Wartime Spirit Prevails As 116 Graduated

One hundred and sixteen graduates received degrees last Monday in the thirtieth commencement held by Rice, Institute. For the second time, the services were held at St. Paul's Methodist Church, and a distinct wartime atmosphere was felt. Many of the graduates were in uniform; others were awarded their degrees in absentia, a practice just begun by Rice since the war.

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EXTRA

This Thresher is in the nature of an extra and a memorial combined. It was decided that the great Owl victory over Texas should not go unrecorded, so we have put out late—but not too late, we hope—this edition. It will stand as a permanent reminder that there is more to a football team than old men, high salaries, and publicity agents. It will stand as a permanent rebuke to an egotistic and unmeritorious score of 58-0. It will stand as a permanent reminder that there is more to a football team than old men, high salaries, and publicity agents. It will stand as a permanent rebuke to an egotistic and unmeritorious score of 58-0. It will stand as a permanent rebuke to an egotistic and unmeritorious score of 58-0.

Owl Comes Out During Vacation; Corbett Bus. Mgr.

The Owl, sporadic publication for the students and alumni, finally appeared last Monday after tests were over and everyone had gone home. The Owl has at last admitted that nobody reads it anyway, hence came out during a vacation period. With its customary consideration, the staff made the magazine in two sections this issue. The fight song is printed on the middle pages, so that it may easily be pulled out, and the rest of the thing thrown away. This saves the reader the trouble of thumbing through the pages until he gets to the fight song. As there is supposed to be a paper shortage, however, it would probably be wise to save the discarded part to light fires with, or to wrap up chewing gum you don't want to keep. The picture of Scruggs is suitable for framing, Scruggs says.

BLANKET TAX NOTICE

It is urged that every student purchase his blanket tax as soon as possible. Payment of the blanket tax permits students to attend the remainder of the football games, the basketball games this winter, the track events in the spring, besides paying for the three publications, Thresher, Campanile, and Owl.

Steers Stampeded As Owls Take Sweet Revenge in Victory

Team Plays Great Game as Nichols, Cox, Walmsley, Scruggs, Russ, Nemir And Sheffield Distinguish Themselves

By Woody Dryden

Rice—7, Texas—0. That's what happened at Rice Stadium between 1500 and 1700 on Saturday, 28 October, 1944, a date and score that will be long remembered. The game is over and Rice has beat Texas—beat Texas even more soundly than the score indicates. After the Owls drove 70 yards to the Texas 6 with the game just four minutes old, the capacity crowd of 28,000 thought Rice could win. This drive was sparked by the off-tackle slants of fullback Buddy Russ, picking up 5 to 26 yards a kick. Twice Russ got in the clear and could have gone the distance had the Owls gotten just one blocker in front of him. During this drive, the vaunted Longhorn line just wasn't there as Hamilton Nichols, Bob Zeleman, Johhnie Cox, and Cholly Howard ripped gaping holes for the Rice backs to scoot through.

It was in every sense a team victory. Bill Scruggs played the best game of his career as he raced 60 yards through the Texas secondary to score, caught out good gains on quarterback sneaks, and was all over the field on defense, hitting Hugh (Continued on back page)
Bechtel so hard that he dropped a fourth down pass on the Rice 6 in the last quarter. George Walmley shimmied, as usual, on both of those plays, and took over on their 22. With Rice, Walmley, and Nemir covering, the Owls drove through the Texas line to the Longhorn 39, and Bill Scruggs lost 10 yards. Frank Lawrence played great ball in both of those drives, knocking the Longhorn ball carrier, throwing the pass to Bill Scruggs for the score and showed terrific drive in smashing the Texas line.

The Owls fumbled in both of those drives to start the game. Big Buck Sheffield played his best game of the year, by far, as he, time and again, knocked down the Longhorn ball carrier, threw the pass to Bill Scruggs for the score and showed terrific drive in smashing the Texas line. Frank Lawrence played great ball in both of those drives, knocking the Longhorn ball carrier, throwing the pass to Bill Scruggs for the score and showed terrific drive in smashing the Texas line.

Texas  backfield! distance of 50 yards, an average of 1.8 yards a throw—less than the play. The running statistics are as-half and blasted the two-ton, tea-town linemen more than once. The Rice linemen cannot be praised too much as they rose up to smother Layne and the other Texas backs on nearly every drive to start the game. Big Buck Sheffield played his best game of the year, by far, as he, time and again, knocked down the Longhorn ball carrier, threw the pass to Bill Scruggs for the score and showed terrific drive in smashing the Texas line. Frank Lawrence played great ball in both of those drives, knocking the Longhorn ball carrier, throwing the pass to Bill Scruggs for the score and showed terrific drive in smashing the Texas line.

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