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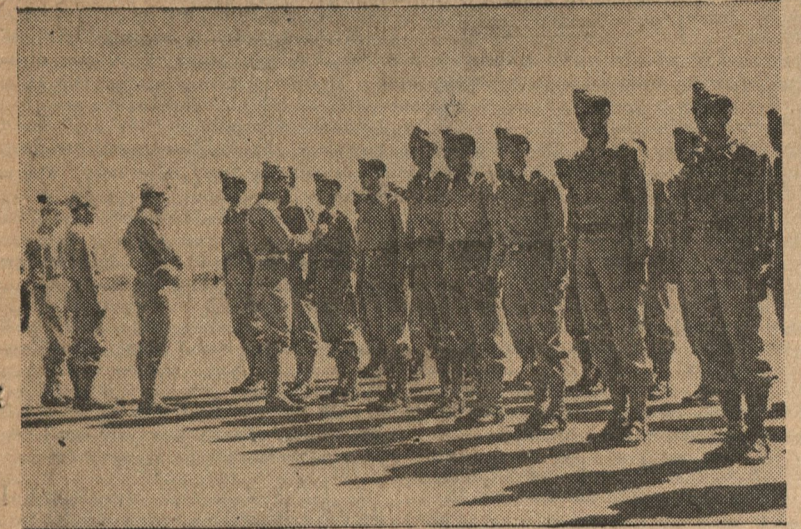
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Account of Commerce Pilot's Life Given

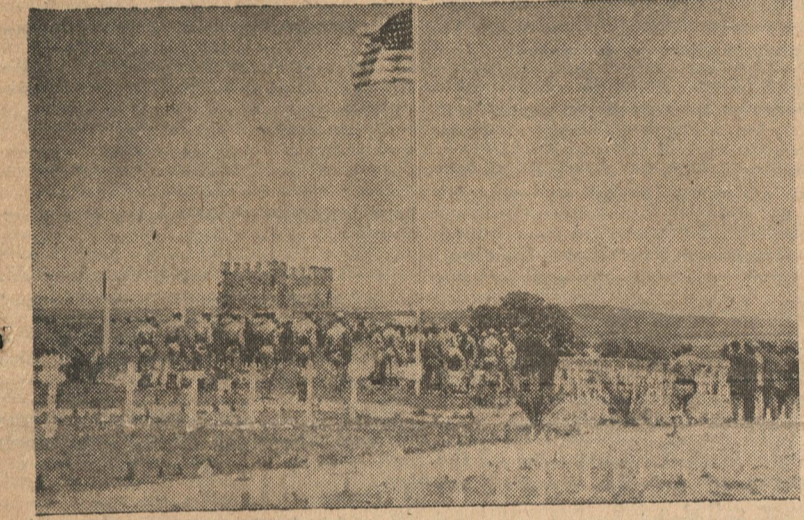
Decoration and Funeral Lt. Jack Hickerson



In the top picture a number of officers are lined up with decorations being pinned on them for valorous conduct. Arrow points to Hickerson. This picture was made on May 10, 1943.

As was published soon after the accident, Lieutenant Jack Hickerson, grandson of the late J. T. Hickerson and nephew of Mrs. John Hart, was killed in an airplane accident in Tunisia, North Africa. He was navigator on a bomber. Before entering the flying service nearly three years before his death Lt. Hickerson was city editor of the Commerce Daily Journal.

On May 11th Lt. Hickerson and his crew were killed when their plane crashed. The lower picture shows the funeral on May 12th, with burial in a U. S. cemetery in Africa. Note soldier at right blowing taps.



Hunt County Quota Is \$1,500,700

September 9 marked an Invasion Day for Americans on the home front, which was the beginning of the Third War Loan drive.

"As kick-off day on the loan drive, it can be a memorable date in our timetable for victory," Fred F. Florence, Dallas, co-chairman of the North Texas region, declared today.

"We in forty-five counties in North Texas, including Hunt, have been asked for \$125,000,000 in a hurry. Our answer will test our capacity to match the invasion sacrifices of our fighting men."

"The Treasury Department has set a personal goal for every working American to buy at least an extra \$100 War Bond above his regular war bond buying during the Third War Loan campaign. It will mean taking every penny we don't need and putting it into War Bonds; scraping up the money from every source we can; turning in all the loose cash we carry around with us; digging out what we have tucked away, just in case; going without pleasures, luxuries, even necessities this September."

It is urgent that every person in North Texas understand the importance of the campaign, officials declared.

War costs keep pace with the change from defense to offense to invasion. The increasing tempo is indicated by the daily war cost of \$71,000,000 in 1942, \$198,000,000 a day in 1943 and \$265,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

"When the rise in war costs is known, the significance of the Third War Loan is clear," Florence said. "The purchase of War Bonds become a vital life line leading directly to the war front."

"The Third War Loan thrusts upon every American a unique obligation of self-appraisal. Each of us must examine our cash as-

sets and current incomes in the light of their true relation to the war today and the nation tomorrow."

"In resolving to meet a quota of an extra \$100 War Bond, each of us must face and answer the question, 'What is my solemn duty?' It involves, above all, a duty to the men on the fighting fronts, the men who cannot measure sacrifice as one ladle out a portion, but must stand ready to spill their life's blood in the cause which is our common faith."

"To back those men to the hilt is our primary obligation. To pour every available dollar into a common fund which will insure them adequate materials of war in quantities sufficient to overwhelm the enemy and which will insure an orderly financing of the war, to check rising prices and thus assure the stability of America today and tomorrow."

Commerce Quota

\$184,550.00

\$77,972.00

New Faculty Fills Vacancies For ET's Fall Session

Filling the many vacant spots on the ETSTC faculty this session will be a number of new faculty members.

Some have been with the faculty people during the past summer but will be unfamiliar to winter students, returning this fall.

New members will be Mrs. Mabelle Beck, secretary to the registrar; Mrs. Imogene Crossland, replacing Jean Medlin as assistant registrar; Eva Crowder, assistant business manager; Helen Cummings, assistant director of East Dormitory; and Dorothy Barnett, secretary to the Dean.

Dorothy Drake, who was in the business office this summer, will teach math in the training school this session. The chemistry department will add a professor Glass, Mary Joy Knight, dietician of East Dorm.; Mrs. Oneida Wilson Pierce, homemaking; and Louise Turner, music, complete the group.

Prof. Claud V. Hall Offers State Court Out-Line Discussion

Professor Claude V. Hall, professor of government in ETSTC has recently proposed a plan for state court reorganization which was reviewed by Alonzo Wasson, staff correspondent of the Dallas News September 10.

Mr. Wasson says the plan has excited a good deal of interest among the lawyers in Austin to whom it has been submitted.

The following discussion of the proposition is taken from Wasson article.

"It is the further development of a scheme he presented to the Southwestern Social Science Association at Dallas in 1942. While it carries as many original ideas as most such proposals do, like them it is distinctive chiefly for its modifications of ideas which, without having achieved orthodoxy, have become staples of the subject. Professor Hall proposes a system of two divisions: Supreme and District Courts. Of District Judges there would be as many as might be thought needed in each of eleven districts under administrative direction of a presiding Judge. They would have both civil and criminal jurisdiction, as would the Supreme Court by means of separate actions. How many judges would compose the Supreme Court is an omitted detail.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE
Something of a novelty in the plan of Professor Hall, if not an originality, would be the institution of at least one Stipendiary Magistrate all proceedings would be informal. His functions would be almost protean: He would conduct examining trials and inquisitorial hearings; direct examination of civil cases; do probate business, construe instruments in writing; and conduct summary trials of petty cases, civil and criminal, with power to determine the facts and law without a jury. He would displace the County Judge, the Justice of the peace and the municipal recorder; for cases involving municipal ordinances would be brought before him. Appeals from his opinions and judgments would be the District Court, which would consider the case de novo.

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

From judgments of the District Court appeal would lie to the Supreme Court of right as respects cases involving the construction of ordinances, statutes and Constitutions. As respects other cases, appeals would be subject to the determination of the writ of certiorari, or by answering certified questions. The Chief Justice would be elected by the people for a six-year term. But by him all other Judges would be appointed, including

Wins Scholarship to University of Iowa

Yvonne Cates, August graduate of ETSTC, has been awarded a journalism scholarship to the Journalism College of the University of Iowa.

