

Beer Drinking Can Get Expensive . . .

AN UNFORTUNATE habit that many college students have acquired is "laughing off" serious offenses with the sole alibi of "good bull." Probably the most obvious example of such thinking is the widespread practice of minors' buying beer.

If you are one of the people who indulge in this illegal buying, you may be due for a

The individual, or nation, unwilling to fight for its rights is not entitled to any.

Jobless Reservists May Get A Break

EVER SINCE the beginning of the Korean war, American reservists have complained that they could not get jobs, promotions, or positions of responsibility because of their uncertain military status. Some time ago, The Battalion recognized the situation and commented on it.

At that time, while we urged industry to take the risk of working reservists as a necessary sacrifice, we also recognized the dilemma of the employers. Last week, the Armed Forces, under the orders of Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall, outlined plans which would help to alleviate the uncomfortable situation.

The memorandum issued by Marshall contained four major provisions. The armed forces were ordered to:

- Release reservists recalled to active duty involuntarily as soon as they are thoroughly trained and enough draftees or volunteers are on hand to replace them.
- Determine their manpower needs six months in advance in order to alert reservists at least four months in advance of their recall to active duty.
- Provide a uniform thirty days delay for reservists between the time they receive their orders and the date they must report for active duty.
- Clean out the deadwood in the reserves—those who for physical or other reasons such as critical occupations, are not available for extended active duty.

This plan when put into effect will do much to aid both the reservist and the employer. The four month alert is perhaps the most immediately useful of the provisions. Many reservists have families that must be provided for while he is in service. The four month alert will allow him to make arrangements for the housing and care of his family while he is away.

The waiting period will help to solve one of the employer's toughest problems—training a replacement. The reservist will have four months in which he can personally teach his successor the requirements and operations of the job. Until now, the replacement problem was the chief reason advanced by employers for their failure to hire reservists.

Discrimination is the rare element of personality that is lacking in your acquaintances.

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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From the Woman's Point of View . . . College Boys Are Lucky . . .

Architect's Wives Plan Style Show

By Vivian Castleberry

Tuesday night small spoons were plentiful around College apartments as the small fry took advantage of their night to "Trick or Treat." Witches and goblins and devils, all junior size, soon exhausted supplies of sweets and fruits. First little caller at our house was pint-sized blonde Cyndie Drake who was just old enough to want to play, but not quite big enough yet to have learned how. She caught on quickly, though, and was heard to remark to mom and dad, Betty and Paschel as she set out for other treats, "I like this game!"

Charlotte Powell is engineering a big style show that will go before the public next Wednesday night in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Hall. Beverly Braley's will provide the eye-catchers in apparel. The show is being sponsored by the Architect's Wives of A&M. Time is 8 p.m. The hall will seat around 300. And it's all free!

Sometimes I get to wondering about a youngster I met in the early days of my A&M tenure. He was about 17; he was dressed in a pair of clean khakis and a blue work shirt. He stopped me early one summer morning back in '48 as I started to work and asked to be directed to the Registrar's office. It was early and I had time for a chat. "I hitch-hiked to A&M," he said, gazing across the campus, "to see if there wouldn't be some way I could find my way through college. I started out yesterday at noon—and I do hope I can find something to do so that I can enroll here in September." He paused, took stock of me and added wistfully, "Isn't this the greatest place in the world?" I got to wondering about him still, and often wish I had taken his name. But I have an idea he is around here now, in the ranks of the Corps. That kid was a born Aggie.

The Kiddy-Kar set of society has taken the stage front and center with birthdays to remember in years to come. In Vet Village Mike Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Campbell, shared second birthday honors with year-old Bill Heath, young cutie of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heath. The two mothers entertained twelve young playmates with a party. . . . College View's David Vandever, two-year-old prince of Mildred and Van, celebrated his birthday with a party for the neighborhood tots.

Where are You? Among the college student wives who are presidents of their clubs are Dorothy Thomas, Architect Wives; Gwen Weddell, Men E. Wives; Louise Gregory, Bridge Club; Doris Marquette Industrial Ed Wives; Katie Williams, Veterinary Auxiliary; Gloria Doran, Senior Vet Wives; Johnny Ross, Junior Vet Wives; Jerry Bell, Sophomore Vet Wives, and Mrs. R. P. Cress, Freshmen Vet Wives. There are other clubs, and other presidents. Why not drop your club president's name our way?

Industrial Education Wives were sitting in the middle of Doris Mims' floor Monday night playing with dolls. The group consisted of Betty Vernon, Pat Sterling, Doris Marquette, Freida McKell and Doris Bissard. Twelve large rag dolls in various stages of completion lay around on the floor. The girls say this is their Christmas project for charity. It is a lovely gesture and looked like more fun than most of us have had since we were 10.

Texas Aggies All! When it comes to Texas Aggies, Myrtle Schick has more of them than most any woman—six to be exact. Her husband, Bill, is a senior industrial education major. Brothers are Bill, Jack, Dick and Bob Strain, all presently enrolled here. Bill is a senior and the other three boys (Dick and Bob are twins) are juniors. The sixth member of this merry set is first-cousin J. B. Parks. The sextet all reached Aggie land via Millsap, Texas. Myrtle, who is a cute little red-head and who admits that she is a "pretty good Froggie—since I graduated from TCU only last year," is bragging that she had more baby-sitters for month-old Sandra Kay than anybody else in college can claim. Her friends, who envy her the baby-sitters, wonder just how she manages when all six hungry Aggies turn up for Sunday dinner?

