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Battalion

They Also Serve Who Only Stand And Wait' ...

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(A Fable) There I was, lying in bed, reading the Classified Ad section of my favorite Sunday morning paper, in search of a possible means to supplement my meager \$65 allowance. My \$65 check was long overdue; and I needed a few sheekles.

Suddenly I sat upright in bed. Staring me right in the face was my life-saver-the opportunity of a lifetime - my chance to make a little money.

I read it more carefully, because it was too good to be true. Sure enough, I met the qualifications. It said:

"MILITARY TACTICAL OFFICERS to advise cadets and assist in operation of A. & M. College corps of cadets. Re-serve officers with combat experience, be-tween ages of 25 and 45. Include in first letter complete statement of service and availability. Write COMMANDANT, A. & M. College of Texas, College Station, Texas.

So I bounded out of bed, put on my dirt-iest pair of fatigues (because I wanted to look combat-fatigued), affixed by Good Conduct Ribbon over my right pocket, and head-ed for Ross Hall. I was eager to apply. I was only 22, but I hadn't shaved for a week, so I figured I'd look old enough.

But, alas, I was not the first in line, for there were four others ahead of me waiting for the old oaken doors to swing open and

permit applicants to enter. There stood good ole Gypsum McGargoyle, president of the North Gate Athletic Association, in front of me, waiting impatiently. In a brief 1,000-word oration, he allowed how

he met all the requirements. In front of McGargoyle stood an eager-looking North Gate entrepreneur. During the next 15 minutes he related his combat experience. Why, four times, he said, he had to combat his way off the KP roster at

longer.

Iones. When Rastus saw how I was through listening to the other folks, he greeted me right friendly-like. "Ah sho' was supprized to see that ther ad this mawin. An heer Ah been workin 25 hours a day a-cleenin dawm-itory 'leven for fo'-bits a day. Ah don't know nuthin 'bout that ther 'preserved officer' stuff, but Ah sho' has had mah share o' combattin mah wife. An' all de time Ah didn't know thet the A. & M. College threw away so much money on thet ther 'discipline." Ah'd reckon they'd spend more money on mops and Sani-Flush

Well, I could hardly wait to get rid of Rastus, because I saw a demure, young WAC lieutenant in full dress standing at the head

of the line. She was eager, too. "When in \$*(-)?#" are they going open that ?") (!\$@¢/ door?" she queried coyly. Her sophisticated language implied that she had had the best of everything. Lt. Smith (we shall call her that for purposes of identification) spat violently on the ground, withdrew a bottle of Four Roses from her hip pocket, and took a slug. "What I wouldn't have given for some of this when I was in one of those foxholes," Lt. Smith asserted, smacking her lips and hiccoughing.

Just then an effeminate private first class unbolted the door. "Now before we get down to 'brass' tacks," he said, "all applicants must have been awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon."

The four other applicants, failing to meet this qualification, turned sadly and started off. I was the sole possessor of a Good Conduct Ribbon. "Wait," I called to the retreating applicants. "Be not discour-

aged. You've got another possibility." I unfolded the Houston Chronicle and pointed to a "wanted" ad below the one which they had answered. They read earnestly:

"MESSENGER BOYS. Three young

Fort Sam reception center. And every time he won, too. The third person in front of me was a veteran named Rastus George Washington

This year Congress and the White House put heads together, kicked around a few ideas, and came out with the following time-table for veterans' benefits. Some new privileges and a time limit on new privileges and a time limit on most rights gives a different pic-ture of what ex-servicemen may expect and for how long. Effective right away in the new timetable are these rights:

Delaying Scientific Research

Familiar Hands

date. LOAN GUARANTEES FOR new TERMINAL LEAVE PAY for former enlisted men may be spent after September 1, 1947, when banks will be permitted to cash terminal-leave bonds. SERVICE INSURANCE may be

reinstated without a physical ex-amination at any time until next January (The deadline of August 1 was extended). Only the right to cash terminal-leave bonds this year will cost the taxpayers big money. Action on many major privileges asked by ON-THE-FARM TRAINING is ON-THE-FARM TRAINING is now provided for farmers-veterans, with class room instruction and actual farm work. Also included is an increase in the V. A. "revolv-ing fund" for small loans to needy veteran trainees. Beginning in mid-1949, the new timetable sets up a series of dead-lines for other GI privileges. UNEMPLOYMENT PAY of \$20

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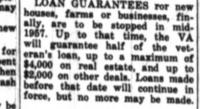
meekly is to be stopped, in most a flow of Government dollars in tases, by July 25, 1949. For those their direction over the coming 10 Assurances to veterans call for cases, by July 25, 1949. For those still in the service, this benefit will be extended to two years after their discharge, but not beyond mid-1952. Until then, 52 weeks of such compensation is the maxi-most of the GI bill is to die.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING courses under the GI Bill now must be started by July 1951. After that date, or after four years past their

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able in veterans' hospitals. How able in veterans hospitals. How-ever, in practice, the scarcity of VA hospital space is likely to con-tinue for about four more years, while some 88 new hospitals are built throughout the country.