The scholarship was awarded by Dean Carl E. Seashore, Dean of the graduate college. She will receive her Master of Arts degree in radio-journalism at the end of the summer of 1944. Miss Cates is also one of the twelve advisers of Currier Hall. This dormitory houses 600 girls. The principal part of Miss Cates work will be on the Daily Iowa, University paper, and in the WSUI university radio station.

This former society editor of the East Texan writes the staff that she is taking "Radio News," "Advertising," "Typography," "Radio Programs," and "News Editing."

R.A. Hitt, Graduate, Commissioned Lieut.

Robert A. Hitt, graduate of ETSTC in 1935, has recently received his commission as a second lieutenant in the army of the United States at the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School at Camp Hood, Texas. Lieut. Hitt's home is Throckmorton, Texas.

The officer candidate course at the Tank Destroyer School consists of thirteen weeks of intensive training, during which time instruction is given in weapons, automotive vehicles, radio, and military administration, totaling five hundred fifty hours of instruction. The instructors are specialists in their particular fields. The training program includes the latest in combat methods which can be brought to the candidates from the battle ones.

Louise Turner, College Teacher

Miss Louise Turner, of Melvin, Ill., has been added to the faculty at East Texas State Teachers College. Miss Turner, instructor in public school music, is making friends rapidly. By invitation she attended the Rotarians luncheon at the Smith dining room last week and received favorable recognition. She has rooms with Miss Anne Workman, 1710 Lee street.

Lt. J. G. Smith, Jr., has received his commission in the Army Air Corps and will be stationed in Del Rio, Texas. Lt. Smith studied meteorology and received his commission in Los Angeles, where Mr. and Mrs. Smith Sr., attended the ceremony.

The Stipendiary Magistrates. At prescribed intervals all these would have to undergo the judgement of the people in noncompetitive elections. Such is a thumb-nail outline of Professor Hall's plan of court organization and functioning.

Pitfalls of Registration

Sophisticated little girls in pig-tails, with an unusual amount of poise, a few harassed youths trying to grab a scrap of education before being grabbed by the draft, nonchalant, gum-chewing upperclassmen who thought they knew the ropes, young war widows with determined gleams in their eyes embarking on a scholastic career in order to assault the proverbial wolf at the door, lonesome freshmen looking homesick and surrounding enormous chocolate sodas to stave off the pangs, and scattered groups of engineers after months in womanless Army camps hilarious to see the return of the co-eds—all these were sights seen on registration day.

A scene which struck us as full of pathos was the deserted registration desk for boys in the college auditorium. A picture in

From Our President

The Board of Regents and faculty of the East Texas State Teachers College join in extending a cordial welcome to the students enrolling in the East Texas State Teachers College for the long session 1943-44. We wish for each and every student a successful and prosperous and happy year of work.

The faculty pledges its fullest co-operation to the extent of doing everything possible to make the year one of pleasure and profit to all the students.

We are living in the most difficult period in the history of the world. Students are serious minded and rightly so. Faculty people are anxious to do everything they can to help the students, and it is hoped that the year of work that lies ahead will be full of devoted Christian activities in the direction of right living.

Students are urged to confer with faculty members, with the Deans, and with the President of the college in all matters pertaining to their success and happiness.

Sincerely,
SAM H. WHITLEY,
President.

August Graduate Teaching In U. of T.

Valerie Beth Mangum, M. A. graduate of ETSTC, August this year, has been elected to the faculty of the University of Texas recently. Miss Mangum is teaching freshman English while working on her Ph. D. at the university.

Valerie Beth received her bachelors degree in East Texas State in 1940, graduating with second honors in her class. She was a member of Alpha Chi, national honorary scholarship society, and of Pi Kappa Delta, honorary forensics society, in addition to her position as editor of the 1940 Locust.

Miss Mangum completed her work for her master's degree from East Texas in August of this year, writing her thesis on the Techniques of Drama, under Dr. T. H. McNeal, head of the English department. Before completing her master's she taught three years in Ennis High School, where she taught journalism in addition to holding classes in English.

Miss Mangum's Austin address is 2001 Main Building, the University of Texas.

Presbytery and Presbyterian

Rev. Fred Tyler, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Mayor L. E. Fuller, Dr. D. C. Butler and George Kelley went to Willsboro, Tuesday, to attend the Paris Presbytery.

Rev. Fred Tyler and Dr. D. C. Butler attended as members of the Presbytery. Mayor L. E. Fuller was there as a representative and Geo. R. Kelley attended as candidate for the Ministry. Young Kelley is a son of Mrs. Claude Kelley.

Many Faculty People Missing This Fall

ETSTC faculty members who are not on the campus this session number twenty-three. Called by the armed services, by other positions and retiring, these faculty members leave many pleasant memories in the minds of students of their stay on the campus.

Those who are not returning are Anna Mae Bogey, dietician of West Dormitory; Thelma A. Bollman, education department; Mary R. Bowman, English; Mary E. J. Craddock, English; Joe Easterly, librarian; Rex Johnston, Business Administration; J. K. Johnson; Vernon Jones, chemistry; Pauline Jordan, speech; Jewell Kenemer, librarian; Martha Jo McDowell, secretary to the Dean; Rachel Lafferty, assistant business manager; J. W. McCrary, education; Jean Medlin, assistant to the registrar; Sarah Lacey Nicholas, music; V. G. Provenzo, physical education; E. W. Rowland, government; Virginia Seroggin, secretary to the registrar; Opal Williams, librarian; Eleanor Boyd, Mrs. Berry Fain, homemaking; Corinne B. Preston, geography; Estelle H. Wallace, homemaking.

Tokyo Bomb Carries "Regret From E.T."

A bomb has been dropped on Tokyo by now, bearing the inscription, "Regrets to Tojo from ETSTC, Dr. Whitley, Sam Rayburn." Inscribed "lovingly" by the hands of Sgt. Jimmy Walker, former ETSTC student, after he saw a copy of the home coming edition of the East Texan.

He wrote the president, asking about his having attached the message to the "juicy five-hundred pounder" which he said was in capable hands.

contrast was the sight of the faces of ecstatic incoming occupants of East Dorm. Then there was the discouraged beginner who tried time after time to get her schedule signed with five courses on it only to have the fifth one erased. A note of humor was struck by the two girls who forgot to bring checks for tuition and board.

The person who said that freshmen were the only bewildered ones on Tuesday was sadly mistaken, to this writer's sorrow. Overheard from a group of upperclassmen gathered under one of the historic elms on the campus, this conversation disproved the theory that the longer one is in school the more he knows.

"I thought I knew how to register, but I certainly learned that I didn't today. Why, I had to revise my schedule five times." "Me too. And I tried to sign up for a boy's P. E. class by mistake. I thought Coach was going to split his sides laughing." No doubt he expected a man shortage.

"Do you know what happened to me? I stood in line for an hour only to find that it was the wrong line!"

"Whew! I think this day will never end. Here comes a freshman. Let's ask her where to go from here."

As dusk fell, a scene viewed from a second floor window assured us that the situation was approaching normal. A crowd of vivacious co-eds, accosted by a group of lively engineers, subtly discouraged them by prominently displaying the glitter on third finger, left hand.

New Unit Here For Year's B-E Course

Faculty Members Instruct B.E. Unit

Members of the ETSTC faculty who now have classes of engineers in the army training unit number fifteen.

In the chemistry department are Drs. L. D. Parsons and E. D. Fisher. Instructing the trainees in physics are Dr. J. E. Franklin and Professors E. O. Box and E. R. Alexander.

Teaching English are Drs. T. H. McNeal, T. C. Crenshaw and E. R. Saucier.

Prof. T. T. Broun and R. J. Johnston lecture the troops in geography.

History instructors are Prof. J. G. Smith, Dr. R. L. Jones and Dr. C. T. Neu.

Instructing the unit in mathematics are Professors A. H. Cowling and J. M. Bledsoe and Dr. C. B. Wright.

Handling physical training for the unit are J. T. Nelson, Will H. Acker, L. D. Wright and H. G. Maloney.

Most of these faculty members also have regular student classes in addition to these duties.

Grad. Uses French On North African Front

Miss Helen Boyd, Cooper, 1936 graduate of ETSTC is with the American Red Cross in North Africa, she writes Miss Eusbisia Lutz in a V-Mail letter from a "censorable" town.

In service club work with the Red Cross, Miss Boyd says that she is able to use a great deal of the French which she learned while in ETSTC.

