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## Opportunities Await

When war was declared The Battalion staff, as members of the student body, offered its services to the government. We were "all out for national defense."

At the time few actually realized what all out meant. Perhaps an occasional editorial, a general run of news stories to accommodate the various recruiting offices, and what ever else the government asked of newspapers.

But one thing was overlooked—the giving of a large part of the staff to the armed forces. Of course one or two vacancies were expected, but since A. & M. was a military school no abyss in the ranks was expected. We, too, were wrong. The spirit of military training encouraged many to "get in the fight now" and others went the way of all non-contract men—selective service.

Now, the positions, and the numerous opportunities which go with them, are open to juniors, sophomores and freshmen alike. Men to fill important Junior and Senior positions in May must be found and found soon. But the novel thing is that these men are being looked for so that they can be given immediately what usually requires years of hard work to earn.

Tomorrow night, every man who has the desire whether he feels he has the talent or not, for in all probability he does, should attend the Battalion staff meeting. For some it will mean the opportunity of a college lifetime.

## Lives Worth Living

Daily the growing feeling that the situation in which America has become involved is a more serious matter than was at first thought is becoming more prevalent in the minds of each and every American citizen.

When the war first started there was a "don't care" attitude which was so typical of the first war. This attitude continued to exist for the first few months of the war exemplifying itself in the recklessness with which youthful members of our Nation's defense turned aside all thought of organized or concentrated study.

The first carelessness of thought and "I'll get my bullet soon anyway" is being replaced by a more serious desire to do something in a patriotic way. No longer are there streams of volunteers who couldn't make good soldiers simply because they had lost ambitious qualities. These same men have begun to take a new outlook on the situation.

At first, volunteers, draftees, students alike thought that the matter was one of going out and dying for "Your Country"; that all that was needed was someone who could handle a gun and was not afraid of a bullet in his guts.

Now the realization that we must all fight to live that others live to fight is growing in American minds. Gone are the easy year, gone also is the attitude (usually over a beer mug) "What's the use—I'll have a last fling and then go out and give my life for my country." Now the ideals of Americans throughout the country have become "Sure I'll go out and give my life for my country, and when I do I'll have a life worth giving. I'll accomplish something which though it may never be widely known will be for the benefit of America and American ideals. When the Japs get me if they're good enough they'll have taken an American who has given a life and the service of a worthwhile life to the nation."

## Complimenting the Corps

Among things which the Cadet Corps is to be complimented on during the past six months has been the consideration which they have given the new Y theatre in Guion Hall. That Aggies have a true appreciation

## Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

This column has touched on polite manners due a girl when you are her host, but it has not included the Gentleman's Code—the following one is taken from a 1941 book on manners.

A gentleman, young or old, does not do any of the following things:  
 Tell coarse or off-color stories or make offensive remarks to girls or women.

Borrow money from girls, unless some emergency arises, and then he promptly repays them (He does not make a practice of borrowing from his own sex either.)

Say anything which might injure a girl's reputation.

Embarrass girls by offering them presents more expensive than he can afford or than they will wish to accept.

Fail to keep an engagement or break one, unless it is unavoidable.

Invite a girl to go with him to a party or on a foursome or sixsome and then devote himself exclusively to another girl present who has taken his fancy.

Urge girls to drink or unfit himself for their company by drinking freely.

*When I contemplate the extent to which the moral sentiments, the intelligence, the affections of so many millions of people—sealed up by a sacred charm within the cover of a letter—daily circulate through a country, I am compelled to regard the Post-Office next to Christianity, as the right arm of our modern civilization.* —Edward Everett  
*Curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous mind.* —Samuel Johnson

## The World Turns On

By Dr. J. H. Quisenberry

The Y. M. C. A., Inter-Church Council and the A. & M. College Administration are to be congratulated on their arrangements for Religious Emphasis week. Texas A. & M. College is usually thought of as an institution training men for highly specialized and technical occupations. Students and faculty of the College are currently proud of the role this institution is playing in National Defense.

Of late, this defense has become more than national in scope. It has become worldwide. The liberty, freedom and brotherhood of the world is at stake. No political system of government is more dependent on right motivation than a democracy. Religion furnishes this motivation. Faith and confidence in the motives of our political leaders is essential for the survival of democracy.

Realization of the value of religion and freedom of worship should prompt every student and faculty member alike to take advantage of the opportunities this religious week provides for hearing the outstanding religious leaders of the Y. M. C. A. and various churches have brought to the campus. Indifference to such opportunities suggests that we may be fighting to defend that which we do not adequately utilize in time of peace.

Members of the A. & M. College teaching staff must sign pledges that they are not Communists before they can be employed. If they are found guilty of "Communist" teaching they may be discharged without recourse. On the other hand, no restriction is placed upon anti-religious teaching. The instructor who attempts to destroy the religious faith of a student may be a much greater potential enemy of democracy than an advocate of communism, antagonistic as the two are. To some, religion may seem an escape from reality and a substitution of reward in time but that is no proof that such is religion. Vital religion is experience, one must try it to know it.

"We must not sacrifice the great heritage of knowledge and culture that has been handed down to us. The training of the mind and the heart in the present world is even more important than any particular area of technical training. For unless our faith in ourselves, in our democratic policy, in our ideals, in the principles of tolerance and freedom, unless all those things can be maintained, the battle is lost before it begins." President Winfred G. Leutner of Western Reserve university warns against sacrificing real values.

of the Y's efforts to provide a nice and well-kept place of amusement is apparent in the attitude which they have taken of consideration and forethought in their treatment of the Guion Hall.

