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PHYSICAL FITNESS IS GIRLS AIM

The Educational Policies Commission has published the statement that "the health, safety, and physical program in the elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education should be given a high order of priority among competing educational interests. . . . a more definite and consistent program for physical fitness should be developed and required of all students." In conformity with this increasingly prevalent trend of thought, the girls of Edinboro have voted unanimously to introduce a physical fitness program into the extra curricular schedule.

It is believed that physical fitness has a direct relationship to national defense and that all colleges and universities should take such steps as will be necessary to bring each individual student to his highest possible level of physical fitness.

Fitness is, in a broad sense health—the prevention of disease, the remedy of defects, good nutrition, muscular strength and endurance, and mental health and morale. In time of war the life demands on the human organism are far greater than in times of peace.

The biological and structural differences in people will naturally prevent some individuals from attaining the same degree of fitness found in others; however, no stigma should be attached to those with less skill and development unless they can be accused of neglect or laziness. We are going to be sure that there can be no such accusations here.

In the program being launched every individual reports for twenty minutes of calisthenics one day and twenty minutes of military drill the next, five days a week. Measurements will be taken monthly of the chest, arm, waist, hips, thigh, leg, and stride; and, while there may not be any noticeable results for two or three months, Miss Nettie Ruttle anticipates some quite startling statistics in due time.

It must be emphasized that these daily periods of drill are not to replace the sports program of the school. The W. A. A. activities will proceed as always. The women have volunteered to try the program with the full knowledge that no academic or W. A. A. credits are earned by it and so deserve, in our opinion, a pat on the back.

Vacation Is Set

The proposal to eliminate Thanksgiving vacation this year was defeated by a student-faculty vote of 108 to 56. Therefore, Thanksgiving recess will start after the last class Tuesday, November 24, and will end at noon Monday, November 30.

Conneautean Staff Announced Here

This is the staff of Juniors which is putting out the 1943 edition of "The Conneautean", Edinboro's annual: Editor, Vernon Dornbach; Assistant, Sally Wilson; Business Manager, Phylis Myers; Art Editor, Susy Sack; Photographer, Wilbur Rose; Advertising Manager, Chester Eisaman; Organizations Editor, Margaret Cafilisch; Womens' Sports Editor, Marjory Hall; Men's Sports Editor, Jack Bonnett; Class Editor, Ruth Samkowski

The Key Club Holds Democratic Meeting

The Key Club (formerly known as the Social Arts Club) has organized for the coming year and has launched an active schedule of events. Lucille Marti is leading the club as President while Thelma Shorts is assisting her. Ruth Graves is Secretary-Treasurer; Hazel Taylor, Publicity Chairman; Betty McCray, Librarian. Miss Dorothy Skinner was chosen by the group to act as their advisor.

An increased membership has resulted from the addition of many new members, both freshmen and upperclassmen. The first meeting of the Key Club was devoted to welcoming and integrating the new members. A card and game party held in the Recreation Room of Haven Hall, Friday, October 24, proved to be an amazing success. On Monday, November 2, a Democratic Meeting at which each member contributed suggestions for social etiquette was held.

A summary of the Club's activities to date would, of course, be featured by mention of the All-College Mixer which it held some time ago. From the start the Key Club has made, this organization promises to have an active season.

Student Government Delegates Chosen

Dewey Long, Eleanor Price, Walter Linburg, and Ruth Graves are attending, with Dr. L. H. Van Houten, the fifteenth conference of the Associated Student Governments of the State Teachers Colleges of Pennsylvania. The meeting is to be held at Mansfield State Teachers College on November 13 and 14.

