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Your Church...

Religion, according to Webster, is an acknowledgement of our obligations to God. Those obligations are many—so many, in fact, so many and so great that no man has ever met and completely fulfilled them.

Every man on this campus today should realize his own obligations to God, and more than ever should attempt to meet them. For most of us, going to church is the most obvious way of acknowledging what God and the church means to you.

College Station is well equipped for your church-going, and no matter what the degree of sincerity you might have in your heart, you will always be welcome.

If you have not been attending the church of your choice regularly, begin this Sunday and if you go at every opportunity, you will leave with a much better feeling in your heart, better prepared and more able to meet the everyday problems of life.

Open Forum

March 14, 1943
2598 Hazel Ave.
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Dear Editor:

I have been reading your articles in the Battalion and wondered if you could help me. I would like very much to meet an Aggie as I have heard so much about them I think it would be fun to be acquainted with one. I know this doesn't sound very logical but please see what you can do.

I am a blonde, have green eyes, am five feet five, and love to dance. Won't someone write me soon and tell me all?

Hopefully yours,
Miss Betty Lord

• Surely there are some Aggies from that part of Texas who will oblige Miss Lord.

"There is not a fiercer hell than the failure in a great object."—John Keates

As the World Turns

Dr. Al B. Nelson

Book publishers in Mexico have been exempted from taxation in order to increase the output of books and to lower the price to the consumer. The Mexican government seems to be a sincere believer in education and backs its beliefs.

Good news? Alarm clarks are to be manufactured again. There is also talk of allowing a limited number of baby buggies, stoves, and electric refrigerators to be manufactured.

Army post exchanges have just bought 229,500 pairs of dice as a "comfort" item for soldiers. When questioned officers said they were bought so the soldiers could play Parcheesi.

Mexico has ordered a military mission of high army officers to North Africa to study mechanized warfare in order that their training program may not suffer.

German troops and planes are pouring from western Europe to Russia. This looks as if the Germans are convinced that there will be no second front soon.



Nelson

Campus Camera



STUDENTS OF A CENTURY AGO BALKED AT PAYING THE FABULOUS PRICE OF \$1.50 A WEEK FOR BOARD AND ROOM! MANY CUT EXPENSES BY "BATCHING IT" FOR THEMSELVES!

BUCKSHOT 31.6% OF ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS OBTAIN DEGREES!

THE U. OF HAWAII IS THE ONLY UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD NOT LOCATED WITHIN 2000 MILES OF ANOTHER UNIVERSITY!

DR. EVA FIESEL LINGUISTICS PROFESSOR AT BRYAN MAWR COLLEGE. READ 3 BOOKS A DAY UP TO THE DAY OF HER DEATH. HER LAST 3 BOOKS WERE "THE YEARS"—"LIFE"—"DARK WINDOWS"—"DEATH"—"TRIUMPH"—"RESURRECTION"

Attention Air Corps Men

You newspaper men of the 308th—if you'd like to get the feel of a typewriter under your fingers again, the press staff of the detachment can find a spot for you.

This applies to men with college or actual newspaper experience who thus far have no definite assignment on the staff. There are a lot of features and other stories waiting to be written by you. If interested, report to the editor in room C-8, Hart hall.

All wingmen of the detachment may turn in material or story ideas to their squadron editors. These editors are Fred Huston, Squadron I; Tom Steph, Squadron II; Robert King, Squadron III; Kenneth Durrett, Squadron IV.

AIRCREW TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS

Rudder Dust

By and About Jake

Familiar thing about deadlines. You always manage to meet 'em somehow. But how we connived to beat the deadline to the tape Thursday no human will ever say. Monday night there was no such organization as an Aircrew branch of the Batt. By Wednesday night the spike had to be loaded with copy. Jake thinks sometimes the angels look after us.

You gadgets did nicely with your contributions. Keep the stories coming.

Some of the student waiters in the dining hall probably realize what a close brush with a tipless month they had. Squadron II took permanent seats just in time to leave a few sheekles under the plates on pay day.

Speaking of payday, Jake figured that \$50 wasn't so much high after all. Been a long time since he's seen five 10's, row on row.

Don't you envy those profs who glide about the campus on bicycles. Any mode of transportation looks enticing when you're walkin'.

Looks like we cease being the "flying infantry," though. Monday some of the wingmen actually get a look at an Interstate trainer. Wonder if the 'structor will start off like it shows in the movies? He points to the ship and, quite profoundly, announces: "Men, this is an airplane."

The leader of Section 8 got a violent reaction out of his class-bound students Thursday by announcing they were to start three hours of daily drill that afternoon. Of course he finished off with an "April Fool!"

Jake has finally decided why that coating of tar on Military

Walk. It's to cushion those heels we constantly are told to dig in.

