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Open Forum

To the Editor of the "Battalion":
Dad sent me a clipping of your editorial in the Bat for June 5, 1943, entitled "Peace—and Tomorrow's World".

This note is to let you know that I think it sums up in a superb manner the most vital situation which faces this country. And it is a situation which is almost completely unknown to large groups of our fellow citizens. The hope lies in knowledge; editorials such as yours, if read, help. It gave me inspiration.

More power to you!
Sincerely,
Lt. T. W. Taylor USNR.

Youngsters on the Loose

New York's mutinous high school ruffians, Dallas' Lakewood Rats, Los Angeles' zoot-suit hoodlums and the thousands of teen-age girls who hang out in the nation's taverns and dives, waiting for soldiers or other men to pick them up, constitute a serious indictment of parental and civic neglect. Unless today's trend toward vice and petty crime by youths is checked promptly, the postwar era may have a crime bill that will make that of the prohibition period look mild.

It is not enough to blame this situation on the war and to point out that local conditions are no worse than those in many other cities. More parents will have to take time to discover where their children are spending their evenings if they want to save their sons from prisons and their daughters from brothels. Welfare agencies, public and private, will have to enlarge their programs for wholesome recreation for youngsters who otherwise will resort to alley gangs.

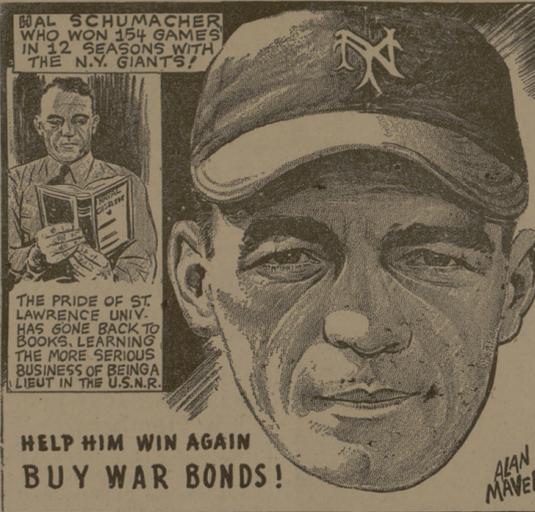
Deterrents that work in normal times are not effective under war conditions that spur boys to abnormal belligerency and some girls to the kind of romance that can end only in tragedy. Complacency and trusting parents who think their children are spending the evening at an innocent neighborhood movie need to make sure the son has not joined some gang to pilfer auto accessories and that the daughter is not in a downtown tavern giving come-hither smiles to soldiers and acquiring and spreading venereal diseases. Unless this is done, the war on the fireside front may be lost before the presence of the enemy is realized.—Dallas News.

it is followed by land invasion. Some recent reports from London hint that another month will be needed to wreck remaining war plants in western Germany. If this is the course to be followed, an invasion of Europe from the west can hardly be expected before early August if it comes this year at all.

The situation in the Mediterranean is different, however. It appears from a distance that Sicily is ripe for invasion and that the softening of Sardinia and southern Italy can be completed soon. Early action in the eastern Mediterranean is also expected, at least against the Dodecanese Islands and Crete, which would provide bases from which the Rumanian oil fields and other military objectives in the lower Balkans could be bombed.

One of the biggest gains of the bombing of Germany has been to postpone, if not to call off, the third German summer drive against Russia which Hitler had promised and prepared. Unless this campaign gets under way in the next week or two, it will have slim chance for success. If it fails to materialize, as now seems likely, the Russians can thank Anglo-American air power for sparing them from another attack.—Dallas News.

STARS IN SERVICE



HELP HIM WIN AGAIN
BUY WAR BONDS!

★ BACKWASH ★

By Jimmy Thompson

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

Someone . . . is cooking with butane. Easy to take is the news that Brenham and Navasota are going to help with the Juke Box Prom problem. "More girls . . . fewer stags". Oh, happy day.

Hitch-hiking . . . is pretty good now, and many of the corps will go home over the weekend. Army, let's stick to that line on the corner. If we don't, there just won't be enough rides for everyone. The sailors and marines were good about coming to the Aggie corner last semester, but we can't expect them to continue to fall in line unless we do so. There were instructions for the frogs concerning hitch-hiking in the Batt a few weeks ago, so everyone should know what to do . . . Let's do it.

Backwashin' . . . Straight dope on the P. E. program points in Mr. Penberthy's favor. News from the men at Camp Roberts, Calif., is that the only ones holding up under the Army's strict program are those who had some kind of

similar training previously . . . And the rumor that the Camp Roberts men wouldn't go to O. C. S. was wrong. They will go, and in nine weeks . . . When is a rumor not a rumor? We know of plenty who lost money betting against the "rumor" that there would be mid-semester holidays.

Who was the guy who said the campus police were acting like sophomores with newly-found privileges? And the other one who offered to eat all the grass they could grow between Ross Hall and the Academic Bldg.? He's now eating daily between the hours of four and six . . . and likes it better than mess hall food. Paging Mr. Hotard.

And the new record for the 1.7 miles is eight minutes . . . some smart guy started Tuesday and came in in eight minutes on Thursday.

The aborigines do not know how to make clothing for themselves.

The Lowdown on . . . Campus Distractions

By Ben Fortson

If you like shoot-em-ups, you'll be sure to like the feature showing at Guion Hall Saturday only: WILD BILL HICKOK RIDES AGAIN, starring Warren William, Constance Bennett.

