

## Naval Reserve at A&M?...

Amid talk of Universal Military Training, a reactivated draft, and the approved merger plan of the army and navy, one thing seems to have been neglected at A&M —the Naval Reserve.

At present there, is a large number of Naval Reservists on the campus, the majority being non-military students. The fact that the presence of these men was a temporary condition was the principal factor in the refusal of naval officials to estab-lish a Naval Reserve unit on the campus.

That picture has changed now. If the draft and UMT, which are now in Congress, should be passed, it is logical to assume that some of the men called will be channeled in-to the ravy. If that is the case then A&M may expect the presence of Naval Reser-vists on the campus to be more than a temporary condition.

A&M has always been noted for its RO-TC unit and the large number of officers it has furnished for the army. The merger of the services may, in the future, bring the

training of naval officers into the military curriculum in a limited sense. Perhaps now is the time to lay the groundwork for a program of Naval Reserve training.

An active naval unit would not interfere with the ROTC program. In fact, many of the training features of the reserve such as radio, signaling, mechanics, photography and gunnery would complement the training now given as part of the ROTC course. That an interest in naval activities does exist on the campus is evidenced by the large number of undergraduates who entered that service during the war.

The increased military and naval budget authorized by Congress should be another factor which should have a favorable bearing on possible establishment of a navy unit on the campus. This, together with a positive action on the draft and UMT, seems to make it evident that now is the time to establish an active Naval Reserve unit at A&M.

good for baseball games, especially when

A&M's home - run kings are knocking the

ball out of the park, as they have been doing

urday's-for Cotton Balls-even for Little

Southwestern Stock Shows. if you're a true

ag man. But it is no good for work!

Spring is good for dances-like last Sat-

regularly this week.



Spring fever is rough on everybody. It write about it so rapturously? Well it is is rough on students, who find minds wandering out the window during sober lectures on the economic problems of South Tibet. It is rough on profs, who have to struggle to remember whether they are lecturing on Shakespeare or Browning in a particular class. It is rough on editors, who suddenly find themselves clipping editorials from other papers instead of writing masterpieces for posterity.

What is spring good for? Why do poets

Getting an Education...

An interesting panel discussion took time to correct long essay questions. This

place the other day between a group of unflattering admission of an undeniable fact high school students from half a dozen lands. of current American education must be supplemented by a recognition that even under the best of circumstances Americans tend to emphasize a practical acquisition of facts more than a theoretical consideration of their meaning. The young Dane pointed out there was something to be said on both sides: "Your | Editor, The Battalion: schools do teach you to stand up and talk. Ours teach us to sit down and write." Here is a challenge to two worlds to learn from each other. The United Nations could profit the year, in the opinion of many Ehrhard Mittendorf, veteran math from each other. The United Nations could Aggies, was presented last Satur- student, is opening a dancing profit from the acumen of these young peo-nle-and not least those American spores the campus for this occasion, yet Tap, ballet, acrobatic, and ballple-and not least those American spokes- when those visitors and Aggies room dancing instruction will be men whose facts are sometimes obscured by walked into Guion Hall's ancient offered. a notable lack of historical scholarship and balcony and had to sit in seats political sophistication when they "stand up cover and talk." —The Christian Science Monitor it di sion.



**Rumors Fly Vainly** 

## New North Gate Building **To Replace Old Landmark**

"Did'ja hear about the North Gate? Creamland's moving to Midway! Aw, it ain't that-the school's just building the new North Gate road to connect the old highway." Sorry, none of the rumors are true!

The Batt, ever on the alert for what may prove to be

news item, immediately dis- + patched a reporter to the scene (nine days after the moving was to Charlie's Food Market begun) with orders not to re-turn without a story, and please check the managing editor's post office box while down there. The old wooden building occuman. But it is no good for work! Now that this complaint is out of our lie's Food Market is being moved

Letters

feet deep, have a 96 foot front, and will be set 20 feet back from the street," Opersteny said, "and it will contain four business houses." Opersteny stated he will move his grocery into one of them, but system, we'll try to go back and study our from its present site to the north-Shakespeare or are we taking Browning? west corner of the same block. the others. "The occupants wish to west corner of the same block. the others. "The occupants wish to This 24-year-old building, long an remain unknown for the present"

"The new building will be 80

eyesore at the Gate, is to be rehe stated. placed with a modern one story, brick and tile building, according The moving operation is being conducted by E. A. Gerke, pro-fessional housemover from Bryan.

Gerke, who has been in the business for about four years, stated

**CARE Offers Gift Packages** For European Mothers, May

WASHINGTON — (P)—Mothers, especially honored on May 9 in this country, will turn their thoughts to mothers of other countries on that day this year.

Through the General Federation of Women's Clubs, thousands of American mothers will send OARE packages on Mothers' Day to women in \*

Europe. For individual contributions of \$10, packages of food or clothing will be sent to some woman they What's Cooking?

will be sent to some woman they themselves know, or to a needy woman whose name is listed at the Federation headquarters here. Special food packages are set up for England, Ireland, Italy, and other countries according to the tastes and desires of the people of that country, but the standard food package contains: one pound of braised beef, one pound of braised beef, one pound of liver loaf, one pound of corned beef, two pounds of shortening, two pounds of sugar, one pound of apricots, one pound of raisins, seven pounds of flour, two pounds of chocolate, two pounds of whole milk powder, eight ounces of egg powder, one pound of coffee (one-half pound of tea substituted for British pack-ages), six ounces of soap, and one-

ages), six ounces of soap, and one-fourth ounce of yeast. BRIDGE & SOCIAL CLUB, 7:80

In addition to the food pack-ages, there are packages made up of blankets, knitting, woolens, cottons, and layettes.

Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, exten-sion secretary of the Federation's Foreign and Territorial clubs, says: "Here is an opportunity to make Mothers Day of 1948 a day that will long be remembered by the will long be remembered by the unhappy, undernourished mothers in many countries. It will also give evidence of our good faith and in-tentions toward the stricken peo-ples throughout the world. It is believed," she adds, "that the moth-ers of the United States would prefer to deny themselves a gift prefer to deny themselves a gift that day in order to send a gift to Charlie Opersteny, owner of another mother in a distant coun-

## Horticulturists **Elect Officers**

A. L. Bailey has been elected president of the Horticulture Society for the 1948-49 school year. Other officers elected at the

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that this has proved to be one of his toughest jobs because of the

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Tap

m., Thursday in Cabinet Room of

GALVESTON COUNTY A & M CLUB, 5:30 p. m. Thursday in front of Ag. Building. Longhorn pictures

LAMAR COUNTY CLUB, 7 p. m. Thursday in Room 126, Aca-

LUTHERAN STUDENT ASSO-CIATION, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, YMCA Assembly Room. "Present Day Concepts of Evolution" will be discussed by Professor A. L.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION CLUB, 7 p. m., Wednesday, Room 107, ME Shop.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS CLUB, Thursday, 7:15 p.m., YMCA.

TRANS - PECOS CLUB, 7:15 p. m., Thursday in Room 223, Academic Building.

TEXARKANA CLUB, 7 p. m.; Thursday, Room 125, Academic Building.

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COLUMBIA PICTURE

It was at the New York Herald Tribune Forum for High Schools, and the talk turned on school systems.

A young Australian gave an example of the sort of questions asked on history examinations in his country: "Luther was a profound conservative and a reluctant innovator, Discuss in about 1,000 words." This question, the declared, seemed to amaze American high school students, but Scottish and Scandanavian members of the panel quickly chimed in that it was typical of examination questions in their countries.

An intelligent young American student -a Negro-rejoined that one reason for the prevalent true-false type of examination in American schools was the shortage and overloading of teachers, who would not have

'Aggietts' on Parade

Oklahoma A&M, is always a startling ex-

perience. Half the heads read "Aggies This

... " or "A&M That..." or "Aggieland Will" For, their school name being so much like ours, we share a similar vocabulary, even

But when one comes across such a head as this, one stares: "Aggiettes in Pigtails

to "Aggieland" as a name for the campus.

on Parade!"

All-American

Reading the O'Collegian, daily paper of

deep-set concrete foundations. The managing editor had no mail. Letters to the editor must be signed. If the writer desires, his name will be withheld. **Vets Wife Offers** DUSTY SEATS Dancing Courses Here's a tip for an editorial if you really want some honest reform around this school.

Mrs. Eva Mittendorf, wife of The best Town Hall program of

Registration for children above three years of age will be held at covered with a half inch of dust, it didn't leave a favorable impresthe Country Club from 1 to 5 p. m. Monday, April 12. Classes

Everyone will admit that it, certainly is no pleasure to wear his best clothes and have to sit in'a seat that looks as if it, hadn't been dusted for years. ident of I'm sure the Town Hall man-America. agement has the financial means with which to have the seats dusted before such an occasion. They could also find many Aggies would

jump at the chance to pick up an When each of the 30 pledges meets a extra dollar or two doing such member on the campus, she must throw her work-

Yours truly,

FIGHT

"Hear ye, hear ye, honorable Aggiette member approaches."

Hastily reading the story, we find: "If you see the girls on the campus sud-denly stepping out with black skirts, white Pig tails-hair ribbons-Aggiettes-we learn more and more every day.

ribbons it does not necessarily mean that

the college is taking a trend toward the

adolescent. It's just the prospective members

of the Aggiette pep organization going.

books down and report with extreme rever-

through the rituals of "Courtesy Week."

There is a good deal of talk in the South about faunching another permanent political party. Personally we believe that two are enough to save the country from each other.

blouses, and pigtails with orange and black

Communist Premier Gottwald of Czechoslovakia told a Prague audience that there will not be another war because the will for peace is so strong any government attempt-ing to launch a conflict "would be torn to pieces by its own people." We hope Premier Gottwald's Kremlin pipeline is a two-way affair

When former Secretary of State Hull was honored by the Chinese government the Or-der of Auspicious Star, Grand Cordon, was given to the grand Cordell.

trade Trieste for the Italian city of Gorzia. She didn't get far in proposing to give something she doesn't own for something Italy owns.

takes-if they are not always the same ones.

little trouble pushing their "butter for canbread to put the butter on anyway.

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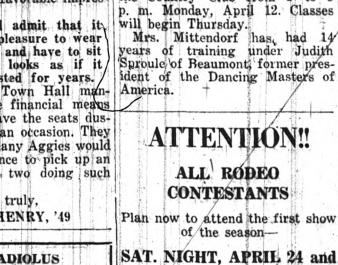
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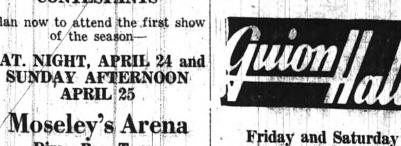
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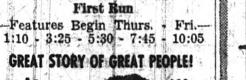
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