Edinboro Players Select Members

After their annual tryouts, the Edinboro Players selected probationary members for the year. Those chosen were welcomed into the organization at a get-acquainted costume party held Tuesday evening, October 27, in the dressing rooms of the new auditorium. The following probationary members have been named: Clarke Sundean, Jane Morrison, Katherine Hipple, M. Johnson, Ralph Zindle, Joseph Spence, Joyce Ryder, Peggy McElroy, Richard Williams, Kathryn Henderson, Yvonne Christensen, Dick Hoh, Guy Fitch, Forrest Ducette, and Audrey Bacon.

Lucille Marti has been chosen as president of the Edinboro Players. David Small is vice-president; Merritt McIntosh, treasurer; Eleanor Price, secretary; Hazel Taylor, Wardrobe Mistress; Carol Davis, Stage Manager.

In connection with earning credits for Alpha Psi Omega qualification three of the players are planning to direct and present one-act plays. These players are Lucille Marti, Jane Morrison, and Audrey Bacon. Plays are scheduled for November 10 and November 17.

Bazaar To Be Held For Service Men

On December 4, another all-college bazaar is being sponsored by the Sophomore class for the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase Christmas gifts for the Edinboro men in the armed services. Organizations wishing to participate in the bazaar should make arrangements with E. Clinton Stubbe, general chairman of the bazaar.

A Former Student Visits On Campus

Private Frank Holowach, an Edinboro undergraduate now serving in the armed forces, spent several hours on campus last week. Mr. Holowach was an active Sophomore here last year. A straight "A" student, he served as editor of the Spectator, assistant editor of the Conneautean, and sophomore student council representative. In this latter capacity he attended the conference of the Associated Student Governments of the State Teachers Colleges of Pennsylvania held at Millersville State Teachers College.

HOLIDAY MARKED BY MASQUERADE

Last Friday evening the Sophomore class continued the long tradition of Edinboro Hallowe'en celebrations when they sponsored the party held in the old gym from eight to twelve p. m.

The party started off with general dancing which was followed by a Grand March in which the judges, Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Van Houten, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heiman, and Wilbur Rose reviewed the contestants. Eric Sundean, who was dressed in a nineteenth century hoop skirt and pantaloons, and Sally Wilson, who was dressed as an old-fashioned gentleman in black, formal attire and stove pipe hat, won first prizes. George Kosanovic and Jane Morrison won second prizes. George was a demure gypsy girl, and Jane was a clown as wide as she was high.

Many of the faculty members who came were in ingenious costumes. Miss Dorothy Skinner had on a very real looking Turk costume made from a sheet and a hand towel, and Miss Mildred Forness and Miss Esther Wilson wore hair-raising masks made by stretching silk stockings over their faces. Miss Janet Kelley made her appearance in a gypsy-like costume while Dr. M. S. Hiskey arrived as a Mexican cowboy.

As master of ceremonies, Clinton Thomas directed several "Paul Joneses" and various other group games such as "Three Deep" and "Kaboose". For those who did not dance there was apple bobbing, "Donkey" and other card games, and contests such as trying to whistle after eating a cracker and trying to "swallow a piece of string in order to obtain a kernel of corn tied in the middle". The screams that now and then issued forth from the balcony were caused by the travelers of the "Ghost Trail".

Later in the evening cider and doughnuts were served by the refreshments committee of which Myrtle Johnson was the head. Natalie Jacobson was in charge of the crew which arranged the decorations while Ruth Jones' committee handled the publicity.

Dr. Van Houten Attends Meeting

On the twenty-fourth of October L. H. Van Houten attended the fifteenth meeting of the Pennsylvania Conference of High School Physics Teachers held at State College. Several talks were presented at the meeting. At the close Dr. Van Houten commented upon the speeches and then presented a symposium on "The Problems of the High School Physics Teacher."

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EDITORIAL

While looking through a recent issue of The Stroud Courier, East Stroudsburg S. T. C.'s campus paper, we noticed an article concerning the extra-curricular, point-credit system which they are initiating there. Since then we have learned that other colleges are using a similar system.