One of the incidents she related as surprising to her was going in an Arabian beauty shop, of which there are many, and having her hair done by an Arabian man, speaking French.

Miss Boyd has been with the Red Cross six months and previously was employed in the personnel section of the Eighth Service Command.

Co-op Houses, Other Economies At Vassar

An important feature of the three year program for the A. B. degree recently adopted by Vassar College will be the participation of all students in the household work of the college, according to a statement made by Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, president of Vassar.

Two student resident houses at the college have been operated on the cooperative plan for the past ten years. In Raymond House occupied by about a hundred girls, the students have done most of the work except cooking and janitor's work. In Palmer House, which provides quarters for twenty-two, students have taken complete responsibility for the housekeeping. In return for their work, students living in these two houses have been granted a reduction in the annual fee. This year, to meet the current labor shortage, student volunteers have been employed as waitresses in the seven other residence houses and paid on an hourly basis.

On the basis of the saving effected by the cooperative plan and other wartime economies throughout the college budget, the annual fee for the forty week academic year under the three year program has been fixed at only \$50 more than the present fee (\$1200) for the shorter year. This results in a reduction of more than twenty per cent in total cost of the college course.

Returning ETSTC students this week have found that the Army Specialized Training Unit 4813 consisting of some 200 enlisted men has replaced the WACs on the campus.

These boys come from universities and colleges throughout the Southwest. Represented are the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma A & M, New Mexico A & M, and Tulsa University.

All of the members of the troops have had sixteen weeks of military training in various camps of the nation. Camp Maxey is the replacement center from which the boys came to the Training Unit here.

Commanding officer of the unit is Major E. J. Menefee, who was stationed here with the WAC unit.

The company is organized into four platoons. The first three platoons are beginners in the program, studying the courses designated as Basic I. The fourth platoon, consisting of men who had a greater number of hours of the unit's work in the colleges previously attended, is classified as Basic II.

Each platoon contains fifty men. These are divided into sections, consisting of 25 men each.

Each section is an academic class under the command of a trainee. Each platoon makes an academic unit of 50 trainees for lecture.

Troops are marched from barracks area to academic assemblies and to classes.

The West Wing of the Library Reading Room is reserved for the use of all trainees at the study periods which the group are scheduled for.

Lieut. Everett Abbott is in charge of military tactics. Lieut. Spaack is supply officer for the unit.

The Cadre Corps, who set up the unit here, consists of nine enlisted men.

W.C. Hollins, Jr., Becomes Army Pilot

Cadet William C. Hollins, Jr., former ET student, is a member of a class of student officers and aviation cadets to be graduated soon from the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School at Stockton Field, Calif.

He will be made a full fledged pilot and will be given the coveted silver wings. He will be placed on active duty in his rank with the army air forces.

Before entering the final and advanced course at Stockton Field, Cadet Hollins completed 18 weeks of primary and basic training at Dos Palos and Chico, Calif.

Cadet Hollins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hollins, Sr., of 1509 Arp St., Commerce, Texas.

Former Mayor J.T. Hickerson Is Buried

Funeral services for J. T. Hickerson, 83, former Mayor of Commerce and retired railroad man, were held August 25 here.

Interment in Rosemount cemetery was under the auspices of Chapter 201 of the Masonic lodge of Commerce of which Mr. Hickerson was a charter member.

Mr. Hickerson is survived by three daughters: Mrs. John Hart, former ETSTC student; Mrs. R. C. Horton, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Otha Jones of Tipton, Okla., and one son, Clayton Hickerson of Amarillo, Texas, and two brothers Felix Hickerson of Charlotte, Tenn., and Abner Hickerson of Nashville, Tenn.

Remember Pearl Harbor.

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A. S. T. Unit

The WACs are gone and the Engineers are here, on the campus before the student body returned. Although ET hated to see the other unit go, every student and faculty member are sincerely glad to see the unit of engineers and fully appreciative of the good the boys will bring to our East Texas campus.

New changes have been made, calling for new readjustments. But war time is a time of cheerful giving. The best is too little for Uncle Sam and his men.

These boys bring the war closer to all students. Their sincere earnestness in working toward a goal in their army careers should be an inspiration to every college student to set up similar goals. Being in college now should have a definite purpose, either to directly or indirectly help the nation in working, fighting or in planning for a post war world.

Most of these boys were taken from colleges throughout the nation and placed here for concentrated work in their field. East Texas should feel honored that the excellent math and science departments have been thus recognized.

Yes Engineers, ET is very glad she was chosen as your new home. And please do regard this as home while you are here.

Growing Democracy

Democracy is a way of life, in which all people have equal opportunities to, and are urged to, better their situations in life. Our Founding Fathers said, and did, give us this land of liberty, but they could not give democracy with it. Democracy must grow as a result of slow orderly educational development of the citizens of a century.

At no time will we have Democracy, a finished product, at our disposal. At no time will we be able to say our work is done because we must keep it alive and thriving for the future Americans who will take up where we leave off. Democracy has been rooted deep by those who have preceded us and it is our task to keep it so.

Here we see Democracy in action in the relationship of the people about us. The friendliness, the willingness to help those who, bewildered with the new situation—these are the cherished heritages of every student on tis, the campus of "The South's Most Democratic College." Let's keep our production of democracy going at full speed.—Shelton.

"I was not going thirty miles an hour," said the accused motorist, "not twenty, not even ten; in fact, when the officer came up I was almost at a standstill."

Magistrate: "I must stop this or you'll be backing into something."

Counsel (to police witness): "But if a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the road, that does not prove he is drunk."

Policeman: "No sir, it doesn't. But this one was trying to roll up the white stripe."

Motorist: "I say, will five shillings pay for this wretched hen which I've run over?"

Breeder: "You'd better make it ten shillings. I have a rooster that thought a lot of the hen, and the shock might kill him too!"

Circepilla: Godmother, do I have to leave the ball at midnight?"

Fairy: Stop swearing child, or you won't go at all."

Charm strikes the sight, but merit wins the soul.—Pope.

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.

Our dearest dreams are built on tasted joys.

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES of GOEDS, PROFS

In the resignation of Miss Mary Alyce Scott as Student Secretary, the First Baptist church lost a valuable asset. Miss Scott has shown an outstanding talent for the work she has chosen. She feels that divine leadership is directing and she has accepted a call to Denton, where she will work in the Dean of Women's office at the college. Miss Scott will also do some work on her Master's Degree. She presented her resignation September 4th and the church accepted Dr. A. A. Duncan expressed his deep appreciation of her work here and said he and the other church members would miss her greatly.

Happy, sincere, twinkly blue eyed "Mary Alyce" was a favorite of all students on the campus as well as her B. S. U. workers. She took her Bachelors at Baylor University, taught school a while and has been student secretary on the NTSTC campus.

Medical Outlook In United States Good

In spite of shortage of medical facilities in many places, the picture of civilian health in the United States is generally good, according to data from the U. S. Public Health Service, the War Manpower Commission, and the Federal Works Agency. In 1942 the death rate was lowest on record, 10.3 per thousand, the birth rate had risen to 20.7 from 18.7 per thousand in 1941, and the maternal mortality rate dropped for the thirteenth consecutive year.

To compensate for the shortage of doctors in certain areas, the Public Health Service and the War Manpower Commission are taking many steps such as: seeking to shift doctors to shortage areas, limiting recruitment for armed services to 20 states and the District of Columbia, which are relatively well-supplied; helping local authorities organize cooperative use of medical facilities; and improving and increasing hospital and clinical facilities.

Other items which appear on a list of remaining physicians. Because of the influx of workers into the following 15 states, no doctors are to be taken for the armed services from Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

If it were not for their restrictive licensing laws, many states could draw on the pool of approximately 6,000 foreign doctors, many of whom have taken out only first citizenship papers. Only 50 of these men have been taken into the army because of stringent regulations concerning them.

Foreign doctors form the largest available reserve of physicians in the United States. Fully half of them are expected to return to Europe after the war and will not remain to displace men returning from the armed services.

Cadet Frank Chaney
Cadet and Mrs. Frank Chaney have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chaney. Cadet Chaney is attending California Tech, training for service as a meteorologist. He is expected to complete the course about November 23, and receive his commission. On his recent visit here he had a 12 days leave.

COLLEGE NOTICES OFFICIAL

All seniors who expect to graduate either in January, 1944 or May, 1944, must come by the Registrar's office as soon as possible and have degree plans checked and make application for degree.

