

The Problem of Food . . .

"Man does not live by bread alone—" that is why those of us who are veterans are continuing our education at A. & M. But food and shelter are still prime necessities of life, even for students. And we have begun to wonder how much longer we can stretch our \$65 or \$90 a month to cover living expenses here.

Soberly, we are asking each other "Do you think we can hold out long enough to finish?" Thousands of us may be forced to leave school during the next year because of the rising cost of living. The end of the OPA may mean the end of our schooling. Small wonder we are earnestly checking minute details of costs here.

At the last meeting of the Ex-Servicemen's Club, attended by a record number of members, a committee reported on a check into the prices charged of the college mess halls, and other committeemen reported on their investigation of meal charges in other Texas colleges.

The Battalion presents here statements made by veterans and by the mess hall staff.

VETERANS
Why are the prices of all items in the cafeteria frequently raised? Will prices be cut in the near future?

Doesn't most of the food served in the mess hall come from the college farms?

Why has the cost of half-pint bottles of milk been increased so, when it comes from the A. & M. dairy?

Why are prices at the mess halls substantially higher than those at Texas University Union cafeteria? Why is the average cost per student so much higher than at San Marcos Teachers College? (\$25 a month for food and handling.) Or Baylor, now being increased from \$27 to \$30 a month.

Why doesn't A. & M. have a staff dietitian?

The cafeteria system, from which so much was hoped last spring, has not been a solution for our eating problems. The mess hall staff has passed the ball back to us. The Ex-Servicemen's Club must present a new definite plan. A committee is now working toward that end.

There is the problem, as stated at the Ex-Servicemen's Club meeting. Think hard about it, for on a solution may hang the answer as to whether or not YOU will still be in school next fall.

And Shelter . . .

The Battalion does not share the concern of many veterans over the three-in-a-room plan. Why? Because three-in-a-room, though admittedly constituting over-crowding, and uncomfortable, was a policy frequently necessary on this campus before the war. Some of the veterans now back here used to live three-in-a-room in Ross!

The housing situation is rough enough, no denying. Even completion and occupation of the pre-fabs will not end our troubles. But a check of other colleges indicates we are better off than many. For instance, have you seen the trailer camp at University of Houston?

The Batt admits that in this matter it probably speaks contrary to majority student opinion. But it is our belief that the housing problem at A. & M. so far has been handled more satisfactorily than on many other campuses. Let's not start a civil war between married veterans on one hand and single veterans on the other. We need a united student body, to take care of other and bigger problems that hang over us.

Death of OPA . . .

As the Batt went to press, the OPA had just been rescued—for the time being—from a violent death at the hands of Washington politicians. This "national" issue is also very much a local one. (See editorial above.)

Economists expect an increase in living costs of from 25 to 50% in the next six months, followed by a sudden sharp "deflation". They differ on whether or not that "deflation" will be of short duration—just enough to strip most people of their war bonds—or another long depression like the one that started in 1929.

Is this what we fought the war for?

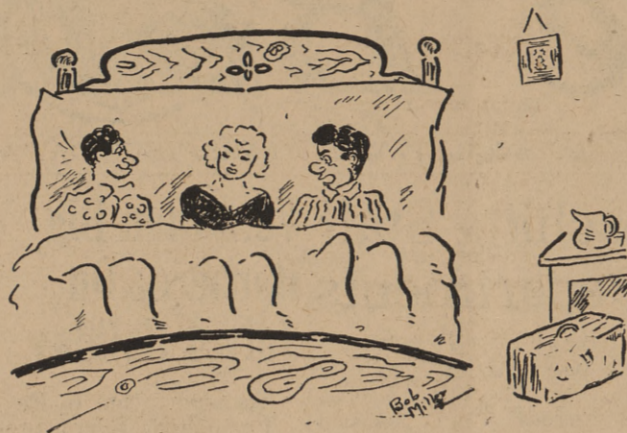
Open Letter . . .

Many stories have been written and many complaints have been made. Many "bull sessions" center around the subject of ASTP Students here on the campus.

The majority of us would have given our opportunity for overseas service in order to continue in college and complete required work for the coveted degree. Schooling under the educational programs of the army and navy was undoubtedly the greatest asset given to any G. I. or G. B. The forces are now closing such programs. As to just when the last students will leave this campus, it isn't known. Many say it can't be too soon.

