

Happy Birthday to the 350th C. T. D.

Religious Week Starts Mar. 28

Ministerial Alliance
Of Amarillo Planned
Observance This Year

West Texas State's Religious Emphasis observance this year has been planned by the ministerial alliance of Amarillo, of which Dr. R. Thomsen of the Presbyterian Church is president. Dates which have been chosen are March 28, 29, and 30.

On those days, at the request of President Hill, there will be a college assembly at 12 o'clock. The out-of-town speakers for the occasion will be Dr. Roy Snodgrass, Dr. Earl G. Hamlett, and Dr. A. D. Foreman. They will be assisted by pastors of Canyon's churches and special music for each day will be arranged by the Student's Christian Association, with Miss Pauline Brigham as their advisor.

It is expected that conference hours will be arranged for students who wish to make use of them.

Religious Emphasis Week was begun in Texas by West Texas State College. It is now an annual observance in practically every college of the state. When conditions will again allow it, it is the purpose of the college to bring to the campus each year an outstanding authority in the field of practical religion.

Capt. Swineford Met Ex-Student In North Africa

Capt. D. T. Swineford, who is on leave of W. T.'s department of Art, and serving somewhere in the African Theatre of War wrote President and Mrs. J. A. Hill and friends in Canyon on March 8, that he had just received the December 7th issue of The Prairie and had enjoyed it very much.

He said further "Since I have last written to you I have been able to find enough time to sketch a few natives, and it really has been a pleasure to me. We have been so busy with our duties, it has been almost impossible to do anything that we were interested in in civilian life."

Then he wrote, "I saw Warren Lockhart a few days ago when he came through here. He expects to be home before long on leave. He really enjoyed the Prairies that I gave him and we had a nice visit together. He is one swell fellow and West Texas has every right to be proud of him. . . . It seems that West Texas is certainly doing its share in furnishing the army with men—and good men, too."

"It sure is a lot of satisfaction to realize you have known and worked with people like my friends back in Canyon. The whole school seems more like a big family than just teachers and students."

Mr. Swineford was known all over West Texas and in Oklahoma for his ability in many phases of art work and for his friendly interest in all people.

Lt. Walker Has 95 Combat Missions To His Credit

Lt. Earl Walker, last heard from by W. T. friends under date of February 12, then had ninety-five combat missions to his credit and 360 hours of combat flying to his credit. At that time his over-seas service of eight months included more than five in New Guinea. He is a holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross of which he modestly writes, "You see anyone can be a hero." It was awarded, according to a war department release for "Heroism and extra - ordinary achievement in flights into the combat zones."

Something New . . . For Uncle Sam

Save on TRANSPORTATION. Be walk-happy. Don't ride needlessly on anything from a subway to a plane.

Think twice before you rush off for those gala week ends at far-off havens. Save the fare for War Stamps. Save the price of a new formal for a Bond. Hollins College gals stay put over week ends and trundle the step into town on Saturdays to help War Bond sales. Walk wherever you can. Don't wear out your bike tires on short rides. Save them to take you to places you couldn't reach otherwise. If you live hundreds of miles away, start looking now for a summer job near college and save the car fare home.

W. B. Weatherred Prominent Ex



Wayland B. Weatherred, Postmaster-elect of Pampa, is one of the notably successful graduates of West Texas State College. When he received his bachelor's degree in 1934, he was already an experienced teacher and business man. His home, then as now, was in Pampa, where he has been identified with almost every movement that represented community progress and aspiration. He has been conspicuous for his ability to cooperate in many things without becoming a rubber stamp in connection with anything or anybody. He has worked in the interest of public welfare, public health, better business and better education.

For many years he was county superintendent of schools for Gray County, and under his leadership the standards of the schools were steadily raised; he believed in paying good salaries to teachers and he knew how to make people understand that good teaching and good schoolroom equipment were things which cost money. At the same time he showed a keen appreciation of abilities which had nothing to do with money.

Weatherred, who was himself a successful athlete when in school and college, talked the language of the boys of Gray County schools and helped them develop themselves physically and mentally through their interests in sports.

His leadership qualities were recognized by his fellow teachers of Northwest Texas and they elected him president of their section of the Texas State Teachers Association. His administration did not disappoint them.

His townspeople expect him to be an efficient and accommodating Postmaster. Said one of them, "We'd do anything for Weatherred, and he would do anything for us."

He is continuing his education, informal and formal; he has done eighteen hours of graduate work in this college.

Irish Honored At Two College Dances Last Week

West Texas State paid tribute last Friday and Saturday nights to St. Patrick and the Irish with two all college, all A/S dances. Campus civilians, aviation students from the 350th C. T. D. and coeds were invited to the parties.

The theme of the dances was based on "McDuffy's Tavern, Where the Elite Meet To Eat." Game tables were scattered around Cousins Hall ballroom tavern style.

Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Maranyck were chosen as the couple most representative of McDuffy's Tavern. The "Elite Couple" were presented with a prize by the Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Maranyck is stationed in Canyon with the 350th C. T. D.

On Saturday evening, Miss Anna I. Hibbets, who was born in Ireland, was the guest of honor.

Hostesses were identified by green Shamrocks. Shamrocks on the curtains and backdrops carried out the Irish theme. Miss Katherine Ferguson and Miss Orpha Fleming served coffee in the Club Room, where green also predominated as the color scheme.

The program was under the direction of an Irish Committee appointed by Mrs. Geraldine Green, Dean of Women. Chairmen of the committee were Evelyn Jeanne McCarty and Rosemarie Hoare. Gene Lowman was Master of Ceremonies. They were assisted by Betty Lee, Jane Evans, Fayrene Bolton, Dorothy Fish, Helen Palmer, Grace Williams and Bobby Conner.

Miss Fish was in charge of signs and the painting of the hostess's tags.

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Delta Zeta Chi Presentation 24

Graduating Class Will Attend—Fourteen New Members Will Be Presented

Delta Zeta Chi sorority will have its formal spring presentation dance Friday, March 24 in the ballroom of Cousins Hall.

The graduating class of the 350th C. T. D. is being invited. The sorority is extending an invitation to all members of the faculty and college students to attend the presentation. Girls are invited to come whether they have dates or not. The dance will be conducted in the same order as have all other graduating dances. There will be no admission charge.

