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Lavada Lanier Is "Pin-Up Girl" For 1944

14 Freshman On Honor Roll

Fourteen of Twenty-Five Honor Students Are Freshmen.

Fourteen of the twenty-five students on the Fall Semester Honor Roll were freshmen. Next in order was the junior class with five representatives, the sophomore class with four, and the senior class with two.

Those having an average of four grade points were Martha Jean Dowd, freshman, Canyon; Vivian Winona Francis, freshman, Silverton; H. R. Fulton, junior, Canyon; and Jean Tarleton, junior, canyon.

Only one student, Helen Driskill, senior, Hot Springs, N. M., had an average of 3.83.

Students with an average of 3.80 were Helen Bernson, freshman Dalhart; Anita Davis, freshman, Canyon; Dorothy Dixon, junior, Book-er; Evelyn Jeanne McCarty, sophomore, Amarillo; Hallie E. Park, freshman, Canyon; Edwyna Pugh, freshman, Canyon; and Ruby Gene West, freshman, Silverton.

Those with an average of 3.60 were Bettye Jean Bell, freshman, Vernon; Catherine Conaster, freshman, Canyon; Wanell Church, Freshman, Claude; Marie Durett, sophomore, Panhandle; Winnogene Hickox, freshman, Dumas; Wilma Higgins, junior, Hereford; Rose-marie Hoare, sophomore, Newark, N. J.; Peggy Lou McNeil, freshman, Amarillo; Evalae Miles, freshman, Conlen; Fidel Reyes, senior, Amarillo; Irene Schneider, sophomore, Phillips; Ardena Shield, junior, Miami, and Bobby Jane Storey, freshman, Dalhart.

Pi Omega Is In First Place In Grade Points

Pi Omega sorority holds first place in the grade averages for the social clubs at W. T. Their point average for the fall semester is 2.87. Alpha Sigma Xi fraternity holds second place with an average of 2.77. Gamma Phi sorority took third place with 2.56 as an average, and Delta Zeta Chi fourth place with 2.41. Kappa Tau Phi was fifth with 2.30.

These averages are compiled by Dr. D. A. Shirley, registrar, from the grades made by the members of the various clubs.

Special Band Issue of Prairie Will Be Printed Feb. 29

A special band issue of The Prairie will appear on February 29, and enough extra copies will be printed to supply a copy to each band leader and high school pupil who comes to the campus for the clinic on March 3.

Pictures of band leaders and brief stories about the bands which are participating in the meet will make up the greater part of the special edition. A letter has been sent by The Prairie to the director of all bands that have indicated that they will be in Canyon for the March meet. The information in The Prairie articles will tell all of the participants something about every band which comes. In it, too, will appear the names of the high school students who are chosen by Director M. J. Newman to play in the concert band. At present, it seems likely that between three and four hundred high school students will be on the campus for this special occasion.

Mrs. Dean Story, the former Faye Wheeler and music major of West Texas, has recently gone to Los Angeles to continue her study of music in the University of California. Dean, an agriculture major, is an ensign and is on duty somewhere in the South Pacific.

Miss Mary Ella Kiker, who is teaching the first four grades in Lakeview, was visiting in Canyon last week-end and arranging her correspondence courses. She was a student here last semester, classified as a senior.

Calendar

Tuesday, February 8, 8-9 p. m. Open house, Cousins Hall. Admission 5c.

Friday, February 11, All-College Dance; Kappa Tau Phi Campus Sweetheart Contest; annual prize to be awarded; 8:30 to 11:30. Admission 35c.

Saturday, February 12, KTP Aviation Students' Valentine Dance; 8:15-11:30 p. m.; Admission 5c. Skating 8 to 11; Buffalo Gymnasium. Admission 10c.

Dr. Condron Addresses Seniors In Amarillo



Dr. S. H. Condron, professor of government and economics, and head of the department, addressed the largest mid-term graduating class in the history of Amarillo High School last Thursday night.

His subject was "Faith in America." Dr. Condron said "If we don't have faith in our institutions, and in our system, we cannot expect to make them better. We must have confidence in the things we have established." He also said that with the destruction of property in recurring wars, it is impossible to have the flowering culture that would otherwise be possible. Our real wealth is spent in war rather than in cultural development.

Practically everyone of the 69 graduates knew what he was going to do after graduation. A large percentage were entering colleges, and most of them knew which one. One girl, Mary Presley, has already entered W. T.

Kappa Omicron Phi Active Club Since May, 1927

In May, 1927, Miss Falba Foote, now Mrs. Whitney, organized the local chapter of Kappa Omicron Phi. There were seven members the first year—Gladys Sweazea, Henrietta Callis, Marie Gardiner, now Mrs. Ewell Fowler who will teach home economics at Canyon High during this spring semester, Misses Audrey Hall, Veda Swafford (now Mrs. W. Y. Burden) and Viola Jones, who have been home demonstration agents.

The club has varied in size with the enrollment in the college, sometimes having as many as 18 members. Under the presidency of Doris Nell Gates, the club is now functioning with eight members—Theone Parker, La Verne Bruce, Edna Earl Smith, Martha Nell Burton, Juanita Davis, Lillian Martin, and Roberta Medlin.

Miss Elizabeth Cox, the third sponsor of the organization, has been directing the club since 1935. She has said that in order to gain membership to Kappa Omicron Phi, the girls must be among the upper one-fifth of the ratings in home economics and must meet the college average in other subjects.

Among the outstanding activities of the club, are serving teas, banquets and dinners on various occasions. The board of regents, faculty and the club members themselves are usually hostesses for the occasions.

Kappa Omicron Phi is a national organization, which holds a convocation every two years; however, it has been postponed this year because of the war. The national president, June Cozine of Maryville, Missouri, will visit local chapters and is expected in Canyon this spring.

Notice of Death of Sadie Anderson Is Received

News was received last week of the death of Sadie Anderson of the Class of 1927.

Miss Anderson was a prominent student. She was one of the original Ground Hog Gang. This group of students and faculty members shared birthdays on the 2nd of February and for many years met regularly with Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Pierle. The custom has been continued recently with Miss Eleanor Pierle as hostess with her father as host.

Pvt. Cloise Childress from Wichita Falls is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. R. Childress. From here Pvt. Childress will report for further training in Salt Lake City.

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W. T. Plans To Buy a Jeep

Bond Drive Will Start With Variety Show, February 17

West Texas State is going to buy a jeep. A goal for the college has been set for the spring semester, and the cooperation of every student and faculty member will be required to make this new record for buying defense stamps and bonds. The object is to make the sales high enough that they will finance the buying of a jeep for the Army.

To start the drive off, the Defense Stamp Committee will sponsor a Victory Variety Show, Thursday night, February 17. This program will feature many numbers by college students, and will be under the direction of Mr. M. J. Newman, director of the band, and Mr. J. M. Butler, head of the speech department.