Although the system set up at East Stroudsburg seems to us to be far from ideal, yet a study of it proves interesting while many of its factors are very commendable. Prominent among the latter are the motives behind the point system. These they list in three statements:

1. "To limit student participation in college activities so as to create a favorable balance between his curricular and extra-curricular program."
2. "To promote greater efficiency in executing the duties associated with the various student offices."
3. "To distribute the positions of leadership and responsibility among a greater number of students."

Other benefits could be worked into the program, but these three are undoubtedly the basic motives of any such program.

According to the East Stroudsburg set up, definite points were assigned to each organization. Thus:

Student Senate

- A. President 10 points
- B. Vice-President 5 points
- C. Secretary 3 points
- D. Member 4 points

Class Officers

- A. President 6 points
- B. Vice-president 3 points
- C. Secretary 3 points
- D. Treasurer 3 points

Yearbook

- A. Editor 3 points
- B. Business Manager 8 points
- C. Department editors 3 points

A similar set up was made for every organization in the college. The "bite" of the whole program at East Stroudsburg lay in the following regulation: "No student shall be eligible to hold offices to such a number that the resulting aggregate of points shall exceed 10." This regulation carries out the first and third of the motives listed above and means, for example, that the editor of a yearbook could not act as a class officer or that the president of the senate could participate in no other extra-curricular activity.

Edinboro Churches

BAPTIST

Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Sunday
 Worship Service 11:00 A. M. Sunday
 Evening Service 7:45 P. M. Sunday
 Praise and Prayer Service 8:00 P. M. Wednesday
 The Rev. George W. McKown, Pastor

METHODIST

Morning Worship 10:00 A. M. Sunday
 Church School 11:00 A. M. Sunday
 (M. P. Manners, Superintendent)
 Youth Fellowship 6:30 P. M. Sunday
 The Rev. David M. Hasbrouck, Minister

PRESBYTERIAN

Sabbath School 10:00 A. M. Sunday
 Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. Sunday
 Young Peoples' 6:30 P. M. Sunday
 Evening Service 7:30 P. M. Sunday
 Midweek Service 7:30 P. M. Wednesday
 The Rev. Milford W. Castrodale, Minister

Staff Has Troubles

The Spectator has had a rather eventful career this season, and it occurs to your editor that you might be interested in the "whats" and "whys" of these events.

At the start of Spectator activity it was suggested in Student Council meeting that the Staff investigate the possibilities of having the paper done somewhere other than the local newspaper office. The Staff was interested in this suggestion because they felt that the local newspaper office was not in a position to give them completely satisfactory service at the present time.

Therefore, the staff made arrangements with the nearest newspaper office out of town, the Enterprise News of Cambridge Spgs., who brought out the first edition of The Spectator. Just as the Staff was developing a routine and preparing to come out at Cambridge Springs with the second edition of the paper, a technicality arose. Dr. Van Houten received word from Harrisburg which prevented our using the Cambridge office. The Enterprise News is published by Mr. Will Rose, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of Edinboro S. T. C., and there is a state law regarding the payment of college funds to a business in which a board member has an interest.

And so, some last minute scrambling has brought us to this writing which is being done in the modern office of The Albion News where this second edition of The Spectator is being printed.

MU KAPPA INITIATES NEW MEMBERS

Mu Kappa Gamma, national honorary music fraternity on campus, spent a very busy Alumni Day with old friends. After a light luncheon served in the Methodist Church, a very impressive formal initiation service was held in the home of Mrs Esther Wilson. New members were selected on the basis of musical ability, leadership, scholarship and cooperation and included the following: Margaret Kingsley, Peggy Heim, Peggy McElroy, Charlotte Rumsey, Lucille Morley, Carol Davis, George Kosanavic, and Jack Aiton.

The organization is now planning to sponsor a musicale once a month. These public entertainments will be announced later.