Presentation of the fourteen new members will be at 9:30 p. m. Those being presented are: Modene Wilson, Alpha Mae Shafer, Sharline Burch, fall pledges; Betty Pugh, Frankie Phillips, Bobby Brandt, Zeta Lynn Blume, Winnie Fred Ramage, Ruth Hall, Dorothy Tye, Vivian Holt, Vesta Gamble, Doris Collier, and Norma Hogue, spring pledges.

Spanish Club Discussed Plans For Picnic

El Circulo Espanol Menandez Pidal met Wednesday night at 7:30 in room 101 of the Administration Building.

The program was a Latin American quiz, in which all members participated. It was under the direction of Wilma Higgins.

Plans for a picnic late in April at Palo Duro Canyon were discussed, but not adopted. They will be voted upon at the next meeting.

In the absence of the club secretary, Jane Warren, Rosemarie Hoare was appointed acting secretary until her return.

Quentin Ward Now First Lieutenant

Frank Quentin Ward, chemistry major '42, now a meteorologist with the U. S. Air Forces in Britain, has just been promoted to first lieutenant, according to word reaching his sister, Mrs. W. M. Davis, of Dalhart, Home Economics graduate of the class of '26.

His wife, the former Odline Malloy, was a mathematics major in 1942.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY NOTE

An Irishman is one who doesn't know what he wants and will never be satisfied until he gets it.

Dr. E. Kay Bryan Appointed China Missionary

Dr. E. Kay Bryan, who was a student at W. T. in '30-'31, remembers his days here with pleasure and writes from Oakland, California, to say so. In a letter to Registrar D. A. Shirley he relates that in 1941 he received his M. D. from Baylor University and that last October he and his wife were appointed missionaries to China. Both are now studying the Chinese language at the California College in China, which was formerly located at Peking, but is now carried on in exile on the campus of the University of California in Berkeley.

Continuing, Dr. Bryan says, "We hope to return to Texas before we sail for China, which may be delayed until after the war, and if we do, I would like very much to visit again there at W. T. S. C., because it was my first Alma Mater, and also because it was there that I first obtained my interest in the sciences, and that while taking Chemistry with Dr. Pierle. I appreciate a great deal his interest and encouragement to his students. I wonder if he is still giving his side talks on 'the student'—that is the real student who earnestly seeks after knowledge."

Dr. Bryan's letter of appreciation is typical of many which are received at the college. Young people who are intellectually hungry, seem always to be grateful for the thoroughness which is one of the ideals of West Texas State.

Lt. Hinkle Still Hears About The Tall Team of W. T.

West Texas State's Tall Basketball players continue to bring interesting contacts to Lt. Olin E. Hinkle, who accompanied the Tall Team on one of its trips to Madison Square Garden, New York City.

In a recent letter to President Hill, Lt. Hinkle writes, "Nearly every day I talk to boys who ask about Halbert, Brookfield, etc. The editor of the current classbook was a P. M. sports writer last year when I spoke at a basketball writer's banquet in New York. One of the Long Island University players who played opposite Maddox finished here recently, and Bill Dudley, of Virginia, who nosed out our Little Ben Collins for national scoring honors, is now a flying cadet here."

Lt. Hinkle is stationed at Ellington Field near Houston, Texas.

W. T. a Factory Of Democracy

Annual Expected To Be Distributed May 19; Snapshots Are Needed

Work on the annual is progressing nicely. All the clubs gave very satisfactory cooperation on working up the organization section. The section is now closed and the material has been sent to the printer.

The annual is being worked up on the idea of West Texas State College—A Factory of Democracy. The different phases have lent themselves neatly to this theme. The administration represents management, with the faculty as the personnel. Naturally, the buildings would fall into the category of the plant. The students in the different classes make the material with which the personnel shape their product which is the graduating class. The freshman are the raw material; sophomores are the designed material; and the juniors are the processed material. The 350th Training Detachment is the defense contract that every plant is trying to rush through in good condition these days.

Along this idea, the organizations are the testing grounds for the material produced. The personalities and extras are the priority ratings. This leaves the features to be the assembly line.

On the original schedule, the book will be sent to the office on May 15 and distributed to the students before May 19. However, no definite date can be set for anything. Manpower shortage at the printers' may delay the book. Although every possible effort is being made to hurry it to completion.

The snapshots are not being turned in as they should. Don't be selfish with the cute ones. Share them with all the college. It's a lot more fun that way.

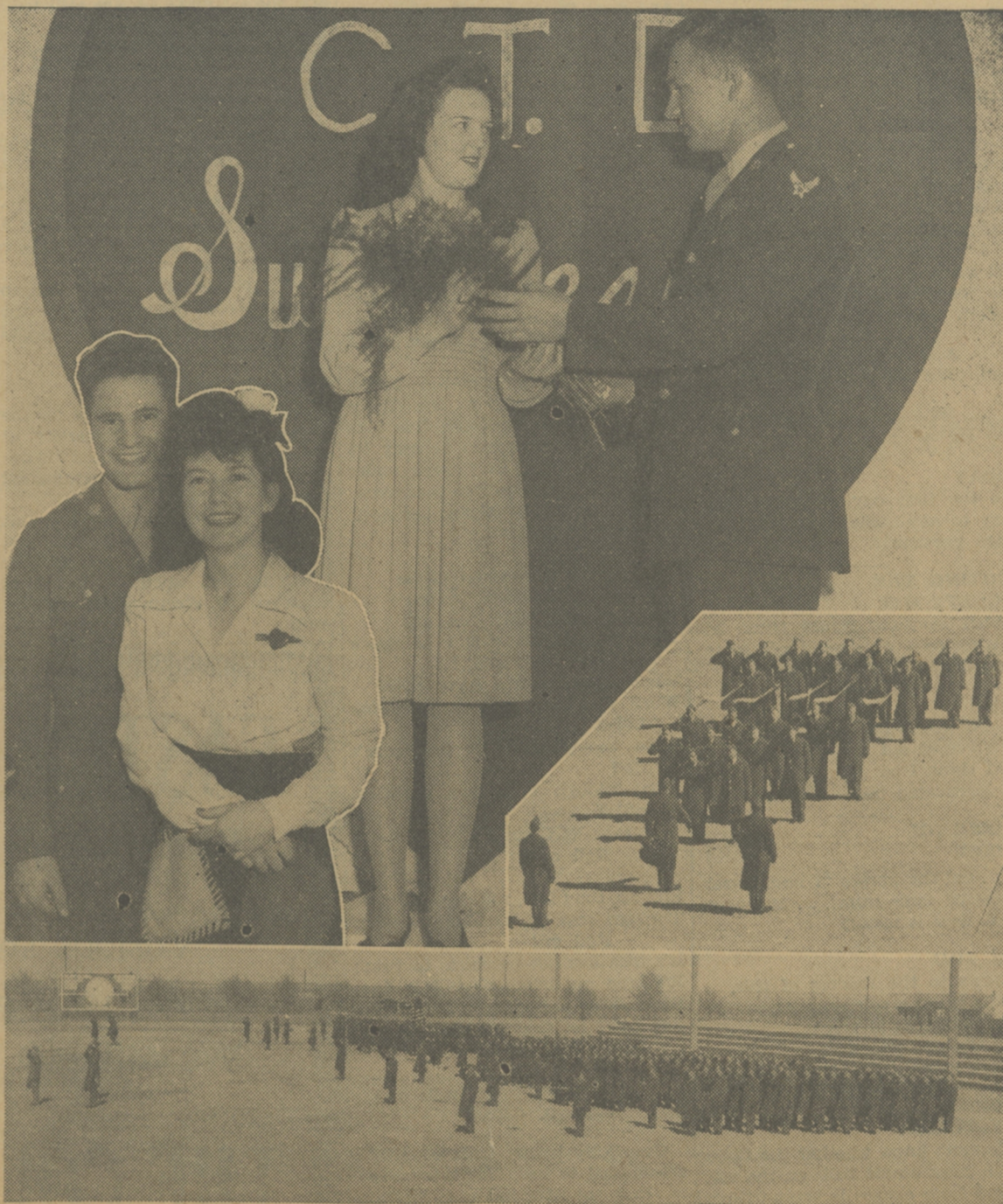
Methodist Studes Had St. Patrick's Party Wednesday