College students, faculty members, and Canyon residents are invited to see the Variety Show. Admission will be the purchase of one defense stamp of any denomination. The defense stamps sold that night at the door will aid in the purchase of W. T.'s jeep for the Army and will contribute to the Fourth War Loan Drive.

Dr. Shirley Spoke On Calendar at Assembly Thurs.

Thirty days hath September, April, June, and November. All the others thirty-one Excepting the second month alone; Which has but twenty-eight in fine 'Till leap-year gives it twenty-nine.

Thus began Dr. D. A. Shirley in assembly Thursday as he outlined the origin of our present-day calendar from its beginning in 738 B. C. Throughout his discussion, Dr. Shirley illustrated his talk with colored charts.

According to him, the first attempt to divide the year into months as we now have them, was made in 738 B. C. by Romulus who instituted a ten-month calendar which later proved to be an inefficient method. So in 713 B. C. two more months were added.

However since eighty days were still irregular, Julius Caesar endeavored in 46 B. C. to make the seasons fit the year, but he ended up with 445 days. Called the year of confusion.

Then Pope Gregory in 1582 advanced the evolution of the calendar by another step by producing one that corrected the errors that were made in the Julian calendar.

Following such a picturesque outset, the calendar received new life from the Hebrew thirteen-month plan with its two New Years, the Hindu choice of only six seasons—the spring, hot, rainy, sultry, frosty, and dewy—and the pre-Columbian arrangement with eighteen months of 20 days each and five unlucky days for the rest.

From this you may see that individual social districts or countries more or less promoted their own methods for dividing the seasons, but as international communications increased, people tried to agree or adopt a common calendar, continued Dr. Shirley. "Consequently we have the present one."

In conclusion he introduced another calendar that has been almost universally approved by all the countries of the world and is the simplest and most uniform of any yet proposed.

All-College Sweetheart Dance This Friday

Kappa Tau Phi sorority will sponsor the annual Sweetheart Dance, Friday, at Cousins Hall, from 8:30 until 11:30. The campus sweethearts will be chosen, and the admission will be 35c.

All college men, and soldiers from Amarillo Field are cordially invited.

This is a traditional dance, and has been sponsored by Kappa Tau Phi sorority for several years. The same sorority will be in charge of the Saturday night Aviation Students' Valentine Dance. Admission to this dance will be 5c.

Announcements

Students who have enrolled for the first time this semester or who were not in school the fall semester may get a copy of the College Directory. These may be had from Dr. D. A. Shirley, Registrar.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS.

Le Mirage Through Two Wars

By Beth McDonald

As Le Mirage went to press 25 years ago, students everywhere were laying aside their books, weapons against ignorance, and taking up tools with which to combat savage tyranny. In any record of any part of American life in 1918, a thread of khaki, of purloined hopes and unexpected partings must run. The W. T. yearbook of 1917-18 was dedicated to "Our Boys in Khaki." There were then 128 names on the college service roll and only 70 men were still in college as compared to 203 girls. Excerpts from letters written by men in uniform made up a section of Le Mirage. One coming from Ira Allen in France read thus: "Fellows like you are going to take the helm after this war is over, for we shall have stood such a strain that we cannot be at our best. We depend upon you fellows who continue your education to take the lead."

Pictures of uniformed men, war prose and poetry were scattered through Le Mirage of 1918 as constant reminders that, though many gay, typical college activities went on, a shadow had been cast as real as those of the great bombers, and

little fighters and trainers that fly over our campus today. The mascot of the graduating class of 1918 was a little boy wearing a smile along with a full suit of Army clothes, symbolic of American spirit then and now. Pictures were run of the Home Economics students making hospital garments, learning to make surgical dressings, and working in food conservation courses. In a list called Features of School Life, the following were typical: Nov. 3—"Big day today! The fifth year class, seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, and the training school buy 550 dollars worth of Liberty Bonds."

Dec. 17—Seniors formally present their Liberty Bond to the Gregg Cousins Memorial Fund.

March 2—Independence Day. Mr. Shirley presents service flag, and Mr. Hill makes an address.

It is interesting to note that several of our present faculty were already helping to make W. T. a great college in 1918. They are: Dr. Hill, history; Dr. Shirley, physics; Tennessee Malone, librarian; Dr. Clark, music; Anna I. Hibbets, critic teacher; and Pauline Brigham, music.

West Texas Troup Completes Tour to Stratford, Dalhart

Received with great enthusiasm in both Stratford and Dalhart, the West Texas Troupe, under the direction of M. J. Newman, Mr. Boone McClure, and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Butler, completed another good will tour.

Supt. Elmer Wooten and the Stratford High School Cafeteria served the members of the Troupe, after which they gave a program at 3:00.

Upon arriving at Dalhart Air Base, the students and sponsors were escorted by Lt. Mahoney to Officers' Mess for supper, and the Service Club for entertainment. At 8:00, the show was staged for the soldiers at the Base.

Included in the performances were a melodrama, stage band, two soloists, an all-girl chorus number, and two trios. The following students made the trip: May Lee Abbott, Margaret Barrett, Mona Burleson, Mrs. James H. Butler, Anita Davis, Edward Fleming, Mary Evelyn Foster, Meribelle Hazard, Mary Hodges, Sadie Ruth Hoskins, Lyla Margaret Johnson, Mary Del Johnston, Earline Lust, Edwin McKee, Peggy Lou McNeill, Edna Mae Mauldin, Billy Miller, Nadyne Newell, Bernadine Phillips, Mary Jo Priddy, Winnie Fred Ramage.

Tomorrow at 11:00, this same group of students will present a program at Tulsa High School.

Colonel Tchou on Lyceum Program February 18

Colonel M. Thomas Tchou will appear on the next Lyceum Program, Feb. 18, and will speak on the subject of "China's Fight for Civilization."

A graduate of the University of Glasgow, Scotland, Colonel Tchou spent nine years in Europe as a student, and he speaks besides his own native language, English, French, and German, very fluently. Colonel Tchou has spoken over the Town Hall in New York, and at the National Press Club in Washington, the membership of which includes a great many foreign diplomats and newspaper columnists. His address is full of humor and is delivered in an interesting, convincing, and forceful manner.

Senator Elbert B. Thomas, of the Foreign Relations Committee, says of Colonel Tchou's address: "That is the most brilliant talk on the Orient I have ever heard."

College students will be admitted on their activity tickets.

Pvt. Jackie N. Cooper from Clemson University came Monday for a week's visit with homefolks.

Phidias Art Club Will Have First Meet Wednesday

The Phidias Art Club will meet Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. at Miss Isabel Robinson's home at 2500 5th Avenue. This club had been active on the campus until last fall. The primary purpose of this meeting is to re-organize and elect officers. Anyone interested in art is invited to come and art majors and students taking art courses are especially urged to attend. The club is anxious to include in its membership all those who are interested in its work.

