

### Three Batts a Week . . .

Happy days are here again. World War II is over at last so far as the Battalion is concerned. Next week we will resume tri-weekly full-size publication, as in pre-war days.

Although we are happy about resuming our former schedule, after so many obstacles and difficulties, we do not consider that this is the end of the line.

Back in 1941, everyone was looking forward to the time when the Batt would be a daily paper. The war stopped that, of course. Now a number of other papers in this part of the country have gotten ahead of us. Our sister-sheet *The Lass-O of Tesseland*, has been a daily for some months. At the beginning of this semester, the *Reveille* of LSU became a daily. By September at the latest, we hope to be publishing *The Daily Battalion*.

### Live Religion . . .

Religion was no dry subject for the Aggies who packed Guion Hall every day this week to hear Dr. W. H. Alexander. If any went hoping to get a few winks, they were sharply awakened by Dr. Alexander's strident remarks about the world and the shape it is in. We all know what a mess the world is today; it takes a man like Dr. Alexander to remind us that we can do something about it, and that we are the very ones who will have to do something about it, if future disasters are to be avoided.

Dr. Alexander, a young minister himself, knows how to talk to young men. We hope to have him back on this campus again. In the words of one of his hearers this week, "That red-headed preacher speaks our language."

To Dr. Alexander and the many religious leaders on our campus this week: Thanks for coming.

P. S. Those coffee-hour forums at the Y this week have been good—too good to drop. How about keeping them going?

### They Mean Business . . .

Those in the Cadet Corps who thought there was a chance that violations of the Articles of the Cadet Corps would be overlooked, or that punishments meted out would be light are due for a rude awakening.

The Faculty Panel, in dealing with a junior who was caught with a board, returned a punishment of revocation of ROTC contract, removal from position as first sergeant, suspension from college for a week, transfer to a civilian dormitory, and restriction to the campus for six months.

Sounds rough, doesn't it? Another punishment just about as bad, was the fate of a senior whose freshman orderly was caught carrying his boots to the North Gate.

It may be that Dean Bolton and the Faculty Panel are making examples of these first few who have been caught violating the rules and regulations, or stringent punishments such as these may be continued or even intensified. At any rate, the great English jurist Blackstone once said, "It is not the severity of punishment that deters commission of a crime, but the certainty of conviction."

Although certainty of conviction is not with us yet, severity of punishment surely is. It looks as if there is little alternative to obeying the regulations if one wants to remain in the Corps.

### Labor Problems at A.&M . . .

Aggies as a rule are not either legally or business minded, but as a result of the "no freshman detailing" order, some clever upperclassmen have negotiated contracts with fish, paying them forty cents an hour for cleaning rooms, etc.

The practice is not widespread as yet, due probably to the extreme poverty of upperclassmen.

Business law students, after due consideration, have pronounced such contracts valid and binding, providing valuable consideration (silver for sweeping) is exchanged. Such contracts need not be in writing, either.

No statement concerning this new threat to the freshman class enrollment has come from the administration, but they will probably claim, logically enough, that the contracts were made under duress, and are therefore invalid.

Of course, the case could be taken to the Supreme Court.

### It's Gardening Time! . . .

We applaud the School of Agriculture's action in sponsoring a garden program for veteran students.

On the surface such action may appear insignificant, but a closer examination reveals a program that could mean a great deal financially to married veteran students. In addition to financial savings, the goodwill that such a program can create will be of inestimable value.

Human nature being such as it is, all of us know that understanding and appreciation of the other fellow's problems often go a long way in smoothing over difficulties and misunderstandings. On too many occasions students and administration have been unable to follow that admonition of Josephus Daniels "Put yourself in his place."

We think that a wise choice was made in selecting F. R. Brison of the Horticulture Department to supervise the program. Brison, instead of accepting the job as another thankless task and waiting to be smoked out of his office, is meeting the challenge squarely and we know that he can be counted on for an outstanding performance.

#### BUY DEFROSTERS EARLY

NEW ICE AGE: The world is due to be covered with ice again, a University of California scientist predicted. (But don't worry; he looks for it 200,000 years hence.)

#### REASON FOR TRIAL

The joke of 1946: Did you know that the reason John L. was brought to trial was because he was contributing to the delinquency of miners?

## The Battalion

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### Hawthorne Owes Fame to Faith Of a Publisher

"He who hesitates is lost." The literary world would have been denied one of its greatest works, had not Nathaniel Hawthorne taken timely heed of this age-old proverb.

Hawthorne, who was very shy, received a visit in 1849 from the Boston publisher, James T. Fields. The author was in a despondent and self-bellitting mood, but the publisher, who had just taken over Hawthorne's short stories from a former publisher, was full of enthusiasm for the work of the Salem writer. He urged him to start at once to write something for publication, and even accused Hawthorne of having a manuscript hidden in his bureau drawer. The writer shook his head and saw no reason why he should attempt anything since his publishers had been so many years trying to sell his "Twice Told Tales." But as Fields hurried away to catch his train, Hawthorne called him back and gave him a manuscript. "I don't know how you knew it was there," he said, "but take it and see if it's worth printing. It's either very bad or very good." Fields took it and published it. The title was, "The Scarlet Letter."

