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Open Forum

Dr. T. O. Walton,
 Pres. Texas A. & M. College,
 College Station, Texas.

Dear Dr. Walton:

It is with proud pen that I relay to a man who has so many boys on the fighting fronts of the world, News and Views of those about me. All over Australia I see them; the ring is their trade mark; their remembrances of A. & M. is their brotherhood. The ground forces find them fine leaders and they have worthy tasks; in services of supply they are the boys who are getting it through to the troops; in the Air Corps, their wings fill the air. They are fine men and great leaders. It is a grand feeling to meet an Aggie over here, to find a comrade over night; but even more it's the type of man one finds in every Aggie that makes the surge of feeling more immense. All over the world one suddenly realizes are men like these, men from Aggie land, men who have received the great benefit of association and learning that A. & M. affords; each one doing his job.

Though the task is great, and our opponent is strong, we are all confident that victory will be ours in days to come. We have no misgivings, we are fully aware of the necessary sacrifices, and we have seen the grim cost of war; but courage stands high and we go forth because of our training and because we believe in our cause.

But above this, we want not only a military victory from this conflict, we want supreme political and economic victory for the world as well. We want all mankind to share in the fruits of our conquest. We want the world to be as one and for that to come about, a political and economic transition must take place. All people must realize that they cannot again withdraw into their smug corners but that they must share the entire room and all of its richness; and that this in turn must be ruled by a league or council of all nations. It must be guarded by strength and the rules set up must be enforced with power.

We wonder here on this front if those at home are willing to make the sacrifice which will make us a part of this world organization, or shall we remain as before and allow these who die to do so in a somewhat futile cause. Victory shall not be complete until wars no longer occur. I pray that the Victors of this war will look unselfishly upon the problem and that they will arrive at a solution that will free our posterity from futile recurrences of this, our greatest human degradation.

To you sir, I send my very best wishes and sincere appreciation for your help during my stay at A. & M. and later in Washington, D. C. I saw Mr. Lloyd several times, and bid him goodbye upon my orders for foreign duty. He, too, was extremely helpful and kind.

Very truly yours,
 Robert R. Herring
 2nd Lt. AC, U. S. Army

This Collegiate World

ASSOCIATED COLLEGE PRESS

America's college students "are living on borrowed time." "There is no commitment that any man may complete his college education." So spoke Harvey H. Bundy, assistant to the secretary of war, in an address to Yale freshmen.

Willingness of the government to permit young men to enter college rather than go into the fighting front was described by Bundy as a "loan" and an "experiment."

"If the loan to the colleges becomes a method by which men who ought to be in the thick of the battle avoid the hazards of war; if the colleges retain any of the aspects of the country club which has been painfully evident in the past; if the men who can afford to go to college are considered as a separate class exempted overlong from fighting, the experiment will be a dismal failure and will not long continue," Bundy said.

What the government expects of the colleges is an increasing number of professional men fitted for "greater future service to their country," Bundy declared.

Lack of fundamental education in mathematics presents a major obstacle in selection and training of midshipmen for commissioning as ensigns in the navy, Dr. H. T. Ettlinger, University of Texas mathematics professor, points out, quoting a letter of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

"Of 8,000 applicants—all college graduates—some 3,000 had been rejected because they had had no mathematics or insufficient mathematics at college nor had they ever taken plane trigonometry," Nimitz wrote.

He added that "75 per cent of the failures in the study of navigation must be attributed to the lack of adequate knowledge of mathematics. A candidate for training for a commission in the naval reserve cannot be regarded as good material unless he has taken sufficient mathematics."

Right now, for example, there are openings for technical assistants in engineering, metallurgy or physics for applicants who have completed one, two or three years of college. The pay ranges from \$1,440 to \$1,800 a year.

If, by odd chance, you want to come to Washington you can start work as a junior clerk the third day after you arrive. You need one day to put in your application and another to take a routine test. The pay is \$1,440 a year. Because vacancies must be filled promptly the current call is limited to persons in or near Washington.

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

Engineer's Blunder . . .

Lt. E. W. Elmore, stationed at the Municipal Airport, Sacramento, California wrote us about a little error the engineers out there made recently . . . he wants us to inform the engineers here so they can avoid such a blunder.