Ernest Carter Now In Insurance Business At Floydada

Ernest Carter, mathematics major who attended West Texas State in 1928-31, visited friends at the college last Wednesday. He lives at Floydada and is in the insurance business. He stated that his advice to any student headed toward salesmanship would be to learn all he can of English and speech arts.

Carter played football and was a member of the Buffalo T Club. He always carries in his billfold the card which admits him to W. T.'s football games. He is looking forward to the time when football will be resumed.

In college at the same time with Carter were Pat Gerald, Price Barnett, Cyril Lane, Cleve Jones, Red Keith and others who are well remembered.

Esther Boulware Accepts Position In Amarillo

Esther Boulware, intermediate education major of Class 1935, has been selected as Girls' Work Secretary of the Amarillo Young Women's Christian Association. This is a new position in Amarillo, the work of the organization having just got under way. Miss Boulware's special responsibility will be for the description and supervision of the program for girls between the ages six and eighteen.

Miss Boulware has been a teacher in the Amarillo Public Schools for a number of years, has been a counselor at Camp Kiwanis and an assistant in Amarillo's summer recreation program. She is, also, a qualified Red Cross First Aid instructor and a member of Amarillo's Girl Scout Council.

W. T. Professors Will Speak To Amarillo Club

Professor Frank R. Phillips, Head of the Agriculture Department, Miss Anna I. Hibbets of the Education Department, and Miss M. Moss Richardson of the English Department, will be guest speakers at meetings of the Amarillo Garden Club this year.

This week Miss Richardson will be the guest speaker before the club, her subject being, "Gardens in Literature."

Mr. Phillips will speak to the club in March, his subject being "Conservation of Moisture in Home Vegetable and Flower Gardens."

Miss Hibbets will talk on June 14, having as her subject, "Insects, Helpful and Harmful."

Mrs. T. V. Reeves was guest speaker at the November meeting, her subject being, "Attracting Birds to the Home Garden."

ATTENTION ALL GIRLS! COME ONE—COME ALL!

Dan Cupid has consented to be at the Baptist Church in person next Saturday night at 8:00 when the Baptist Student Union is sponsoring in his honor a social for ALL college students and aviation students. Interesting entertainment plans are being formulated, so bring your friends to this fun fellowship where you are assured a good time.

Student: I'll flip a coin. Heads—we go to a movie. Tails—we go to see the girls. If it stands on edge—we study.

W. T.'s 1943 annual as the colleges latest war yearbook is somewhat a carbon copy of its predecessor made 25 years later. Even the hair style for girls is relatively the same, short and done in practical fashions.

This most recent annual carried pictures of battleships, paratroopers, tanks and men in uniform—ex-students and faculty members. A feature centered around the Victory Queen was indicative of the influence of war on student interests. Perhaps most vividly the pictures of the first detachment of Army Air Corps trainees, show that W. T. is a vital part of a great country at war as well as an outstanding center of education in wartime or peacetime.

The 1918 and 1943 issues of Le Mirage are fine records of an institution functioning under stress and doing better than mere duty. They are silent but very real tributes to the men who were and are fighting to keep the traditions, the activities, and enjoyable and satisfactory life of W. T. and many other colleges available to thousands of American and Allied Nations' young people.

Department of English Has Annual Dinner

Friday, February 4, the English department held their annual dinner in the home of Dr. B. F. Fronabarger. Miss Marie Fronabarger acted as hostess. There were fifteen present including Miss Mattie Swayne, Miss Novella Goodman, Mr. Ardis Patman, Miss Agnes Charlton, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Shaw, Dr. and Mrs. A. Kirk Knott, Mrs. Geraldine Green, Miss Nell Green, Mrs. Fronabarger, and Misses Marie and Elva Fronabarger.

The dinner was provided by the group. The menu included baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, beans, olives, celery, hot rolls, coffee, country butter, cherry pie and whipped cream, beet pickles, and jam and jellies. Much of the dinner represented activities of members of the English department experienced last summer. The cherries and beans, for instance, were canned by members of the group.

The house was decorated with sweet peas and mixed flowers. As one member of the group said of the dinner, "a good time was had by all, and there was no sign of the proverbial English inefficiency."

Invited, but unable to attend the dinner was Miss Willie M. Claxton, a winter guest at "Rest Cottage."

Cousins Hall Resumes Vesper Services Tonight

The girls who live in Cousins Hall have chosen to set aside one-half hour every week to the contemplation of God and His works. Every Tuesday night from 11:00 to 11:30 o'clock those who wish to participate in the worship and meditation will gather in the Reception Room and hold a short service.

For several weeks the routine has been upset by the many activities and the unusual schedules. Tonight, however, the services will be resumed. The theme will be Prayer and the devotional thoughts will be set forth by Kathryn Ferguson, Vespers Chairman. Margaret Barrett will play the piano.

As is the usual custom, a sing-song will be held after the devotional. Each girl is welcome to chose the song she likes to hear and all will sing it.

I. R. C. Will Meet Tonight at Cousins

Due to a mistake of the reporter, last week's Prairie announced that the International Relations Club would meet on last Tuesday night. The meeting is to be this Tuesday night in the Red Room of Cousins Hall. The discussion will center about the coming Convention, which is to be held at this college. Boone Todd and Dr. S. H. Condron have plans that need to be introduced to the entire Club at this time.

The time is 7:30 and the place is the Red Room at Cousins Hall. Members are urged to come and bring their roommates and friends.

Mrs. Alva Thornburg and son, Alva, of White Deer are visiting with Misses Juanita and Lilla Thornburg and Mrs. Alva Thornburg.

Miss Margaret Stewart, who teaches school at Abernathy, spent the week end with her father, D. M. Stewart.

To forget the past is okay—but don't forget to use it for the future.

Freshman Takes First Place

Contest Close With Stephens 2, Harmon 3, Wylie 4, Gamble 5

As one walked into the corridor at the dance last Saturday night, he was greeted by the sight of two desks. At one he paid admission to the dance. At the other he paid his respects to the girl whose picture he liked best on the huge screen set up between the two desks. Very few who attended the all-college and aviation student dance failed to vote. The race was a close one and created quite a bit of interest on the part of all who came.

The West Texas Pin-Up Girl was chosen by popular vote. The ballots were secret, and the hand of each who voted was stamped so that there was no cheating.

When the votes were counted, it was found that contestant number 5, Miss Lavada Lanier, was the winner. Lavada is better known as Tuddie to her friends. She is a small brunette with a lovely personality. The Freshman elected Miss Lanier as one of their representatives. Both the guys and the gals on the campus like Tuddie very much. Her home is in Amberst, but when she is in Canyon, she resides at Cousins Hall. Aviation Student Alteri can tell you more of her than is written here, for he was her escort.

The second highest number was 2 who was Nieto Stephens. Nieto's escort was Aviation Student Ryan. The other girls competing in the contest were LaNelle Harmon, escorted by Aviation Student Perkins; Alice Wylie, escorted by Aviation Student Pierce; and Vesta Gamble, escorted by Aviation Student Morris.