College training and education has for years been looked upon, not only by higher industries and business concerns as a "must," but also by society. As to the latter, we are not in defense of this requirement, but merely ask, what value is a college education or college training without self decency. (See OPEN LETTER, Page 4)

Three-In-a-Room



"One of us ought to go to that meeting tomorrow night."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VETS WIVES RETURN FIRE AT BACHELORS

To the Editor:
The housing situation is vitally important to both the single and married veterans, and more so to the married ones. We are writing this letter expressing some of the views of the wives on the campus. We believe there are almost as many married veterans as single ones. We admit this is a boys' campus, and that the boys shouldn't have to live three-in-a-room, but we feel putting the wives off the campus will not solve the problem for the following reasons:

1. Many wives will be forced to return to their homes, that is if they have a home. Thus, making the maintenance of two homes necessary. How many can do this on \$90 per month? Therefore, many married students will find it necessary to give up their education. Even if some could afford two separate homes, we wives feel we have been separated from our husbands long enough, and now we want to be with them, and help them.

2. As most of you know, the teaching staff is inadequate to take care of the present enrollment. What will it be, if the enrollment is increased? We feel it is better for those who are already here to have the proper instruction, instead of inadequate instruction because of lack of teachers to a larger student body.

3. We don't believe the housing situation will be solved by moving the wives, because the enrollment will steadily increase, and there will still be three-in-a-room.

We hope you single students will try to see the married students view also, before coming to a final decision. You, too, may someday be married, and want your wife to be with you while you are finishing your education. How about it, fellows?

PRE-WAR AGGIE ADDS WORD ON 3-IN-A-ROOM

To the Editor of the Battalion:
I would like to express my personal opinions in rebuttal to the statements made by the fourteen single veterans in the June 20th issue of the Battalion.

Whenever it comes to the point of depriving a student of an education, I think Hart and Walton should be returned to their original status. I do not believe in depriving married veterans of an education just in order to keep some men from staying three to a room. We can not live on \$90 per month even in these apartments. If we had to maintain a separate household outside the College Station area, it would mean we could not continue with our education because of the high cost of living. Apartments are most difficult to find within commuting distance of A. & M.

During my sophomore year here (See LETTERS, Page 4)

WILLING TO MARRY TO ESCAPE 3-IN-A-ROOM

Miss Beatrice Fairfax
C/o Editor of the Battalion
I am a young man 26 years old and I find that I am lonely, thread-bear, and a wallflower. In other words, Miss F. my problem is this: It is economically more desirable for me to get married before I finish college, and I have no prospective spouse, so I turn to you.

Looking over my hopechest, under it, and through it, I still have not found a mate, and the authorities are about to move a stranger into my room in the very near future. I would not mind so much if this new member of our flea trap were a woman, but it is going to be an Aggie. Now you have probably heard about those Aggies, and if another one were to move in here now, well, my chances of finding a wife would be hopeless. Also, if I can get married soon, my rent will be cut down and they will build me a small cottage on the edge of the campus, furnish it completely, and make living more cheap all around. I can't afford to remain single much longer. I am only getting \$65 a month now, and I would get \$90 if I were married. I got the same deal in the army too. Us old bachelors caught all the details, because the married men did not live on the post. Please refer me to a lonely hearts bureau that you would select for yourself.

Hoping to get the gal, a two room apartment furnished, and a private bath.
Your devoted friend,
Robert L. Manly
(Dear Bob: Beware of booby traps. I know that as a bachelor you figure that married men have all the advantages. The only way you will find out otherwise is to get married, but then it will be too late. I can see you, now, coming around to weep on the shoulders of your former companions, trying to convince them that the life of a married man at A. & M. is not heaven and flowers after all.)

In fact, we can hear you trying to explain to the single boys that they actually have fewer worries and headaches, and that \$90 for two is no improvement over \$65 all for one's own self.
But what is the use? You won't believe me now, any more than your present companions will believe you after you have taken the fatal step. Sad friend, I press your hand warmly.—Ed.)