JOHN S. WINDELL, Registrar.

STARS IN SERVICE

BACK THE ATTACK WITH WAR BONDS!

A Glance At Other Colleges

Twenty-four hundred students were expected at TSCW for this term's registration. Classes begin Thursday at 8:15. This year the College War Council will begin it's third year of co-ordinating the activities of the students in the war effort for the year.

Jack Teagarden, "king of the blues trombone," and his orchestra appeared on the University

With The Exes

Billy Francis Fontaine of the Army Air Forces is a prisoner of war in the prison camp number 1, in the Philippines, according to a typed message signed in his own hand received by his grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Brown, who reared him. He stated that his health is good and that he is uninjured. This is the first message direct from him since the fall of Corregidor.

Lila Rhea Norwood, 1943 graduate of ETSTC, has been awarded a Regents Scholarship to the University of Texas for graduate study in English.

Miss Norwood received the Cantrell Medal upon her graduation for highest honors.

Second Lieut. Bill Wright, Commerce, who is serving as a pilot with the United States Tenth Air Force in India, has been awarded the distinguished flying cross or the air medal, it has been announced recently by the War Department.

Five other Texans with the Force also received the honor. These were First Lieut. Clarence A. Roitsch, co-pilot, of LaGrange; Second Lieut. John E. Thornton, navigator, of Olney; Staff Sgt. Tommie A. Comeens, a gunner, of El Paso, and Staff Sgt. Clarence A. Pawkett, also a gunner, San Antonio, received air medals.

Lt. Joe Kresen, Army Air Corps was a recent campus visitor. He was trained at Thunderbird No. 1. He will be an instructor in an Air Base at San Antonio.

Recent visitors on the campus were Lt. and Mrs. James L. Mattingly, 89th Troop Carrier Group, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Mattingly is the former Audie Dillard, ETSTC student.

Lt. Mattingly received his training at Yuma, Arizona.

Miss Maud Webster, head of the Speech Department at East Texas State Teachers College left in August on her summer vacation. She visited her sister, Mrs. W. L. Osmer, at Chicago. Mrs. Osmer is a teacher in the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago. Miss Webster is back for the opening of the fall semester at the College.

Mr. Clyde Whitmore and Miss Zella Gerbez were married at 5:00 o'clock Sunday evening, August 22, Dr. D. C. Butler reading the ceremony.

Reported 18000 Men Leave Camp Maxey

The 102nd Division was moved out of Camp Maxey Thursday and Friday, headed for active duty somewhere. It is said 18,000 men moved out.

of Texas campus last week, playing for a semi-formal dance at Gregory Gym. The intermission floor show featured Phyllis Lane, Teagarden's vocalist, his son, Jack, and Harry Storum, drummer.

Sharline Burch is the new Prairie Editor for the West Texas State Teachers' College paper. She is a B. A. major with a minor in journalism.

There were twenty-two graduating seniors at Parkland Hospital this past August according to the Parkland Press, published by the Student Nurses there.

The University of Oklahoma's third matriculation ceremony was held September 14. This is a formal admission of the new students into the university, being instituted in September 1941.

Oklahoma A & M's most difficult football schedules in recent years opens today. Kickoff for the season is scheduled for Oklahoma City's Taft stadium against the Red Raiders of Texas Tech tonight.

E.T. and N.T. Plan Intramural Program

H. C. Maloney and H. G. Shands, directors of intramural sports at ETSTC and NTSTC have planned a new program of intramural competition in sports between the two schools.

By dividing the competing season into three two and a half month periods during which each school will be featuring intramural basketball, tennis, touch football, volleyball, boxing, ping-pong softball and track, the plan is to choose from the two schools in each sport championship teams which will play one another and all star teams which will also meet in competition.

JUST Browsing

Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo By Captain Ted Lawson

By Mr. Anon.
This book could only have been written by a flyer, with the detached viewpoint to all the suffering, the supreme faith that everything would come out all right in the end. Yes, it could only have come from the pen of a simple, sincere flyer-at-heart like Captain Lawson, although he declares several times that he is anything but a flyer.

In no attempts at all to be descriptive, the book is marvelously successful in picturing the Chinese coast, its inhabitants and their customs.

The admirable faith and philosophy that everything would turn out for the best in the end, expressed by all the crew of the bomber through Captain Lawson should be an inspiration to us on the civilian front who have no such dangers to face.

The crew of this bomber were saved after crashing in the China Sea after raiding Tokyo as a part of the famous Doolittle raid. Finally, after crude surgery in the amputation of a leg, Captain Lawson was finally returned to the States where he was reunited with his wife, Ellen.

TOWN and FARM in WARTIME

Prepared by OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

Gasoline—In 17 states of eastern shortage area A-6 coupons are now good. In states outside the eastern shortage area A-7 coupons are good through September 21.

Fuel oil—Period 5 coupons in old rations remains good through September 30. Period 1 coupons in new rations are good through December.

Sugar—Stamp No. 14 good for 5 pounds through October. Stamps No. 15 and 16 good for 5 pounds each for home canning through October 31.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 good for 1 pair through October 31.

Stoves—Consumer purchases of rationed stoves must be made with certificates obtained at local War Price and Rationing Boards.

Meats, fats—Red stamps X, Y and Z good through October 2. Brown stamp A remains good through October 2. Brown stamp B becomes good September 19 and remains good through October 2.

Processed foods—Blue stamps R, S, and T expire September 20, U, V and W, now good, expire October 20.

Victory Gardens Set Record
Twenty million victory gardens—two million more than the goal set last spring—were grown this year, Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, said in a recent radio address. The secretary said the Victory gardens total about four million acres and will produce eight million tons of food. In speaking of the goal of 22 million gardens for next year, Wickard said, "Last year at this time we were concerned over the possibility that we would not have enough garden seed and fertilizer for all who wanted to grow gardens—our best information is that we shall have an ample supply of both next year. We are expecting a better supply of garden tools and equipment for spraying and dusting. Victory garden production should set another new record in 1944."

Farm Labor Placements
Through the government farm labor program 1,600,000 placements of workers were made on farms in the past four months. Among the workers placed were 700,000 local U. S. crop corps workers, comprising 250,000 men, 150,000 women, and 300,000 boys and girls. War Food Administration officials, in making this announcement, stressed the need for additional emergency volunteer workers in the next few months. Recruitment and placement of farm labor are handled by county agricultural extension agents in most areas. In others, the activity is carried on by the U. S. Employment Service.

Points For Home Canned Foods
The point value of home canned foods shall be the same as that of the corresponding commercial product, except that no home canned food shall have a point value of more than eight points per quart or four points per pound. This was announced in a recent OPA amendment.

Synthetic Tire Prices
Maximum prices for synthetic rubber tires and tubes have been established by OPA. In the main, they are the same as ceiling prices for corresponding tires and tubes made from natural rubber.

More Goods For Civilians
Civilians will soon get more cooking utensils, lamps, lanterns, bed springs, innerspring mattresses, non-electric razors, razor blades, plated silverware, brushes, nails, tacks, boilers, radiators, furnaces, screen cloth and other kitchen and household articles as a result of a recent WPB directive, which reserved a portion of the production of approximately 30 types of products for civilian use. The directive prohibits government agencies from buying goods set aside for civilians.

Army Rebuilds Shoes
Approximately six and a half million pairs of army shoes will be rebuilt during the present fiscal year at plants under supervision of the Quartermaster Corps, Army Service Forces, in Buford, Ga., and Hannibal, Mo. The rebuilding operation in one year will save the government approximately seven million dollars, and will conserve nearly 20 million square feet of leather. Army shoes usually are resoled twice, then sent to Buford or Hannibal for rebuilding. The rebuilt shoes look and wear like the original article and usually are more comfortable because they have been broken in.

Discharged Men Return Uniforms
Many honorably discharged enlisted men of the army are voluntarily returning their issued clothing to the army, thereby saving clothing stocks, according to the War Department. Former soldiers desiring to return their uniforms should address a package to the commanding officer of the army installation nearest their homes. The box should be marked "Attention: Quartermaster, clothing and equipment classification officer." Those who do not desire to pay the cost of transportation may return the clothing by turning over any properly addressed package, not over 30 pounds, to the nearest Railway Express Agency office for collect shipment at government expense.