The Methodist Youth Fellowship had a St. Patrick's Party, Wednesday night, March 15, at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Under the direction of Mary Evelyn Foster, approximately thirty students participated in the fun. Games played "get-acquainted" guests, and had group singing. Green punch and cookies were served.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS!

The Army and W. T.



At the top of the picture is A/S Dan Hicks, Jr., presenting a bouquet of flowers to Miss Fern Cunningham, sweetheart of 350th C. T. D. In the lower left corner is A/S Gene Alteri and Lavada Lanier, pin-up couple. The lower picture is the C. T. D. in review.

Detachment on Campus 1 Year

College Has Feeling of Satisfaction and Pride For Unit Here

It was just a year ago this month that W. T.'s masculine section changed from sports jackets, in or out shirt terminations, and socks that were heard around the campus, to G. I. Then you knew by their clipped eastern and northern accents that they weren't even the same boys.

The last of March marks the first anniversary of the 350th College Training Detachment at West Texas State. It was a telephone call from Randolph Field that brought Aviation Students to the campus. All over the country schools were preparing to train army men and when Dr. Hill accepted Randolph Field's proposition that W. T. take a detachment, plans were made immediately. The new science building was completed through priority rights secured for materials because of the coming army detachment. New furniture and improvements fitted the men's dormitories, the N. Y. A. building, and the cafeteria. All expense was paid by the U. S. government.

The detachment has been of value to W. T. in countless ways both large and small, but perhaps the greatest lies in the fact that it has kept a fine faculty intact, using teachers who otherwise would not have had enough to do to keep them here. There is, too, that feeling that this institution is doing a real war service. No one who has awakened more than once to the sound of marching and of military songs can doubt that this is a place quite necessary and vitally helpful to our nation at war. It gives a feeling of satisfaction and of real pride.

The worth of the C. T. D. to civilian students is important. These men from all parts of a large country full of differences have brought with them new views and ideas as well as little things like new "slanguage," dance steps, and drug store fountain combinations. Walking into Bob's or the Buff any week end, there will be seen a cap or overcoat of army issue hanging at every booth. Listen a moment and there will be heard every type of accent from the familiar Texas drawl to that species of the English language called Brooklynese. Then it is realized probably for the first time, that there are other places besides Texas and people other than the giant Texans who won glory for W. T. in athletic and other fields. The result is broadening.

Though it is not the nature of Dr. Hill's position to come often in contact with the men of the 350th, his few experiences with them have caused him to form the opinion that these men are greatly interested in their work and are doing it cheerfully and with great determination. In his own words, "The boys know what they want to do and are trying their best to do it." Dr. Hill also expressed an interest in the boys' reaction to the change in environment most of them experience when they come to this country of great spaces far from the crowded, teeming life of the busy cities from which many of them came.

No one knows as an absolute certainty just how long the training unit will remain here, but a contract has been made for the ensuing year. It is probable, according to Dr. Hill, that the detachment will be here for the duration.

After the war there will be little difficulty in changing W. T. back to a purely civilian institution. The science building, almost as soon as the last aviation student marches from its door, will be reconitioned for the use of chemistry, physics, biology, and agriculture departments.

On this, the first anniversary of the coming of the 350th C. T. D., Dr. Hill voiced the feeling of the entire college when he said briefly and simply, "We are happy to have the aviation students here."

FLASHING FACTS

The finest monuments are built of deeds and not of stone.

"An unmistakable destination in life has been reached when an otherwise sincere and honest man resorts to the fakement of combing his hair differently to cover a bald spot."

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We Remember When

This week the 350th C. T. D., West Texas State's unit of Army Air Corps cadets, is celebrating its first birthday. A year is a very long time—long enough to establish some traditions, and long enough for some of us to say "we remember when. . . ."

When the first group came, the unit had not been fully organized, and there was no official name for it. As a matter of practical handling, it really did not exist. For a period of weeks we had on our campus a couple of hundred ghosts, who marched, sang, ate, spoke, danced, and went to classes even though they really weren't here. The lack of a name led to some comical situations. For one thing, cadets could not be mentioned in the Prairie, even though they were news and the college was interested in them. The staff solved this by treating them as if they were regular students and referring to them by the dormitories in which they lived. It worked.

Shortly afterward, there arose a question about what had happened to some equipment that college students were used to seeing around. Naturally, since the Army Air Corps was not really here, the Prairie could not make a statement or quote an authoritative source, so the matter remained a mystery.

It was about this time that the Prairie Staff had to get used to military censorship. For a civilian group, which is used to writing about numbers and details of plans and subjects, it was hard to change to a pattern of reporting which did not make public restricted information. The Prairie, has, however, always been given every possible break by the censorship department.

In addition to the new uniforms and new faces, the college found formations of men marching to class instead of the usual number of strolling students. The singing of the aviation students has always been one of the most inspiring sounds on the campus, but it was almost a nine days wonder in the early days of the 350th.