### Try Alaska to Get Away From 'It' All

If you are a veteran and are tired of the trying times at Aggie-land, the Veterans' Administration announces that there is some land in Alaska available for homesteading or purchase.

Some areas are suitable for farming, but the chances for success on such farms are limited by lack of markets and transportation facilities, the Veterans' Administration said.

Veterans interested in climate, farming conditions, and markets in Alaska will find their best source for such information is the Director, Agricultural Extension Service and Experiment Station, College, Alaska.

### What's Cooking

SATURDAY, Feb. 15

9:00 p.m.—Annex Valentine Dance, Student Center. Annex Orchestra will play. Melody Maids from Beaumont will sing.

9:00 p.m.—All College Dance, Sbis Hall, Aggie Land Orchestra will play.

MONDAY, February 17

7:00 p.m.—Navy and Marine Corps personnel organizational meeting in Geology Lecture Room.

5:00 p.m.—Veteran students who may be interested in growing a vegetable garden meet with F. R. Brison, Horticulture Dept., Room 309, Agriculture Bldg.

TUESDAY, February 18

7:00 p.m.—Saddle & Siroin Club meets in A. & L. Lecture Room.

7:00 p.m.—Agronomy Society meets in 312 Agriculture Bldg.

5:00 p.m.—All seniors in engineering who will graduate in January 1948. P.E. Lecture room.

### Former Navy-Marine Corps Personnel To Meet Monday Evening

Navy and Marine Corps personnel will hold an organizational meeting Monday evening, February 17, Joe Cullinan reported. The meeting will be held in the Geology Lecture Room at 7 p.m.

The purpose of the club is to disseminate information from bulletins pertaining to Navy and Marine Corps reservists, he stated. Social events will also be planned by the group.

Cullinan urges all former "sailors" and "leathernecks", both enlisted and commissioned, to attend, to attend.

### Pick Up EE Lab Reports Tuesday and Saturday

The Electrical Engineering Department is returning to the owners all laboratory reports now in storage. M. C. Hughes, departmental head, stated Tuesday. The store room will be open Tuesday afternoon, February 18, and Saturday morning, February 22. Reports will be delivered only to the owner in person, and unclaimed reports will be destroyed, he stated.

### Organization of A New Athletic Club

The Volleyball Recreational Club, a new organization established for those students interested in volleyball, will meet every Monday and Thursday night under the guidance of Nickie Ponthieux. Students can meet at those times or contact Ponthieux at the Physical Education office.

The club plans to enter the Regional YMCA Volleyball Meet in Fort Worth on March 7-8, and also the Open National Volleyball Meet which will be held in Houston on May 15-16.

Challenges are also going out to an all star team from the College Station and Bryan recreational league. If possible, the club will match games with recreational clubs in other colleges and universities.

### PENNY'S SERENADE

W. L. Penberthy

Last week the music teacher from whom our children are taking lessons gave a recital of her pupils.



On the way to the recital I asked my ten-year-old daughter how she felt, to which she replied, "Daddy, I'm a little scared." In our car was a couple who are dear friends, and the wife had a fine musical background. She had a grown daughter who had played at many recitals and so she was experienced at "sweating out" recitals and so understood our situation. Before I could say anything to my daughter's answer to my question, this fine lady gave my daughter a very fine piece of advice. She said "don't worry about making mistakes, but if you do make one just make the best of it, but whatever you do, don't stop playing." I surely do like the philosophy tied up in that piece of advice.

In my opinion fear of mistakes is one of the primary reasons for the failure of some individuals to perform their best. I have heard coaches tell players before a game to "Go in there with lots of confidence and determination and don't be afraid to try something." All of us are prone to be a little "on edge" before a contest or a performance, but fear that we will fumble will not help us to be at our best.

Again, when many of us make a mistake we quit, which is probably a bigger mistake than the original one. I have seen officials worry so much over a play they felt they missed that they were not at their best the rest of the game.

The only people who do not make mistakes are the ones who don't do anything. We are going to make some mistakes, and we should certainly be concerned, but we will make fewer, and they will be less harmful if we won't worry about it and make the best of it when we make one. The sin is not in erring but in quitting after we have erred.

### Groneman Chosen Editor By Science & Mechanics Magazine

C. H. Groneman, acting head of Industrial Education Department, has been appointed a contributing editor on the advisory committee of the Editorial Department of the Science and Mechanical Magazine of Chicago, Ill.

### One'll Get You 100,000

The American dollar reached a new high on the Chinese black market recently, being quoted at 100,000 to 1, as Chinese currency nose-dived to a new low. Prices were immediately marked up to meet the depreciation. Some quotations rose as much as 50 per cent overnight.