The ball room was decorated by Delta Zeta Chi, and the stage was arranged so that as each girl was presented through the white satin curtains she formed a lovely picture. Aviation Student Tallon acted as the Master of Ceremonies and announced each girl and her escort. When Miss Lanier stepped out onto the platform, Aviation Student Tallon presented her with a beautiful bouquet of carnations varying in color from red to white.

The presentation of the favorites had to be omitted at the last minute. Due to uncontrollable circumstances it was impossible to all of them to come to the dance.

Music Students Gave Recital Last Friday

Friday afternoon at 4:30 a Music Students' Recital was given in the Main Auditorium. These recitals are presented monthly by students who are receiving individual instruction. Applied music students are required to attend each recital, and anyone else who wishes to come is invited.

The program consisted of the following numbers:

Two Bach Preludes, Earline Lust. "Spooks," Billy Faye Small. Chopin "Waltz in A," Elvora Masterson.

"Red Balloons" by Wright, Sue Lane Neff.

"Slave Song," Bettye Bell. "In a Boat" by Zeckwe, Anita Davis.

"Petite Russian Rhapsody" by Thompson, Florence Coffee. "Etude Melodique" by Rogers, Beatrice Clark.

"Fill Me, O Stars" by Newman, Dottie Dell Quikel.

"Spanish Dance" by Rogers, Avis Campfield.

"Little White Donkey" by Ibert, Margaret Barrett.

"Little Red Riding Hood" by Rudolph Fremi, Margaret Hand.

"Witches' Dance" by MacDowell, Mary Del Johnston.

Floyd Montgomery is now principal of the elementary school in Dimmitt. The superintendent is John Blaine, both are graduates of West Texas.

Mrs. Wm. Schmitz, Mrs. Charles Gerald and Sgt. George Schmitz spent Sunday visiting with Mrs. Lucy Schmitz Jesko and family at Muleshoe.

Many a set-up has turned out to be an up-set. "Flattery is like red, rare wine, except that it goes to the head and remains there too long after the cup is emptied.

FLASHING FACTS

Students' Official Newspaper

A weekly newspaper published every Tuesday except holidays or examination periods by the Students' Association of West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Texas. Entered on November 21, 1919, as second-class matter at the post office in Canyon, Texas, under the act of March 8, 1879.

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Lincoln's Birthday, February 12

Since February 12, 1866 formal celebrations have been held in honor of Lincoln's birth. This first celebration was held in the Capitol of the United States in Washington. Those present were the President and the members of his Cabinet, the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Diplomatic Corps, the members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, the Governors of the States, and military and naval officers.

The anniversary of Lincoln's birth has been selected as the most appropriate date for a tribute. These memorial exercises in Washington still constitute the official celebration of the anniversary of Lincoln's birth as well as the official tribute to him on his passing.

By the time the one hundredth anniversary of his birth arrived in 1909, the memory of Lincoln had become a precious heritage to the people of the whole nation, regardless of geographical section or political belief. On this one hundredth anniversary, a memorial association was organized to buy the Lincoln farm in Hodgenville, Ky. Congress on February 11 made the day a national holiday in the District of Columbia and the Territories, and the Post Office Department issued a memorial two-cent postage stamp.

Not only was this day of considerable importance in the United States, but other nations also recognized it. The Mayor of Lincoln, England, cabled greetings to our President. An address on Lincoln was delivered at the University of Berlin, and a bust of Lincoln was unveiled. In Paris a celebration was held and a similar one was held in Rome. The Brazilian Government paid a tribute to Lincoln by displaying the national flag on all the public buildings in Rio de Janeiro and by firing a salute of twenty-one guns from the warships in the harbor.

Today, the anniversary of Lincoln's birth has come to be widely observed by special exercises in the schools. It is a legal holiday in twenty-seven states.

"Survivors of Bataan Murdered"

He didn't usually read the paper in the morning, this high school boy—there was all too little time between bed and bus stop—but something in the horror of the story that the five-word headline screamed compelled him to stop, and to finish the complete account.

"... march of death ... sun treatment ... some buried alive." The words haunted him and he thought of many things that day.

He thought of his brother Bill's friend Joe, the laughing, good-natured Joe, who was with that gallant band at Bataan; he thought of Joe's mother—how she must have looked when she read of the ruthless killing of her boy, and thousands of other mother's boys. And he thought of Bill, even now fighting somewhere with the Marines.

He wondered what his part might be, what he could do. Battle was not for him just yet; he was not old enough. And then he remembered, and was angry with himself for not remembering sooner. Buying War Bonds, selling them, was such a little thing, and yet such a big one. It was important, it must be done, and he was the one to do it.

For wasn't this his war to fight, as well as Joe's and Bill's?

—The Sandstorm—A. H. S.

Figures recently released by the War Department show that women pilots are safer flyers than men. That's doubtless because of the greater experience of the weaker sex—being up in the air so much of the time.

A man who ran away from a nice, warm, steam-heated insane asylum in Indiana must be crazy.

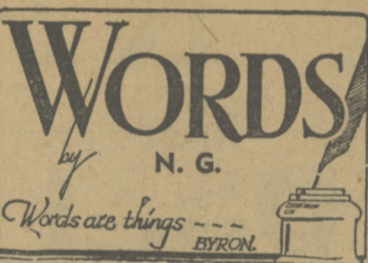
Psychologist: When children are naughty, quickly switch their attention.
Mother: Switch their what?

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

"A Snow Year, a Rich Year."
—OLD SAYING.
SNOW IS NATURE'S PROTECTIVE BLANKET. THE THICKER THE COVER, THE HEARTIER THE ROOTS, THE GREATER THE SUPPLY OF MOISTURE FOR THE SPRING GROWTH, THE MORE BOUNTIFUL THE HARVEST.



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Kind of an Ode to Duty

O Duty,
Why hast thou not the visage of a sweetie or a cutie?
Why glitter thy spectacles so ominously?
Why art thou clad so abominously?
Why art thou so different from Venus?
And why do thou and I have so few interests mutually in common between us?
Why art thou fifty per cent martyr And fifty-one per cent Tartar?

Why is it thy unfortunate wont To try to attract people by calling on them either to leave undone the deeds they like, or to do the deeds they don't?
Why art thou so like an April post-mortem
On something that died in the ortumn?
Above all, why dost thou continue to hound me?
Why art thou always albatrossly hanging around me?

Thou so ubiquitous,
And I so iniquitous.
I seem to be the one person in the world thou art perpetually preaching at who or to who; Whatever looks like fun, there art thou standing between me and it, calling yoo-hoo.

O Duty, Duty!
How noble a man should I be hadst thou the visage of a sweetie or a cutie!
But as it is thou art so much forbidding than a Wodehouse hero's forbiddingest aunt
That in the words of the poet, When Duty whispers low, Thou must, this erstwhile youth replies, I just can't.

