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The Voice of Tomorrow

Mary L. Fenstemaker Ivy Day Orator

Ivy Day will be held Wednesday, June 20 immediately following the Baccalaureate sermon, Miss Betty Lou Fenstemaker has been elected Ivy Day Orator.

Miss Elvira Bitetti, president of the Senior class will present the spade to the president of the Junior Class. After the oration, ivy will be planted at the Centennial Gym.

B. S. T. C. Prepares For Commencement

Commencement Exercises at the Bloomsburg State Teachers College will be held at 10 a. m., Saturday, June twenty-third in the college auditorium.

Ely Culbertson, noted authority on world peace and well-known bridge expert will be the commencement speaker. President Harvey A. Andruss of the college will confer the degrees.

Alumni Day activities, due to war-time restrictions will be held the same day and begin immediately after commencement. A feature of the activities will be a baseball game on the college diamond at 4 p. m.

Major General I. H. Edwards, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Organization and Training Division of the War Department, and alumnus of the college will be present and speak briefly during the exercises.

Baccalaureate exercises will be held Wednesday, June 20, with Doctor G. Morris Smith, President of Susquehanna University delivering the sermon.

Transportation Unit Becomes Reality

Members of the Special Education Class of the Danville Schools were the recent guests of the Special Education Class at the Benjamin Franklin Training School of the Bloomsburg State Teachers College. The Danville students under the direction of their teacher, Miss Miriam E. Welliver, were studying a unit on transportation and came to Bloomsburg by train and returned to Danville by bus. To complete the Transportation unit, plans had been made to take the class across the Susquehanna River by flat boat, and then to take an airplane ride from the Danville Air Port. High winds prevented both the river trip and the airplane ride.

While guests at the Bloomsburg State Teachers College, the Danville students attended the college assembly exercises, visited the college museum, and held a picnic in the basement of the training school.

College Community Service in Memory R. Bruce Albert

President of B.S.T.C. Alumni Association Died Suddenly

On June 6 the College Community held an assembly in memory of R. Bruce Albert, President of the Alumni Association of the Bloomsburg State Teachers College.

After the Scripture reading by President Andruss, Dr. Nelson paid tribute by relating several incidents in the life of his intimate friend, Bruce Albert, to show the man he was. He emphasized his zeal in promoting alumni activities and establishing the Alumni Loan Fund. He emphasized his faithfulness to the Christian ideals for which he stood.

In addition to his college and church activities, he was associated with many phases of civic life; war fund drives, Kiwanis, Caldwell Consistory, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, American Legion.

His name, with the name of his father Charles H. Albert, former faculty member, will be high on the scroll of service to the College Community.

Bloomsburg's tribute to him editorially was: "He gave unstintingly of his time and talent and has left to those who must carry on the heritage of a life well spent.

"He was never too busy to help others while his leadership qualities were constantly in demand. He will be missed as few could be but his memory will be cherished by many."

Day and Dorm Girls Announce 1945 - '46 Officers at Party

On Friday night, June 1 the Day and Dorm girls held their annual He-She Party in the Old Gym. It turned out to be a huge success with the girls attending dressed in all sorts of costumes.

The judges awarded prizes to the following: Most original group—"The Refugies"—Mae Klinger, Shirley Kessler, Doris Condor and Frances Mylet. Honorable Mention—"3Track Stars"—Betty Hess, Emily Hess, Renee Paul. Cleverest group—"The Royal Party"—Jean Gilbert, Betty Burnham, Evelyn Doney, Betty Zehner, Mary Furman. Best looking man—Flora Guarna, dressed in sailor's dungarees. Honorable mention: Soldier—Julia Welliver; Sailors—Jeanne Keller, Betty Lingle. Best looking couple—"Meranda and Clem"—Lorraine Utt, Harriet Rhodes. Honorable Mention—Joanna Broadt, Barbara Greenly.