DISABLED V E T E R A N S' TRAINING and education courses under Public Law 16, meanwhile, must be started by 1952 if the in-dividual expects to take a full four-year program at Government ex-pense. These courses must be com-pleted by July, 1956, but may be started at any time up to that started at any time up to that



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THE QUARRY. By Mildred The UMBRELLA THORN is set in Kenya, and the climate, the iso-lation of up-country estates, and the uncanny strangeness of the story. The characters, however, are tricky. For instance, in the open-ing scene we find Miles Wace mak-in the role of a new-made father. Apparently Miles is all set to be the hero of Mr. De Polnay's story, but quite unexpectedly Miles quite the scene (I won't say how), and his place is taken by David Me-

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New York Cafe

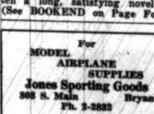
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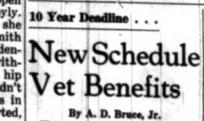
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JUNE

By withholding approval of the national science foundation bill and preventing it tists were authorized in the bill as an aid to filling the depleted ranks of scientific in-vestigators. This is considered one of the from becoming law, President Truman has postponed full-scale government support of most important functions of the foundation. basic scientific research for at least six months, probably for two years and perhaps now delayed.

Both political parties are in favor of science, you may be sure, and the few mem-bers of congress who opposed the unsigned bill were careful to go on record for science research. While the unsigned bill, S.526, was a Republican majority measure, it had strong Democratic support and was based solidly on previous bills of the 79th congress

Whether Congress will reconsider



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ment, worked on a plan for peacetime gov-ernment support of science and brought forth recommendations that did not differ markedly from the provisions of the bill finally pass-

The bill, given pocket veto after passage by both houses, was the result of two years of hearings, debate and compromises in con-

gress. For a year earlier at the request of President Roosevelt, a committee headed by

Dr. Vannevar Bush, director of the wartime Office of Scientific Research and Develop-

The Bush plan of power vested in part-time scientific board won out over the single, responsible administrator type of organiza-tion vigorously favored by President Tru-man, the then Secretary of Commerce Wallace and the burget bureau. Both the House and Senate voted down the in-line customary type of organization, preferring to make a group of scientists responsible.

Polls among representative scientists showed that they favored heavily at the opening of the 80th Congress the single ad-ministrator with advisory committees. But when Congress decided upon a foundation membership of 24 serving part-time, confi-dent that this administrative plan would work fairly and effectively. They pointed to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics as a good example of a part-time committee that has administered re-search succesfully for the government since

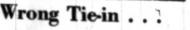
World War I. Scientists in all fields are disappointed that the national foundation bill did not become law. Some of them point out that control of research funds available for grants are left, by default, largely in the hands of the Army, Navy and Air Force. They ad-mit that military funds have kept in operation research projects of importance gen-erally, not alone to defense. But they want to see research predominantly in civilian hands and the military research bureaus have agreed with them. Scholarships for young research scien-

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Whether Congress will reconsider the discharge dates in cases of the matter of a national science foundation in erans still in service, no more such schooling may be begun. Individuals who start their training before than hopes, is problematical. Real hopes the deallines, however, may continue to take courses for up to the schooling may be begun. its pre-election session in January and enact a bill more to his liking, as President Tru-man hopes, is problematical. Real hopes for a national science foundation may be unjustified. Scientists confronted by some of the world's greatest and most urgent problems will have to do the job with what they now have. The government reinforcements aren't coming.



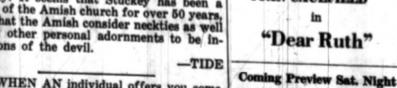
Faces, currently, are pretty red around the *Toledo Blade*. It seems that a correspon-dent sent in a picture of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Stuckey, substantial citizen of Fulton Coun-Stuckey, substantial citizen of Fulton Coun-ty (Ohio), to accompany a feature story on their golden wedding anniversary. But as the photo went through the art department for routine retouching, the artist noticed that Mr. Stuckey wasn't wearing a tie so, with the best of intentions, he decided to dress Stuckey up for the occasion and pro-ceeded to dub in the tie.

Well, the story ran and a few days later angry letters began to pile in from Fulton County. It seems that Stuckey has been a pillar of the Amish church for over 50 years, and that the Amish consider neckties as well as all other personal adornments to be in-ventions of the devil.

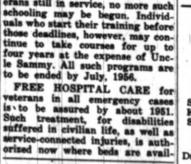
"WHEN AN individual offers you some-thing for nothing, it is time to remember that the price is too high."—The Lafayette (Alabama) Sun.

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