Some of the lads in Squadron II are taking P.E. super-seriously. The other night one of Jake's friends spied four of them supporting a long pole while a fifth compatriot practiced chin-ups. It's hard to tell who worked the hardest—the practicee or the supporters.

Jake's already written the light of his life an invitation to the Wing Ball next Friday night. How many of you have followed suit? And brothers, don't forget to get those suntans in shape.

Future Airman Seek Wings by Scooting Along Ground at 90-Per

The rockets are still at it. The list of Wingmen who have run the 2.4 miles under 14 minutes grows each day, with two men, W. L. Archer, and Charles Hinshaw of Squadron four covering the distance under 13 minutes.

Hinshaw's time is 12:42 and Archer made it yesterday in 12:48. These low times were as of 10 a.m. yesterday. Records set after that will be published Tuesday in the Batt.

Gym Suits Available At Cost to ACTC Men Next Week Says Kelly

Men of the 308th Air Crew Training detachment will be afforded an opportunity to purchase complete gym outfits, including shoes, at wholesale cost, sometime next week, Lieut. Albert S. Kelley, plans and training officer, revealed yesterday.

"Letter Home" Tells of Life As a Flying-Private at Aggie Land

Glance over your buddy's shoulder and you most likely will find him writing something like this, in the quiet of Sunday afternoon— "Dear Folks: We are so darned busy, we aviation students! "And that's not an alibi for not

ACTD Begins Drive To Sell War Bonds By Pay Allotments

Campaigners Seek 100% Participation Among Aircrew Trainees

Double patriotism. That's what you wingmen will be manifesting when you volunteer your share in the 308th A.C.T.D. War Bond drive which starts today. Your first patriotic willingness is shown, of course, by the uniform you wear.

Lieut. Logan H. Bagby, Jr., War Bond Officer in charge of the campaign, reported the drive will be handled among the men by the academic section leaders, with the sections in direct competition with each other for high percentage honors. The goal is to be 100 per cent participation in every section. Buying of bonds will be through monthly allotments deducted from the aircrew students' pay. Under the new War Department plan, bonds will be delivered within 15 days of date of purchase, it is pointed out.

It was stressed that no pressure will be exercised during the campaign. All signers will be strictly volunteers.

Those wishing to buy bonds may have any of the three amounts taken out of their pay each month—\$3.75, \$6.25, or \$18.75, the latter being the cost of one \$25 bond. No one needs to repeat that you get back \$4.00 for every \$3.00 invested, after ten years.

Lieut. Bagby pointed out that the men may make their parents, wives or other relatives beneficiaries or co-owners, and the bonds will be sent either to the airman's homes or to the men, whichever they choose.

The initial campaign reports will be released Wednesday.

writing sooner, simply a declaration of fact. To prove my point, here is a sample of 'Our Day.'

The bugler—may his soul someday reside in a pit of pounding fury—blasts us out of bed at approximately 67 wings before day-break to you. Which doesn't seem so bad, since your whole physique is still numb at that hour. Reveille sounds 10 minutes later and we grope our way into formation along Military Walk in the darkish morning air. Next we have 45 minutes to shave and "disinfect" the room. Honest, it's gotta be cleaner than your parlor on Sunday, Mom. It has to be "germ-free" at all times, ever subject to inspection with a microscope, virtually.

"As daylight rears its shaggy head we fall out for breakfast, one of the joys of the day. By the time we get back there is about five minutes in which to change

from uniforms into fatigues for P.T.—that's physical training. And that P.T. is worse than replacing the horse on the hayfork. Aside from 45 minutes of fast exercises, 20 pushups, shadow boxing and 40 situps, there is only a 2.4 mile run and the obstacle course to take.

(See LETTER, Page 4)

G.I. Dirt SQUADRON II

Back in the days when civies were in vogue and haircuts were longer than ebevrows, we can remember the disdain with which we looked down upon "Arkansas Journalism." Oh, if only we had known. It seems, to be frank, that planting corn or running a still or being a soldier just doesn't mix with the newspaper game. All time is relative, but make ours vanilla. Still it is nice not to have to worry about circulation.

The biggest surprise of the week was evidenced by all the married men of the detachment when they read the bulletin board Wednesday. The current stoppage of all married men's passes has played havoc with a lot of betrothals, now that a wedding ring has little extra advantage, and the boys with weekend dates with their wives have cancelled said in favor of the all-service dance this evening. Results—who can say?

Competition in the squadron has arisen and Chuck Blevins states that he is ready to push honors with J. T. Sykes for additions into the family. Blevins also has a pair of twins which are expected soon, and both boys will be losing sleep before long. Sikes. It seems his room mates are Apologies are also due to Andrew up in the air and Sikes himself is beginning to wonder. However, at latest count, Mr. Sikes does NOT have twins on the way. In fact, Sikes, isn't even married.

