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This Is All--Ain't No More

THIS IS THE LAST issue of The Battalion that will be published during the current summer session. Something of a rumor to that effect has been floating around, but from this moment on it is no longer a rumor but a cold, clammy, positive fact.

The next issue of The Battalion will be published on the opening day of the next long session—September 16.

Lo, the Poor Day Student

FAMILIES IN BRYAN, through the Chamber of Commerce protested about the inconvenience caused them by the college ruling that dormitory space must be filled before day-student registration may begin.

But the ruling was not of college source. It seems that when the school borrowed \$2,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, they agreed to an arrangement of this kind.

It is just another bad situation that no one can remedy. However, they need have no fear about not being able to stay at home or in project houses; a record enrollment for next year is expected, and the dormitory space was filled last year.

It will mean this—that dormitory space certainly will not be filled before registration begins on the 16th of September, and those who desire to register as day students will have to wait to the end of the line to sign for courses. They will have trouble with full sections and the like, but it looks as though they will just have to make the best of it.

Forewarned is Forearmed

IF THE UNITED STATES is in as great danger today as France was one year ago, as Ambassador Bullitt declared in his Philadelphia address, then it is logical to conclude that, one year from today, our country may be under the heel of Hitler. It is hard for Americans, schooled from infancy to the feeling of security behind Atlantic and Pacific waters, to accept the Ambassador's statement at its literal value. Yet it was failure to grasp the portent of Hitler's gigantic military preparations that brought France to tragedy and Great Britain to its present crisis which may end in tragedy. Let Americans not forget that.

It is true that the Atlantic is much wider than the English Channel, as some argue, but it is also true that France had the greatest army in the world and England the greatest navy, at the beginning of the Hitler drive. In smashing the French Army, Hitler just as thoroughly smashed accepted theory of military defense. The Maginot Line could not be penetrated or flanked—so France's greatest military authorities thought. Yet, it was as a house built on sand before the hurricane of Hitler's mechanized hordes that swirled around and over it. Will the theory of the impregnability of the Atlantic stand better than that of the Maginot Line? Physically, it is undoubtedly a greater barrier, but we have a very small Army. We have a first-class Navy, but it must guard two oceans.

Possibly Ambassador Bullitt is overstating the menace, possibly there is a political motive between the lines of his speech, as some will undoubtedly contend, yet two things are undeniable: First, he ought by reason of his position to know more than any other man in America today what went on in France; secondly, even if he is only half right in his literal statements, this country faces the greatest crisis in its history.

America is not yet awake to the short and long range implications, military and economic, of what is going on in Europe today.—Dallas News.

Only Army On the Offense

IN THE OTHER GREAT WAR one army which went everywhere, suffered casualties without fighting battles, and made its uniform loved and respected in many lands was that first mobilized by General William Booth two generations ago. American soldiers encountered it in France in 1917 and 1918. In this war, as current reports show, it is marching again. It has ministered to wounded Russian soldiers in Finnish hospitals, to French and British troops under every fire in France, to refugees from Karelia to the Spanish frontier, to soldiers guarding Britain from attack. It has suffered losses, among them a woman officer killed by the Russian air force in Vasa and another, also a woman, killed by the Nazi bombers near Dieppe.

The Salvation Army has no politics. The wounded Nazi would have as kindly care at its hands as the wounded Britisher or starving refugee. But it belongs to the world of free peoples because only among free peoples does the welfare of the broken human atom count for much. Those who help it in its present work may be sure that what they give will be spent in the spirit of the Golden Rule.

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At War With Ourselves

OPEN SEASON for careless pedestrians is still in full swing. The drivers' license division, Texas State Highway Patrol, reports that conclusion from its analysis of the traffic-accident record for five consecutive months.

During that period 25 per cent of the persons killed on Texas roads and streets were struck down while walking. The pedestrian fatality list carried 165 names—7 per cent more than for the like period in 1939. As for some years past, the record showed more persons killed while walking on country roads than while crossing city streets; and 57 per cent of the victims were struck down at night.

The most hazardous way to go places still was shown to be walking in the rural road travel-lane after dark. When a person finds it necessary to go on the highway at night, the Division advises, he should take these precautions:

“Wear light-colored clothing, carry a flashlight or use some other means to make sure that the motorist can see you.”

The report further shows that Saturday is the most hazardous day for pedestrians. Almost twice as many are killed then as on other days. Though the walker problem usually is associated with children, only 21 of the 165 killed during the five months were of school age. That relatively favorable showing suggests that the safety drills and classroom instruction, together with the school safety patrols, are increasingly effective in keeping down accidents.

However, 10 children not yet four years old were killed while playing on the streets. One-fourth of the pedestrians killed were over 65 years old. Evidently the streets are not for the very old or the very young.—San Antonio Express.

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Assistant Game Warden Mike Morelli of Santa Cruz, California, assisted two frail women who were in distress about a 50-gallon drum of oil. He just picked it up and put it in their car. He blushed when they expressed admiration for his strength, but he blushed more a half hour later when an oil company reported the loss of a 50-gallon drum of oil which had disappeared from the highway with incredible swiftness.