We remember the little incidents, like Taps, Retreat, Saturday review, the Flashlight Packing Major, the first Graduation Dance, flights marching against a background of snow, sheet formation, the G. I. show, sudden restrictions, and Open Post, and Prop Dust, and cub planes against a blue Texas sky.

But most of all, we remember you; you are the men whose very presence makes us remember that we are at war, and that this is history as well as part of our tradition. You make us know by your example what sacrifice really means. You have taken the place of our men who are gone away, but who are fighting with you so that they and you will someday be back home. We cannot tell you all this, but we want you to know that we mean all this and more when we say simply "Happy Birthday."—Rosemarie Hoare.

Quotable Quotes

"Institutions of higher learning now have a greater responsibility to the state and the nation than ever before, and one of their most important functions will be summer sessions for teachers. This becomes apparent when it is realized that upon the teachers of this and other states has fallen the tremendous task of preparing both young people and older persons for active participation in the war effort."—Dr. Edward Eyring, president, New Mexico Highlands University, says the college summer sessions can play an important war role.

"There is no easy answer to Britain's India problem and we should be tolerant and restrained in our judgment of what she is forced to do. The moment Gandhi dies he changes from a man to a saint and I shudder in fear that his death may bring on the bloodiest uprising in India since 1867. He is an astute politician and at the same time a great religious leader and so one never knows which side of his nature may be dictating any move. The Mohammedans and Hindus hate each other greatly. The Mohammedan despises the Hindu as one might despise a dangerous snake. Politics in India is always governed by religion. The two groups don't even do business together, nor do they intermarry. Of course all peoples should free, but the problem is not just that simple in India. England has made many mistakes, but in general her government has been good. Some of us in America are taking too much to ourselves Britain's India Problem."—Statement by Dr. D. Wilson MacKinlay, superintendent of Finch memorial hospital at Washington State College, who has spent six years in India.

Things All People Like

- To be noticed—especially to have noticed the things we like about ourselves.
- To be corrected in private—but not in the presence of other people.
- To be praised—for good work and for kindness to and understanding of people and problems.
- To have our small, unimportant defects ignored most of the time.
- To be treated honestly.
- To have important tasks to do and to receive sympathetic help in doing them.
- To feel that we have some influence.—West Texas Wings.

Only a Friend Has the Power

"She would be a lot prettier, if her hair weren't so long. Bet it's peroxidized. . . ."

And not to confine slams to the feminine side, a masculine voice whispers, "He just goes out with one girl. Doesn't get around much."

Some wise man once said that only a friend has the power to hurt deeply. Anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of a barbed remark spread to the four winds by his "best friend" and decidedly not meant for his ears will testify to the truth of this.

There is a difference between recounting current events and indulging in just plain backbiting. The usual reason for vindictive gossip is more often than not a jealous lack of anything else to talk about.

Surprisingly enough, any student can tell without a moment's thought what is wrong with gossip.

"Shows thoughtlessness."

"Shows two-facedness."

And so on and on. Its faults seem to be pretty obvious.

Nevertheless, the general attitude toward gossip may be shown by means of a parallel. Substitution of the word "gossip" for the word "Tobacco" in the following poem will make the situation clear:

"Tobacco is a dirty weed;
I like it.
It makes you thin, it makes you lean,
It takes the hair right off your head,
It's the worst darn stuff I've ever seen;
I like it."

And still, the most effective way of stopping gossip is the sudden approach of the person being talked about.

SHORT GRASS

By Evelyn Jeanne McCarty

Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.—Proverbs 14:7.

SEEN ON THE CAMPUS

... one of the first dandelions of the season. This just goes to prove that even a yellow dandelion will come up for mower trouble.

... the pretty row of purple iris around the band house. Incidentally, we heard a rumor that Mr. Newman had been drafted.

A SIGN OF THE SEASON

The buzzing of a few early flies.

NEW RINGS ON THE CAMPUS

Miss Pat Devine is floating about on the campus with a very pretty ring on the appropriate finger of the left hand. Wonder who?

DID YOU NOTICE?

... the tipsy effect of the sham-rocks at McDuffie's Tavern?

THOUGHT

A man can never have too much time to himself, nor too little to do.—Charles Lamb.

DEFENSE NOTE

Leave off that coke you planned to buy today and advance yourself that nicker you had planned to get tomorrow's coke with. Now you have the perfect ingredients for a victory drink that will leave you with a perfectly wonderful feeling. Step up to the counter and ask for a glass of ice water and a Defense Stamp.

Or get yourself a drink from the nearest water fountain and step up to the Defense Table in the main hall of the Administration Building and purchase your stamp there.

(no extra charge for the water!)

TEAM RAH!

The girls' basketball teams have practically taken over West Texas State's intermural. Just ask any member of the winning teams.

ENCORE

We hear that the East Wing Shower Trio at Randall Hall has had many requests for its latest song. How about that?

ON SATURDAY NIGHT

... Kathryn Ferguson surprised many card players in the coffee room at the Saturday night dance at Cousins Hall when she politely asked them to move from the windows a bit. Kathryn then raised up a window and brought forth a cold bottle of cream for the coffee. The window is an old model of modern refrigeration.

A/S Silvers told us he was Irish. We don't believe him.

Who wakes up the bugler-man Hicks?

TODAY

Is the first day of spring, contrary to any rumor you may have heard previously.

QUOTING THE FACULTY WIT

Wish someone would teach me knitting so I also could get something done during assembly.

POME

Oh woe is me
I am so sad
I think I be
Mistreated bad.—(George Ray).

WHERE OH WHERE

... did the phrase "I beat myself to death" come from ... and why? What does it mean?

FOR YOU

Here's to the readers of this,
Who never a column miss,
If relaxation it gives
To the one who lives
Then surely twill bring us bliss.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We don't know whether the flight which sings Jingle Bells on the way to and from classes is behind times or whether it has just decided to send Christmas Greetings early this year.

WORDS

N. G.

Words are things — BYRON

don't cuss the climate
it probably doesn't like you
any better
than you like it
—"archy and mehitable,"
don marquiss.

Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,
Wednesday's child is loving and giving,
Thursday's child works hard for a living,
Friday's child is full of woe,
Saturday's child has far to go,
But the child that is born on the Sabbath-day
Is brave and bonny, and good and gay.