—Ogden Nash.
"There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about."—Oscar Wilde, "The Picture of Dorian Gray."

I wish I hadn't broke that dish,
I wish I was a movie-star,
I wish a lot of things, I wish
That life was like the movies are.
—Alan Patrick Herbert, "It May Be Life, But Ain't It Slow?"

Law, says the gardeners, is the sun,
Law is the one
All gardeners obey
Tomorrow, yesterday, today.
Law, says the judge as he looks down his nose,
Speaking clearly and most severely,
Law is as I've told you before,
Law is as you know I suppose,
Law is but let me explain it once more,
Law is The Law.

—H. Auden.
In "Harper's" for January is an article by George W. Martin, "Preface to a Schoolmaster's Biography," about Endicott Peabody, Head Master of Groton for many years. Peabody was one of those teachers of great personal magnetism whose methods defy analysis. He was teacher, minister, and a good friend.

Some extracts from the article—
"Education is one of those subjects, like divorce or constitutional law, on which everyone has an opinion. Some think it is involved with vocational instruction; some think it is to 'discipline the mind'; some hold it to be the acquirement of media of self-expression; and some think it is just a formal process to which the young should be exposed for a certain length of time."

"It was sometimes felt that a clergyman should have cultivated a more trustful nature which could be imposed on. Well—he didn't."
"And then the Rector would come in. He never hurried. He never sauntered. He always looked the School right in the eye as though he were looking for trouble."
"He forgave a lot of mean things that were done to him—even some outrageous ones—and thereby disarmed his enemies. And this was not merely a pose. He really did forgive them. This was one of the secrets of his indestructibility."
"He was the pater familias, and the boys instinctively trusted him even when the criticized him. And he just walked back and forth in the cool of the day."

THE REASON
Once a year the newsboys of a certain district of London were taken for an outing up the Thames by a gentleman of the neighborhood, where they could bathe to their heart's content.
As one little waif was getting into the water, a friend observed:
"I say, Bill, ain't you dirty!"
"I missed the train last year," regretted Bill.

Dad: Why are you and your little sister always quarrelling?
Daughter: I don't know; unless she takes after mother and I take after you.
We always knew that money talks, and judging from recent releases from the Treasury Department the stuff can stand up and shoot, too!

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Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

From the tallest flagpole in the world—178 feet in height—a great, new American flag floats proudly over the brown sandstone buildings of the recently dedicated United States Merchant Marine academy at Kings Point, Long Island. Those buildings bear names that go away back into the past since the merchant marine antedates the army and the navy and even the Republic itself. But the building names are not confined to days of long ago, since with the nation at war, the merchant marine is again living up to its glorious traditions. So the drill hall and gymnasium bears the name of Edward J. O'Hara, a cadet midshipman who received a posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Medal. Before O'Hara, who learned gunnery at Kings Point, was mortally wounded and went down with his ship, he took over the stern gun and single-handed, sank a Jap raider.

The new Merchant Marine academy, which is to the merchant marine what Annapolis is to the navy, is on the estate of the late Walter P. Chrysler which was one of the show places of Long Island and on which he is said to have expended \$3,000,000. It comprises about 15 acres of land sloping gently down to the waters of Long Island sound. The government acquired it in 1942 for \$100,000. Since then, in a record-breaking building program, \$6,900,000 has been expended. The mansion, a palatial residence somewhat reminiscent of the White House, which was originally built for Henri Bendel, is now the administration building and is known as Wiley Hall, in honor of the late Admiral H. A. Wiley, who, as commissioner in charge of training for the United States Maritime commission, was the "father" of the merchant marine cadet corps.

Much more might be written of the academy buildings, the class rooms, the mess hall where more than 7,800 meals are served each day, or the comfortable fire proof dormitories, but I'm eager to get to the personnel. The day of our visit, the enrollment stood at 2,670. It varies constantly since cadet-midshipmen are always coming and going. All cadet-midshipmen receive a three months course either at the academy or at the basic schools at Pass Christian, Miss., and San Mateo, Calif. Then they go to sea for six months or more as cadet officers. Their sea duty completed, they return and receive nine months more training at the academy. Their studies go on while they are at sea. Graduated, they are licensed either as third mates or third engineers. Or the navy may take them as ensigns.

The cadet-midshipmen, who become members of the navy reserve with their entrance to the academy, receive \$65 a month while in school, also uniforms, text books, quarters, subsistence, dental and medical care. At sea as cadet officers, they also receive regular wages and when they are licensed, receive the pay of their grade. The emphasis of their training is of course on the merchant marine side. But this being wartime, they also receive navy training principally in the use of guns. To date, cadets have figured in 309 enemy attacks and 107 have lost their lives. Capt. J. H. Tomb, United States navy (retired) is superintendent of the academy and Capt. Giles C. Stedman, USNR, former commander of the America, is commandant of cadets.

The time of the cadet-midshipmen is fully occupied and when they are not studying, usually they are engaged in athletics of various kinds. Also they drill, one of the reasons for the drills being discipline. During their first three months, the cadet-midshipmen are not allowed to smoke cigarettes, though they may smoke pipes. Again, discipline and a chance to study their response to it. But though they know the meaning of discipline, the cadet-midshipmen still retain certain boyish traits. In the 48-hour interval between the time the cadet-midshipman finishes his studies and is given his license, he is invariably dunked, clothes and all, in the swimming pool.

Having been in existence only a little more than a year, the United States Merchant Marine academy hasn't traditions as yet. But there are customs that will grow into traditions. For instance, on final examination day, the students toss coins into the pool of Amphitrite, the Greek goddess of the sea. The coins are retrieved and put into a fund to be used to erect a permanent memorial bearing the names of all cadets who gave their lives.

Britain Drafts Thousands Of 7 Nations' Refugees
LONDON.—Thousands of Norwegian, Dutch, Belgian, Czech, Polish, Greek, and Jugo-Slav refugees in this country have been called up for military service or to work in industry, it was stated, under the Allied powers war service order. Since the order became operative, fit nationals of military age from these seven Allied nations have been drafted into their own or British services, it was said.

He who laughs lasts in the best sort of company.

There is much to be said about education, and not among the least of its virtues is the "co-" part.

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A. C. P.'s Correspondent Reports from Washington

Students Mobilize For War Activities At Hood College

Frederick, Md.—(I. P.)—Complete mobilization of Hood College students for war activities was accomplished here recently with more than 75 per cent of the student body pledged to at least one hour a day in some emergency effort.

The college announces that 16 campus organizations had assumed sponsorship of eight programs enabling each student to take part in some war effort.

These eight services include Red Cross, which has a three-fold program, civilian defense, bond sales, recreational leadership and USO hostess work.

Most popular emergency program is the WOMES, Women's Organization for the Relief of Manpower Shortage, begun last year. Its aim is to relieve the serious shortage of help on the campus, and Hood girls are enlisted for college laundry work, in the kitchen, as lawn care-takers, and as electricians, for which they have received special training.