Druggists Contribute Quinine
With the compliments of the nation's druggists, more than 11 million five-grain doses of quinine are now on their way to join the war against malaria. Because seizure of the Netherlands East Indies cut off 90 per cent of the source of quinine supply, the army called upon the nation's druggists to make contributions. An appreciable quantity of the quinine donated was produced by Germany and Japan, and it now will assist in the war to defeat those nations.

Blimps Help Fishermen
Navy blimps, on the lookout for enemy submarines and surface craft in northwestern waters, also are helping the war food program. Under an agreement worked out between the office of the Coordinator of Fisheries and Vice Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, Navy Commandant in the Seattle area, blimps which sight schools of fish will communicate the news by short wave to fishing vessels. The patrolling blimps can easily spot schools of fish which might take fishermen hours to locate.

Home Canning Of Fish
Surplus fish can be canned at home just as vegetables from the Victory garden are canned. The following bulletins on cooking and canning of fish may be obtained from the Publications Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill.: "Home Preservation of Fishery Products," Fishery leaflet 18; "Cooking Carp," Fishery leaflet 19; and "How to Cook the Bourbot," Fishery leaflet 21. "War-time Fish Cookery," Conservation Bulletin 27, may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

Search For War Minerals
The most extensive exploratory program ever undertaken in the United States and Alaska for war minerals has been launched by the Bureau of Mines. The bureau is sending its crews out in quest of nearly a score of materials needed to supply the armed forces, according to Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior. States in which exploration will be conducted are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Vir-

DOPE

—by the editor

Do you yearn for a quiet, dignified, self respecting side life in college? Would you like to contribute a burning gift to college life? Do your fingers itch for a typewriter?

A sure fire outlet for those hidden elements in your physical (or chemical) makeup is a job on the East Texan.

Of course you'll flunk every subject you attempt, lose all your friends, work yourself to a ravel and get bawled out daily in the bargain. But those things are merely incidental.

An A-1 picture of a newspaper office is an open, bustling cubby hole with a dozen phones jingling and mobs of reporters running the editor nuts, yelling, "Scoop" in his good ear. Comaraderie fairly floats around in gobs.

There are no such distracting influences in the East Texan hangout. In the first place we don't have one. But publications, next door, do. Next, there is no bustle, because it takes a bustle to create a rustle and we certainly have not people to rustle. (If you follow me, which I doubt sincerely.)

The office is eternally open. If it isn't, use a crowbar on one of the windows. Don't blame us if you get caught.

After the Tuesday 3 p. m. deadline is the best time to turn in copy, since then it is sure to get the attention of the editor and staff for then they are certain to wake up and realize there is to be a paper Friday.

James Tarter was operated on for appendicitis at Ruston, La., September 10th. His parents visited him there from September 11-14.

Valuable additions to the East Texan staff during the past week are several enthusiastic A.S.T.U. boys who walked in and asked for occupation for their talent. The special column, which the group have this week is on the back page. Covering both the serious and light side of the boys life here, the page should be interesting to all students.

This is the permanent position of the section although the title may be changed. Articles are signed this time but in the future the group will work as a staff of their own.

BLEDSOES RETURN

Prof. J. M. Bledsoe has sold his 80-acre farm three miles out on the Ladonia road to Floyd Lands and has bought the Gresham place from J. G. Kelly, 1509 Bois d' Arc street, and he and Mrs. Bledsoe will move back to town right away. They moved from town to their farm last February, but found it so hard to get help that they decided to return to town life.

Mrs. W. F. Garner transacted business in Dallas Wednesday.

ginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Gun Covers Protect Bibles

Bibles which are placed on every life raft and life boat on army transport vessels are being protected from the effects of salt water by the same type of cover that protects pistols, rifles and machine guns in landing operations. Curiously enough, the covers used for pistols are of exactly the right size for copies of the Bible, and have been adopted by the Chaplains Corps as a standard protective covering for them. The covers were developed by the Quartermaster Corps from a pliable, transparent, waterproof film known as vinyl. They are buoyant enough to float the Bibles if they are accidentally dropped overboard or washed out of the raft in heavy seas.

Public May Get Copper Wire

The public may purchase copper wire without restriction from retailers, electricians, radio repair men and others who sell it. Under a new War Production Board regulation any retailer or repair man may order up to \$100 worth of copper wire for delivery any calendar quarter. Civilians must use this with care. WPB officials pointed out, as will be needed to cover all essential repairs for general public use.

Ina Faye Teague Becomes Bride of Pvt. Joyce A. Peek Here Recently

Miss Ina Faye Teague, ET graduate, became the bride of Pvt. Joyce A. Peek, August 12, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Duncan, in Commerce, with Dr. Duncan officiating.

Mrs. Peek is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Teague of Mount Vernon. Pvt. Peek is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Peek, of Commerce.

The couple left immediately for a short wedding trip to Dallas before Pvt. Peek left for Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, where he is stationed.

Mrs. Peek is a graduate of Mt. Vernon High School and ETSC. Here she received her Bachelor of Science degree. During her four years in college she held a position in the registrar's office.

For the past two years she has been a member of the faculty of the Detroit schools and has been elected to teach at Burk Burnett this year.

Pvt. Peek, a member of one of the prominent families in Commerce and northeast Texas, is a graduate of Commerce High School and ETSC. He holds a master of science degree and was engaged in the hardware business here before entering the armed services.

Norris-Chapman Wedding Rites

Miss Mary Lou Norris of Commerce and Major Frank Chapman of Sulphur Springs were married at 5 p. m., August 27, at the First Methodist Church in Commerce. Dr. D. C. Butler read the double ring ceremony before the altar, which was banked with ferns and centered with standards of white gladioli and cathedral candelabra holding tall, white tapers.

Miss Dorothy Drake played "Andante Cantabile" by Widor on the organ and accompanied Mr. Roy Johnson, who sang "Thou Art So Like a Flower" by Schumann and "I Love Thee" by Beethoven.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of duchesse satin and net. The long bodice was designed with a sweetheart neckline and bracelet length sleeves and the double tiered skirt of satin ended in a bouffant flounce of net. Her finger tip length veil was of French illusion. She carried orchids and tuberose over a white Bible. The bride's single strand of pearls was a gift from the bridegroom.

The maid of honor, Miss Barbara Cowling, a cousin of the bride, was gowned in a frock of beauty rose marquisette. She carried a colonial bouquet of cyclamen colored carnations.

Mr. Wayne Chapman, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Lt. Neil Norris, F. A., of Camp Bowie and Lt. Billy J. Henry Norris, U.S.N., of Dallas, brothers of the bride. Messrs. Ray and Ned Norris of Dallas, lighted the tapers as the service began.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Prof. and Mrs. A. H. Cowling, 1705 Live Oak.

The table, laid in a pink, orangey cloth, was centered with a double tiered wedding cake flanked by fern and sweetheart roses. Silver candelabra held tall, pink candles. White asters and gladioli were used in the dining room. Mrs. W. L. Wise, Jr., nee Jayne Miller, of Fort Worth, cut the cake and the punch was served by Mrs. James Blakemore of San Antonio. The white paper napkins had "Mary Lou and Frank" stamped on them in powder blue.

Those assisting in the dining room were Misses Dorothy Drake, Evelyn McCullough, Bess Rix, Patti Pratt, and Ruth Berry. Olive Moseley was at the register.

Miss Norris is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas and East Texas State Teachers College. She formerly lived at 910 Cristler, Dallas, and has recently been employed in San Antonio. She is the daughter of H. Olan Norris, who teaches in the Long Junior High School in Dallas. White in ET she was a Kafir and was a College beauty in the Locust, College annual.

Major Chapman is the son of Mrs. B. F. Chapman of Sulphur Springs. He attended John Tarleton Agricultural College and ETSC before entering the army air corps in 1939.

After a wedding trip which will include a flight to Dayton,

Ohio, Major and Mrs. Chapman will be at home, after August 30, at Fairfield, Ohio, where Major Chapman is stationed at Patterson Field. For her wedding trip the bride chose a crepe suit of powder blue with accessories of navy.

