EDITORIAL

THE SCHOOLS IN WAR TIME

Today America's schools face the greatest challenge in their history. America's educators are now in the forefront of the battle for freedom, providing important support for our armed forces and the workers in our industries. They can help win this war by making full use of the tools of good citizenship. Our concept of freedom—the very thing we are now fighting for—takes form in the nation's classrooms. A sound understanding of democracy is the best guarantee that this democracy will survive. The classrooms can play an important part in building that understanding and faith in democracy that will lead us through the upsets and defeats that may precede our ultimate victory.

—Donald M. Nelson, Chairman
War Production Board
Washington, D.C.

The war has brought new challenges to the schools of the country, and we feel certain that our great educational system will measure up in every way to the severe demands that will be made upon it. Upon the schools will fall the duty of training the hand and mind of America. Through the vocational schools, the public schools' heritage from the first World War, thousands of young men and women are being trained for defense industries, at the lathe and drafting board, beneath the hoods of bombers and deep in the bowels of tanks, along a thousand assembly lines. Former students are creating the armament for America's victory. There is a real need in this country for close cooperation between the educational establishments and the military forces.

In many instances, it will be necessary for many schools to make changes in the courses they offer so as to meet the demands of the most mechanized war ever fought. Emphasis must be placed on mathematics, physics, chemistry and manual subjects—woodworking, metalworking, and automotive engineering.

It is clearly the responsibility of the schools to lay greater emphasis on physical education. Our enemies have glorified physical development as the highest attainment of youth. We too must be strong and healthy. The high percentage of selective service rejections due to physical disabilities shows that there is much to be done. American schools have the facilities for turning out strong, sound bodies as well as trained minds. The schools will take advantage of these opportunities.

The schools can be of inestimable service to the young men of the nation by being centers of information regarding the Army and the Navy. In many instances this information can be given through school assemblies organized

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around Army and Navy thames; or by devoting space in the school newspapers and annuals to articles of general interest about those subjects. The schools have their biggest opportunity in doing outstanding work in guiding patriotic young Americans to decide where they can make their greatest contribution to the national defense. It is a task in guidance that overshadows in importance whatever program along that line the schools may have had. The advice now must be given from the viewpoint of the nation as a whole. Sometimes the best decision would be for the student to continue his high school or college course, with a view toward a possible commission. In other cases, the school might advise enlistment immediately upon graduation from high school, with a view toward learning a valuable trade. The school is a kind of pre-selective service board, and its responsibility is great.

It is logical to expect the schools to plan a program for the support of community morale. No group is better equipped than the high school to provide entertainment for all community groups—civilian and military. Public forums are proving valuable media for building morale and are being organized by the schools for adults as well as for pupils.

Useful activities that have a good effect on morale are the production of supplies such as knitted apparel, and the collection of aluminum, tin, old papers, and magazines. Morals building also are activities that have to do with community defense, such as fire-warden or airplane-detector service, etc.

We could go on and mention many other things that the schools are doing such as panic control, health, safety, thrift, Pan-Americanism, and so on. You young Americans at the front can rest secure in the thought that the schools of American will meet understandingly, courageously, and efficiently the many challenges that the war situation presents—and too, they realize as never before that the future of democracy itself rests upon the continuance of education for the youth of our country, upon whose shoulders will rest the post-war problems of industry, labor, and government.

--Arthur J. Cormier

Headquarters 1st Bn. 156th Inf.
Camp Bowie, Texas
March 2, 1942
My dear Friends:

I have just finished reading your first copy of Le Cho de Techa. I read this fine bulletin with a great deal of pride and enjoyment to know that you people have gone to so much trouble and expense to provide the men in service from our community with first hand information regarding their families and friends at home; to say nothing of the doings of our boys who are widely scattered in the service of our country. To the best of my knowledge you are the first to make such a gesture for their boys in service. I feel safe in saying that your efforts will be well repaid in the satisfaction and enjoyment we will get in reading the bulletin.

I am sure by this time all of you know that our Division has a new home, which is located at Camp Bowie, Texas. We are very well pleased with the change—probably the most inviting thing about the change is the gas heat here. All we have to do in the morning is reach out and turn on the gas. Than too, the cooks have nice big gas ranges to cook on. It is a little cold here, but a very fine climate. We are about 1500 feet above sea level. When it rains, you would think you were in Anse la Butte, the way the mud sticks to your feet.