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Faculty Members Commencement Speaker

President Harvey A. Andruss of the Bloomsburg State Teachers College, delivered Commencement addresses at the Huntington Vocational High School and the Ralpho Township High School at Elysburg. President Andruss spoke on "American Unity without Uniformity."

John C. Koch, Director of Aviation at the college has given Commencement addresses at Colley Township High School, Lopez; Beaver Township High School; and Centralia Borough High School. His subject was "The Effect of Aviation Upon Our Future World."

Dr. E. H. Nelson gave the Commencement addresses at Scott Township High School, Wednesday, June 6. The subject of his address was "Seemingly Sane."

Mr. Joseph Bailer, Director of Secondary Education, was a judge of the Catawissa Commencement debate: "Resolved: That the legal voting age should be reduced to eighteen years."

Science Club Visits Kitchen Creek Falls

The members of the Science Club under the sponsorship of Dr. Kuster were all prepared to set out for Kitchen Creek Falls bright and early Thursday morning, June 7, if the weather was nice. The Transportation Committee encountered a bit of difficulty in securing cars because of the gas and tire shortage, but this problem was solved when Mr. Keller of Orangeville offered to drive his car. Dr. Kuster's and Mark Wanich's cars and the Station Wagon were also used. The Food Committee was planning a huge menu, for an all day climb up a mountain certainly stimulates an appetite. Everyone who went wore heavy soled shoes and sport clothes.

The club has made this trip before, but everyone was anxious to return to view the falls, one of the most scenic spots in Pennsylvania.

Training School Completes Session

Tuesday afternoon, May 29, at two o'clock was the official closing of the Benjamin Franklin Training School for the 1944-1945 term. Some of the grades had picnic lunches in their classrooms. A few days before, the sixth grade had a party for Mrs. Keller in honor of her retirement from teaching. Miss Moyer, second grade teacher, and Mrs. Keller both

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Althea Parsell brought honor to B.S.T.C. when she reached the finals and shared with Miss Estelle Harrop of Glen Moore the prophetic title "Voice of Tomorrow."

Althea, popular with students and faculty, and active in many college organizations, has received the recognition long wished for her by those who thrilled to hear her sing.

Along with their best wishes for success, the College students sent roses. To their president, the day girls gave a music case. Althea was presented with a beautiful watch by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Marian Jones Entertains S. C. A.

Miss Marian Jones, music instructor in the Bloomsburg Public Schools, presented a varied and interesting program of piano selections at the recent Student Christian Association meeting.

Miss Jones took those present on a "make-believe" trip around the world by discussing Nationalism in music. Contributions of countries through composers and compositions beginning with Grieg in Norway and ending with Gershwin in America delighted everyone and affected a worthwhile program.

Following the meeting, officers for the coming year were elected: President, Renee Paul; Vice-president, Mae Klinger; Secretary-Treasurer, Joy Propst.

Kappa Delta Pi Elects New Officers

The last meeting of the year of Kappa Delta Pi was held in the social rooms of Science Hall on Thursday evening, May 31. The members were very pleased to greet at this time their new sponsor, Miss Ransom.

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Five Years of Transition . . . What of the Future?

by HARVEY A. ANDRUSS

Student Activities

The accelerated program, with its heavier academic load, caused the termination of many extra-curricular activities. Social life in terms of formal dances, dinners, and those activities requiring transportation were of necessity curtailed, hence the arrangement of activities in order of worth has preserved and even enhanced the contribution of the Maroon and Gold (college newspaper) and the Obiter (now the all college year book). Social life has centered itself of necessity around the campus, with the result that a social room for men and women has been installed near the old gymnasium so as to make dancing possible.

To provide light refreshments on the campus, a canteen for Navy Men and College Students has been in operation for over a year and has provided the funds necessary for the publication of the Yearbook.

Student contributions to the Red Cross, National War Fund, U.S.O. Drives, and the purchase of war bonds and stamps has attained a high level of which the college is proud.