Out of town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. H. Olan Norris, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chapman, Mrs. Neil Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norris, Mr. New Norris, and Lt. (U.S.N.) and Mrs. Billy J. Henry Norris of Dallas; Lt. Neil Norris, F. A., of Camp Bowie, who flew to Commerce for the wedding; Mrs. B. F. Chapman, Miss Evelyn McCullough, Mrs. Bert Campbell and Louis, Mrs. Beaton Gay and Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Chapman, Billy Frank and Jo Elizabeth of Sulphur Springs; Mrs. J. Tom Miller and Mrs. Wm. L. Wise, Jr. of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCullough of McKinney; Misses Olive Moseley, Ruth Berry and Margaret Robbins of Greenville; Mrs. James Blakemore of San Antonio; and Mrs. J. M. Shrode of Biloxi, Miss.

Vesper Services are Retreat Conclusion

Vesper Services concluding the annual Baptist Student Union Retreat were held at the College Heath Monday from 5 to 8 p. m.

An honored guest, Bro. John B. Davidson of the South Park St. Baptist Church of Greenville, was a special speaker. His subject was "Follow Me in Consecration."

The program was as follows under the direction of Ouida Barnes, BSU president:

7:00—Vesper Service, "Follow Me in Praising the Heavenly Father"—Music, Testimonies.

7:30—"Follow Me in Service." On the council, Ouida Barnes. In enlistments, Opal Manley. In soul winning, Dr. A. D. Duncan.

8:30—"Follow Me in Consecration," John B. Davidson, 9:00—Taps.

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Correspondents Tell What Servicemen Prefer For Christmas

Heading the list of what the overseas serviceman wants in his Christmas package are "newsy cheerful letters from home and recent photographs or snapshots of family and friends," according to information received by a canvass of overseas Yank correspondents and officers recently returned from various theaters of war. Men interviewed by Yank correspondents say a short letter from friends is worth a hundred Christmas cards. Many men would like a new picture of wife, sweetheart or parents not larger than pocket-size and encased in a waterproof folder—most of the pictures they took with their now being the worse for wear.

Cigarette lighters "that will light in a strong wind" with extra flints and wicks run a close second in articles wanted, followed by such items as: waterproof, shockproof wrist watches, hunting or boy-scout knives, and small, inexpensive cameras with an ample supply of films. (Army censorship office warns that film may be sent overseas only if in the manufacturer's original package with sea unbroken.) Phonograph records are prohibited because of the possibility of concealed messages being sent out.

What Servicemen Want
great many lists submitted by various theaters of operations, are: fountain pens and pencil sets with extra lead; subscriptions to pocket-size magazines; small size books; flashlights; compact writing portfolios rigid enough to be used as writing boards; billfolds; identification bracelets; dog tag chains; small steel mirrors; fine tempered, rust proof razor blades; fingernail scissors; pipes; handkerchiefs; OD socks and extra underwear; and good linen playing cards and poker chips.

Soldiers in different combat areas don't want the same articles, but certain basic principles governing the selection of gifts will avoid keen disappointment for the boys. The Post Exchange carries basic necessities,

Society Notes

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Boys Here's Your Chance

Wow! Is 1943-44 going to be a great school year? Even before the smoke clears from registration the ET girls are showing the sort of hospitality that has made East Texas State Teachers College the "South's Most Democratic College."

Saturday night at Whitley gymnasium at 8 o'clock the coeds play hostess to the male population of the campus, both army and civilian with special emphasis being given to the new faces. Whether the old ones have become stale and uninteresting remains to be seen when everyone meets everyone else Saturday night.

Boys, if you have been troubling about knowing which girl it is which, Saturday night's affair is that once-in-a-lifetime opportu-

ity to meet the girls in East Texas at once.

The girls will form a reception line shortly before 8 p. m. and then the boys will enter to meet the bevy of charming ladies. In addition to the girls, in the reception line will be the deans, and college dance committee.

After everyone has been introduced an informal dance will be held. Music for the occasion will be recordings of your favorite dance bands and furnished by the students.

Editor's Note: All you guys and gals who have records you'd like to dance by bring them along. Be sure each record is labeled to avoid confusion and pack them carefully. Special recognition will be given those who bring records.

and where there is no Post Exchange the men are issued soap, razor blades, toilet equipment, tobacco, and candy. Temporary shortages are often quickly met. Do not send food or assorted commercial packages of goodies—except well-packaged fruitcakes. Do not send elaborate shaving cigarettes are most heavily rationed, men are allowed a pack kits or cigarettes. Even where a day. Civilians often forget that the shortages they experience may not be true of servicemen.

In addition to the articles wanted by army men, the navy also asks for foot powder, saddle soap, sun lotion, small, fold-

ing picture frames, checkboards, and backgammon games. Members of the Women's Auxiliary Corps serving overseas put swimming and laundry needs above all else, and warn well-wishers that they have no use for civilian clothing or accessories.

Postal Regulations
According to Army Postal Service, overseas Christmas gift packages cannot weigh more than five pounds, nor measure more than 15 inches in length and not more than 36 inches in length and girth combined. The postal service says to send durable articles which will stand up six months or more in shipping

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Party and Supper For New Students

All new students and the A. S. T. U. boys on the campus are invited to the annual Introduction Party at the Baptist church Saturday night at 8:00.

Supper will be served at 6:45 by ladies of the church to those who wish to come early.

The group will gather in the church basement for games and other diversions.

and they recommend that one of the five pounds allowable be used solely for wrappings. The postal service cautions that "the hold of a ship may reach 130 degrees and a ton of weight may rest on your Christmas parcel." Addresses should be printed if possible with a substance that will not mar, smudge, or otherwise run.

Whatever is sent, the personal tastes of the recipient and his particular theater of operation should be considered. Send love rather than poor quality—gift articles must be durable. They should be compact and easy to carry. To prevent disappointing the serviceman, relatives and friends should be careful to avoid duplication of gifts.

EasTexans Begin Fall Rehearsals

The EasTexans, college dance band, will function as usual this year. Not to be retarded by the man-power shortage, the EasTexans will boast the advantage of some new womanpower.

To date there have been nineteen applications for the positions, however, there are still some vacancies that have not been filled.

Rehearsals for the organization have begun, but tryouts are being held to see who shall be selected for certain posts. Trombones, cornets, and piano are especially needed to round out the orchestra. The director would like very much to have anyone who is interested get in touch with him at once.

Prof. and Mrs. E. H. Watson have been visiting relatives at Mineral Wells and at Fort Worth for the past week.

Christine Hogue Becomes Bride of John R. Patterson Here

WRA Meets
Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 the first meeting of WRA will be held to organize. The first sports for the fall, the sponsors announce, will be soccer and hiking.

Miss Christine Hogue of Kilgore and Mr. John Reuben Patterson were united in marriage by Rev. A. A. Duncan, using the ring ceremony. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. Hogue, was dressed in a white flannel princess afternoon dress with gold accessories, with a corsage of pink gladioli.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Patterson, is now holding a position with the Railroad Company in Dallas. Those attending the wedding were relatives and close friends. They left immediately for their home in Dallas.

Get on the "Bond Wagon"—Buy War Bonds and Stamps every pay day.

Rev. Dyer Resigns

Rev. Norman D. Dyer, minister of the First Christian church has resigned to accept the position of minister of the Lakeview Christian church of Dallas. Rev. Dyer was selected by the Joint Board of Dallas Christian churches to head this work.

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A.S.T.U. TACTICS

By Pvt. Bill Jarnagin
What is the Army Specialized Training Program? In order to promote a better understanding between the students and faculty of ETSTC and the soldiers of the ASTP, I'm going to explain the whys and wherefores of our organization.

The ASTP is a plan to train soldiers for technical and specific Army needs, utilizing the facilities of 206 outstanding American colleges and universities. To many soldiers the program is a preparation for Officer Candidate School, to some it is the pursuit of their pre-war study and to all men in the ASTU, it is a rounding-out program of science and engineering, which will serve as valuable aid to the United States in one form or another.

The Army needs soldiers with specialized training in engineering, psychology, medicine, mathematics, science, and languages. The 200 men in the unit here at ETSTC are studying concentrated engineering while more than 100,000 soldiers are preparing in other colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Our particular company is aggregated from the colleges and universities of the southwest, Texas University, Texas A & M, Arkansas University, the University of New Mexico, S. M. U., John Tarleton, the University of Tulsa, Arkansas State Teachers College, Oklahoma A & M, New Mexico A & M, and several other outstanding colleges.

Many people want to know how we got in the ASTP and what will become of us when we complete our basic study here. All of us in Company A have had previous college experience, passed certain Army intelligence examinations, completed 13 weeks basic military training successfully, and have consequently met all requirements to be sent to college in the ASTP.