Our Division has just undergone a reorganization. We are now a Triangular instead of a Square Division. In other words, we have been streamlined. We feel that we will have to undergo some very strenuous training in the next few months. We are beginning to realize that we cannot win this war with flags and blank ammunition.

I was very much impressed with Lt. Clause's letter to Father Borel. I am afraid Bill is over enthusiastic over the capabilities of the armored forces. Of course, I must admit that the armored force is very important, but he must not forget that success in battle is attained only by the combined efforts of all our Forces. As a matter of fact if we follow the battles in Europe, we find that armored forces that were not supported by infantry were not very successful. The armored forces take the ground, but it takes the infantry to hold it. However, I admire Bill's enthusiasm.

I wish we had some of our rabbit hunters out here. Today was our first day out on the drill field, and we could hardly keep our boys working for wanting to run after the Texas Jack rabbits. They were jumping all over the field. Some of our boys did surrounding a few of them and caught them. They sound strange, but it is an actual fact. They look about the size of a...
March 16, 1943

Rt. Rev. F. A. MeGr. Borel
St. Bernard Church
Breaux Bridge, La.

Dear Father:

Though pressed for time due to an examination in Dogma Saturday and studies for Canonical examination on April 5, I am not able to delay any longer my sincerest congratulations at the appearance of "L'Echo du Teche". I have read both copies and each was enjoyed beyond mention. The familiarity and warmth or style, likewise, the deep human interest embodied in the paper, makes it a thing worthwhile waiting for and reading. I am justly proud at the noble effort being made to keep the boys in the army happy. Surely one could think of no better means of spreading sunshine and joy to the many men from home.

To yourself then, dear father, and to the whole staff of "L'Echo du Teche", my congratulations. Lead on Breaux Bridge, your boys have need of you! God bless you all for your wonderful work. Keep your boys happy with "L'Echo du Teche".

Most sincerely yours,

Harris J. Perio

High School seniors heard talks by Dean James Broussard and Captain LeBlanc of Louisiana State University and Supt. L. J. Montagut on March 26.

Dean James Broussard, a native of St. Martin Parish, spoke on the need of leadership. "We are fighting a second World War to clear the mistakes of the first World War. We shall need leaders to solve our post-war problems, so that the mistakes will not be repeated. We look to you to help do the job," stated Dean Broussard.

Time is important during this period of emergency, and it must be saved. As
an answer to this Dean Broussard
called attention that all require-
ments for the bachelor's degree
could be met by attending the
University three years instead of
four. He further stated that
L.S.U. is presenting courses adapt-
to the war-time situation. They
offer maximum opportunities for all
types of students.

Capt. LeBlanc furnished the seniors
with information about courses along
military lines that boys and girls can
take leading to commissions in the
regular army on graduation.

From information gathered, it seems
that more than fifty percent of the
students of the class of 1942 expect
to go to college.

The "Sunshine of your Smile" of
the class of 1939, Sergeant Fred Patin
and Sergeant Ray Trumps of the class
of 1940, visited the senior class of
the Breaux Bridge High School. It was
a treat to hear them relate their
varied experiences. They certainly
gave the class a clear insight of
camp life.

An appreciative audience heard
The essay contest sponsored by the
American Legion Auxiliary in the
Breaux Bridge Gymnasium on
March 10, 1942. The representatives
of the three high schools of Saint
Martin Parish were Rita Montegut of
St. Martinville, Ledall Dupuis, Jr.,
of Cecilia, and Florine Castille of
Breaux Bridge. The judges for the
contest were Miss Grace Broussard,
Miss Annabelle Delahoussaye, and
Mr. Leo Delahoussaye. Florine
Castille of the Breaux Bridge High
School placed first in the contest
and was selected to deliver her
essay at the district essay and
oratorical contest held on March 21
at Southwestern Louisiana Institute,
Lafayette, La.

The annual public speaking and
parliamentary procedure contest was
held at the Judice High School on
March 20, 1942. Adley Boyer, a
junior in the Breaux Bridge High
School placed third in public
speaking. The parliamentary pro-
cedure team, Adley Boyer, Roy
Broussard, James Latioleia, Paulin
Landry, Amos Castille, Edmond Cor-
mier, and James Mouton, (alternate)
also placed third.