—Save for Victory—



Reformist's Corner

This space is allotted to all those who want to stick their necks out on any and all subjects for those brave souls who have remedies to suggest for those things which everyone talks about and no one ever does anything about. A sort of Gripe Fest, as it were. Talk about it and get it out of your system . . . and who knows, someone else might have the same idea as you. Here are a few to start the list:-

Why must we have ice cream every other day? At that rate, even good ice cream becomes monotonous.

Don't you think it would be a good idea to give the students a chance to put on assembly programs . . . at least once a month? Let them try to make the assemblies what they are always saying they're not.

With our students displaying such a vast ignorance of current events whenever they are mentioned in class, it seems to me that a sort of Student Forum would be in order. There everyone, student and faculty alike, could air their views on any pre-designated question, either local or national in character.

Speaking as an art student in the making, I would like to see more frequent exhibition of the students' work . . . also it might be a good motivation for extra-curricular art work. Perhaps we could have them monthly . . . or at least quarterly.

Off Campus Events

The off-campus girls have organized by electing a president and vice-president of each off-campus house. These officers form the off-campus council and have elected as their leader, June Hostetler.

There follows a list of the off-campus houses and their presidents: Hawkins, Arlene McEntire; Manross, Leah Davvit; Sprouls, Eleanor Rose; Snyders, Ruth Wagnenknecht; Howe, Norma Gretenberger; McConnell, Eleanor Tubbs; and Perry, Betty Mould. The girls living at home have elected as their representatives, June Hostetler and Dorothy Kingsley.

Soon after the organization the girls had a weiner roast at Green Point. The weather was ideal and the walk to the Point served to increase everyone's appetite. The fire burned beautifully and felt good. After eating weiners and buns and drinking chocolate milk, everyone sat around the fire and sang songs and told stories. From the reports the picnic was a success.

The Manross house has added a new member to its fold. Bergene Bailey has moved nearer to the school activities.

Last week-end Virginia Ingham visited at Eleanor Rose's home. What is the attraction down that way?

Oh, to be like Wilbur Rose and be able to help some poor Freshman with her design, especially when she reciprocates with a pound box of Whitman's chocolates.

Haven's Raven's

With a nasty deadline looming large in the future, I take my typewriter in hand to pass on to posterity a few sage comments on the famed dames of Haven.

It was a gala night for Joe Spence when he was unfortunately forced to spend last week's black-out in Haven's blacked-out Rec room with all the girls replete in housecoats, night cream and curlers . . . and then the lights went out!!!

Not so gala an occasion was the departure of most of the Navy last week. I will say that they did add to the extra-curricular program. Cheer up, girls, rumor has it there are to be 32 in the next bunch . . . all foot-loose and fancy-free.

We are of the opinion that more organized chanting at the table would be in order . . . just to see which table can think the fastest.

The girls of Haven are quite hurt at our new mentor's obvious distrust of our honesty and are hoping that we won't be reminded of it again . . . we, who never had a dishonest thought in all our honest lives.

Well, boys, the girls were true to their word and did come through with a dance . . . all that remains, is for you to follow suit . . . but quickly!!

In spite of the ungodly hours of our house-meetings, it is hoped that Arky will get to the next one . . . and in addition, we are glad to see you again, Hop-a-long.

There is quite a fued between the waiters and one Miss Rooney. They claim that they only wait on table for the floor show given before meals and our Lois swears that no one can see through those blinds. Being a friend feline, I am inclined to agree with her . . . and, besides, I was there!!

Now, I will try to make this hint subtle . . . to whom it may concern:—Boys are not supposed to be in Haven after eight p. m. on week nights . . . unless they are with a girl who has a later per . . . and then only in the music room. It's like I keep tellin' them down at the office . . . a word to the wise . . .

Announcing . . . Maxon-Ellwanger room merger!! Great day in the morning! Double trouble!

When the cat's away . . . look up her room-mate. Jack'n Phil . . . Jack 'n Sue . . . Sue 'n Phil . . . Jack . . . well, I'll bet it's fun anyway and I just wish that I had a room-mate with such nice connections . . . that goes both ways.