An intensive physical fitness program reaching all students and under leadership of the physical education department has been incorporated into the schedule.

Students have set up a local office of war information. Closely allied to this is the postwar planning board which has been taken over by Hood's town hall. The board will study and evaluate post-war plans and the role young college women can assume.

Student Soldiers Favorable Grades

Los Angeles, Cal.—(I. P.)—Scholastic achievement of student-soldiers on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California compares favorably with that of civilians, according to Dr. Robert W. Webb, coordinator of Army training programs on that campus.

Special privileges have just been granted to 13 per cent of the trainees in the Army Specialized Training program at the University as a result of superior achievements in scholarship in the recently completed term, he announced here. To receive special privileges, a trainee must earn grades about equal to those required for honors with the Bachelor of Arts or Associate of Arts degree. In the past year, 11.8 per cent of the civilian students received honors for comparable work. On this basis, Army student scholarship is a little higher.

"Some instructors report that they prefer Army classes because the trainees work hard and are genuinely interested in learning and appreciative of the instructors' efforts," Dr. Webb declared.

Practical Speaking In Foreign Language

East Lansing, Mich.—(I. P.)—An experimental plan of conversational instruction in foreign languages which will enable students to gain a practical speaking knowledge of them within 12 weeks will be instituted at Michigan State college next fall, it was announced here by Dean Lloyd C. Emmons, of the liberal arts division.

French, German and Portuguese will be taught in two-year sequences it is planned. Emphasis will be on speaking instruction, but reading, grammar and word structure will be offered students as alternates, Dean Emmons explained. The dean reported that the liberal arts faculty became interested in the new teaching trend after language staff members told that a large portion of several hundred soldiers enrolled in language classes at Michigan State were carrying on simple but intelligent conversations inside of 12 weeks by means of the speaking method of instruction.

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College Students Take More Work Than Formerly

Columbus, O.—(I. P.)—That many college students are capable of doing more work than is ordinarily required of them is indicated by a study by Kenneth M. Peterson of the department of education, Ohio State University.

Subjects were 164 freshmen entering Ohio State's college of education in the autumn of 1942, selected on the basis of ability. These students were invited to accelerate their work in one of two ways—by carrying 20 or more hours of class work instead of the usual 16, or by taking the usual class load and in addition a job requiring at least 20 hours of work a week.

A total of 108 accepted the invitation and entered the program. Some of these later withdrew, because of calls to military service and other reasons, but at the end of the spring quarter Mr. Peterson had the records of 71 accelerated students to compare with those of 47 who had declined to accelerate.

The investigator found that the accelerates had consistently done better classroom work, making a cumulative point-hour ratio of 2.88 points out of a possible four, as compared with 2.74 for the non-accelerates. Moreover, 13 students gained a full quarter's work in two quarters, although the average for all those accelerating was half a quarter.

Furthermore, Mr. Peterson found that the students "handled a load beyond the average with little damage to themselves as regards health, use of leisure time, or participation in extra-curricular activities. . . . They were thrilled to find that they could do more than they had heretofore realized."

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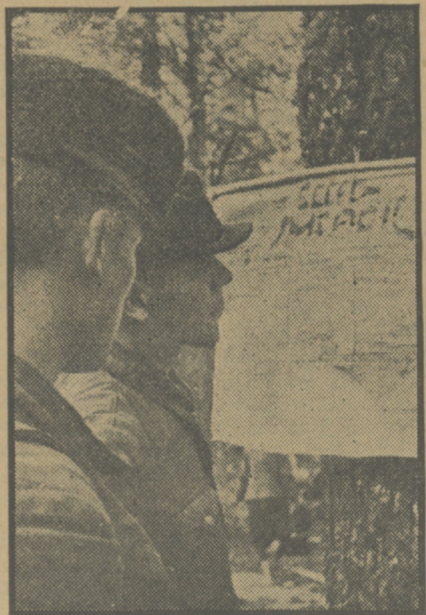
A loafer complains that he has a wolf, but no door to keep him away from.

Over the telephone, your voice will travel around the world in less than one-third of a second.

Darwin's "Origin of the Species," was sold out on the first day of publication.

There's no use locking the barn after the horse is eaten.

With the Guerrillas Behind the German Lines



Thousands of Soviet guerrilla warriors are harassing and killing Germans on the Russian front. Here you see one of their camps behind the German lines in the Ukraine. At top they're stretched out for a rest in a clump of trees, with two of the fighting women chatting beneath a makeshift canvas shelter; lower left, two guerrillas pause to read "The Combat News," a daily bulletin of reports on Red Army progress; lower right, they receive information on the whereabouts of German troops from a daily Soviet Information Bureau radio communique. Another of the women is in the foreground, identified by a scarf around her head.

THE GREAT AWAKENING

A doctor's telephone rang one night, awakening him from fitful slumber. It was one of his regular patients, a man in a wild state of alarm.

"My wife, doctor," he shouted. "It's her appendix. You'd better come round and see her at once."

The doctor sighed and told the man to go back to bed.

"Give her some bicarbonate or

ginger ale, and I'll look in tomorrow," he said. "She hasn't got appendicitis."

The husband became even wilder, insisting that she did have appendicitis.

"Well, she can't have!" the doctor shouted. "I took her appendix out three years ago, and I never heard of anyone having two appendixes."

"Ever hear of anybody having

two wives?" the man asked bitterly.

Don't forget to say grace! Why say prayers only at the operating table?

A great advantage of silent contempt is that it often prevents a black eye.

A nickel is referred to as "token money" because it does not contain five cents worth of metal.

Meet Your Neighbor

Grade of "E" Has Been Abolished

Minneapolis, Minn.—(I. P.)—The University of Minnesota has abolished the grade "E," the conditional grade—boon companion in past decades of thousands of students who didn't quite pass, but, on the other hand, didn't quite fail.

The authorities failed to reveal whether the new wartime standing of "E"—which has become the Army-Navy standard for "excellence"—had anything to do with abandoning the "E" as a symbol of almost-failure.

The "E" grade formerly was given a student who had done unsatisfactory work but to whom the instructor was willing, for one reason or another, to give another chance, in the form of a second examination.

Giving a student that "E" was "a little like cutting off a dog's tail two inches up to save him pain," Royal A. Shumway, assistant dean for student's work, said. When it was given, he said, it often was done merely because a teacher did not like to flunk a student and subsequently the student was flunked anyway. More and more, he added, instructors and professors have abandoned the "E" anyway and its abolition merely follows this trend.

Hereafter, a student will receive as a grade either A, B, C or D, if he is to be passed, or else a frank and open grade of "F" meaning failure. There'll be no modified "E" about it.

For special cases the grade of "I"—incomplete—will be granted, but it must be cleared up at the start of the following quarter by the student's finishing the incomplete portion of the work.

Students who fail in a subject and are given "F" must repeat it before progressing.