Why do regiments of foot-soldiers
bear the name of "Infantry"? It is
claimed that in feudal times in
France the seigneurs want to war on
horseback, while the peasants followed
behind on foot. The story goes that
the seigneurs in speaking to them,
addressed them as "Les Enfants"
Then from the term "infanterie" would
be derived today's term "Infantry".

The Breaux Bridge High School Band
was organized in 1936 under the able
direction of Mr. Howard C. Voochies.
It prospered and became recognized
as a very fine high school organiza-
tion. In 1940 and 1941 due to the
small number of members it became a
parish organization and most of the
playing was done in combination with
the St. Martinville group. In 1941-42
the school board made provision for
bend directors and singing teachers in
the three high schools and with this
set-up, under the enthusiastic leader-
sip of Miss Marjorie Daily, the band
has developed in numbers and efficiency
and by this time is rapidly becoming
one of the most active organizations on
the campus. It has been called upon to
play on various occasions such as
civilian defense meetings and enter-
tainments, both here and in
St. Martinville. The interest and en-
thusiasm manifested by the students
seem to indicate that by next year the
band should consist of from fifty-five
to sixty pieces. The boys and girls
enjoy playing. The following is the
band personnel: Dickie Angello, Billy
Angello, Harold Angello, Daniel Angello,
J. V. Broussard, audrey Broussard,
Kathryn Broussard, Donald Barnard,
Thomas Bruner, J. L. Balch, Arthur
Cormier, Jr., Ray Broussard, Claire
Cormier, Walter Bagnaud, Raymond Badeaux
Raymond Castille, Ray Domingues, Roma
Domingues, John Lee Domingues, Verma
Dupuis, Paul Delhomme, Ronald Durio,
Mickey Dwyer, Henrietta Dwyer, Paul
Doucet, Wilfred Guidry, Lester Guidry,
Milo Hobart, Junior Hobart, Paul
Lalande, Jr., F. H. LeBlanc, L. J.
LeBlanc, Betty Landry, James Mouton,
Warren Nepveus, John Raymond, Robert
Rees, John Trosclair, Elsworth
Thibodeaux, Allen J. Thibodeaux,
Dolores Fellerin, Velvyn Webro, Eldridge
Melancon, Georgia Somnier and Ira
Melancon.

Pvt. Percy Goulas, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Edgar Goulas has been transferred
from Camp Croft, S. C. to Camp Folk,
La. He is a mechanic on the third
armored division. He visited his
parents this week end.

Corporal Darrell Dupuis, a graduate
of the Breaux Bridge High School in
1938, volunteered in the Army Air Corps
with the ambition of becoming an air-
plane mechanic. He attend a six-month
course in an Aeronautics School in
New York City. Corporal Dupuis has
recently been assigned to Mac Dill
Field in Tampa, Florida.

Harvey Dupuis, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Louis Dupuis, plans to leave on
March 27 to join the regular army. He
is a graduate of the Breaux Bridge
High School and has attended S. L. I.
for two years.
George E. Burch has been transferred from Brady Field, Texas to Ellington Field. George was a popular member of the class of 1940 of the Breaux Bridge High School. He possesses outstanding qualities that should make him a good aviator.

Among the many soldiers to visit their parents recently were Private Louis Colet, Pvt. Clarence Guidry, Pvt. Rudolph Malanocon, Jr., Sgt Aurelien Zimmerman, Pvt. James of Pvt. Rudolphe Melancon, Jr., outstanding qualities that should make him a good aviator.

Vanola Dore visited Mr. and Mrs. Aristille LeBlanc, Sergeant Harry LeBlanc's parents. Harry is well and his brother Wallace is at the CCC camp in Franklin. He is also doing well.

Alina Dore visited Paul Romaro, Jr., folks. Paul is fine and likes his new camp very much.

---Miss May Pellerin

Mrs. Simon Castille went to see her husband, Major Simon Castille, at Camp Bowie, Texas, and returned after ten days. Her husband is well and is saving tin to help win the war. We all could do at least that, couldn't we?