Joseph Murphy and George Schutt are the latest additions to the worshippers of Bryan. They are raving about a pair of maidens whom they met last week-end. Maybe their girl-friends have a couple of girl-friends, if you get what we mean.

The Lowdown on...

Campus Distractions

By Nelson Karbach

The picture begins with Judy and George making the tank town (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

Anything you want by way of entertainment this weekend will be available. The first all-service dance will be held at the Grove tonight with music by Jack McGregor and the Aggieband Orchestra. Music and fine art will be presented tomorrow at Guion Hall at the showing of Walt Disney's "Fantasia." Looking over the list of movies to be shown, we find murder mystery, western action, love, fantasy, and musical comedy. You ought not have too much difficulty deciding how to spend your entertainment budget.

If you are looking for a chance to do a little hugging to music, drop on down to the Grove 'long about 8:30 for the all-service dance. Music is furnished by the Aggieband Orchestra which is still as much in the groove as it was when it played the Fitch Band Wagon last summer. This, by the way, is the first dance of the season to be held under the stars. Take it from an old expert bird-dogger that this promises to be a good dance—especially since there are several dark corners on the dance slab. Scrip is 50¢. Uniform is No. 1 for service men and Aggies and sport dress for gals.

There are two mysteries to "Murder in the Big House," showing today only at Guion Hall. One mystery is who killed the victim, and the other is what happened to the script writer when he tried to write this picture.

The plot leans on (or rather, is propped up by) an unsuspected prison warden committing one murder and about to pull another the same way when a cub reporter upsets his applecart. It seems by a strange stretch of the imagination that, of all the people concerned, no one but a cub reporter could think out how electricity could be applied to metallic ear phones of a radio set for the purpose of disposing of victims. But our cub reporter comes through in the best Sherlock Holmes style and cracks the case. As a result of his genius, he wins the lady fair. By the way, the principal players are Faye Emerson and Van Johnson—ever heard of them?

The Lowdown: Sounds sort of punk to me.

The second feature at Guion Hall today is Kit Carson. This picture is so old that we can't get any information on it at all. In fact, at the time of writing, we can't even find out who is playing in it. However, racking my brain, it seems to me that this picture was released when I was still in high school (four years ago). If I remember correctly, the high school kids thought it was hot stuff. Expect a routin', tootin', shootin' western.

Much to the relief of everybody concerned, there will be a change of atmosphere around the Campus Theater tonight when Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book" flashes on the screen. The terrible stench which has been raised around the Campus will be gone and a good show will be presented.

You will like "Jungle Book" because it is a picture that is quite different from anything you've seen in a long time. It is pure fantasy from start to finish adapted from Kipling's book which we all had to read back when we were in grammar school. In case you don't remember, Sabu plays the part of the boy who was raised in the jungle by wolves. Later, by help of the animals, he manages to foil human thieves and conspirators. It is spectacular, lavish, and technically impressive. The technical is gorgeous. Even if it is a fairy story, you will enjoy every minute of the 103 minutes it runs.

The Lowdown: Forget the war, the P. E. department, and the military department and sit back for an hour and forty-five minutes of thorough enjoyment.

Tomorrow for one day only, Guion Hall presents "Fantasia." This is reviewed completely on page one.

The Lowdown: I've already seen this show three times and I'm going to sit through it twice more today.

"For Me and My Gal" with Judy Garland and George Murphy begins a three-day run at Guion Hall Monday. This is an excellent picture and is well worth going to see—even if Judy Garland doesn't seem the same now that she's a married woman.

By Nelson Karbach
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Guion Hall

Phone 4-1168

TODAY ONLY Double Feature



Feature No. 2

"KIT CARSON"

Starring
JON HALL
LYNN BARI

Plus
Disney Cartoon

"HOW TO PLAY BASEBALL"

SUNDAY

Walt Disney's "FANTASIA"

With
Mickey Mouse
Leopold Stowkowski

At Regular Admission

20¢

(Including Tax)

Features at:

1:00 - 2:56 - 4:50 - 6:45

8:30

Campus

4-1181

Opens 1 p. m.

LAST DAY



Directed by IRVING REIS. Produced by DAMON RYUNTON. Screen play by Leonard Spigelgass. From the Collier's magazine story, "LITTLE PINKS"

Also
MARCH OF TIME
CARTOON and NEWS

SATURDAY PREVIEW
SUNDAY - MONDAY
"THE JUNGLE BOOK"

With
SABU
JOSEPH CALLEIA
Also
Cartoon — Short — News

Also
"MARCH OF TIME"
CARTOON — NEWS

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MATINEE AND NIGHT

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