Busy men have too much on their hands to be handling people with gloves.

There are five climatic zones: two frigid zones, two temperate zones and one torrid zone.

Women have a sense of humor—the more you humor them, the better they like it.

A dietician says that Irish potatoes are three fourths water. In that case, we prefer our water fried.

In view of what he has to say, an auctioneer does an awful lot of fast talking.

How well acquainted with your next door neighbor are you? Are you an inquisitive Joe who is continually wanting to know names and home towns?

For the next few weeks The Prairie will introduce students in college now from all the representative towns. Watch for those you haven't been introduced to.

Do you know . . . ?

Iris Brown, Sophomore, Physical Education major, Claude

Wanda Wanell Church, Freshman, Claude

Alma Florence Conrad, Freshman, Claude

Cleora Ettie Conrad, Freshman, Claude

Billie Lois De Hart, Sophomore, Home Economics, Claude

Bonna Delle Dewbre, Freshman, Claude

Vesta Gamble, Freshman, Good-night

Irene Luther, Freshman, Claude

Helen Pearl Sargent, Freshman, Claude

Marie Smotherman, Junior, English major, Claude

Opal Webb, Freshman, Claude

Betty Jo White, Freshman, Claude

John Frank Wilson, Freshman, Claude

Martha Fort, Freshman, Baileyboro

Lena Ruth Hall, Sophomore, Business Administration, Belton

J. W. Brannon, Jr., Sophomore, Business, Silverton

Evelyn Coffee, Sophomore, English, Silverton

Allena Francis, Freshman, Silverton

Vivian Winona Francis, Freshman, Silverton

Wyona Lee, Sophomore, Home Economics, Silverton

Opal Dene West, Freshman, Silverton

Ruby Gene West, Freshman, Silverton

J. T. Broadway, Freshman, White Deer

Lola Sue Callihan, Sophomore, Speech, Conway

Opal Callihan, Freshman, Conway

Marie Durret, Sophomore, Business, Panhandle

Norma Jeanne Franklin, Sophomore, Speech, Panhandle

Luella Fae Held, Sophomore, Business, Panhandle

Lula Margaret Johnson, Senior, Speech, Groom

Ruby Delle Roberds, Senior, Business, Groom

Oma Ruth Robinson, Freshman, Panhandle

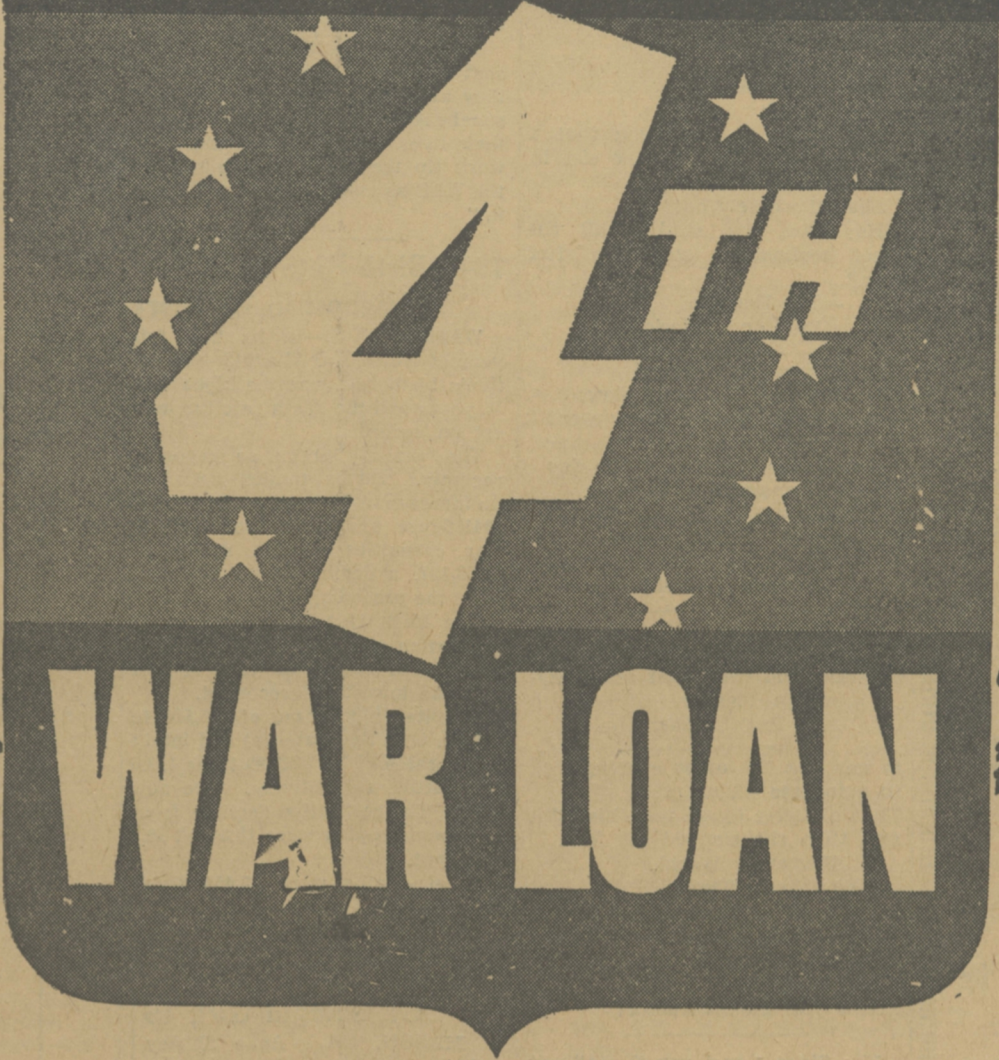
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Allorah Byrnes, Freshman, Dimmitt

Earline Lust, Senior, piano, Dimmitt

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Let's All BACK THE ATTACK!

Members of Delta Zeta Chi Sorority



Pictured above are members of Delta Zeta Chi sorority. Standing behind the piano from left to right are: Sharline Burch, junior, Amarillo; Sue Goddard, sophomore, O'Donnell; Margaret Ellen Hutton, senior, Canadian; Modene Wilson, sophomore, Briscoe; Mona Burleson, sophomore, Spearman; Alpha Mae Shafer, freshman, Tulia; L. Louise Pugh, junior, Perryton. Seated from left to right are: Nieto Stephens, junior, Tahoka; Billie Quinn, senior, Amarillo; Jean Taylor, junior, Houston; Mary Jo Priddy, sophomore, Lamesa, and Mary Lee Bishop, sophomore, Quail. The picture was taken in the home of Mrs. L. F. Sheffy, club sponsor.

The Money Order branch of the Postal Service was established in 1864 for the accommodation of Civil War soldiers.

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WACS Like Job In North Africa

'Like Living in a Dream,' Is the Consensus of American Woman.