Clifford Broussard is taking his tests. If he succeeds, he will get promoted. He is well and is studying hard.

Lee Hardy, a volunteer for the Navy, is now studying aviation.

---Mother Mary Rose

WILL YOU KINDLY DO YOUR DUTY?

Not having received from our people the response anticipated to our former requests for news, we again print the following: "It is the desire of this department to cover all the news of Breaux bridge and neighboring communities. To do so satisfactorily, it is imperative that we be accorded the kind support and good will of each one of you. We, therefore, request and urge your full cooperation in providing us with the news."

---P. L. Begnaud

BREAUX BRIDGE CARNIVAL BALL

On Thursday, February 12, the Breaux Bridge High School held its annual carnival ball in the High School Gymnasium. The stage was attractively decorated carrying out the patriotic and valentine theme.

Dorothy LeBlanc and Lois Theriot ruled as King and Queen during the ball. The maid and duke of honor were Roma Dominguez and Billy Angelle. Other maids and dukes in the court were Hazel Hebert, Willie Linson, Willie Durio, Beverly Raggio, Valma Broussard, Margaret Melancon, Joyce Gauthier, Sybil Hardy, Ronald Durio, Casil Guidry, Dave Pellerin, Hansel LeBlanc, Ray Dominguez, Lester Guidry, Frank Rivoire and Thomas "Buddy" Bruner.

Mayor Hebert crowned the Queen.

After the crowning, the court and audience were entertained by the music students of the physical education department of S.L.I. Music for the dance was furnished by the Russell Voorhis Orchestra of Lafayette. A reception was given in honor of the court members by the Queen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Theriot.

Dorothy LeBlanc and Lois Theriot represented the Breaux Bridge High School at the St. Martinville Carnival Ball held on February 13.

A rumor monger is a decided menace to any community. Any loose tongue can start a rumor, but gossip and proof are horses of different colors.

The question of planting sorghum was discussed by some of our business men, but nothing definite so far has resulted. The Breaux Bridge Sugar Cooperative refinery is ideally located for promoting this undertaking. With minor additions to its present machinery, the refinery could produce molasses, industrial alcohol and smokeless powder, so necessary for the national defense. It is interesting to know that a flat price of $4 a ton is guaranteed by the government to the farmers. We feel confident that the farmers would willingly cooperate by putting into cultivation the necessary acreage to make this enterprise a success. If proved satisfactory, would this not be an asset to our community? Would it not be patriotic act? Wake up business men and farmers, we need you both to carry out this project.

Feeling a labor shortage in Louisiana, State WPA Administrator James H. Creeden is taking the necessary steps to overcome this possibility and has recently announced the release of 2600 farm workers from WPA projects and the removal of an additional 7600 persons with an agricultural background from WPA's "waiting assignment roll." These will not be available for WPA jobs while there is still farm work open to them. Under the plan tentatively worked out by the WPA, farm
A letter was recently submitted to the writer from a former Breaux Bridge boy, John Gauthier, who is with the Canadian Air Force at Toronto, Canada. We note how glad he was to receive a copy of "L'Echo du Teche", about which he makes favorable comments and throws quite a complimentary bouquet to the staff personnel for affording the boys at the front a pleasant and agreeable distraction. Thank you, John, and we still see to it that you don't miss a copy.

Mosser, Fernand and L. F. Dupuis are having under construction an up to date office building on Main Street, adjoining the corner building occupied by Broussard Hardware Co. The building will be of stucco finish. They also expect to renovate the corner building. This improvement will enhance the looks of the main section of our town.

Mr. Harris Fellerin has recently acquired the property adjoining his home on Berard Street. He has completely remodeled it as an up to date funeral home, with complete modern equipment. Mr. Fellerin will soon announce the opening date and the general public will be invited to visit it.

We received a card from our friend, Curtis "Kit" Hollier, who is stationed at Camp Wolter, Texas. He asks to be remembered to all his Breaux Bridge friends, scouts, and YMCA's. Kit was certainly complimentary in expressing his appreciation to the staff personnel of "L'Echo du Teche", which he was happy to receive. We feel grateful to you, Kit, and we'll see to it that you receive all future issues. Kit did not make the grade as a flying cadet, but he is consolled by the fact that he attained high enough in mental examination and physical test to be in line for the Sixth Parachute Battalion. He will now attend a six-week night school to learn the parts and operation of the M1 rifle and machine gun. After this, he will be fit and ready to take his aim against the "sons of the land of the Rising Sun". Good luck, Kit.