Words never are big enough when sorrow comes, but college friends extend a helping hand to Gordon James and Margaret Etie on the death of their baby son; to Dorothy and Tom Smith on the loss of their infant son and to Ida and Roy Munson on the death of his young brother.

Sketch of The Week . . .

If you haven't met Sara Kilmer, you've missed something. Sara is the wife of Architect major Jim Kilmer and the mother of two thoroughly boyish boys, seven-year-old Skipper and two-year-old Cris. Hardly tipping the scales at a hundred pounds "with my heavy winter coat on," Sara has more energy and more enthusiasm than many girls with half the tasks she is called upon to perform. Her neighbors out on Waverly Drive, between Bryan and College Station, say she is particularly welcome when some member of the family is ill. Sara is the old-fashioned kind of neighbor with the new-fashioned way of getting things done—whether it's cooking a meal for somebody, washing the baby diapers or caring for a baby while it's mother goes on some errand. On Sunday mornings she turns her neat-as-a-pin house into a nursery for babies of St. Paul Methodist Church goes with the comment, "Why shouldn't I? Our house is so convenient." Sara and Jim are from Greenville and will probably go back there when they finish school next year. Until then, she is a definite asset to her adopted home.

Need For 'Educated' Is Student Blessing

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Nov. 2.—(AP)—The nation faces the following problem as it drafts young men for the armed forces:

There's a continuing need for scientists, doctors, lawyers, educators, scholars, and other college-trained, professional people.

There's a double need for them: The nation is still growing and they must be available to replace older men who die or retire.

If those now of draft age have to spend two or three years in the Army, they can't get the necessary college or professional training either.

What's the answer? Take them into the Army anyway and let the future worry about young, trained scientists and other professional men?

Or, perhaps, should all college students be draft-proof? If that's the answer, then—

Many youths with high intelligence, lacking the money for college, will have to serve in the Army while others, with money but poorer minds, will be deferred from military service.

That would mean penalizing youths because they were poor. What then is the solution if the Armed Forces are to get the young men they need while the nation continues to get a flow of college-trained men?

To help find the answer, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, in the fall of 1948 called on scientists, educators and scholars.

There's no indication when he will act or whether he'll accept or reject the recommendations or revise them. Briefly these are the recommendations:

• Youths who score the equivalent of 120 or more on the army's general classification test—an intelligence test—get deferred so long as they continue in school, provided—

They're in the upper half of the freshman class, the upper two-thirds of sophomore year, the top three-fourths of junior, and—if they want to go on to graduate school—the upper-half of senior year.

• A poor boy who shows superior intelligence in a test should be sent to college on a scholarship provided for by the government because

Atomic Bombs Good Even If Never Dropped

Washington, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Chairman Gordon Dean of the Atomic Energy Commission said today America's highly expensive atom bombs may be useful even if they are never exploded.

Dean said the atomic metal—uranium and plutonium—can be withdrawn from weapons and converted to supply power "much more valuable than the gold at Fort Knox."

Fort Knox in Kentucky is the major repository of U. S. gold reserves.

Dean explained that the uranium and plutonium used in a-bombs "don't deteriorate," and he declared:

"The only thing wasted would be the work of the people who had been engaged in the fabrication of exterior parts of the bombs."

The explosive materials themselves, he said, would be used as fuel to produce power for peacetime purposes.

the nation needs brains, no matter who has them.

And these committees don't draw any lines on the kind of education one of these deferred youths could take.

It makes no difference whether he wants to study biology, physics, chemistry, medicine, law, latin, egyptology, or anything else. Why not?

Because, the committees say simply, no one can predict for sure what kind of educated men the nation will need most in the years ahead. The committees said:

"There is now a larger recognition than formerly of the wide variety of fields of higher learning which were called upon in World War II.

"The engineering sciences, the humanities, and the healing arts all made significant and essential

contributions to the successful prosecution of the last war and will continue to be vital to the national defense as to the national welfare. If we are to maintain our civilization, we cannot permit any one of these areas of knowledge to be seriously crippled."

The draft law says any college student can get his draft postponed till the end of his college year, if he asks for it. The draft board has no choice when he makes such a request but must give him postponement.

In August, 1950 General Hershey told the boards, and this still stands, they can defer to the end of his college course (which might mean four years) a student who is in the upper half of his class. But in this case the boards don't have to do so. They can suit themselves.

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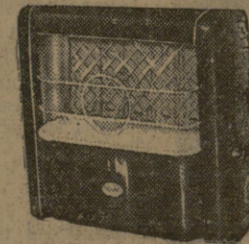
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Letters

Aggie Gesture Brings Praise

(Editor's Note: The following appeared in the Dallas Morning News this week. We thought it worth passing on to you.)

To the News:

At the close of the A&M-TCU game the cadets not only carried their own team off the field, but also the Frogs. Where else in all the world would a thing like that happen? What a difference from North Korean atheism. When their tie is defeated their hands are tied behind their backs and they are shot in the back, bludgeoned, or buried alive.

After gestures like this it is not hard to understand the world-wide respect and admiration the Aggies have made for themselves as officers and citizens.

I didn't have the pleasure of going to A&M but they have made me an Aggie rooster and I am nominating them for the Sportsman-of-the-Year award. It's easy to understand why a team will give a little bit more than its best when it has that kind of support. Go, Aggies.

Avie Hendricks, Corsicana, Texas