WASHINGTON. — The WACS in North Africa feel that they are living a modern Arabian Nights tale. Such is the report recently made to Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of WAC, by a representative sent to that war theater to check on the accomplishments of the first 300 American women in uniform sent overseas. The report is made on the completion of the contingent's first six months in Africa.

The WACS dream and talk of dances and shows, and fashions and frocks and nylon hose they cannot enjoy, but when you get them in a corner, and "make 'em give you the truth," the real lowdown on what has happened to the femmes de guerre is that they are living an Arabian Nights tale.

"I've seen things and been places and met people that I never would have had the chance to . . . had it not been for the WAC," said Pearl Hargrave, former rural school teacher of Pillager, Minn., who now drives one of the cars assigned to the staff of the commander in chief.

"I love it. Honestly. Every minute of it," Tech. 4th Grade Irma Bouton of West Orange, N. J., admits, smiling.

Gained in Every Way. "A trip abroad wouldn't have ever happened to me," she states. Now doing secretarial work for a general, she explains: "I was working in a small insurance office in a small town. My way of life was pretty much of a rut. I'd been working in this office for seven years and used to spend my money on clothes that I now cannot even remember, or on vacations visiting relatives in a big city where I'd never meet as many famous and interesting people, or have as much feeling of being in the center of things important."

The above WAC has gained, her record shows, in health, in education and, undoubtedly, in mental and visual horizons and in general knowledge. She is associating daily with some of the great minds of this war. And her words indicate she is proud of herself . . . and of her corps and exceedingly thankful. She has learned French and some Arabic, picking it up through conversation. Living as a member of a group, she finds she has learned to get along with people better than ever before. She has listened to tales of other lives and experiences.

Lives Are Enriched. "Early to bed and early to rise, regular meals, a balanced diet and the care which the army gives its members medically and spiritually, make for satisfaction," she adds. "I'm doing the biggest job I've ever done and living the most worthwhile life I know of," Catherine Jeanne Strong of Iron Mountain, Mich., told Colonel Hobby's representatives.

The report shows she is now a clerk in the postal section that sees to it that wounded soldiers get letters from home as fast as possible. There is so much for her to do that she works long hours and only gets one-half day leisure a week.

"But I still manage to go more places, see more things and have more fun than I ever did back home," she reports. "And, every time I think of my job . . . and what it means to those boys who get that letter from 'Mom,' or the girl, or wife, back home, in record time . . . why I just feel swell inside."

The report says that the first WACS sent to North Africa are finding that they are enjoying contacts and personal experiences that have enriched their lives. Their travels and their work tip the scales on the side of the WAC as compared to "not being in."

1942 Birth Rate in U. S. Is Highest in 16 Years

WASHINGTON.—In its first full year of World War II—1942—the nation's birth rate was the highest in 16 years and the death rate the lowest on record.

The census bureau so reported recently. Births totaled 2,808,996, an increase of 11.8 per cent over the 1941 figure, and deaths, not counting war casualties abroad, numbered 1,385,187, a decline of 0.9 per cent from the preceding year.

The birth rate of 21.0 per 1,000 population was the highest since 1926, while the death rate of 10.4 was the lowest yet recorded.

Despite an increase of 295,596 in births, both the maternal and infant death rates of 2.6 and 40.4 per 1,000 live births, respectively, were new lows. The respective declines from the previous year were 18.8 and 10.8 per cent.

Total deaths were 12,455 fewer than in 1941.

Penicillin Saves Life Of Georgia Girl, 15

MACON, GA. — Anne Shirley Carter, 15, is home from the hospital, almost fully recovered from a streptococci infection which was checked by penicillin flown from New York in an army Liberator bomber.

The high school senior credited the drug with saving her life, and said she hoped it soon would be available in sufficient quantities.

Former United States President Johnson was a tailor by profession.

Band House Has Face Scrubbed

By Earline Lust

The saints be praised, people! Have you or have you not gazed upon the miracle what hath been wrought? Right here in our own back yard, too! Namely, if you haven't, how could you help noticing the renovations taking place, in, on, and around the BAND House? Children, changes have been made.

For instance: one now may discover at a mere glance that the place has a door, the like of which can be seen at great distances. Upon entering said door, as one surely should, you will probably be struck down with the unexpected glare, but that's all right. Pick yourself up and look around a bit just for sociabilities' sake. Amazin', ain't it, the way you can distinguish chair from body, etc.? Furthermore, me proud beauties, this make-up will not wear off for a long time, on account of preventive measures have been taken with the result that the roof (hear me, chicks)—the roof leaks no more!

For those of you who can't get excited over this matter, please lower your eyebrows and consider the fact for a second. Could YOU be calm about such an incident if, for high on four years you had attended band rehearsals equipped with umbrella and flashlight? COULD you sit quietly by at this time if from time immemorial a ghastly image of one Huntsville institution had haunted you each time you approached the "old" Band House, sad and bleak?

Yes, sweet citizens, the face of the Band House has been scrubbed, and we hereby bless you or whatever is responsible. May they ever move in mysterious ways, more mighty wonders to perform!

FINERY

At a meeting of an urban district council, the clerk announced that he wanted a supply of ribbons for the typewriter.

At once a member protested against such extravagance. "She is a very satisfactory girl," he said, "but I don't see why she should be provided with finery at the expense of the taxpayers."

ROUTINE

A dusky soldier who said he was in the Artillery was asked: "What do you do in the Artillery?"

"Ah opens the big gun, puts in a big shell, close the gun, points it in the right direction, pulls the trigger and says: 'Mista Hitler, recount your army.'"

KNEW HIS GEOGRAPHY

Teacher: "What is an island?" Bright Boy: "A place where the bottom of the sea sticks up through the water."

Gasoline Discussed By Pierle at the Rotary Luncheon

Dr. Chester Pierle talked on the development of gasoline from oil at the luncheon of the Rotary Club Tuesday. He reviewed the development of the industry from the time oil was discovered in Pennsylvania down to the present time when gasoline is playing such an important part in the war.

In 1929 only 7 to 13% of a barrel of oil was made into gasoline. Under new processes the refineries are now getting 80 to 90% gasoline out of a barrel of oil. The importance of gasoline in this war was pointed out by Dr. Pierle. It takes a million and a half gallons of gasoline for a major air raid over Germany.

Dr. Pierle discussed the various products which are being derived from gasoline.

Visitors were: O. K. Lewis of Amarillo; Rev. J. Lowell Ponder of Plainview; John E. Clements, R. E. Maris, E. R. Horton of Austin; Rev. Bob Kilgore of Canyon.

MISPLACED

Father: "Why were you kept in at school?"

Son: "I didn't know where the Azores were."

Father: "Well, in the future just remember where you put things."

"I wish you would shave that mustache off, John. You look like Hitler."

"Don't worry, dear. The neighbors know I'm no dictator."

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3. Do not keep your home too warm. You can save gas and have more healthful living conditions by maintaining moderate temperature.
4. Reduce temperature at night and when away from home.
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