When travel has permitted, student representatives from the college have attended conventions of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers in New York City, and the State Conventions for the Government Associations of the various State Teachers Colleges.

Week-end recreation journeys to Eagles Mere were a popular activity in the summer of 1944 and are to be continued in 1945. Interscholastic sports — football, basketball, soccer, wrestling, track, and intramural competition have been maintained during this period except for the year 1941-1942.

What of the Future?

With the possible termination of the Navy Programs, the immediate problem of the college calendar must be considered. Since all other Teachers Colleges operate on a two-semester-three-summer-sessions calendar, we are legally bound to return to that basis with the termination of the war programs. The transition from one calendar to another can be easily made following the conclusion of the term or trimester in June, 1945.

Aside from the mechanics of the calendar, we have noted that the con-

tinuous three year round calendar which formerly was spread over four years with summer vacations has (a) caused noticeable student physical fatigue and lagging student effort; and (b) an equally evident tension on the part of the faculty. If such a calendar is to be continued, specific provision should be made so that faculty members will not be scheduled to teach continuously for more than 80 weeks over two college years of 96 weeks.

Bloomsburg places over 90% of its graduates, as shown by a survey completed in 1941. A study of 1,025 graduates who completed the requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education over the ten year period from 1931 to 1940, inclusive, discloses the fact that 92% have been gainfully employed. Of these over 77% were engaged in teaching, while 15% were in other occupations. This leaves only 8% to be accounted for in such activities as homemaking, government, continued college attendance, and the unemployed.

Majority Educators Oppose Universal Military Training

The American Council on Education declared today that 47 per cent of American college administrators oppose universal military training because it may regiment "the minds of our youths."

And most college educators favor a delay in the decision on a peacetime draft until after peace is established, the council added.

The educators' viewpoint, determined through a poll, were made known on the eve of hearings by the House Committee on postwar military policy on the subject.

Announcing the results of a survey taken among 1,196 college and university presidents, conducted jointly with the American Association of Junior Colleges, A. J. Brumbaugh, council vice president, said in a statement:

"The opposition to conscription on the part of college administrators is not due to any fear as to the effect upon the college; the opposition is due primarily to the fear of what universal military training will do in regimenting the minds of our youth."

Sad Sack

The privacy of a goldfish bowl. You certainly have it in a dormitory. Our word dormitory is derived from the Latin verb dormire, meaning to sleep, but I think this word has been sadly misplaced in our language.

Miss Mettler advises, "Get plenty of rest to take care of that cold." All right, I'll go to bed and try to sleep. Bang, bang on the door. Darn it, I was just dozing off. It's just one of the kids who's looking for my roommate.

I close my eyes once more. Darn that telephone! I don't see why they can't announce that Slats is calling Candy a little less boisterously. I turn over and just get comfortable when in walks my best friend without knocking.

"Hey, could you lend me a dollar? I need it for bus fare home. Dad will give me more to come back and I'll pay you Monday."

I can't refuse; so I hop out of bed; dig in my purse for my last dollar and hand it over.

Oh, those cleaning women! I know they don't particularly love us girls but why do they have to call us names at the top of their lungs when I want to sleep? I'm going out and tell them — I can't stand it any longer! But no — that wouldn't help any and besides it isn't ladylike. They'll shut up after awhile anyway.

Knock, knock! Gee, I must have been asleep. I look at my watch. Actually ten minutes has elapsed since my last interruption. That's wonderful! This time it's one of the kids looking for two nickles for a dime. She has to call her Sammy.

Now that Jane next door is practicing her music for tomorrow. It wouldn't be so bad if she didn't sing off key. Oh well, I'll go to bed early tonight then I can really sleep.

Night comes. I crawl into bed at quarter of ten. Gee, just think of all that extra sleep I'll get tonight. The main trouble is the Navy's not making enough noise over there. What's the matter? Why don't they blow taps? Oh — tomorrow there's a big inspection and they have late lights so they can clean. Well, I don't make that much noise when I clean.