"I have always been impatient at the purely economic interpretations of history which seem to me to prove too much and to omit too many important emotional elements, but I must confess that practically everything I have ever seen in my life which was at first argued as desirable because it was right, or idealistic, or lovely, finally came to be accepted because it turned out to be economically necessary. So I have come to have a sort of belief that the Good Lord invites us to take the right path by bordering it with roses and when we turn up our noses and tell him that we never did like roses, he retorts by making us realize that if we won't take his roses he will not give us his potatoes.

"Wilson of course, talked like a poet, like Browning for instance, and only a few understood him. But our unsentimental fellow citizens are now realizing that what he called idealism really meant liberty. There are a surprising number of factories in the United States which are now closed and boarded up because their owners thought President Wilson's idealism meant some sort of gratuitous service to foreigners but which really meant, as things have turned out, making a market for their products. I am almost sorry to have this material vindication of idealism, because I like roses."—Newton D. Baker to Brand Whitlock, December, 1930.

Struthers Burt relates in the "Saturday Review" for February 5 the story about Saki—H. H. Munro—, killed in the last war. Coming home on leave from the Western Front, and putting on beautiful civilian clothes, and lounging about his London club, he was addressed by an ancient fire-eater, a friend of his father's.

"But my dear boy!" he said. "My dear boy! ... Not in uniform at this time in the world's history? Not in some sort of service? ... Incredible!"

"I tried it" said Saki, "but didn't like it. Such noise—such confusion—so many people one doesn't know."

I bought a wooden whistle
But it wooden whistle.
So I bought a steel whistle
And steel it wooden whistle.
Now I got a tin whistle
And boy, tin I whistle.

As I was laying on the green,
A small English book I seen;
Carlyle's essay on Burns was the edition,
So I left it lay in the same position.

"The English are not hypocrites, but they make a fine art of self-deception. You remember Nelson. He put the telescope to his blind eye. That's the genius of England."—Francis Hackett, "The Green Lion."

"Last night Mr. Creston Clarke played 'King Lear' at the Tabor Grand. All through the five acts or that Shakespearean tragedy he played the King as though under momentary apprehension that someone else was about to play the Ace."—Eugene Field, 1881.

To the Terrestrial Globe
By a Miserable Wretch
Roll on, thou ball, roll on!
Through pathless realms of Space
Roll on!
What though I'm a sorry case?
What though I cannot meet my bills?
What though I suffer toothache's ills?
What though I swallow countless pills?
Never YOU mind!
Roll on!

Roll on, thou ball, roll on!
Through seas of inky air
Roll on!
It's true I've got no shirts to wear;
It's true my butcher's bill is due;
It's true my prospects all look blue—
But don't let that unsettle you!
Never YOU mind!
Roll on!

(It rolls on.)
—W. S. Gilbert.

Over 5,000 highly polished jewels are needed to keep the mechanism of each of America's battleships ticking, and all of them could get into Grandma's thimble because many are only 1-25 of an inch in diameter.



Prisoner of War Writes Parents From Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lair have had five letters from their son, Lieut. Lair, ex of W. T., who is a prisoner in Germany. His last letter written December 29, reads:

"Dear Folks: Well Xmas is all over with. I hope I will be home for next Xmas. We have built us a theater here in the camp. We had some good music there Xmas, played on a phonograph with a loud speaker. We had some popular records sent over by the Red Cross and some classical records given by the Germans.

We are going to have some plays before long. I think we have some pretty good acting talent in Camp. We also have some pretty good musicians who are organizing a band. I hope everybody had a big Xmas at home.

Did the boys get home? I certainly missed being there. Are you writing me every day? I am allowed only 3 letters a month. Love, Tom."

The Lairs receive from the government labels that permit them to send packages to Lieut. Lair. Yellow labels must be sent to any tobacco company which will send 6 cartons every 30 days to the address on the label.

White labels permit the Lairs to send eleven pounds of personal gifts every 60 days. With these labels come definite instructions. One is: "The German Government has threatened to confiscate all prisoner of war parcels containing stickers bearing such slogans as "For Victory Buy War Bonds" or other slogans expressing assurance of victory."

In other letters Lieut. Lair has written that although several Texas boys are in his camp, none are from this immediate vicinity. He states further that he is "very comfortably located and between the Red Cross and the Germans we are well fed.

Mrs. Vearl Iverson Has Special Training

Mrs. Vearl Iverson has returned from Minneapolis where she was sent from the Amarillo Air Field to take special training in the aircraft department. She has been a teacher at the Amarillo Field since it was opened.

Mrs. Iverson is the only woman who has ever been sent from the Amarillo Field to take special courses.

RECEIVES DEGREE

Berry McCarter was home for the week-end from the University of Texas where he was granted his degree in engineering. He graduated with high honors.

After spending a few days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McCarter, he left for Pittsburg, Pa., where he has been employed by Westinghouse in war work.

Cutting from Letter From Nurse

A letter from Mrs. Bull to a friend in Canyon brought this letter from a nurse who came back on the Grisholm and was from Manila, P. I.:

"Dear Mrs. Bull: I am sorry that I did not know your son; and since we nurses were interned in a different camp from the soldiers and officers, we haven't seen any of them since the fall of Corregidor.

My fiancé is in Camp No. 1 and I know (I can't say how) that he is all right and that he and the men he is with are getting along much better now than they were just after their capture. Their morale is high and they are making the best of their conditions. I also know that the men who were captured on Corregidor fared better than those on Bataan. If you have received cards from your son, you can rest assured that he is getting along all right, and that his main worry is that you are worried about him. Sincerely, Dorothy Davis."

Mrs. Bull writes: "If this letter is published, it may help some one else, and all our friends will be reassured."

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bull are now living in California, but lived in Canyon when their son volunteered for service.

Suspicious Wife: Where have you been all evening?
Husband: I've been talking business with Tom Baker.
"Yes! And I suppose that is baking powder sprinkled all over your shoulder?"

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Garden Clinic to Be Held for Two Days Next Week

On Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24, a garden clinic will be conducted in the Thompson Club Room.

Dr. W. W. Yocum of the Department of Horticulture, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, will be in charge of the clinic.

There will be five program topics, each lecture or demonstration to be followed by a question and answer period.

All who are interested in any phase of gardening are invited to attend the two days program as follows:

Thursday, 10 to 12, "Fundamentals of Gardening."

Thursday 3 to 5, "Soils and Fertilizers."

Thursday 8 p. m., "Insecticides."

Friday 10 to 12, "Irrigation and Soils."

Friday, 3 to 5, "General Garden Problems."