It seems Lt. Elmore got in a bull session with some Engineer officer friends . . . the conversation turned to the living quarters and rested on such lack of foresight and iriosyncracies as the unfeeling habit of always putting the majority of rooms on the west side

to catch all the heat and afternoon sun possible—and no conveniences at all on the second floor of the new barracks. Then one of the officers asked if they knew what the engineers had just done

over at the new Nurses' Living Quarters. No one had heard.

According to the officer, the engineers had already installed men's plumbing in every room . . . they can't seem to find the guilty party on the job.

Sweepings . . .

We know some bull sessions get deep, but a North Carolina school claims one of their freshmen got into a session discussing tire rationing and came out two hours later converted to Brahmanism, pledged to a bankrupt fraternity, a subscriber to Fortune, enlisted in V-1, and dragging a dachshund on a purple leash . . .

Conserving those two well known products, TSCW's President L. H. Hubbard drives a horse and buggy to his office every morning . . . This weekend saw probably the first hay-burner on this campus in a long time when Walter Cardwell, Bill Black, and dates made the Cavalry Ball in a four wheeler . . .

Musical Meanderings

By BILL MURPHY

This past week end Aggies were treated to two of the finest vocalists in the business—Lorraine Daly and Ben Purnell. In fact the two were about the only things justifiable in paying a \$1.10 to listen to Herbie Kay's band was a shining example of what to expect from dance orchestras for the duration of the war. Like so many of the bands touring the country today, Herbie's band was a pickup. In other words, the draft boards are taking so many of the regular musicians now days, that band leaders have to pick up men as they go along, sometimes never having a chance to rehearse with the band before an appearance.

Most of the crowd was a little disappointed in the band, which is understandable. His brass section was fine until the men began taking choruses on the faster numbers, and revealed that the only thing that was worth "sweatin" here was the one and only trombonist, who possessed a rather smooth, non-brassy tone. Other standouts were the bass and piano. Other than this, there was no band. The vocalists really carried on the banner for Kay, both being original Texans. Purnell is an Austin boy, while Miss Daly hails from Odessa.

Among the main "bleeds" coming from band leader playing here is the lack of response or applause after each number. They point out

that this is the only school they play which does not show reaction unless possibly an unusual novelty has been played, and after all the applause acts as a meter to the band leader, who can then choose the tunes that will appeal to the crowd. What do you think about it?

A major problem now confronts Aggies! What will happen when gas rationing begins November 22 and big name bands will no longer be able to travel very far south, and girls will not be able to visit the campus since most train and bus service will be used for vital war needs? Will there be regimental balls and corps dances next summer when the social season rolls around? Think it over. From here it looks as though the Bryan women are due for a big rush, at least for the duration.

Sweet music and more sweet music is in store for the Field Artillery this coming week end when "The Idol of the Airplanes," Jan Garber, and his orchestra play the annual F. A. Ball and the inevitable victory dance Saturday night. Garber is really one of THE big boys, as well as being an old timer in the dance band game. His music will strictly be on the danceable side, with jive numbers being very scarce. All in all, it looks like another big week end for A.&M.

US Can Build Up Reserve Of Geologists To Aid Nation in All-Out War Effort

The United States should "build up a trained personnel of geologist-officers who can show us how geology can be made to fight with us and not against us," Dr. Edward S. C. Smith of the department of geology, Union College, declared.

"The geologist has a two-fold relationship to the war effort," said Dr. Smith.

"In the first place, he is concerned with the location of adequate amounts of strategic mineral raw material, including the mineral fuels and the subsequent development of these sources of supply. It is from the rocks of the earth's crust that we must wrest the metallic elements that go to make up airplanes, our tanks, our bombs, and our bullets.

"In the second place," he continued, "the geologist can be of a definite military value at or near the battle front and behind the lines.