I give up! I didn't want to sleep anyway. You just can't win.

Dr. Brumbaugh said that the majority of the educators opposing such training advocate an adequate professional standing army and navy recruited by voluntary enlistments. That group, he added, also believes that national security can be maintained by the development of international cooperation with an eye toward armaments limitation and the founding of an international police force.

Replies to the council's questionnaire on military training, Dr. Brumbaugh said, came from 1,196 presidents of institutions of higher learning, representing 71 per cent of the total number in the United States.

Asked whether the decision should be made now or later on peacetime universal military training, 77 per cent favored action only after peace; 19 per cent favor action now, and 4 per cent are uncertain.



Have you heard about the five stages of womanhood: safety pin, hair pin, fraternity pin, diamond pin, and rolling pin.

—Indiana Penn

The Fighting Irish

One morning a lone Irishman was at work near the top of a telephone pole, painting it bright green, when the pot of paint slipped and splashed on the sidewalk. A few minutes later another Irishman came along. He looked at the paint, then at his countryman, and inquired with anxiety in his tone, "Doherty, Doherty, hov ye had a himarrag?"

—The Collegio

Close Shave

A Girl walked by the target range. The sergeants were entranced; In fact she was so beautiful, The bullets even glanced.

—Indiana Penn

Just Stuff

The Navy personnel on third deck don't look like French music. Well — they hiss when some eager French student makes with the "Marseillaise," around 2300 (11:00 stupid!) Absolutely no refinement.

Carrie Balliet says the war will be over by June 1, 1945. That will give Mr. B. three days to make her graduation.

We wonder, "Does Maxey ever WALK down a dorm hall!" Ah youth, ah exuberance, ah nuts.

There is a robin's nest just outside the third window of the library on a spouting pipe. And some one said robins only nested on North Hall fire escapes. What's the matter fellows? Can't you satisfy your tenants?

It rained yesterday. Didn't think that dry spell would ever break.

The training teachers will be out of work in a few days. Wonder if they would consider pinch hitting for a couple of tired college students at the 7:50 classes.

Heard lots of people say Miss Moore's girls gave the best assembly program in ages. They were right!

Where were you during the storm last Tuesday? Did you avail yourselves of the power break.

Wish someone would give the girls in the third floor three-girl room a clock. We are sick of having the two longs-and-the-short-of-it asking the time.

What did that sailor say to E. H. that she got so scorched!

Coffee is delicious if it's boiled in a kettle and then strained through a green handkerchief. That's Joy Propt's own recipe. There in lies a tale. Too long for here.

Kanfe has a paratrooper. He came across with a chute plus some French perfume. La la and all that. Would that we, etc.

We have a naval post office on the "she" side of third deck. The girls in 379 demand two cents on every letter. FREE if unsealed, oh boy.

Thus ends our tale. All right, so it isn't News. We tried!

Husky Sluggers Nose Out Penn State in Erratic Game

Zagoudis Wins Game in Tenth, Driving in the Deciding Tally

"Lefty" Zagoudis's single in the tenth drove in the run that gave Bloomsburg State Teachers College a 14 to 13 decision over Penn State on the Huskies' field here yesterday afternoon in one of the wildest games in some time.

It was an uphill battle for the Huskies who were enrolling their first baseball triumph since the days of Davie Williams and in the era when the Bloomsburg Normal nine was always the Alumni Day attraction at State College.

It was a see-saw affair with the Lions getting off to a three run start. The Huskies came back to gain the lead, 5 to 3, but this was wiped out with a big seven-run fourth by the Lions during which Strong was belted for five hits and issued a pair of passes.

From that time until the last of the ninth, Penn State was in front. Bloomsburg was trailing 13 to 9 in the last of that inning. With one out, Bottger was safe on an error and Strong tripled. Denz batted for Opalka and lifted a fly to center. Zagoudis walked. Klinefelter doubled two runs home and scored on Hopkins' error on Pratico's grounder.