Katy Henderson is all smiles this week after a week-end with a uniform. Gad! these uniforms!! Antidotes for nearly all ills, they tell me.

Well, folks . . . that's all.

Reeder's Digest

It's scandalous but it's true. There's a young girl, age 20, living in Reeder Hall. She's Miss Mary Sue Hiskey (M. S. Hiskey, Jr., get it?), the infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Hiskey, and is 20 days old today.

My, but it's quiet with most of the navy men gone from third floor—no drilling, no marching to meals, no taps and no reveille. But then, we know Reeder isn't the only dormitory on this campus that misses the navy.

Yes, H. Ravin's, it is nice the way roommates share things; take the Warren, Pa., combination for instance. But what are you going to do, Warren, when the Freshman learns to dance?

Did you really want that bird you shot, Brother Dove?

Rumor has it that John Almore got up for a first period class last week, but the report hasn't been verified as yet.

Now it's a student teacher and a freshman. Nice going, Larry.

Why is it our friend McIntosh cannot conduct himself creditably in trig class unless Mailman Gunn brings him a certain, blue colored envelope.

Jack Mensinger and Vernon Dornback report a fine time and an exciting game between Notre Dame and Navy from their trip to Cleveland last week.

By the way, girls, be sure to come to our dance Friday P. M.

PHI SIG SEZ

Hunting Season is here so from now on we won't worry too much about meatless days. George Hills got the limit on rabbits in a short time Saturday. Brother Bonnett also braved the elements to hunt on the opening day and Monday.

We didn't have to hunt up these fellows, however, for they paid us a visit. Around our quarters at various times during the last few weeks we had Harold Powers and Earle Madigan who are now in the Army Air Corps, Ensign William Peiffer and PFC Frank Holowach.

Florian Florek, Walter Nissen, and Daniel Wolchik also dropped in for a short time. These fellows are waiting "on call" for the Air Corps.

Dick Jenkins, our lad at California, was here one Friday not so long ago as well as James Parker who expected to enter the army soon.

(A new paragraph for this fellow.) We are mighty glad to have Lt. James Wood of the U. S. Marine Corps with us for a few days. We are very proud of this former president who has risen from the rank of buck private to that of Lieutenant. Nice going, Jim.

Our congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Hiskey and a hearty welcome from Reeder's family to little Mary Sue. (Sorry, fellows, she's too young to date right now, better wait until next semester.)

That's all for now except this: NOTE: A generous Phi Sig let a Kappa Delt in on all the gravy at Sunday dinner. Oh, Brother!!!!

Raiders To Battle Slippery Rock

This coming Saturday, the Red Raiders confront on their own gridiron the "archest" of their arch rivals, Slippery Rock State Teachers College.

Judging from the way Soc's men have been going to town this season and from the way they've been looking out there at practice these afternoons, Saturday's game promises to be an exciting one.

Last year the Raiders came out with the little end of a 12-6 score when they visited Slippery Rock. This opponent has another good team this year, but the local odds are about even.

Perhaps it's just a coincidence that Edinboro's best team in years coincides with the first year in many that we have had an active cheerleading squad, but we don't think so. Anyway, we appreciate the work the Freshman cheerleading squad is doing. Keep it up, Joe



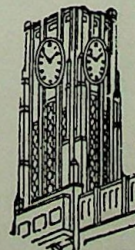
Phi Hockey Players Overcome Delts

For the 1942-43 term, the W.A.A. has selected the following girls as administrators of their athletic activities:

- President Margaret Callisch
- Delta Leader Marjorie Hall
- Phi Leader June Hostetter
- Treasurer Thelma Pieper
- Secretary Audrey Bacon
- Publicity Mgr. Margaret Kingsley
- Head Custodian Carol Davis
- Custodians Louise Hodnick
- Rosemary McCrory
- Virginia Stevenson
- Joan Whitehill

Following the excitement of color rush, the two competitive groups, the Phi's and Delt's, continued the hockey play-off. If you recall, the Color Rush game was won by the Phi's, 1-0. The next game was a tie 2-2, but the final game showed the Phi's superiors with a score of 3-1.