"Today, as in the first world war, maps are all-important. Maps can be quickly prepared from aerial

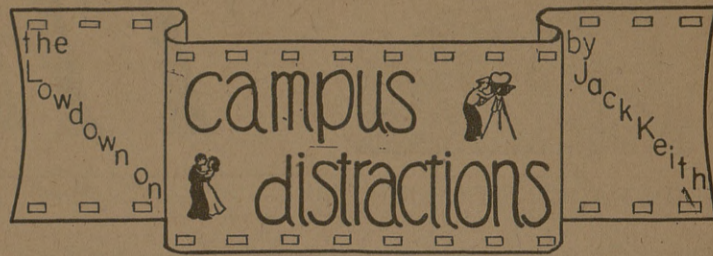
photographs, and frequently geological structures, and hence the sorts of terrain to be expected may be deduced from aerial photographs or from actual observation airplanes.

"But if geologic maps are available they are sometimes better than those which attempt to depict the surface configurations."

"An experienced geologist can, with some confidence, predict the terrain to be expected from an examination of the geologic maps of a region," Dr. Smith explained. "Conversely, from a study of topographic maps, a geologist often can draw important inferences concerning surface and subsurface structures, soils and other valuable field data."

In the combat zones geological knowledge of the region is essential for the building of roads, railways, air fields, supply depots and camps, Dr. Smith said.

"Of particular importance are the areas selected for fortifications, gun emplacements, landing fields



Guion Hall is showing a shoot-'em-up picture of the underworld today and tomorrow that has all the fast action and gunnery one could crave. The picture stars Humphrey Bogart in the title role as "THE BIG SHOT." Co-starred with Bogart is Irene Manning, a new "find" of Warner Brothers.

The story is narrated by Bogart on his dying bed in jail. Having served three terms in the pen, he makes the decision that he will go straight and find a legitimate job. His pals change his mind for him and induce him to take part in the robbery of an armored car. Irene Manning, his former wife, steps in and convinces him that he was right to try to go the straight and narrow way and he changes his mind again.

Then a woman who saw the hold-up which his pals staged mistakes Bogart as one of the participants and he is sent to jail. Then his lawyer double crosses him and Bogart's only purpose in life from then on is to escape jail and get even with the lawyer. He succeeds at the cost of his own and Miss Manning's lives.

The Lowdown:—Rough stuff in Big Town with a Big Shot.

The Campus presents another Michael Shayne detective story as one of the two features showing today and tomorrow. Shayne fans can expect another story of good entertainment and those who are

and ammunition dumps," he pointed out. "The military geologist is called upon to supply the answers to these questions: How well will the terrain withstand loads and shocks? What are the excavation problems?"

"In subsurface work, geological considerations become all important in the construction of underground hangars, galleries for the storage of munitions and fuel; the suitability of the underground structures must be studied, the ease of excavation, strength of adjacent rock formations, and drainage problems.

"If advances are to be made over enemy territory, the possibility of encountering land mines can often be predicted if a complete knowledge of the soil cover and underlying rocks has been previously obtained. For it is obvious that a thin soil cover reduces the liability of land mines, whereas a deep and easily worked soil increases the danger.

"A commander in the zone of combat often must have specialized information and have it in the shortest possible time. If it involves a geological question, it is here that the geologist officer may be of inestimable value."

American royalties from the sale of Hitler's MEIN KAMPF have been seized by the Alien Property Custodian. About 283,000 copies of the American edition have been sold according to the publishers, Reynal and Hitchcock. Since the last payment on Sept. 1, 1939, some \$30,000 in royalties have piled up.

not Shayne fans will manage to enjoy the super-detecting of this super-sleuth with little difficulty. This time, Lloyd Nolan as Michael Shayne, is serving on a jury trying a society girl for murder. Naturally, Shayne smells a rat, and escapes the vigilance of the jury guard and goes out to find the real criminal. The story is told with speed, action and suspense. Supporting cast consists of Marjorie Weaver, Phil Silvers and Don Costello. The title — "JUST OFF BROADWAY."

The Lowdown:—not outstanding. "THE LOVES OF EDGAR ALLEN POE" is the other feature on the Campus. It's the oft-told tale of a mistreated genius and his women. Poe's life from childhood to death are portrayed on the screen. John Sheppard is cast in the role of Edgar Allen and Linda Darnell is his sweetheart. Virginia Gilmore ably plays the part of the "other woman" in Poe's life. The Lowdown:—Strictly biographical.

