Chiefs can look after most of the business you will have. When you are speaking to an Officer, remember to address him as "Sir." And never use the word "Yeah." If you are in his office, try not to lie all over his desk. When walking with him, your side is the left, keep to it (either side of a cadet officer is all right).

You should remember what your uniform stands for. No gum chewing or drinking when you have it on, and no smoking when you have on your cap. Keep your hands out of your trouser pockets. Upperclassmen can use the ones in their coats. You don't tip your cap either; salute. Any member of the university faculty that you recognize should be saluted too. As a general rule, in uniform or not, Navy men do not whistle on deck!

In class, stand at attention when you recite. Also, be punctual in getting to class. Do not try cutting classes and drills. Ask permission of the executive officer to be excused ahead of time if possible, but if not, be sure to explain your absence to the instructor in that class as soon as you can.

About the time this paper is distributed, a booklet written by members of the upper class will be coming out. It will include a lot of what has been said here, but, as has been said before, etiquette in the Navy cannot be over-emphasized.

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Two colored gentlemen, who had just reduced the population of a farmers hen roost, were making a getaway.

"Laws, Mose," gasped Sam, "why do you s'pose those flies follow us so close?"

"Keep gallopin," said Mose, "them aint flies, them's buckshot."

## PASSING IN REVIEW

A man to keep your respective eyes on this spring when track season rolls around will be John Coningsby Polhemus, Sophomore in the Unit and barrel chested long-distance runner.

Hailing from New England where men are as tough as the native maple trees, Polhemus captured the New England high-school championship in the mile and half-mile events.

Running as a freshman for the University last year he caught the eye of Coach Clyde Littlefield by his ground-eating stride and this fall he was tried out as a cross-country runner and was rated third; outclassed by only such veteran runners as Mac Ursetta and Herlich.

In the spring he intends to go after the laurels in both the mile and half-mile, and unless they keep him well bottled up he is liable to show a clean pair of heels to Southwest Conference distance runners.

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## "CHIEF JUSTICE" RHOME

Dip the colors to Rom Rhome, our platoon commander, with the hearty manner and the business-like methods.

In the fall elections Rhome covered himself with glory and brought no small recognition to the Unit itself by winning a post to the Judiciary Council hands down. With six candidates running for the council he was the only one to poll more than 2000 votes.

Not stopping there, upon the resignation of Chairman McClamroch, Rhome was elected to fill the vacancy and is now head of the Judiciary Council, a responsible post.

Among other plans which he now is hoping to inaugurate by virtue of his new authority, Rom intends to attempt a revitalization of the Judiciary, to bring back to it some of the power and prestige it once enjoyed on the campus. Also on the docket during his term of office is the formulation of a set of rules by which the S.B.I., student election-supervising body, will operate.

"Please extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the Unit," said Rom. "Without the strong support I received on every side from all my fellow sailors I know I could never have won the election."

# HEARD FROM A 'LAND LUBBER'

You sailors are all crazy  
Just listen how you speak.  
You call the right the starb'd,  
You call the end the peak,  
You call the rafters carlines,  
And call a slant a rake,  
And call a plain old piece of wood,  
The starboard garboard strake.  
Your lingo don't make any sense  
Your grammar is a wreck.  
Imagine crazy people  
Who call the floor a deck!

"The Spy Glass"; St. Louis, Mo.



"Out of sight  
out of mind"