On October 24, the upperclassmen walked with shaking knees onto the field to meet the returning Alumnae. The varsity was quite surprised to take the game by three goals over the non-scoring Alumnae. Both teams played a very good game, but the Alumnae agreed that the teaching profession just doesn't keep one in hockey trim.



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Letters From The Front 2nd From Behind The Front

Vic Fuller from the Isle of Wight

We are now patrolling the beach at night and drilling during the day. During the past summer I have been teaching many of the men here how to swim and others advanced life saving.

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Sgt. Joe Norder

Since May 1, I have been in the weather service in the southwest, beginning my first assignment at El Paso, Texas. After two months there and an additional three months here at Alamogordo, New Mexico, I am now leaving to pioneer a new weather station some two hundred miles north, at Fort Sumner, New Mexico. My squadron maintains weather offices over a number of midwestern states ranging from Texas to the Canadian border, so most of us in our organization expect to remain in the southwest for the duration, unless called for foreign duty.

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Roy Christensen (PFC) from Quantico, Va.

I've finished my first five-weeks course. The candidates course here at Quantico is really a fast moving and very intensive training. I'm kept just busy enough to keep me out of mischief. Jim Wood who received his commission about a month ago, and Bill Cole are here with me. We're trying our darndest to uphold the standards of good old Northwestern Pennsylvania and above all our beloved Alma Mater.

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Gardine Criswell from Fort Mead, Md.

I am in the infantry—a twenty-four hour job. The hardest, most discouraging, the biggest and finest experience of my life. I hate it and I like it! Anything can happen to me and I have been made ready for anything.

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A/C Norman Dilley from Scott Field, Ill.

It seems that I traded my old sweater with the block E for the khaki and olive drab of Uncle Sam's team—and under the circumstances I am not a bit sorry. My army life has been quite profitable. I've made new friends, travelled some, and have had some chance to further my education.

Just a year ago I was inducted as a buck private. In time I became a non com in the Medical Department. Finally my appointment as an Aviation Cadet was approved, so now I'm here—among a bunch of graduate electrical engineers—studying radio.

My graduation is scheduled for the latter part of December. Unless something goes wrong between now and then, I'll also be commissioned a second Lieutenant at the same time. Then I'll be assigned to duty as an air corps communications officer.

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Howard Rose from Kessler Field, Miss.

How much I'd like to be in Edinboro for Home Coming. But on that day, I'll be graduating from an entirely different kind of school—air mechanics.

A/C Richard Peterson from Sweetwater, Texas

I have just returned from the flight line where I have been enjoying a nice bumpy hour in the "soup" (clouds) trying to convince my training plane that I am the boss. Today was rather a significant one for me because I passed an army check ride. I now have thirty hours in the air and already I have done stalls, spins, chandelles, lazy eights, and a host of other tricky maneuvers, during my solo hours. I soloed my first week.—Letters, next to planes are the most vital commodity to any soldier boy.—Keep believing in us.

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Lt. John Bleach from Elgin Field, Fla.

We go to class and fly all day and then a few hours more at night. We fly B-25's here. An Australian friend of mine says that monkeys too, are intelligent people. He insists they are capable of speech but refrain from doing so for fear the British would put them to work. So, I ain't saying nuttin'.

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Dick Benson from London, England

Dick sends a censored "Hello!" to all his old Edinboro friends from overseas.

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PFC Leo Bemis from Army Base, Boston, Mass.