Bring your garden ills to the Clinic. Remember that a better diagnosis is obtained when one has a report from each division. Plan to attend every section.

Twin Daughters are Born; One Dies

Twin girls were born to Lieut. and Mrs. Artist H. Prichard yesterday morning. One of the infants died. Mrs. Prichard and the other baby are doing well. Lieut. and Mrs. Prichard are located at Kingman, Arizona, where he is taking advanced training.

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4. YOU, the students, have asked for this date bureau. In order for it to be a success YOU, the students, will have to back it up.

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Remarks: _____



Women Have Bright Future With Civil Service

Within the last few months, thousands of job openings have been leaving ugly gaps in the programs of Federal agencies. Many of the top jobs have been filled by persons already working for the government—by the process of moving them up a notch or two.

On the whole, jobs are plentiful in the lower brackets, which range from \$1620 a year to \$3200 plus overtime. You can't step out of college right into a \$3200 job, however. Civil service will give you \$1620 to \$2000 on the basis of your education and your standing in its examinations.

If you're good and if a higher vacancy exists—an the way things look now, it will—you'll have a crack at a \$2600 job at the end of your first year.

While you're in the lower brackets, one of your gripes will undoubtedly be the fact that most government stenographers now get \$1620 to \$2000. One of the cruel facts of Washington life is the higher standard set for professional jobs with resulting apprenticeship at secretarial pay. But professionals are compensated by higher and more rapid hikes in their semi-monthly paychecks.

Civil Service particularly needs women with training in public or business administration, economics, economic geography, library science, history, public welfare, statistics, mathematics and agriculture.

Its secondary needs are for women in the fields of chemistry,

engineering, geology, metallurgy, meteorology, physics and soil conservation.

If you don't find yourself among these fields, the chances are still good that you can find a job in Washington. Many of the male employees of the government have children and are only now receiving their induction notices. The next two months will see a tremendous turnover among Federal department staffs in all fields.

Certain training does not fit too well into the demands of government. Students with majors in English, modern languages, music and education may find themselves in clerical positions in Washington.

Many an English student, for example, has arrived at Union Station with the hope of getting some kind of government writing job. Frequently their jobs turn out to be writing letters for the signature of section chiefs or other persons on an administrative staff.

The best writing jobs in Washington have been taken over by newspaper people—men and women with several years of experience on metropolitan dailies. The lower paid information jobs usually go to college trained journalists who have work experience on college papers as well as additional vacation experience.

Here are some things you should know if you're interested in government work. Nearly all appointments now being made are for the duration of the war and six months thereafter. You will be filling the shoes of a permanent Civil Service employee who may return after the war. Unless postwar government programs are tremendously expanded, you'll have to hand over your job to the permanent employee or to a returning, disabled veteran who has not previously worked in government.

Applications for jobs may be filed at any time with the Civil Service Commission. The forms may be obtained from first and second-class postoffices and should be mailed to the Commission in Washington, D. C.

Unless you are applying for a clerical job, you'll probably have to come to Washington to find a spot for yourself. Federal officials are not too likely to hire professionals sight unseen, no matter how splendid their applications.

First Civilian: Hurry! There's the air-raid siren.

Second Civilian: Wait'll I get my false teeth.

First Civilian: What do you think they're dropping—sandwiches?

phane costume at the fancy dress ball."

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Hesperus: "We went out on a

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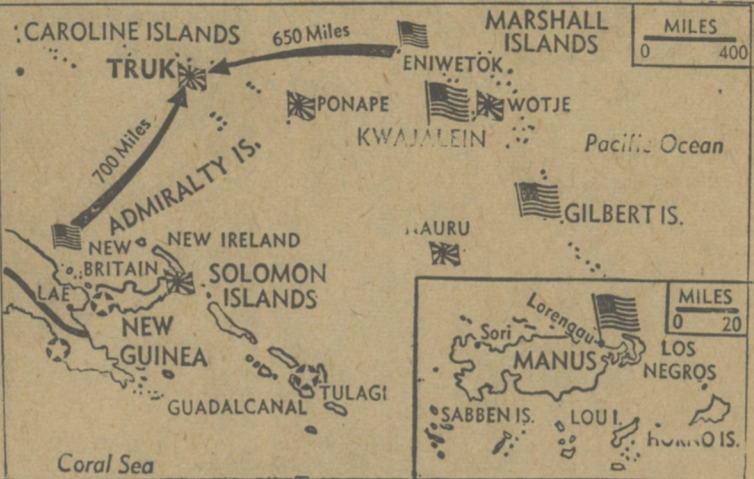
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Poem By Miss Barnes Published In Texas Outlook

The following poem by Miss Adele Barnes, of the Demonstration School faculty, appeared in the March issue of The Texas Outlook.

Miss Barnes, an instructor in science, received her B. S. degree from Texas State College for Women, and her B. A. degree from TSCW and North Texas State Teachers College. She accepted a position here in 1942.

THESE THINGS ARE MINE

Things I love and cherish dear
To still my heart in restlessness.
A favorite book to soothe my mind,
Music to put me in a gay mood.
A butterfly's brief flight across my sight,
Twilight and dawn and the stillness therein,
The sunset's red glow.
The intense green of plants that Nature's bestowed.
The forest smells, and the crush of crinkled leaves,
Fertile velvet grasses, the heavy mists, the fog and its intimacy.
The song of a bird in the blue darkness of dusk.
To walk the paths of the woodland,
To watch the squirrel in quick escape;
To smell the fragrance of the blossoms wild.
The moonlight nights with star-decked skies
Clear streams, or slumbering pools.
The rivers' weeds and the soft gray moss of trees.
When looking for peace
They swell up in my soul
And overflow.

—By Adele Barnes.

Smith College Students Resume Study Abroad

Northampton, Mass.—(I. P.)—Going abroad in America will be possible for Smith College juniors interested in a year of study in another land, speaking another language.

The junior year in Mexico will be renewed with the first group leaving next August. There will be the same course distribution, history, art, literature, etc., in the Mexican institutions of learning as at Smith, and full credit will be given for the year's work by the college.

The junior year abroad has been a part of the language study policy of Smith College since 1925 when the first group went to France. There were groups in France, Italy, Spain and Germany in 1935. The year in Spain had to be discontinued during the war, when a year in Mexico was arranged but was carried out for only one year because of unsettled world conditions.

On a trip to Mexico last summer, however, Hallie Flanagan Davis, Dean of the college, found that obstacles to a junior year in Mexico could be surmounted and a program has been arranged for this year.