In the first of the tenth a walk to Leith, a passed ball and Smith's single went over the run which gave the lead to the Lions. In the last of the inning with one away Mastererson was safe on an error and Stulb, batting for Bottger, walked. Strong popped out to Leith but Ix and Zagoudis hit to give the Huskies victory.

Bloomsburg Teachers

	ab	r	h	o	a	e
Opalka, 2b	4	1	1	1	1	1
Ix, 2b	1	0	1	1	0	0
Mariaschin, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0
Zagoudis, cf	6	3	1	1	3	0
Klinefelter, 1b	6	3	2	8	2	0
Pratico, 2b, ss	6	1	2	2	2	0
Terhune, 3b	5	1	1	3	1	1
Stolz, lf	6	1	1	1	0	0
Mastererson, rf	6	2	3	4	0	0
Bottger, c	3	1	0	10	2	0
Stulb, c	1	1	0	0	0	0
Strong, p	6	1	3	0	4	0
*Denz	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	53	15	15	30	15	2

*Batted for Opalka in ninth.

Penn State

	ab	r	h	o	a	e
De Lorenzo, 2b	6	2	2	3	3	1
Stetler, lf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Hopkins, ss	5	3	3	2	2	3
Tepsic, 3b	5	3	2	1	1	4
Leith, 1b	2	3	0	13	1	0
Smith, cf	6	0	5	2	0	0
Williams, rf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Herb, c	5	1	2	7	1	2
Luther, p	3	1	0	0	1	0
Hill, p	2	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	42	14	16	29	12	10

Penn State ... 300 730 000 1--14
 Bloomsburg ... 023 211 004 2--15
 Home runs--Tepsic. Three base hits--Strong 2, Smith 2. Two base hits--Klinefelter 2, Mastererson 2. Bases on balls--off Strong 9, Luther 1, Hill 3. Struck out--Strong 7, Luther 2, Hill 2.

Eagles Mere

Have you noticed the bluish tint that Dawn Raup and Barbara Greenly have been sporting? It all started at Eaglesmere on one of the Sunday trips when these two brave girls decided to go for a little swim. The water felt fine, but they had to keep moving so as to keep the icicles from forming. Severn and Rush had good intentions but only waded in a few feet.

After that cooling exercise this quintet (enter Gilbody) started on the red arrow path in search of the labyrinth. Rush and Gilbody strayed off the beaten path for a while and found their way back by following their noses which led them straight to the fire which "Chief Boss" Weller and "Superior Chief" McCammon were just then starting.

The other three, after trekking through the wilderness for hours (???), finally arrived at their destination and spent many minutes oh-ing and ah-ing over the rare formation of fern rocks at the labyrinth. They finally got back to the picnic grounds in time to finish the crumbs and washing the frying pan (Severn), skillet (Raup), and coffee pot (Greenly). Nice work girls!

In the afternoon "Isaac Walton" McCammon, together with their little helpers, Bourgeois, Beach, and Kocher, tried their luck at a little angling in the fair waters of Eaglesmere. Of course they caught quite a number, but they were too small to bother with!

Everybody arrived back in town safely, tired but happy, and eager to do it all over again.

Around the Campus

It's a bit spooky at night down by the lions since that terrible wind storm blew the lamps over. The poor lions can't see well enough to tell when they should roar.

"Time on My Hands" is the current theme song of all the senior student teachers. They're just bored skinny with nothing to do since the local schools closed--am I kidding?

Is there anyone around who hasn't heard about the clutch John Hmelnic-ky once tried to fix? If so he'll be glad to tell you about it. It seems to come up for discussion quite often in Mr. Fisher's Psychology II class.

Bystanders were amazed to see Catherine Longo running around the halls several nights ago trying to get rid of a quart of milk. Bernie Kane donated it to the cause.