When first arriving here at my new station after finishing basic infantry training at Camp Croft, S. C., there was little that I would have wished to tell, as to the character of my work. It seemed so far remote from helping to win this International Scrap in which we are involved that it was quite discouraging. In the last few weeks, however, I've developed a healthy respect for the so called "White Collared Worker". The army classification system decided that I should be a clerk so that I am. My work deals with facts and figures from which the strength of both the armed forces and the civilian population within the first service command is tabulated. At the present time I am second in charge of my section but because of a change in personnel in the near future my address will be changed to some Officers Candidate School.

One of my former instructors said, "Where there is a will there is a way." We in America have the will and although it may take a little more time than some of us might wish, we will find the way.

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Neil Peiffer from Langley Field, Va.

I have been under the jurisdiction of the army air force at this base for the past six months. They try to keep me on my regular job at this typewriter, but I learned goldbricking very early in my military career. The powers-that-be have hinted that I am to take seven months work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, then I will be a meteorologist.

Service Men ---- Attention!

This edition of the paper is sincerely dedicated to all of the Edinboro college men who are now in the service. We dedicate it to you to prove in this small way how proud we are of you. We at home, even though we are civilians, realize that there is a war going on. We realize that our country, our liberty, our democratic government is at stake. But it is the small, little bits of individual freedom that we appreciate now as we never have before. The choice of going to school—even as to what school, the choice of our church, selecting our own friends and amusements, the decision of what we shall have for our dinner, and where we shall go on our rations of tires and gas—these are the little things that make life worth living.

It was my privilege recently to visit a church in an army camp. The chapel itself was used as a place of worship by Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Their hours of worship were at different times but they shared the same building, the same altar, the same sense of reverence and well-being that is found in a church. It was the one place where the negro and the white soldiers mingled, the one place where I heard no military tread, the one place where rookies and officers were simply men of their own value. As I noticed the easy good comradeship of

Don Walbridge from New York, N. Y.

Following enlistment in the U. S. Navy, July 13, 1942, I was sent to "boot camp" at Newport, Rhode Island. Seven weeks of rigorous training put in tip top shape physically and mentally. I am now attending the RCA Radio school here in New York City. At the completion of this course (soon) I'll be stationed aboard ship or on some type of naval aircraft as a radio operator. I like the navy and everyone here in New York is very nice to service men.

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Sgt. Bob Hahn from Ellington Field, Texas

I'm in Texas; was finally promoted to Staff Sergeant on September 25, 1942. I'm on duty with the Military Intelligence Division (Air Force) which explains why I never say anything about my

the soldiers as they loitered in the sunshine on the church steps, as I watched their earnest expressions during the service, as I noticed a lieutenant and a buck private share a hymnal, and as I listened to the reassuring words of truth in the songs that have lived as long as our nation, I suddenly realized that here is true democracy—democracy embedded in to our hearts so deeply that nothing can tear it out. It is challenged—yes—but it will not be defeated. I remembered that it was my friends, my brother, my schoolmates—the people I had loved and trusted in peace—who are now protecting me when our country has been called upon to defend its belief in the liberty that has always been its life blood. I was glad that as long as the job needed to be done, that it was being done by people whose worth had been tried and found true in the friendly relationships of school and church and home. Will you keep faith with us for the duration—you knowing that we believe in you—and we knowing that you are doing your best for us?

Please remember that this column is YOURS. It is for your comments, your thoughts, and news just about you. It is your letters that fill this column and help us to keep in touch with you as long as government regulations permit.

work. Everything I do is highly confidential.

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Sgt. Bill Bohn from Dover, Delaware

I have moved around quite a bit and am at present at a comparatively new air field which is situated outside of Dover, Delaware. On October 1st I was made sergeant. I am in an outfit known as a Guard Squadron whose main duty is to provide for the security and defense of the base. My duties are mainly to see that guards and sentries are posted right. I applied for Officer's Candidate School and just now am waiting to be called to go. The field I chose was that of chemical warfare.

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