An ASTP term runs 12 weeks, and there are three 12-week terms in the basic training, with one-week intervals between the terms. In our Company, 156 men are in the first term, or Basic 1, while 44 are in the second term, or Basic 2. We will complete the Basic 3 term here; then very likely we will be transferred to another college for advanced training, which will vary from one to three more terms, according to the type of engineering we take.

At the completion of each 12-week term we are subject to continuation in the ASTP, assignment to OCS, assignment to Army Service Schools, or as-

CHOW LANGUAGE
By Pvt. Ralph Wexler
"Pass the cush," "Sand and—Please," Any 'lube' down there?"—sounds like a cement factory, doesn't it? Truthfully it's AST men eating. This language is not heard as often now, since the potential engineers are eating cafeteria style,—but at Maxey!

To assist in understanding this new speech, one has to have a very vivid imagination. Cush, for instance, is dessert—whether jelly, pie or ice cream. Surely one realizes that salt and pepper replace the "Sand and—in civilian speech and 'lube' brought to earth is simply gravy.

A conversation by two soldiers after a hearty meal would send civilians scurrying to a book of slang to find out just what the soldiers had meant when they said "the bullneck" was tough, the "rabbit" fair, the "gunwadding and shot" hard. "Bullneck" is, of course, meat—all kinds, flavors, and shapes. Carrots, cabbage, lettuce, spinach, turnips and tomatoes, are all under the general heading of "rabbit." It may sound like the field artillery to speak of "gunwadding" and "shot," but to soldiers it's just bread and peas.

Yes, if you like your coffee sweetened with sugar. "Cow" also, unless you would rather drink black coffee.

"The Chow's Swell," usually ends each meal, and even civilians can understand that.

signment to troops or other military duty. Students failing to meet the scholastic requirements will very likely be transferred back to the term immediately below or dropped.

Civilian students approaching the draft age and desiring to get in the ASTP should make arrangements to take the Reserve ASTP examination this fall or next spring. Information concerning the time and place can be obtained from the STAR board, Camp Maxey, Texas. Those who make a sufficient score on the Reserve ASTP exam will be earmarked for college training by the government. If the candidate makes a score of 115 or more on the Army General Intelligence Test and his college credits are of sufficient quality, he will be sent to a specialized training and replacement center for 13 weeks basic Army training, upon the successful completion of which, he will be sent to a college under the ASTP.

As for our daily life here, we have reveille at 5:45 and morning formation at 6:00, breakfast at

By Pvt. Jack Strong
As the personnel of Army Specialized Training Unit 4813 jumped from the trucks which brought them to ETSTC, the cry of the male wolf echoed from the empty buildings of the campus—"Where in the heck are the girls?"

After being told that the girls would be on the campus in a week, the "wolves" settled down to the task of moving into their new quarters. Some of them, though, were not quite sure they would be able to wait a whole week.

A comment overheard quite frequently, as the boys stood in line to check out bedding, was, "Do we get real, white sheets? Or is that just another of those well-known rumors?"

In this manner the army invaded the campus of East Texas State Teachers College.

The boys, formerly students of colleges and universities located in Texas and Oklahoma, luckily aren't new at the game of going to college, for the course of study is tough. They like it here, though, and feel that being able to stay here, will be worth all the studying they can do.

Pvt. "Joe College" said, "This place is 'slick.' The food is 'super' and the dorms are 'swell.'" The men all agree. They will respect the traditions and customs of the college as their own. East Texas is their school, and they hope that the illustrious Lion of ETSTC won't growl at them.

7:00, classes from 7:50 to 12:10, dinner at 12:45, classes from 1:30 to 5:30, supper at 6:10, study period from 7:20 to 10:20, and lights out at 10:45.

We're studying physics, chemistry, mathematics, English, world geography, and American history. Physical education and military training constitute a major role in our daily lives, too. Our teachers are following a government-issued outline for our various courses, emphasizing the factors which will develop us into potential OCS material.

What kind of work will we go into upon the completion of our training? The Army will assign us wherever they see fit—the Corps of Engineers, air field construction, civilian manufacturing industries, occupied territory reconstruction, or the like.

At any rate the 100,000 college-trained men will greatly raise the prestige of the Army and the government of the United States in the eyes of the other nations and increase America's reputation as having the best trained and equipped men in the world.

David Donovan, USN Writes Again About South Pacific Isles

David Donovan, USN, who during the summer sent an interesting letter describing the life led by the navy men on the island on which he was stationed, writes us again of his life there.

When I wrote the June circular I had no idea that it would elicit so many kind responses from your readers. Thanks for all the replies—they were more than welcome.

The luck of the Donovan—and of the 47th—still holds. Such a short time after I mailed the June letter Charlie came over and gave us a real pasting. He dropped bombs all over the place, and the rain of steel on our shelter sounded like hail on a tin roof. Stick after stick of bombs were cut loose; some target fires were raging; but, not one man was wounded. To cite further how extremely lucky we are let me tell you that in the big push northward which recently took place we were the only ones who effected a beachhead without a casualty of any kind.

Within 15 minutes after we beached the operators were clearing the trees for the field. Were I permitted to tell you how few days it took us to prepare an airfield, under the most trying conditions, it would tax your belief. We are a step—a goodly step—nearer the big bases. Our good fighters can get to the boys quicker, and they are giving the enemy unremitting hell. If you only knew what the fighter pilots out here really do!

I can't help but brag a little on our battalion. We have been twice commended, officially, for the work we have performed in the face of enemy opposition. And I am sure that we will receive another commendation, or citation, for the work we have done here. I say, with justifiable pride, that the ranking officers of the navy, marines, and army are lavish in their praise of our accomplishments at this front. But the strain is beginning to tell. The war has begun to take its inevitable toll. Some of the men are breaking mentally and/or physically. This is nothing of which to be ashamed. Most of the men of our battalion are past their youth; living conditions are rather rough; the food, though no one's fault, is beginning to have a canned sameness; the weather is hot and wet; the work is hard; and, the almost nightly bombing, or threat thereof, subtract from rest and add to frayed nerves. Sometimes I cannot but help wonder why the entire outfit doesn't crack wide open. I guess, though, that the others are no different from what I am, and I'm growing angrier at the yellow so-and-so's each day so I'll keep going—gladly.

From where I sit in my improvised field office I can look out and see a lime grove. To my right is a beautiful man-made strip of coral on which our great fighters set down. In front of me stretches a vast sapphire sea, gem-studded with emerald isles. To my left is a hill, and upward leads a walkway lined with pink hibiscus, mimosa—yellow flowered—Chinese magnolias, fern, brilliant blooming coral vine, bougainvillea, cacao and avocado trees. Overhead fly white macaws, vermilion parakeets, and an occasional parrot of brilliant hue. Could one but blot out the ugliness of war this indeed would be a paradise to share with friends. But in this rain and sun-kissed area, where a million palm fronds lazily beat the air, where orchids shed their beauty nearly everywhere, it takes only one pulsating motor to shatter the could-be idyllic condition of our lives. Over this once quiet earth the sirens scream, and man, rabbit-like, to his warren goes.

There have been a multitude of volumes written on war, and there will be hundreds more published as time goes by. Situated as I am "so close to the forest," my view is dwarfed to a personal one for the present. Yet I can't help expressing a few thoughts. War to some, like our revered Lee, might be something of which we could, under certain conditions, grow overly

fond. To some, I'm sure, war means parades of natty uniforms, tunics bedecked with gay ribbons, martial music, and a handsome figure on the proverbial charger. But to so many I know war is not glittering; it is not glorious. War is kicking a lonely shoe under a ragged and jagged palm on Guadalcanal, and then involuntarily recoiling as the bones of some fallen warrior's feet clatter into view.

It is a tousel-haired youngster lifted bleeding from the cockpit of his bullet-riddled fighter. It is cursing the devils who rouse you from a bed of exhaustion to man your station. It is the dry mouth, contracted stomach, and pounding heart as you wait in the barge for the signal to hit the beach. It is flattening yourself in some shallow hole trying to become a part of Mother Earth as the bombs from the enemy whistle downward and then compress your very body as they explode. It is the fiendish, gleeful cheering as "one of the yellow bastards" rockets earthward, burning. And then to others war is a perfunctory message from the Adjutant General telling that Mike is a prisoner of the Japanese, or a chilling telegram from the navy department, starting "It is with regret—" All these, and thousands more, go to make the pattern of war, but I join the poet in her cry: "Christ! What are patterns for?"