This is the partly true story of one of the West's most colorful characters. It portrays part of the life of William Hickok, better known as "Wild Bill", and his fight for justice. Hickok became a professional gunman at an early age, but luckily for the law, he was on their side, although some tried to make him a desperado and a crook. This picture is the story of his fight to save a boy who is headed the wrong way. Hickok has

put away his guns at the start, but due to unforeseen events, he must take them up again and ride for the cause of justice.

The Lowdown: A thoroughly interesting picture for a Western.

The other feature at Guion Hall (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)



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Aggies as Seen From the Outside

Aggie discipline and the Aggie spirit has proven to be what makes the school and a young lady from Bryan tells us what she thinks of the Aggies and what they are doing in the line of duty as Aggies of the old school. All one has to do as Aggies of the old deeds to see whether or not Aggie land was good for them or not. The Battalion quotes from the letter of the lady who signs it, A. H.:

"Yes, there is a spirit that can never be told. It is the spirit of Aggie land. The Aggies are known all over the forty-eight states for their spirit. Year after year, it has become greater and more impressive. Thousands of boys from all over the world have gone through four years at A. & M. and have caught the spirit that can never die. After leaving school, they are still Aggies and always will be because they carry the Aggie spirit wherever they go. In every country, on every battle front, the Aggie spirit will be found in many ways. You will find it in back of courage, confidence, and the ability to try harder. Now, it is up to all you new Aggies to take up the great Aggie spirit and carry it on because you are Aggies. You are from Texas A. M. C."

Victory in the Air

Axis Europe is getting no respite from Allied bombing. The raids on Cologne and Hamburg marked the tenth night in a row for pounding western Germany. The Leghorn raid brought to a new climax the air attacks on Italy, and the blasting of a Nazi sup pen and an airdrome in France indicated that daylight raids are continuing in full force. Whether reports of the evacuation of three million civilians from the Ruhr are true or not, it is evident that the Germans and the Italians are getting punishment they do not relish.

The big question here, as in Europe, is how long this bombing will continue before

ARMY ENGINEERS

GREMLINS
by Brad

Gremlins are the title rascals who cause Engineers to become old before their time, we will warn you of the most popular and advise you on ways to thwart them.

GREMLIN-DECIMAL — This type specializes in moving decimal points about on your paper. No matter where you leave a decimal he is likely to pop up and make it appear in another position. He (if he is a he, scientists are not certain) and the professors can be confused by either leaving out all decimal points or by making several black dots between numbers, in this way conveying that you just overlooked a minor detail.

GREMLIN SLIP-STICKIE . . . Any slide stick artist will recognize this vicious type. It is a transparent Gremlin and hence difficult to find. It stands over the right answer on your slide rule causing diffraction and hence you read the wrong answer. Many times it works with GREMLIN DECI-MAL. The best solution is to check your answer with the fellow in front of you, hoping that his slide rule is not inhabited with Gremlins.

GREMLIN DE-CALC . . . This is a very shy Gremlin and probably if you could get to know him you would learn to love him. He is the (dy/dx) of the second derivative and is so shy that he hardly ever appears when the professors read your papers. You can only explain that you knew that but . . . not always a satisfactory answer.

One Gremlin as yet unnamed is

SYMPATHY SLIPS
by Chaplain Cornell

It has been said that if you stand at the corner of 42nd Street and Broadway (Hollywood and Vine to Bob Burns fans) long enough you can see any given person sooner or later. Figuratively speaking ye Ed and I stood there for quite a spell and sure enough the person we were looking for walked right up and shook our hands. Looked as though he had risen from the seal 'Nough said.

This boy Brown in our new platoon has all the characteristics of a comer. Keep your eyes on him.

familiar to all. He specializes in whispering that there is no need of reading "that chapter" as there won't be any test on it. Of course he knows before hand that there will be, but you take his word for it and . . . The only possible solution is studying each chapter, which is a cure more insidious than the disease.

Comment by the Editor—Slide rules will lay gasping, compasses stop their whirling dervish—De Calculus will wander aimlessly looking for stray derivatives whose options were never taken up. The coke machine will break down and cry, no one arm bandit ever had more to eat than he. Desks will gather dust without fear of demerits, Fatigues will sulk in dark closets. Hup-tuos will lie around thinking of the good old days. The old place just won't seem right . . . we don't give a d—, we're going home on furloughs.

Way back in the roaring Twenties and the Roosevelt Thirties, and Forties, it was:

Dear Pop:
Vacation coming up, send funds.
Yr. loving son.
Just imagine to whom our letters are addressed now that the Army is sending us to college.
Dear Pop:
Furlough coming up, send funds.
Yr. loving son.

This is the last of this semester and we are not certain, at this writing, just what is going to happen to whom or when, so it may be the last column, period. At any rate we feel that now is the time to say thanks to A. & M., the teachers and to the Aggies themselves. They have been swell to us. Also, though we have had our differences with some of them, we wish to thank the Army personnel we have served under here. Col. Buvens, Capt. Reeves, Capt. Heister, Lt. Fisher, Lt. Jors, Lt. Rosecrans have all worked hard seeing that our unit ran smoothly. Thanks too to Sgt. Swan and Sgt. Sweat who have mothered us like a couple of hens with all their chicks.

JUST AN M. E.
by M. Kaff

Somehow the atmosphere these past few days hasn't been very conducive to much thought, and to get a column together is rather tedious under such conditions. In addition, last week's physical tests and the subsequent week-end sort of dulled this scribe's literary (See ENGINEERS, Page 4)

Aggies... Do You Have One of These?

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