College Students Serve War Need

Wellesley, Mass.—(I. P.)—Wellesley College students who have been trained in hospital work now have an opportunity to serve an immediate war need since the Cushing General Hospital, an evacuation center with a capacity of 2,000 beds for wounded soldiers, has opened in nearby Framingham, Mass.

Although the regular nursing in the new hospital will be done by army nurses with trained assistants from the Boston-Framingham area, Wellesley College students with the proper training will act as hospital assistants.

Students have served as nurses aides and helpers in Simpson Infirmary on the college campus, and others are training to do this work. Some students are learning to do blood tests and blood analysis, and other undergraduates assist in the infirmary by answering bells and acting as waitresses.

G. G. Foster Family Holds Reunion

Last week the G. G. Fosters had all their children home for the week end. In a few days members of the family will begin to leave for the armed service. This made the reunion more than a mere pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Foster and Maedell of Colorado City, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster, Gordon,

Dean, Mary Alice, and Dick of Happy, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Parker, Jerry and Foster of Happy, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Foster and Chandler of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Foster of Canyon were all present.

In addition to the family, the Fosters had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holt and daughter from the Cactus Plant, Dumas, who came to the reunion to meet Mr. Holt's sister, Mrs. G. D. Foster.

Mrs. M. B. Johnson Buried Here Friday

Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, widow of the late Prof. M. B. Johnson, was buried at Dreamland Cemetery Friday afternoon. The funeral was held in Amarillo.

The family lived in Canyon for several years while Mr. Johnson was a member of the College faculty. The husband and son, Barto, are buried in Dreamland Cemetery.

Fond Wife: Will, do you know you have not kissed me for eight days?

Absent-Minded Man: No?? Dear me, how annoying! Whom have I been kissing?

The Czechoslovakian patriots have adopted unusual ways to antagonize the Nazis. One clever stunt is to furnish the Germans with a special grade of paper which ruins the eyes by intense glare.

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Greek Guerillas



HIDING IN THE CRAGS and ravines of the island of Crete, Greek guerillas, augmented by small bands of Australian, British and New Zealanders, have carried on an incessant fight against the Germans since their country fell to the invaders in 1941. This is the first picture of these men to reach the United States. It shows them wearing the traditional headdress and boots of the Island fighters.

Miss Peggy May Weds S-Sgt. Bowling March 5th

Miss Peggy May, of Vigo Park, and S/Sgt. Bowling, of Bloomfield, Iowa, exchanged vows in the First Methodist church of Lefors, Texas, March 5.

The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. N. S. Daniels before an altar of ferns and pink carnations.

The bride's only attendant was Miss Melba Teter of Dumas, who wore a citrus green suit, brown accessories, and a corsage of yellow roses. Pvt. Daniel Lapioccola of Chicago, Illinois served as best man. The bride wore a gold dress-maker's suit, navy blue accessories, and a corsage of roses and sweet peas. For some thing old and blue she carried a blue lace handkerchief given to her by her grandmother.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Daniels.

Mrs. Boling is a graduate of Tullia High School, and since receiving her B. S. degree from West Texas State College, she has been a member of the faculty of the Dumas Public Schools. While attending college, she was a member of Kappa Tau Phi sorority.

S/Sgt. Bowling is stationed at the Dalhart Army Air Base as radio operator instructor after serving fifteen months in active combat in three major theatres of war. The couple will live at Dumas.

Clay-Sikes Vows Read February 27

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Vivian Clay, formerly of the Dozier community, and Deward Sikes, on Sunday, February 27. The wedding took place in the chapel of King George's Hotel in San Francisco, California, with a chaplain officiating.

Mrs. Sikes, is a graduate of West Texas State, and taught in the Quail Consolidated School during the last year. At the time of her marriage she was making her home in Whittier, California, where she has been employed.

The bridegroom, of Paris, Arkansas, has been serving in the U. S. Navy for the last four years.

The couple is a home in San Francisco.

Lt. Haskell Driskill, pre-engineering student of W. T. in 1939-'42, visited his sister, Helen Driskill, the first of this week. He is stationed at Mariana, Florida, where he got his commission March 12. Lt. Driskill had his pre-flight training at Maxwell Field, Alabama; his primary training at Ocala, Florida; his basic training at Bainbridge, Georgia; and his advanced training at Mariana, Florida.

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P. H. S. P. A. Met Friday at Amarillo H. S.

The Panhandle High School Press Association, which has designated West Texas State College as its home, held a wartime meeting in Amarillo, Friday, in connection with the Northwest Texas Conference for Education.

Jerry Malin, managing editor of the Amarillo Times, and graduate of W. T., was principal speaker at the forenoon session, and Wes Izgard, of the Amarillo News-Globe, was speaker in the afternoon.

Mr. Malin emphasized that when a paper is printed, nothing more can be done about it. No amount of regret will recall the damage that may have been done by it, and no matter how good it is, it won't help the next issue any. Of the newspaper reporter, he said, "He can't live on yesterday's reputation." His fundamental advice to the high school journalists was learn words. Learn to use them skillfully and carefully, for, he said, "words once put in print do not always say what you had in mind." Continuing, he said the only way to learn to write is to read newspapers and to write all the time, and further he added, "the good reporter is the one who is understood."

In the afternoon session, Mr. Izgard emphasized the search which newspapers and magazines are continually making for people who know how to write simply and accurately, and who have new ideas and courage to try them out. He stated that it is his belief that after the war, there will be a revolution in the conduct of newspapers throughout the world. At present he declared newspapers have lagged behind radio, magazines, and other information giving devices. He emphasized too, the great opportunities for bright young people who wish to go into the advertising field.

A feature of the press meeting was a discussion by all the delegates of the things their papers are doing to help in the war effort.

Approximately 60 young people attended the sessions and the voting delegates elected the following officers for the coming year. President, Phyllis Shuman, White Deer; Vice-president, Jeanne Laroe, Happy; Secretary, Naomi Brumley, Hereford; Treasurer, Ellen Sanders, Canyon High School.

The retiring president who presided at all the meetings is Mary Nell Gibson of Amarillo. Miss Dorinda Bond, formerly of Canyon, was sponsor of the Amarillo club which was host for the day. Mrs. T. V. Reeves is regional sponsor for the organization, acting in his absence for Lt. Olin E. Hinkle. The organization voted to send greetings to Lt. Hinkle.

News From Our Exes

Merl Harlan, one of W. T.'s exes who was here last year wrote the following letter to the Prairie staff.