Dr. Kehr has initiated something new on the campus--a dog feeding station in the Dean of Women's Office. All stray pups which the Navy adopts may receive a square meal here. One of the girls, namely Shirley Starook, was tempted to sample the pup's diet the other night but she was afraid she'd start woofing (woofing) if she did.

Guess what! The sailors in uniform at the He-She Party never made a pass at the two girls in grass skirts. They certainly didn't run true to

Day Daze

Last Tuesday, when the rainstorm blew up, I was sitting in the Dayroom hoping to hear some gossip. No, no gossip. Hoping to hear some scandal. No, no scandal. But wait a minute, here come Saunders and Fenstermaker? Are they wet? No, not wet. Just drenched. They look like a couple of ducks.

Well, well, well, Will wonders never cease. The Dayroom, dining room and Miss Ransonn's office completely furnished with Venetian Blinds. Quite an improvement over those curtains. All we need now are some plush rugs and a paint job on the furniture and walls.

Recent topic of conversation in the Dayroom and otherwise, is the trip to Eaglesmere. Will try to pick latest gossip when I attend.

To continue the discussion of baseball, I observed a very outstanding game the morning of May 7. The Frosh elementaries vs. upper-classmen elementaries. Boy! What a game! What teams! What action! What scores! Here's a brief summary of the scores. First inning 18-0; second inning 18-0; third inning 20-4; fourth inning 20-1; outcome 28-4 with U.C.E. the victors. (Quiet, Frosh. We won't discuss the other games in public.)

"Drowsy" Daygirl

Training School Completes Session

are retiring this spring after many years of fine service in the training school.

The close of the training school meant not only the beginning of summer vacation for the children but also the beginning of a new venture for the college students who have been practicing teaching there during the past year.

Twenty - two practice teachers have been working at different times this term. Some have already left and are teaching on their own. Those who finished their student teaching in March are: Mary Furman, Mrs. Alice Zehner Heupeke, Mrs. Louise Buck Miller, Rosemary Johnson, and Mary Kramer.

Next month most of the other elementary student teachers will graduate and be ready to take their places when school bells ring next fall.

The following students have been practicing teaching for either one or two trimesters at the Training School: Evelyn George, Mary Flaherty, Shirley Stayrook, Lois Wintersteen, Ruth Kester, Julia Welliver, Elvira Bitetti, Carrie Johnson Ballet, Jean Dickinson, Betty Zehner, Carol McCloughan, Stanley Stozenski, Eudora Berlew, Frances Jean Foust, Martha Duck, and Phyllis Schrader.

form.

At the baseball game with Ursinus, Miss MacCammon's Gym class presented a striking appearance wrapped in ponchos and blankets. It was the first day of June too. Ursinus' handsome catcher even passed out a couple of sticks of Beechnut to the shivering damsels.

Atlantic City has nothing that the lawn out by the Old Gym hasn't. Have you noticed the peachy tans--or burns a few of the girls have been sporting? This area is restricted to Navy so KEEP OFF THE GRASS!

New Ruling Aids Baseball Situation

"The worst definitely is over for us," sports leaders said as they hailed a selective service announcement that men 30 and over engaged in "useful" occupations no longer will be drafted.

"Now we're getting something solid to stand on," those interested in professional athletics said.

They had little doubt that such professional sports as baseball would be considered "useful" work by most local draft boards.

The War Manpower Commission early this spring ruled that ball players could leave war plants to return to their "principal business," baseball. This, in effect, gave baseball a semi-essential rating.

And selective service said that WMC's list of essential activities will continue to be used as a guide with local boards having "full authority to determine what may be considered in the national health, safety and interest."

In almost every sport in which men play for pay, many of the top performers are over 30. This is particularly true of baseball.

A check of big league rosters revealed that most clubs have a substantial number of players in this age bracket. Some of these have been on the verge of induction into service.