The president of Harvard University has proposed a seven or eight year course of education for the professional man. He says it is an attempt to get away from the “pre-professional” idea in college.

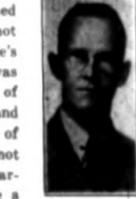
When asked “If it were a matter of choice, would you rather have your husband imprisoned for conscientious objection or killed in Europe?”, the girls in Smith College preferred a dead hero to a live coward.

Texas produces an average of 1,500,000 tons of sulphur annually, which is twenty-four per cent of the total world's production.

Works of distinguished contemporary poets are being recorded by the poets themselves for the phonographic library at City College, New York.

As the World Turns...

By Dr. R. W. STEEN
EUROPE SEEMS TO BE IN FOR A HARD WINTER. England is holding fast to the blockade which is admitted to be her best weapon, and in the very logic of the situation could not be expected to modify it in any way. Yet, as a result of that blockade many people on the continent are going to be hungry this winter. Some doubtless will starve. This is a most tragic situation, but the tragedy is one for which Germany is primarily responsible. According to most experts there is probably sufficient food in Europe to prevent starvation if it were properly distributed. Germany, however, is taking the lion's share for her own use, and is leaving the people in conquered territories with barely a crust. She argues that the conqueror should not be expected to provide food for the conquered.



The move to transfer fifty old American destroyers to Britain is gaining momentum. Various agents of the Department of Justice are now engaged in trying to discover legal names for the transfer. There would be no difficulty if Congress could see fit to pass a resolution authorizing their sale, but that would take a great deal of time due to the fact that numerous isolationists, who still insist that America's interests are not at stake, would have to spend some days orating about the matter. Therefore the search is on for a means to effect the transfer without Congressional authorization. A group of lawyers, with the indirect approach typical of the legal profession, has suggested that the navy transfer the destroyers to the army, that the army then transfer them to some company as payment for war equipment, that the company then sell them to a neutral country, and that the neutral then transfer them to Britain. It is difficult for one not schooled in the wiles of politics to see the point made by some Senators: that it is an act of war to provide England with destroyers, but not an act of war to provide her with planes.

The United States seems to be on the verge of obtaining leases to naval bases on various British possessions off our coasts. The bases are needed in order to make easier the defense of the Panama Canal and other vital areas in North America. This, and the proposed joint defense agreement with Canada, should improve considerably the ability of America to withstand attack. It is possible, however, that that attack would not come during the lives of persons now living if America should see fit to give England ample aid at the present time.

Brain Twisters

By W. S. McCulley

A yacht, the passengers on which have separated into two antagonistic parties, was sailing in the South Seas—out of reach of the Japanese Navy. One evening, after the navigator had looked too long on the wine when it was red, he forgot to watch where the ship was going, and the yacht was wrecked on a desert island. The yacht had been well stocked with food, too, so the two parties had plenty to eat. They found an accurate scale which had been tossed up by the waves, but they had no standard weights. The two parties definitely did not trust each other, and some way had to be found to divide the food equitably.

A grindstone, marked forty pounds, was found. The navigator, still under the weather, said it must have floated ashore. Another of the group, by the exercise of a little ingenuity, discovered that if the stone was cut into four pieces of different sizes, and these pieces combined in various ways on the two sides of the scales, it would be possible to weigh any amount in integral pounds (look up “integral if you want to know) from one pound to forty pounds. Assuming that a method for cutting the stone was available, WHAT DO YOU DETERMINE OF THE WEIGHT OF EACH PIECE OF THE GRINDSTONE TO BE? Answer on page 4)

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

The way of things . . . From the sweet rhythmations of “Never Smile Again” to the bouncing glissandos of the “Johnson Rag”, Juke Box Proms goers have visited in Austin while the campaign was at its height. Walking into a music store, he asked for the order they clerk came back with, “My God, so want them to form the mythical Aggie Hit Parade for the summer of 1940. The number one, two and three spots go to the ‘Smile’ song, Russ Morgan’s ‘Does Your Heart Beat For Me?’, and Pennsylvania 6-5000.”



“Six Lessons From Madam LaZonga” is fourth, “Boog-It” rides the number five spot, and “The Breeze and I” comes in for sixth place honors. “Sierra Sue” is seventh, “Fools Rush In” is eighth, “Devil May Care” rates ninth, and “Johnson Rag” trails in tenth place. Backwash compiled the statistics through the requests made each week at the summer proms. Incidentally, the poll's results are surprisingly close to the latest national hit parade sponsored by a major cigarette manufacturer.

Individual choices were equally grooved. Mavane Warner, Adine Womble, and Jimmy Joy gave the “Smile” song the nod. Joe Floyd blessed “Sierra Sue” as the number one song. Joan Brink and Wilma Hancock favored “The Nearness of You”, even if it didn't make the first ten. And the summer poll brings to mind the past spring's social season when “Tuxedo Junction” rode the number one spot for thirteen consecutive weeks.