Earlier in the year a considerable amount of money was spent in order that the facilities for presenting movies to the students might be increased and improved. The betterment of the equipment and increase in comfortable seats and the more thoughtful attitude developed by members of the corps have added greatly to the success of the Y theatre this year.

It has been noticed however that some of the brass ring supports for the curtains have been removed which causes these curtains to sag. These rings are expensive to replace and their absence causes a disorderly appearance in the curtains.

All students have a certain amount of pride in the buildings and facilities that the school offers. In order that these are to remain in good condition the treatment given them by the students must allow them to remain so.

## PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Let's try it in THIS end, Private Buck!"

## This Collegiate World

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Entries for the first nationwide intercollegiate radio debate number 184 universities and colleges, it is announced by Dr. William Pierce, chairman of the board of trustees of the American Economic foundation, which is conducting the educational experiment.

Debating the question, "Does Youth Have a Fair Opportunity Under Our American System of Competitive Enterprise?" are representatives from 44 states and the District of Columbia, including most of the nation's institutions of higher learning. The contest is to end May 10, when four finalists will be brought to New York for appearance on the "Wake Up, America!" forum broadcast over the Blue network. Judges representing both the studio and listening audience will select the two best speakers who will receive prizes of \$1,000 and \$500, provided by the foundation.

Each university and college selected its own representatives through student competitions ending last week. Those chosen are to prepare and file 500-word briefs on either the affirmative or negative side of the debate question. Sixteen prizes of \$50 each are to be awarded by the foundation for the eight best affirmative and eight best negative briefs, the authors of which then will compete in four semi-final regional debates to be held at selected stations of the Blue network.

Canadian students who quit their classroom to join the dominions

## National Educational Committee Offers Resources for Defense Effort

Because civilian defense efforts are bogging down in many communities due to lack of effective instructional methods, the services of the nation's colleges, universities, public and parochial schools have been offered, it was announced today. The offer was made to the Office of Civilian Defense through a group of 60 leading educational organizations banded together more than a year ago as the National Committee on Education and Defense.

The proposal follows a recent meeting with Dean James M. Landis, newly appointed executive in the Office of Civilian Defense and U. S. Commissioner of Education John W. Studebaker by members of the Executive Committee of the National Committee. According to L. H. Dennis, executive secretary of the American Vocational Association, secretary of the National Committee, the executive board acted in the following points:

1. As a start toward preparation for "Demobilization Day" the Committee provided for two preliminary investigations, one to explore what possible action might be taken for educational reconstruction in the United States, including the problems of service men after their period of service. The other would explore possible steps leading to a broad, general educational reconstruction program in this country in relation to world construction problems after D-Day.

2. Initial steps were taken toward full cooperation by the National Committee on Education and

armed forces will be able to complete their studies at government expense after the war is over.

This is the substance of a recent federal order. Under its provisions discharges, whether or not they have had previous college or university training will, if they apply within fifteen months of their discharge, and providing their course of study is approved by the minister of pensions and national health, have their fees paid and in addition receive a weekly subsidy of \$9 for unmarried students and \$13 for married students.

Zoie Odom Newsome of Texas is co-ed, commuter and housewife. She married a lawyer who has two degrees, so she decided, "I ought to have at least one."

To get it, a bachelor of arts degree with a major in English, she is commuting 174 miles by train and automobile daily to study at Texas Technological college, Lubbock.

Mrs. Newsome figures that when she gets that degree she will have traveled 50,130 miles.

At 4:50 a. m. Monday through Saturday, Mrs. Newsome arises at her home in Snyder, Texas. At 9 a. m. she enters her first classroom.

The train back to Snyder leaves at 4:10 p. m. and arrives at 6:10. She rushes right home-to fix dinner.

The nearly four hours a day spent on the train solves her study problem.

## COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

Three young Americans enter Randolph Field for flight training as officers in the Army Air Corps. Ray Milland is the scion of a wealthy family; Wayne Morris, a football star in college; and William Holden, a garage mechanic. They have been anxiously waiting for their work to begin. Around these three is built the story of "I WANTED WINGS" showing at the Campus today and tomorrow.

Veronica Lake makes her screen debut in the picture as a money-seeking siren. She plays her part thoroughly and with great skill, out the character she has been cast as is liable to prove unpopular. Constance Moore is cast as a feminine photographer who is making a series of pictures at Randolph Field and uses Ray as her model.

The planes in full flight over the well-known West Point of the Air are a truly inspiring sight. The story is strong, the acting excellent, and the action sustained. It is a really good motion picture.

On the lighter side at the Campus today and tomorrow are four of the funniest cartoons you ever saw. Three of them are Wabbit Twacks creations entitled "Elmer's Camera," "A Wild Hare," and "Elmer's Pet Rabbit." The last one is the original "Which way did he go, Jawrge?" cartoon "Of Fox and Hounds." These four should provide enough entertainment for everyone.

Ann Sheridan is the main attraction of "NAVY BLUES" at Guion Hall today and tomorrow. Rounding out the merrymaking cast are Jack Oakie, a sailor in Uncle Sammy's Navy, Martha Raye, and Jack Haley, also a sailor boy.

The story that was cooked up to go with the cast concerns the bets made by Oakie and Haley that their ship will win the fleet gunnery prize. The basis for their bets is Homer Anderson, a farmer boy from Iowa who is desperately homesick for the plains of the Middle West once more.

Homer's enlistment is just about

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to expire, and he says he is going back to dry land and forget all about the Navy. So Oakie's and (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

### WHAT'S SHOWING

#### AT THE CAMPUS

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