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AGGIELAND'S ALL-CIVILIAN TEAM WHICH WILL PLAY IN THE ORANGE BOWL—Pictured above is the youngest team to ever play in the Southwest Conference and still placed second with seven wins, one tie, and one loss. They will appear in the Orange Bowl at Miami, Florida, on January 1, 1944, against Louisiana State University whom they defeated 28-13 at the first of the season.

OPEN FORUM

Closing The Year of 1943 . . .

Another year for the Corps is nearing an end. Many happenings have made the campus seem like that of old, but there is always a little something that brings back memories of the Aggie land of several years ago when the Spirit that could not be lost was here in its entirety. This has been a war year, and the world has been disrupted, so disrupted that very little in this country is the same as it was in peace time.

During the first semester of this year, the Spirit of Aggie land held only partial sway because this was before the activation of the juniors and seniors. Regimental and Corps Balls were still the order of the day until this new change was brought about the two high classes taken from the campus in May and dances becoming scarce. From a high enrollment of from 7,000 to a low of 1,600, the classes were separated and put into one corner of the campus; the other corners being taken by the Engineers, A. S. T. P., Navy Marines, and Air Corps.

A war year always necessitates a lot of changes, and A. & M. had its share of them. Many of the changes were not welcomed, but they were accepted. The hope of the nation is and has been for a long time that this Christmas will be the last war Christmas that the world will have to go through. If conditions follow as they have been, there will be war next December.

War or no war, the Spirit of Aggie land has been brought forth, maybe not as strong as it has been up to the previous years, but such a Spirit as the Aggies have will never leave this campus, no matter how many changes take place at Aggie land. So, with these thoughts, the Battalion closes a successful year by wishing each Aggie, Aggie-ex, Servicemen, and everyone else a very merry Christmas, and a year full of happiness.

(Editor's Note. Several days ago the Battalion ran an item concerning a fire in G-ramp of Walton Hall. The blaze occurred in the room of Ralph C. Weiser, class of '46. Starting in his closet, the fire consumed all of his clothes, with the exception of those on his back, and bed clothes.

Weiser's organization, 5th Battalion, dug down in their pockets and presented him with a considerable sum of cash. In appreciation of their generosity Weiser

asked that the following note be published.)

To Fifth Battalion:

You guys just can't imagine how much help meant to me. I can't explain it, but it gave me a feeling like I've never had before—something more than butterflies. I won't ever forget any of you if you ever need help. Thanks a million, fellows.
"Bud" Weiser.

From the Air Corps News

ONE MAN'S "PEACE-WITH-JAPAN"
(Taken From Reader's Digest)
Lieutenant Colonel William J. Verbeck, who led the first party of scouts ashore on Anchitka in the Aleutians, is a tall, handsome intelligence officer who learned to speak Japanese as a boy in Tokyo. "You know, I think the war will go this way," he says. "In about a year the Japs will be fed up with the whole thing and will overthrow the Tojo government and sue for peace. And I think we ought to give it to them. I've lived with the Japanese and have a regard for them. After all, they are Asiatic, and most of the territory they've taken is Asiatic. So when they sue for peace I think we should let them have it. Then we'll be happy over here and they'll be happy raising flowers and goldfish over there."
"In six months everyone will have forgotten the whole thing. Then's when we can bomb the holy hell out of them like they did Pearl Harbor."

Guion Hall to Close From December 27-30

Guion Hall theatre will be closed Monday through Thursday of next week for repairs to the equipment and building it was announced this morning by the Student Activities office of the college. Patrons of the theatre are requested to take note of this announcement. The theatre will be closed during Christmas Day and will be open at seven o'clock Christmas evening, it was stated.

Aa assembly at Stout Institute at Menomonie, Wis., featured a skit called "Eat a Good Breakfast." The skit was planned by members of the dietetics and nutrition class.

passes failed, Stotzer, of First Company, faded back and tossed a pass into the flat behind the line of scrimmage to Miller, who reversed his field and went the remaining distance untouched. James' kick for extra point was low and First Company held a lead of 6 to 0 which they never relinquished. First Company threatened again in the waning minutes of the second half; but a penalty set them back to the six yard line, and a fourth-down pass to Steve King fell short of a touchdown by a yard, where Fourth Company took over and punted out of danger. The game ended at midfield with Fourth Company about to go on the offensive.

The final basketball game ended in story-book finish with Fourth Company nosing out First Company 19 to 18 in the final three seconds. It was a see-saw battle all the way through with Fourth Company leading by 3 points at the half. However, as the second half started, First Company took command and forged ahead. Fourth Company retaliated when Brunow, who was high-point man, sunk a couple of crisp shots to put Fourth Company only a point behind. First Company attempted to freeze the ball, but Fourth Company broke it up and started down the court. Spicer took a pass just inside mid-court and arched one through the hoop to put Fourth Company in the lead. The whistle blew to end the game just as First Company took the ball out of bounds.

With basketball and football out of the way, attention is now turned to Intramural speedball. So far, little can be said about this sport as the weather has prohibited playing most of the scheduled games, and the ones that should have been played have been forfeited. The final games for this year will be played this afternoon, with no more games scheduled until the Aggies return from their Christmas vacation.

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Screen Play, Norman Bailey Rains • Nick Grinde
Original Story, Norman Bailey Rains
Directed by JOHN RAWLINS
Produced by WALTER WANGER
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE

— also —
"How To Play Baseball"
and latest news

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Paramount presents
BING CROSBY
and
FEED ASTAIRE
with
Irving Berlin's "HOLIDAY INN"

also Merrie Melody and News of the Day

SATURDAY NIGHT 7 P. M. and SUNDAY

Spencer Tracy Katherine Hepburn
Keeper of the Flame

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* Guion Hall Theater will be closed Christmas Day until 7:00 P. M. *
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—THOUGHTFUL—
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is a fight for the better—or why fight?

Till ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day.
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men!"

A closet is where a girl keeps most of her clothes when she is dressed up.

A total of 230 Texas counties and other 30 states are represented among Texas State College for Women's student body this semester.

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To you and yours from me and mine—
Every good wish for a Joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and contentment.

J. B. LAUTERSTEIN
North Gate

Intramurals

By Max Mohnke

Fourth Company and First Company emerged from the final week of play as champions in Intramural basketball and football respectively. Strange as it seems, these two teams played each other in the final game in both sports, Fourth Company latching onto the basket-

ball crown, and First Company taking the football title.

First, on Friday, these two teams squared off to decide the winner in football. The game was a thriller all the way through, and the only score of the game was the result of a pass play that traveled some 60 yards from the scrimmage line. The game started off as a kicking duel between George Spicer of Fourth Company, and Ross James of First Company. After an exchange of punts and a couple of



May all your dreams come true, and this be the last wartime Christmas we need ever face!

YMCA-VARSITY BARBER SHOP
Central "Y"



To the army and the navy and the folks that stay right here, happy Yuletide and God Bless you throughout the coming year.

AGGIELAND PHARMACY
"Keep to the Right at the North Gate and You Won't Go Wrong!"