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## Open Forum

(This letter was received yesterday by Gerald King, the present commander of B Battery, Coast Artillery. It was written by Mrs. Hannah Scrivener, the wife of the commander of B Battery in 1937. It is of course personally directed to the commander of the battery but it is thought to contain a message which all Aggies will consider valuable.—Editor)

Commander  
Battery B, Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft)  
Texas A. & M.,  
College Station, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am sure I am a total stranger to you but shall take this opportunity to introduce myself. My husband had the pleasure of serving as battery commander in your battery in 1937. Today he is with the Army under the command of General Moore, your former commandant, as staff communications officer on Corregidor.

I wish to extend to you and your fellow officers and cadets the challenge these men have virtually bought with their blood. May you in your associations with the Army be as faithful and as fine as those men have found it.

You have a grave responsibility before you and by being a Texas Aggie you will find an extended welcome from all commanding officers under whom you will serve. The Army is very proud of its Aggies and enumerates them as outstanding officers and heroes. Before my husband, Captain Willie Scrivener, was Captain Bob Greer—who has paid the penalty of war by his own life on Bataan.

Keep 'em flying, Aggie; keep those colors ever floating over these United States. When you receive your commission as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army this May—remember those Aggies who are serving and have served on those far-flung battlefields.

We, who are left on the home fronts, are with you 100 percent. This war will claim more of the young men of America but our enemy must and SHALL be stopped.

Remember Greer, Scrivener, Calvert and all the other boys who have composed those former graduation lines—now some place under the deep rocky cavern of mighty Corregidor.

I would like to hear from you, and may God bless you and all the Aggies of whom we are all so proud. I know—for I married one.

Sincerely yours,  
HANNAH SCRIVENER.

## Capital to Campus

JOBS . . .

WASHINGTON—(ACP)—The pressure of war has prompted the Federal Civil Service Commission to offer its "Junior Professional Assistant" examination to college people for the second time this year. In previous years it has been offered only once—in January.

Also for the first time, it is open to every college senior or graduate, regardless of his major. Each applicant will take the same two-hour examination, designed to test his general knowledge and adaptability. Openings exist in Washington and in "the field."

The jobs will pay \$2,000 unless you indicate willingness to take less (\$1,440, \$1,620, or \$1,800). Especially sought are those interested in public administration, business analysis, economics, home economics, library science and mathematics.

Get blanks and details at the post office or Civil Service District office. Closing date for filing is April 27.

College students with architectural training are needed by the government in "Junior Architect" jobs paying \$2,000. Seniors may apply. No written test is given. The Civil Service blank to ask for is "Architect, \$2,000 to \$3,200 a year."

WAR . . .

More than 3,000,000 workers have been trained by the Nation's schools in special technical lines to serve the armed forces and war industries.

Since the report two weeks ago that 9,500 of Norway's 10,500 teachers had resigned protest against Nazification of the Norse schools, 2,000 Norwegian schoolmasters have been arrested by the Nazis. Almost all Norwegian schools are closed.

Student self-help under NYA may become a war casualty unless it can prove itself a war-time necessity.

When the President asks Congress soon for funds to operate NYA and CCC during the coming fiscal year, he will probably suggest that the war functions of the two agencies be merged, and that their peace-time functions be scrapped.

NYA Director Aubrey Williams, as well as several educators, has done a good job of defending NYA before members of the Senate Education committee. He told them that (a) most of the machine tools in NYA training shops were obtained before priorities went into effect, and (b) that a month before the general newspaper attack against NYA started the agency had begun inventory of its shops for machine tools that might be turned over to war industries.



"Take him back. He's a tattle-tale."

## BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster

### A Hint

Come the summer semester, things won't be allowed to drag—speaking in a social activity way.

Idea are beginning to formulate with the general plan of providing the Aggies with facilities for fun and relaxation. Rumoring around, nothing definite can be stated as yet, but in some important cubbyholes, whispers can be overheard concerning regimental dances in the summer, open-air dance pavilion, etc.

On the list of Corregidor Aggies was Major John King, formerly Sergeant King of Bryan. Major (See BACKWASH page 6)

### Fightin' A & M Club

Everybody should know by now about the Aggie Club on Corregidor Island and the meeting they had the other night (what's the matter; don't you read the front page?). Mentioned on the list of Aggies who belong to the Corregidor club was Major Tom Dooley, head yell leader here in 1934-35. He is now aide to General Wainwright, commander of the Bataan army before it fell. It seems that Aggie yell leaders have a habit of becoming aides to generals. Bodie Pierce and Buster Keeton hold down that post also.

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An Aggie Tradition  
**LOUPOT'S**

## COVERING campus distractions

WITH TOM VANNOY

That epic story of life in the Brent, Ilona Massey and Basil Near East, "SUEZ," has been brought back to the Campus as a benefit show sponsored by the Houston A. & M. Club today. Tyrone Power, Loretta Young and Annabella are the stars of the show. You probably will remember it and will enjoy seeing it once more.

A new wrinkle in the large number of stories about the present war situation features George Brent, Ilona Massey and Basil Rathbone with an entertaining story of spies and their efforts to sabotage the bomber shipments from America to Britain. It is "INTERNATIONAL LADY" showing at the Campus today and tomorrow and Saturday.