But even in the midst of all this serious business of trying to kill everyone you can on the other side and at the same time keeping your own skin unscratched there are many amusing incidents. Some of them may lose their humor in the telling, and some might not be funny at all to any one but us, yet they are the leaven of our sanity. At the risk of boring you here are a few of the happenings which have given us numerous laughs: On my first trip back from the front to our support base I was 'put up' by my close friends Chief Vanstease and Warrant Ogburn. We had an alert, and, after a period we were given the "all clear." I was sitting at the entrance to the tent. Ogburn was just outside. Vanstease was a few feet further removed. Suddenly, with no warning, we heard unmistakable whistle of bombs. Ogburn emulated a "scat back" of SMU as he danced through the guys of the tent; Van literally ran out of his shoes; I fell flat on my face in the coral walk. Results: no injuries to us; four marines won the Purple Heart. Of course Lieut. George M. Lynch, Boston, will deny this, but Lieut. Owen A. Gallagher, that golden-voiced attorney, also of Boston, swears that on the same night just mentioned, in the quiet of the eve when the clever Charlie came in unheralded, Mr. Lynch merely "strained" himself through his mesquite net, and, wraithlike, passed through the tent, over the intervening ground, and, describing the first half of an outside loop, flew into the hole.

And both John Walter Dean, Texas, and Warren Lamar Johnston, Tennessee, would like to forget that they ran naked to the office shelter, and then, because of bleeding feet, had to be carried back to their tent. Then there was a night at our advanced base when our captain, Commander John S. Lyles of Oklahoma, was a little slower than his tentmates in the dash for the bomb shelter. The skipper saw he couldn't make it so he grabbed a coconut tree, and as the run started he played the bombs in moving stymie. He was getting plenty of laughing, questionable advice from his fellow-officers, Lieut. A. Murat Willis, Virginia, and Lieut. Robert L. (Jungle Jim) Ryan, California, both of whom were comparatively safe in the shelter. As the skipper, a good engineer, put it: "I played 'em through an arc of 65 degrees." What would a story like this be without some mention of my closest buddy Albert Foster Jones, CBM, from that great metropolis of Gilmer, Texas. We were living down on the strip, and at that time our fox-

hole was an open job six feet long, four feet wide, and two feet deep. To add spice it was half surrounded by 62 tons of high explosive ammunition plus 18 thousand gallons of 100 octane gasoline. Charlie made his first run while Jones, Jim Brown of Port Arthur, Texas, and I filled about one-half of the said foxhole. Jones suddenly decided against our safe (?) location and, in the interim between the bombs runs, took off for an excellent shelter some 200 yards distant. The bombers returned and made several more runs. And then, in the palm-filtered moonlight, I spied a limping figure trudging (but gingerly) toward our tent. Poor Jones: his boots impaired his speed so he had discarded them, and, without regard to the cutting coral, had made the entire dash barefoot, his run culminating in a swan dive at the entrance of his chosen shelter. The emergency station took care of his feet and hands. But what of your correspondent the night he didn't hear the alert and was awakened by the smashing bombs, gaining the shallow hole previously described stark naked? Resting rather peacefully on top of Jones and Brown we heard our executive officer, Lieut. Comdr. Frank E. Swanson, calling for volunteers to fight a fire he had discovered. (It was impossible for me, to see any fire as I had my face flat in the ground, but Mr. Swanson, who seldom bothers with foxholes, saw that some incendiaries had set off one of our small arms munitions dumps.) I vaguely recall wondering at the time where the regular fire fighters were (later we found them in their shelter) but, hearing the exec's call, out dashed Murray Hamilton, California, Fletcher Draper, Arkansas, Faris Kilgore, Tennessee, Jones and Brown, and the courageous (?) Donovan.

No one knew for certain how to operate the chemical truck, unexploded bombs were still on the strip, and we knew Charlie was coming back; however, we got there, and despite exploding ammunition, Jones' speech on empty fire extinguishers, and Lieut. Ryan's heckling, we put the fire out before the returning bombers could use it as a target. But the pay off was that the writer—a shy and modest creature—had on exactly three items of clothing, two rubber boots and a tin helmet, in the bright-as-day night lighted by a bomber's moon. I'll never hear the last of this incident, I know. Such are the simple amusements of a front-line force.

Paradoxically a bomb is, at one and the same time, one of the most personal and most impersonal things in the world. I do not suppose any man hears one falling but that he thinks, "This is (or could be) for me" even though in the light of cold analysis he knows that his chances of death are extremely slim in view of the thousands of others it could smash. Yet it is absolutely impersonal in that it cares not whom it hits. Seaman or admiral it will kill either. This reminds me of the talk between a master-at-arms (MAA) and a negro mess attendant (MA). The MA was expressing his fear of being suddenly issued a pair of golden slippers via an enemy bomb. The MAA, attempting to quiet his fears, said, "There is little need for worry as each bomb carries the name of those for whom it is intended." MA: "You mean that all bombs are addressed to some one?" MAA: "Yes, If it has your name you cannot escape it no matter where you go. Like a letter, all bombs carry an address." MA: "I guess you are right but what if it says: 'To Whom It May Concern?'"

SONNETWARD
Maybe all this just had to be, maybe.
A stub is now what was once the flight hand
Of this youth of twenty who stares at me
As though somehow I am part of that hand
Which played him false. It could be that my words
On freedom's fight, penned in long ages past,
Quickly stirred him to heed the rattling swords,
Straightway drove him into this struggle vast.
Or do I feel the guilt because Mankind—
And aphy I'm a part—has not the will
To find another way, has yet to find
Some other way, to live except as he kill.
It helps not matters if my back

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I turn;
His eyes still in my heart indictments burn.

This letter had its beginning early in July when the big drive was at its height. It is being ended in August—in the Sick Bay. There is nothing seriously wrong; just a few injuries sustained during my most recent trip back to one of our reserve bases. (I have made so many trips back and forth since the push started that the transport pilots and ship captains think I'm part of the crew.) Everything seemed OK to the doctors and me so I came back up here only to start suffering dizziness and headaches from the blow on my head. My doctors, Lieuts. Bradshaw and Lutz, visit me at least twice each day. They are good conversationalists and love the things I miss so, naturally I enjoy their coming. Many of the men and most of the officers spend some of their spare time with me. They treat me exceptionally well. In the meantime I have nothing to do but think and think a lot.

Something has come to plague me in these moments of thoughts; how shall I ever again move in a world composed of all the things now practically forgotten? How shall I observe the barest of social amenities? Will a police whistle or a fire siren cause me to run for cover? Shall I be able to enter a cocktail lounge, sink deeply into a cushioned seat, drink a Scotch-and-soda, listen to a strange tune accompanied by the even stranger music of soft laughter from silken throats? Shall I retire to the privacy of the men's lounge after so many months of answering these calls where one may watch all and be watched by all? Of

what shall I talk? No one, other than my immediate family, will care to hear of the things which have been filling my days, and even a family will want to hear it but once. Since April I have listened to no music, I have heard no current news, I have seen no shows, I have read no new books, no magazines, no newspapers. Tell me, how will small talk go? But would I trade this life of mud and malaria, and tents and scents, coral and coconuts, atabrine and aspirin, quinine and chlorine, spiders and spam, and bamboo and bombs for a humdrum billet on the Texas or California coast? What a silly query. You know damn well I would!

And in passing I should just like to ask any of you if you have ever seen it really rain? There is no shortage on shower baths here.
As long though as I can catch 30 pound tuna, 10 pound mackerel, and 7 foot sharks, go swimming, enjoy the natural beauties of these islands, successfully dodge the bombs, worry about the wages of the war-working civilians, read good news from home, and believe that a compassionate government will get us home for a needed and deserved rest by Christmas I'll do my best to carry out my duties in this theater.

To those of you who have the time to write I heartily assure you that your letters are the brightest note in a none-too-pleasant life, so let me hear from you.

Sincerely,
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Chief Boatswain's Mate, 47th USN Const. Bn., Fleet Post-office, San Francisco, Calif.

Navy Aviation Cadet Goes To Advanced

Naval Aviation Cadet Morris Oren Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs.

L. T. Parker of New Boston, Texas, has been transferred to the Naval Air Training Center at Corpus Christi, Texas, after successful completion of the primary flight training course at the Naval Air Station at Glen-

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