### The blade with the MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE!

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### Four Teasers Keep Phoenix Operators Busy With Calls

Phoenix, Ariz.—Four small ads, each asking the same question, "What is 2-2322?" were published in a recent edition of the Phoenix Gazette and the results were sufficient to prove to the switchboard operator at the Central Arizona Light and Power Company that "It pays to advertise."

The power company published the ads to acquaint the public with its new telephone number. But the switchboard operator hadn't been told about the ads beforehand so she was greatly puzzled when the calls to her board came in as rapidly and as numerous as though there had been a power failure and every subscriber wanted his lights restored.

But this time the situation was different. As quickly as she could handle the cords and switch keys, she would plug in the answer: "Power Company." Then, most of the time, she was greeted first with a dead silence and then a click of the receiver on the other end.

Or there would be surprised questions. She would explain it was the firm's new number. And there was disappointment. Some callers thought it was a contest and they asked about the prizes.

As the evening came on, the calls became so numerous, tying up the switchboard and interfering with the regular business of the utility, that it became necessary to make an explanation over the radio.

Still, the calls kept coming in; that night and the next day. Well one thing is clear. It pays to advertise.

### Letters

Your editorial, "The Right to Know", in the February 11 issue, was the most correct, timely, and needed that I have ever read in a Battalion, and I've been reading them for a long time. How about some more like it so that some of these people might awaken from their long sleep.

Leslie Shrader Class '44.

### Holmgreen Will Address Horticulture Society Tues.

"Horticultural Enterprises of Southern Italy" will be discussed Tuesday night, Feb. 18, by E. N. Holmgreen in a meeting of the Horticulture Society. Holmgreen, Business Manager of the college, is a Horticulture graduate of 1921.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion. All Horticulture majors are urged to be present.

### CAMPUS

Opens 1:00 p.m. Ph. 4-1181 FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Pat O'Brien, Claire Trevor, Herbert Marshall, Crack-Up advertisement with image of the movie poster.

Also "Pluto" Cartoon—Short

Saturday Preview, 11:00 p.m.

SUNDAY and MONDAY

### A First Run Feature

HER MASTER WAS LOVE... HIS MISTRESS WAS MUSIC...

A powerful love story screened in the full glory of Technicolor!

Frank Borzage's I've Always Loved You advertisement with image of the movie poster and cast: Philip Dorn, Catherine McLeod, William Carter.

### BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS . . .

## 'Letters of William Allen White' Add to Autobiography

"Selected Letters of William Allen White," edited by Walter Johnson, appears to be that much longed-for complement to "The Autobiography of William Allen White," which was published last year.

This edition of the letters of White has certain inadequacies; it contains no letters earlier than 1899. It includes only White's own letters—and but a partial selection of these. Yet it does have the great merits of authenticity and contemporaneity. Here we can see the Kansas editor not as he remembered himself but as he revealed himself day-by-day; here we can trace the development of his ideas, his character, and his influences. Here we can read the impact of public events upon White—and of White upon those events—as they occurred, not as they rearranged themselves in his mind years later.

It is a tribute to the skill and the sincerity of the autobiography that the picture that emerges from these letters does not differ in any important detail of line or color from that which White himself drew. These letters display the varied interests that competed for White's time and attention throughout a long and busy life; they make clear, too, that politics was obviously the primary interest. Perhaps he was a born politician; it is difficult to know; certainly he achieved political power and had it thrust upon him.

There was no mystery about his influence or his power. He was the most characteristic of American—the voice of middle-class, Middle-West America. He was often wrong in his predictions, but rarely mistaken in his judgment of men of particular issues. He was wise and sincere.

The political letters constitute a rich source for the study of American history during the first forty years of the twentieth century. It is a great pity that Mr. Johnson found it necessary to be so selective, and to omit all the letters to White—letters which might well modify our interpretation of the period.

But politics was one of White's interests. Almost equally important were journalism and literature. His concern for journalism as profession, for the integrity of the newspapers, was a lively one, and many of these letters are addressed to that interest.

Equally important, and lasting, was White's activity in literature. This generation has forgotten White's novels, but it would do well to return to them, as there are no better political stories in our literature than those to be found in his works.

Politician, news-paperman, and an important figure in secondary American literature, William Allen White proved himself one of the most important and influential men of our time.

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George Raft and Sylvia Sydney in "MR. ACE"

Plus William Boyd in "BAR 20"

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Friday & Saturday Double Feature

SUNDAY and MONDAY

WALTER WANGER presents Dana ANDREWS Brian DONLEVY Susan HAYWARD CANYON PASSAGE in Technicolor introducing Patricia ROC with HOAGY CARMICHAEL WARD BOND ANDY DEVINE STANLEY RIDGES LLOYD BRIDGES FAY HOLDEN VICTOR CUTLER and the Devine Kids, TAO and DENNY

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

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