Bicycles are going to be less plentiful from now on. Their manufacture has been cut to 10,000 a month by WPB and concentrated in two plants: the Westfield Manufacturing Co., of Westfield, Mass., and the Huffman Manufacturing Co., of Dayton, Ohio. They will turn out a "Victory Model" which will not carry their name or trademark. The rest of the industry will produce war weapons.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS

Tuesday and Wednesday—
 "Just Off Broadway," with Lloyd Nolan and Marjorie Weaver, also, "The Loves of Edgar Allen Poe," starring Linda Darnell with John Sheppard.

AT GUION HALL

Tuesday and Wednesday—
 "The Big Shot," starring Humphrey Bogart.



Box Office Opens 2 P. M.

"Loves of Edgar Allen Poe" with Linda Darnell, John Sheppard, Virginia Gilmore
 2:14 - 4:40 - 7:06

"Just Off Broadway"

with Lloyd Nolan, Marjorie Weaver
 3:21 - 5:47 - 8:13
 Also Merry Melody Cartoon

Second Front Against Hitler Spells His Defeat

With the Russian army still holding the blood-soaked streets of Stalingrad and while action on most of the other battle-scarred fronts has died down to a "cat-and-mouse" lull we're adding our voice to the growing demand for a second front.

Why not a second front?

The time to act is now. The Russians have forced Hitler to bring up thousands of valuable reserves draining the available fighting manpower now stationed in conquered France and the other subdued European nations. A second front will force "the world's most hated man" to spread the power of his so-called Blitz troops. Weakened and battered already, the German military machine will be caught in a gigantic pincer movement. They cannot possibly survive simultaneous attacks on two fronts.

The opening of a second front will aid Russia immeasurably. We all know that. It will relieve the terrific pressure and pounding to which her weary troops have been daily subjugated. Russia has been guarding the gateway to the Caucasian oil fields. She's been left to fight Hitler alone in Europe.

Now's the time for England and the United States to really get into the fight. Now's the time to put the skids on Hitler's idea of world rule. The road for a Nazi defeat lies in the defeat of Berlin. The road for an Allied victory in Berlin hinges on the immediate establishment of a second front.

The United States and Great Britain have been sitting back building up a military machine second to none. We have the air power now. We have the machines and we have the men. Every day we're building more planes, more machines, and inducting more men.

In England Churchill tells his Parliament that the English armies are well-equipped, that "our shipping losses are greatly diminished and that we have overwhelming superiority in the air."

If that is true—and there is no reason to doubt it—then what are we waiting for?

Let's have a second front and blast the power of Hitler now. We must not wait until the German army secures its position in the face of the coming Russian winter. We've baited the trap—let's catch the rat in it.

We must act now and win.—The Temple University News.

The University of Michigan arts college established the first chair of the science and art of teaching in the United States.

The Kind of a World We Want

The kind of world we have after this war will depend largely upon the kind of peace to which the nations agree. In turn, that peace depends upon the nature of the parties making the terms. Naturally, we think the Allies will be the winners in this struggle. We are fully trusting the judgment of the United Nations. It is not wise, however, to overlook the fact that although we won the first World War, we definitely lost the peace.

Many people think that the idea of planning for the times after the war is "looney." They have a notion that things will automatically take care of themselves. If too many out of the population of the United Nations have such a narrow conception of the seriousness of each move made in arranging a new world, we will probably have continuing with us the same old world situation. It will eventually lead to another war, when the wheel turns over again.

The right of public discussion—one of the things for which we are fighting—can help us to win the peace and make the kind of world we want. More and more discussion groups are taking up the post war problems. The national debate question for college is along the same line of thought. It is certain that college debaters will contribute to the fashioning of the post war world. Every college student, whether he is a debater or not, can think, speak, and write about the problem. We can all share in determining the kind of world we want.—The Tech Oracle.

Mr. H. C. Harder
 Lilley Ames Representative
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 From 3:30 to 12 P. M.
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MOVIE
Guion Hall
 Tuesday - Wednesday
Humphrey Bogart - Irene Manning
 in
"The Big Shot"
 Comedy — Cartoon
 COMING
"WINGS FOR THE EAGLE"