"I've been receiving The Prairie ever since February 11, 1943, when I entered the army.

"I think the Journalism class and it's staff is doing a wonderful job of writing such an interesting paper, and I'm saying, thanks a million.

"Our 'outfit' has just come off maneuvers. We are now waiting further orders. My address has been changed several times lately, but I still receive all the copies of The Prairie.

"I'm driving a half-truck and am also a radio operator in this half-truck battalion. I like the army fine, but I'll sure be glad when it's over with and I can return to W. T. Here is wishing everyone good luck, and may we meet soon.

One of W. T.'s exes.
Merl Harlan."

New Books In Reference Room

For the convenience of the faculty and students new books as they are ready for circulation are being displayed on the truck in the Reference Room of the Library.

Lt. and Mrs. James Etter visited the campus Wednesday. Lt. Etter is stationed at San Marcos, and Mrs. Etter, the former Jo Wheeler says she is living in the country near there and enjoying it very much.

Word has been received that Bill Cone, former editor of The Prairie, is now Captain. When he was last heard from Captain Cone was in Sardinia.

The paper money paid to our troops in Africa differs from our regular currency in that it carries the seal of the United States printed in gold. It is so printed to prevent the Axis from circulating United States currency seized from banks in Europe.

Food cooks as quickly in gently boiling water as it does in vigorously boiling water.

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B'long New Guinea Job Again, Makum Rubber



The pompadoured Papuan boys who took to the hills when the Jap struck are back at work on the New Guinea rubber plantations, now that the invader has been driven back—tapping and processing latex in a land where rainfall reaches 140 inches a year. Rubber production began on New Guinea some 30 years ago when pioneer planters imported trees from Malaya, taught the fuzzy-wuzzies how to tap, how to operate the machines that turn liquid latex into sheets. When war came, the labor supply scampered and the planters evacuated to Australia. Now, under Australian army control, rubber is coming out again—to feed the Allied war machine.

Ex-Student Sybil Mitchell Enjoys Life In Mass.

There are few exes of W. T. who keep in closer touch with it, or who write more interesting letters to their friends on the campus than Sybil Mitchell. She and her husband, who is an officer in the Coast Guard, are still at Chatham, Massachusetts. Just last week she wrote "Preston chaffs sometimes that he is not in more direct action in the war, but this is very vital work and someone must do it. The SPARS have taken over many of the Coast Guard duties here, and some of our best friends in that branch have been transferred. . . . It is something like a national roll call to hear the wives here introduce themselves and tell where they are from."

Not long ago the Mitchell's had their first trip to New York City. They crowded many things into the 54 hours which they had to spend there. Mrs. Mitchell writes, "We really crowded those days full, and saw most of the famous sights tourists see." Of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, she said, "I was more impressed by that beautiful edifice than of anything we saw. It was so huge that it reminded me of the vastness of Carlsbad Caverns. It is so ornate with its jewel-like stained glass windows. It has been under construction about fifty years. . . . We were lucky to get tickets for Othello. I was so thrilled to get to see the play. My term work for Dr. Fronabarger was the study of those who had played Othello. I am so glad I had worked with that play. If you have a chance sometime, tell him about my good fortune. Paul Robeson played the part with tender finesse and nobility.

You may notice that I seem to have a pride in this part of the

Shot, Kept Going



Caesar, shot in the left flank by a Jap sniper on Bougainville, where for 48 hours he was the only means of communication between the front and command post, stands steady while Pfc. John J. Kleeman inserts a message in his collar. (USMC photo.)

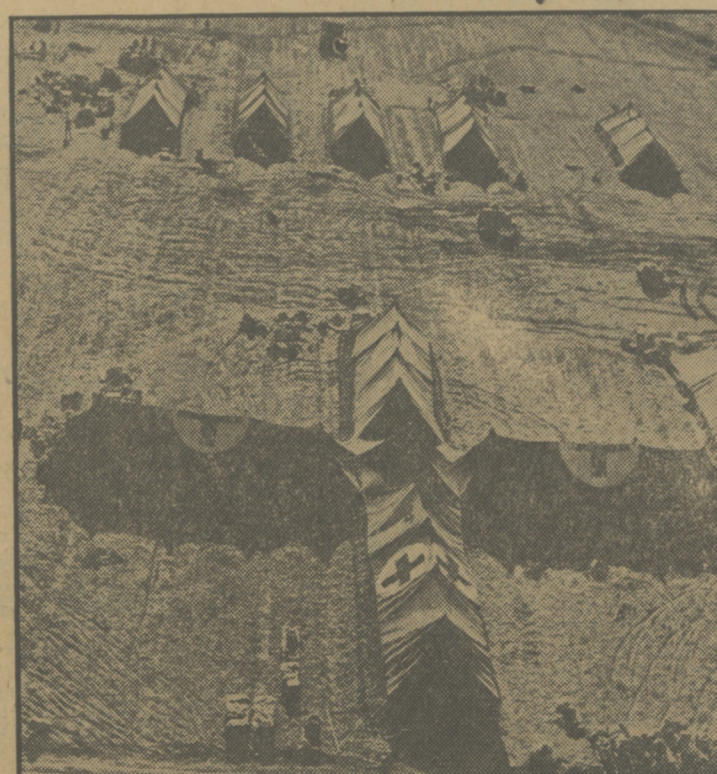
country. Yes, I have been here so long that I do feel at home; however, we shall be glad to get back to the Texas Plains.

A Customer: "Why do you have an apple as your trade mark? You're a tailor."

Tailor: "Well, if it hadn't been for an apple, where would the clothing business be?"

Law was Ghandi's original profession.

NETTUNO---Bombed Field Hospital



Marked plainly with red crosses on white backgrounds is the American field hospital in the Nettuno beachhead area below Rome. This is the spot the Germans shelled and bombed, killing several nurses and wounded soldiers.

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"DESTINATION TOKYO"
Adm. 11c-30c
Selected Shorts

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY
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James Craig
in
"LOST ANGELS"
Adm. 11c-20c
Also News — Selected Shorts

A newspaper man is a man who is the hardest working lazy man in the world.—Malin.

Newspaper work for the real journalist never loses its glamour.—Malin.

If you must write, seek out and soak up the best writing that there is today.—Izzard.

Simple writing can sparkle. Dull writing is the curse of newspapers today.—Issard.

Young Private Jones slunk on the parade grounds ten minutes late. "So you decided to come on parade," said the sergeant, icily. "We were afraid you'd signed a separate peace."

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