New codes are continually being invented to transmit messages undetected and this time the code is in music. Ilona Massey sings over war situation features George

## DANCING

Couples Only

Reserve your tables for your party  
NOW for Saturday night

## NAVLES

Bryan

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Ball

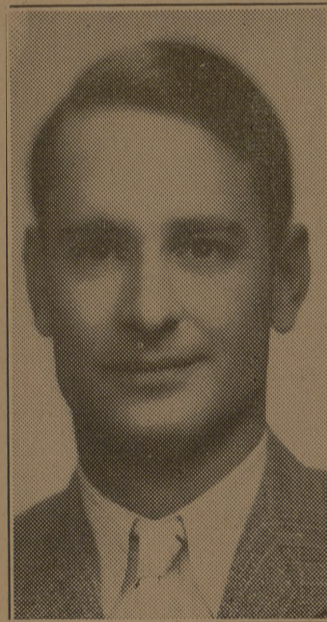
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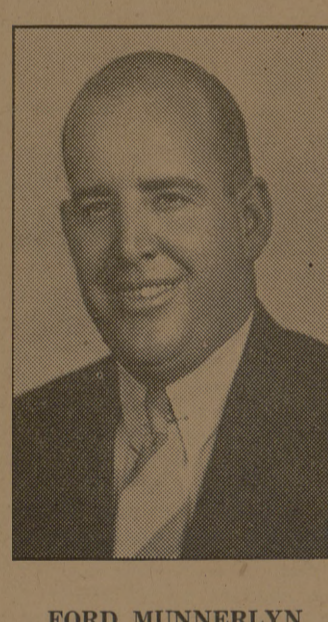
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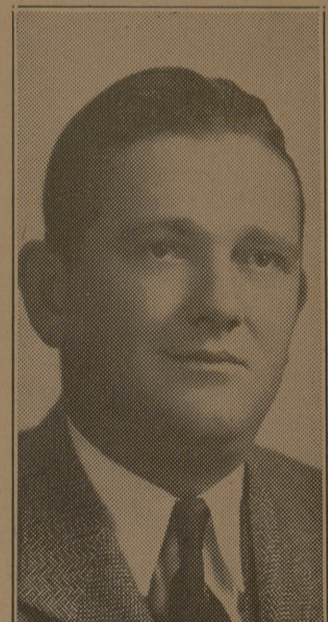
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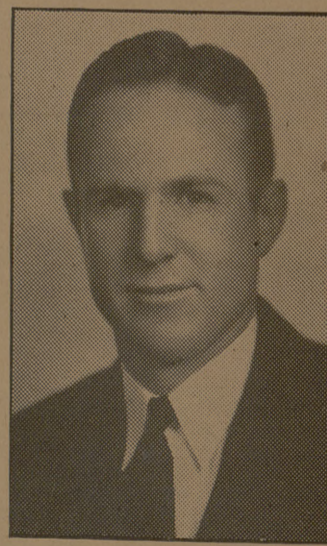
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(This record was made by Harry R. Hooker).

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## Another Precedent

Tomorrow night the Aggie orchestra is going to set a new precedent. Tomorrow night will be the first time in the history of any of the present students that any regiment has given a regimental ball without having some "big name" orchestra.

But this fact should not be smirked at. Perhaps the Infantry boys, even though it was forced upon them, are the first to waken up, the first to realize that it often isn't the smartest thing to do to throw hundreds of dollars away just for several hours of music by some imported orchestra.

All through the social season the various orchestra committees have found it increasingly difficult to engage well known orchestras. Dates have had to be changed, contracts forgotten, "small time" bands accepted, and one night stands contracted for. The ease of a few years back of hiring the men wanted was no more. Then the climax came. No orchestras listed by the booking agents. Infantrymen waited but then realized the best had happened.

In all probability Boyd Raeburn will be the last "big name" man to appear until after the war. Most of the present day band men are A1 with their draft boards and are rapidly going to active duty. The few who remain realize that they are at a premium and are in a position to demand outrageous fees. Above this, most of them are located in the metropolitan areas of the East where there is a high local demand and can see little value in coming thousands of miles to Aggie for a two night stand.

Yes, the Infantry should be congratulated on their choice of orchestras for Friday and Saturday night. Their selection should be realized to be a necessary precedent and a logical one.

## Germany's Future

If the Allies are victorious, James K. Pollock, University of Michigan political science professor, has a realistic plan for a government to replace Hitler's that answers the question "what shall we do with Germany?"

The country should be supervised by an international governing commission until it is able to erect a new constitutional structure that promises to be an improvement on the Weimar system, Professor Pollock says.

It is a serious mistake to blame the political maladjustments of the years between the First and Second World wars on neglect of the economic problem in the peace settlement of 1919, he contends. It is equally wrong now, he warns, to think that if the economic problem is solved the political problem will look after itself.

Pointing out that when the war is over Germany will not be able to continue at peace unless she is organized on a democratic basis, Professor Pollock blueprints his proposed plan along democratic lines. The next German government, he says, should be federal and not unitary and, if sound experience in the past is to be followed, it should also be parliamentary and not presidential in form.

As basic requirements for a new German parliament, Professor Pollock urges better methods to encourage and promote genuine discussion and debate, and an effective upper house similar to the United States senate that could represent the states while acting as a stabilizer for the lower house. Members of this group, he adds, should be popularly elected in the states and should not be bureaucratic representatives of state governments as in the former Reichsrat.—ACP.

Editor's Note: The article which appeared in the April 21 issue of The Battalion under the heading "The World Turns On" was written by Dr. C. C. Doak instead of Dr. R. W. Steen as printed.

Graduates of military academies and similar schools are urged by the army to continue their studies until they have reached induction age under Selective Service. By attending special army schools such graduates may earn commissions as second lieutenants.