“Touch” story of the year: The forthcoming registration brings to mind the story of the out-of-state freshman who enrolled at A. & M. last September. Needing a little extra money, the boy wrote his father explaining that he had enlisted in the Cavalry and needed \$125 to buy a horse. The gullible father sent the money and two weeks later received another letter from his son which asked for \$10 a week to feed the animal—which was regularly sent throughout the year. The payoff, though, came during the last week of school when the father wrote and asked the lad how the lad intended to get the horse home. The son came back with an obituary explaining that the horse had broken his leg as a result, and had to be killed. The letter contained a postscript which read: “By the way, I need \$15 to bury the thing.”

This time, and twice more: Believe-it-or-not item of the week is the story being told by J. W. “Woody” Walker and L. G. “Pinky” Denny. The two Arggies were “highwaying” out of Dallas recently and received a ride from one of the county's deputy sheriffs. The deputy, however, was only going as far as Corsicana and, being a die-hard Aggie fan, he was anxious to help the cadets get an all-the-way ride. In short order a car with a Brazos County license passed the sheriff at a much more than legal rate of speed. The sheriff went to work and caught up with the speeding car, stopped it, and amazed the driver by letting him go—on one condition—that he give the two Arggies a through ride to College Station.

Backwashin' around . . . Bruce Edmonds, to his escortee of a few nights back, “My grandmother lived to be 80 years old, and fifteen days after she died she look-

Movie Review

By Betty Shelton

At the Assembly Hall Saturday in its screen form than it was on Broadway. Joan Crawford's dramatic promise reaches its culmination as the self-centered Susan who adopts a new social movement as a fad and makes a complete both of the lives of her friends and of herself by her meddling. As the inebriate husband who finally wins the battle with himself and Susan, Fredric March turns in a matching performance and makes a brilliant return to films.

“My Favorite Wife”, which will be at the Assembly Hall Monday and Tuesday with Cary Grant, Irene Dunne, Gail Patrick, and Randolph Scott, is a solid 88 minutes of entertainment. The original story was comedy throughout, and the screen does full justice to every laugh possible. All the cast are excellent in their parts, and Cary Grant has never been more amusing than he is in this picture. Irene Dunne is foxy, subtle, and polished as Grant's shipwrecked wife who shows up seven years after her disappearance to find that he has married again that morning. Imagine Grant, just married and in a honeymoon hotel, seeing his supposedly dead wife appear, and you'll have some idea of the hilarious opportunities offered by the situation. I can say with all truthfulness that it is one of the funniest pictures I've ever seen.

At the Assembly Hall Wednesday and Thursday is “Susan and God”, which is even a greater hit.

Texas A. & M. To Play Important Role In National Defense

Texas A. & M. College, the nation's largest all-men's military training college, is destined to play a major role in the forthcoming national defense program. More than 2,000 men to the service and the vast majority of them were officers, some ranking as high as colonels. Since the end of the war, approximately 4,600 have been commissioned upon graduation. All of the 4,600 fall within the age limits of 21 to 45, and many of the 2,200 who were in the last war are still under 45, or have kept their commissions active, so that the age limit does not enter into their chances of being called.

E. A. Norton, S. C. S. To Speak on Federal And State Relations

E. A. Norton, Chief, Physical Surveys Division, Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C. and visiting professor in the Department of Agronomy this summer, will speak on Federal and State Relations in an Action program in the Animal Industries Lecture Room Thursday at 8 o'clock. The meeting is being sponsored by the Agricultural Forum and the Agronomy Department and is to the especial interest to those persons connected with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service who are interested in the Land Use Planning Program.

About 1,000,000 persons were taken off the unemployment lists last year according to an estimate by the federal reserve board.

Reflecting a shortage of skilled workers in the fast-growing aircraft manufacturing industry, a California aircraft company now conducts an apprenticeship training program. Young men are paid about half the prevailing wage rate of trained workers for part-time work between classes during a four-year period.

The Texas Dairy Products association has gathered information that no cows are kept on 125,000 Texas farms and 75,000 farms are without a single chicken. Statistics gathered by Texas A. & M. College show a total of 3,282,000 persons in Texas are on diets lacking in the fundamental essentials of good nutrition.

Black coffee and flat fifties:

That's the order of things as finals near and 1940's summer session becomes history. Probably the greatest summer school in the sixty-four year history of the college, it's principal entertainment feature has been the Juke Box Proms which debuted the first semester and which have been tremendously popular. So “auf wiedersehen” it is, but most of you will soon be back in the collegiate saddle again as the nation's colleges and universities begin their long sessions in mid-September. Here's the best of everything to you all, and may you have a gay two weeks before you hit the scholastic groove again.

Graduate in Class of '40 Marries T. S. C. W. Girl

Miss LaBelle Schuessler and Walton Lehmburg were married in Mason August 10, by Rev. Ben Bohmfalk of the Spring Avenue Methodist Church in the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Schuessler. Mrs. Lehmburg attended Texas State College for Women after finishing Mason High School, and the bridegroom received his degree from A. & M. this spring. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lehmburg of Mason, he is with a cotton oil mill in San Antonio. The couple left for a trip to the Gulf Coast, and will later reside in San Antonio.

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