Rural life's challenge to religion will be a feature topic for discussion at the two-day meeting of rural church pastors of all denominations to be held on the Texas A. & M. College campus July 11-12, according to Daniel Russell, head of the College's rural sociology department

Hope Platter Hot-Selling

by Ferd English

The latest Capitol release featuring the lovely voice of Jo Stafford is a jazzed up arrangement of the old "Get Along Home Cindy" that has taken the new and shorter title of "Cindy." Miss Stafford's present release is a far cry from the songs that skyrocketed her to fame, in that it is the first swingy song that she has ever recorded. In case you hear some good piano in the background of this one, it's Nat "King" Cole at the keyboard. The bottom is a soulful ballad from the movie "Earl Carroll's Sketchbook" entitled "I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN." Betty Rhodes the lovely voice heard over "Duffey's Tavern" has been signed by RCA Victor and has made two records that should be on several of the individual hit-parades before long. "THIS IS ALWAYS," "SOMEWHERE," "IT'D BE LOST WITHOUT YOU," and "WHAT'S SHE GOT THAT I HAVEN'T GOT?" All four selections show off Betty's voice to a marked advantage as she glides from note to note seemingly with no effort.

"SURRENDER" is the newest of the Woody Herman songs released by Columbia. The vocal spotlight is held by Woody with some very good backup music by the Blue Flames. The flipover is a fine instrumental number called "THE GOOD EARTH."

The Capitol recording of some of the Bob Hope overseas shows is meeting with unanimous approval everywhere that it is played. The records are actual transcriptions of some of the shows that Bob put on while touring the South Pacific and other combat areas. Don't miss the dialogue of "I NEVER LEFT HOME."

Andre Kostelanetz and his symphony orchestra have produced an album entitled "EXOTIC MUSIC" that is composed of some of the finest, though not the most popular music of this time. Included are "LOTUS LAND," "SONG OF INDIA," "FLAMINGO," and "POINCIANA." The recordings are a tribute to the abilities of Mr. Kostelanetz.

CANCEL SHOWING OF "THE GONDOLIERS"

The proposed presentation of "The Gondoliers" under auspices of the Ex-Servicemen's Club, which had been planned for this Friday, has been cancelled.

VETERANS Build Your Own Homes

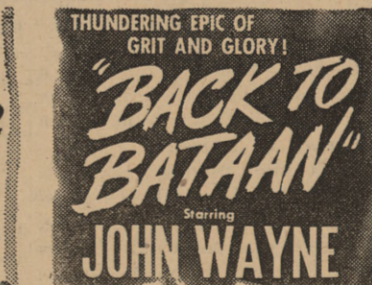
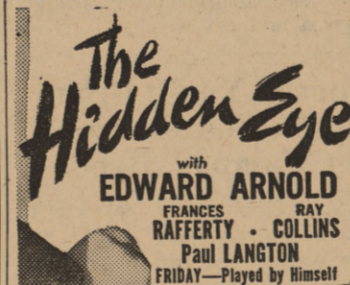
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PENNY'S SERenade

By W. L. Penberthy

The people of our community have paid respects to Luke Patranella in many ways. His funeral was attended by the largest group I have ever seen at a funeral. The floral offerings were very abundant and beautiful, and as chairman of the Memorial Fund I have received a great many notes and letters paying tribute to Luke as a fine friend and citizen.

I do not know of a person who would have been happier in life

in the realization that he meant so much and was so greatly appreciated by so many people, but it took his being taken away from us to make us realize how important a part he played in the everyday life of the community. Luke was so much a part of things worthwhile that I am afraid we just took him a little too much for granted, and too often we did not think to express our appreciation to him for the many fine things he did.

We all live a pretty busy life and sometimes things get to traveling so fast that we neglect doing a lot of little things that mean so much to our fellowman, and we don't check up on ourselves until it is too late.

Penny We all like to think that the things we do are noticed and appreciated, and although in a great many cases we know we are appreciated, it just makes us feel better and is a "shot in the arm" to have friends tell us. A pat on the back and a word of appreciation meant more to Luke than anything, and it is too bad he couldn't have enjoyed much of the praise he is now getting while he was alive.

No matter how much is to be done we lose something very dear to us and others if we don't take the time to give a smile, a word of encouragement, a word of appreciation, or a word of praise to our fellowman.

BRYAN BAND INVITES STUDENTS TO PLAY

The Bryan City Band, recently reorganized, invites all students at A. & M. to join the group. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening in the Bryan library on Main Street. Ed Holick of College Station is director, and Tom Sweeney of Bryan manager.



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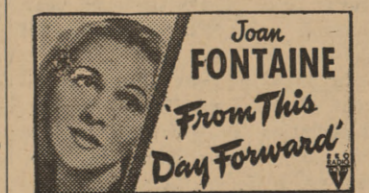
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