We are informed by Mayor Robert that all the necessary land required by the Federal Government for the construction of an air base in Breaux Bridge has already been secured; but, as we understand that this will be one of the main bases of the two, or more, which are to be located in this parish, a larger acreage might be required. If this be true, the Mayor assures us that he anticipates no trouble in securing the surplus land as other available sections have been offered. This auxiliary base will be located on the eastern outskirts of Breaux Bridge and will extend parallel with the highway. The work is expected to begin on April 1, or as soon as the project has been approved by the government and all transfer deeds executed.

All necessary arrangements for the Civil Cup Award Banquet under the sponsorship of the Young Men's Business Club have been completed. The banquet will be held at the High School Cafeteria on April 8, at 8 p.m.

Warrren K. Finley of New Orleans is visiting here this week end with his friend, Mavis, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Angelle.

Largely attended classes of the ladies of Breaux Bridge are held every Monday night for instruction in First Aid. The classes are in charge of Mrs. N. C. Thibodeaux and Miss Amellie Hargravees. Such interest on our part will show our boys at the front that we are making all possible efforts back home for the defense of our country.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Angelle and daughters, Mavis and Joyce line, went to New Orleans during the week, combining business with pleasure.

A card received from Pvt. Louis Angelle informs us that he is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., with the Anti-Tank Division of the 326 Inf. Sgd. He says that the friendly relations are swell and that he likes the army very much.

Mr. Robert Angelle, general contractor of Breaux Bridge, has just been awarded a big contract for the construction of the A. C. Base Engineering Shop buildings at the Lake Charles Airport at Lake Charles, Louisiana. The project will amount to $106,633.00.

Corp. Claude Romero, Corp. Harold Hollier, and Pts. Howard Patin, Earl Landry, Desire Devillier and Sgt. Clevis Boulreaux arrived here on a ten-day furlough to visit their parents. Corp. Romero says that he and several other army boys were royally entertained by a kind Catholic minister (whose name unfortunately he could
not recall) during a recent visit to Fort Worth, Texas. They were invited to a sumptuous dinner after attending Holy Mass that day.

-- F. L. Begnaud

MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Comb announce the marriage of their daughter, Adeline, on March 7 to Rufus Doucet.

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DEATHS

Within the past three weeks, three young children were buried in Breaux Bridge. Garland Altusma, the son of Isaac Altusma and Hilda Dupuis, died at the age of two and a half months; Donald Hobert, two year old son of Joseph H. Hobert and Yolanda Berard; and Thomas Huval, the five-year old son of William Huvaland Clea Huval.

Mrs. Elus Berard, née Josephine Laticiais, died at the age of 54. She was buried on March 18.

On March 25 were held the largely attended funeral services of Mrs. Paul S. Broussard. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Borel sang the requiem mass and the last absolution was given by His Excellency Bishop Jeanmarie. Mrs. Broussard was the former Leota Pellerin. She was the mother of John Broussard who died in an airplane crash in 1929, a pioneer in popularizing aviation in Louisiana.

-- Father Roy

NEWS OF ST. BERNARD CHURCH

Palm Sunday, March 29, has been designated as general communion Sunday for the men of the parish. News of this general communion will reach our service men too late for them to join with the rest of the parish. But, we know that if at all possible, our soldiers and sailors will go to communion on Easter Sunday, the greatest feast of the year, the day commemorating Christ's complete victory over the devil and the effects of sin, His victory over death. During Holy Week, special prayers will be said for all the service men from this parish. Because so many people sought to be the donor of the offering for the masses said on Saturdays for our soldiers and sailors, two masses instead of one are now being said for that intention on Saturdays. The donors for the masses said on March 21 were the American Legion and Mr. Albert Begnaud; the American Legion and Mr. Clifford Pullarin for the masses to be said on March 28.

-- Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. A. Borel

BOY SCOUTS

(Br Br. Troop 25)

Following the board of review meeting in Cecilia on March 10, K.C. Troop 25 of Breaux Bridge attended the district court of honor held in Catahoula on March 18. First Class Scouts Chanet Castilla, Holden LeBlanc, and Irving Chitty were advanced to the rank of Star, Murphy Domangeaux to the rank of First Class, and Dawey Coles, Jr. to the rank of Second Class.

The following were the recipients of merit badges: A.S.M. James Champagne, 6 badges; Lionel Barilhieux and Roy Champagne, 5 badges; John Raymond and Paul Lalands, 3 and 1 respectively.

In a recent letter, Pvt. Curtis Hollis (former assistant scout master) was expressing his firm belief that before long Troop 25 would walk away with top honors.

--- Father Roy

-------- Cecilia --------

The following were inducted into the service lately: Allen Hardy, Wilbert Kidder, Gilbert Huval and several others whose names have not yet reached us.

WILL you Help?

May we ask that all you boys in the service write to us? We are especially anxious to hear from the boys from Cecilia and surrounding area. Send us news of yourselves. We would like very much to hear from you. Some of the boys who are not encamped with you would like to know where you are and how you are getting along. We would like to print some of your news and letters in this paper.

W. R. Angelle

Civilian defense activities are increasing in this vicinity. Several defense courses are being offered and more are in the offering.

The school faculty is getting ready to conduct the registration for the rationing of sugar.

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The F. F. A. boys have recently made a trip to Avoyelles Parish to purchase some pure bred pigs. 25 heads of pure-bred Polan China swine were introduced into the community. The boys also bought, cooperatively, 1800 lbs. of La- certified seed corn of the following varieties: Hill's yellow dent, Jarvis Golden Pacific, Calhoun Red Cob, and Yellow Tuxpan.

Cleveland Savoy's pure bred sow farrowed a litter of 9 pigs, all gilt.

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SPECIAL FROM CECILIA

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On Palm Sunday, March 29th, the Men of the Parish will also have their Annual Mass, with a very large crowd also expected. After Mass the men will gather in the Hall where they will be served coffee.

Blessed Palms will be blessed and distributed at the last Mass Sunday.

On March 19th, St. Joseph's day, Mass was said for the intentions of the Soldiers of the Parish, and the parents and friends were invited to receive Communion for their intentions. A very large crowd was present for the Mass, with about 150 receiving Communion.

In spite of the bad weather, quite a number of people find it possible to come to Mass during Lent and receive Communion to make their Easter Duties.

Instructions are beginning to be given for those who serve in the capacity of Chairmen for the various activities of Civilian Defense. Mr. Bideaux and Mr. Chibodeaux of Broussard Bridge, were in Cecilia last week to begin the fire and gas defense Courses.

Mr. Willie Angelle, the Principal of the Cecilia High School, was in Baton Rouge last week to qualify himself as an instructor for Civilian Defense. The course he completed was in Incendiary Bomb and Gas Defense. He is now getting his course outlined, and expects to start several courses or classes next week. He expects to handle a class for the Teachers of the School and another for the people.


SCHOOL NEWS

The pupils of the Cecilia H.S. have been receiving instruction regarding air raid drill, gas and incendiary bomb defense. Specific courses will be offered the High School students in the control of the incendiary bomb, the use and care of gas mask and their duties as air raid wardens and fire watchers.

The annual minstrel and Vaudville show presented by the C.H.S. students will take place the early part of next month. The school band which was first organized in October 1941 will make its debut at that time.

The Cecilia High School basketball team has closed its season with victories over Breaux Bridge and St. Martinville. Coach L. J. Gary treated the team to a fish supper at Henry's place in New Henderson.

Sgt. Sidney Cormier's horse, Red Fox was entered in a race at Breaux Bridge, Sunday. Congratulations, Sid, your horse won.

THE FRENCH IN US

A small boy having been hit by a top was sent to the office for first aid. Upon being asked if it hurt he replied, "I didn't even smell it."

A teacher offered a young student some candy. The pupil replied, "No, thank you teacher, it's cream and I must make penitentiary."

(C'est Careme, Il faut que je fasse penitence.)

During Corporal Francis Broussard's last visit home he woke up the neighborhood one night by pushing his brother out of bed at 3:00 A.M. and shouting at the top of his voice "Get up, get up, dont you hear the bugle blowing reveille?"

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