V-12 Struck by Motorcycle

A-S William B. White, eighteen, of Mystic, Conn., a V-12 student, sustained two fractures of the right leg below the knee, about two o'clock yesterday afternoon when he was struck on Main street, below the Square, by a motorcycle operated by Joseph Crawford, Jr., East Fourth street. White was removed to the Bloomsburg Hospital where he is being cared for by Lt. Vincent C. Olshefski, Navy physician on the V-12 staff here.

Day and Dorm Girls Announce Officers

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The new officers of the Waller Hall Governing Board and the Day Women's Association were announced.

Day Women: President--Lorraine Utt; Sr. Representatives -- Marie Krum, Betty Smith, Jr. Representatives -- Alberta Naunas, Fern Van Sant. Soph. Representatives -- Barbara Greenly, Mary Rush.

Waller Hall Governing Board: President--Mary Schroeder, Vice President--Eileen Falvey, Secretary--Dora Brown, Treasurer--Doris Condor.

Kappa Delta Pi

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Officers for the coming year were elected after which refreshments, ice cream and pretzels, were served and the meeting turned into a social gathering.

New officers are: President: Eileen Falvey; Vice President: Mary Schroeder; Recording Secretary: Athamantia Comuntzis; Corresponding Secretary: Jean Dickinson; Treasurer: Kathleen Hess.

LIFE WITH UNCLE

by "Phyzz" Schrader

M/Sgt. Elwood Beaver

Today I received my Maroon and Gold dated 11 of April and read the greater part of it. Even though practically none of the names of students are familiar, I do feel that I know them all if they are at B.S.T.C. I always enjoy the Maroon and Gold so send one again soon.

In "Life With Uncle" there are always at least 3 or 4 fellows mentioned whom I knew while I was a student at B.S.T.C. A lot of them are doing much more than I sometimes feel I am doing to get this war finished. Most of what you do in Air Transport Command is interesting, but it takes a person without imagination a long time to realize that the work involved is important. At any rate, when a day's work is finished, you feel you have done what Uncle Sam said you should do and you feel good about it, even though there is no visible direct result of your work in many cases. However, only time can tell the story of what the whole war is worth.

The real work of ATC consists of getting men, planes, and supplies to where they are needed. And now ATC is evacuating many of our wounded boys. It all sounds so easy, but that's just the way it sounds.

Anyway, now that I've said just a wee bit about ATC I want to tell you a little bit about Iceland.

Probably the reason it was called Iceland is the fact that this place is very much more adapted to colonization than Greenland. They were both discovered nearly the same time and were named at approximately the same time. In an effort to colonize Greenland it was given that name, and really the name should be turned around for Iceland is much greener in the summer than Greenland ever is.

The temperature varies only slightly as compared with temperature at home. At this date it is still rather cool and there is still a lot of snow on the mountain peaks. In the valleys, however, there is very little snow and it never lasts very long. But there is plenty of rain and changing weather. If you expect to be out for more than a half hour it's best to go prepared for anything. During that half hour it's possible to see all the aspects of weather on the "Rock."

There are no trees on the island except for a very few stunted little things in some localities, none of which I have yet seen. Very little of the area is of such nature that it can be cultivated profitably. And in view of the fact that Iceland is a big name in the fishing industry it is surprising to know that a majority of the population make their living from the soil, mostly raising sheep and cattle.

And this place has a number of hot springs too. The hot water is piped into the houses and used for heating purposes. I haven't seen any at close range yet, but a few days ago I happened to be up on a local flight and saw one from a distance. These hot springs are probably connected somehow with the volcanoes on the island. Most of the soil is of volcanic origin,

so we have plenty of rocks.

One thing I can't get over is the time the sun goes down. Each day it seems to set just a little later—yesterday I saw a beautiful sunset at 11 o'clock at night.

In case you know Miss Rich and Dr. Russell I'm sure they would be glad to know that at last I'm getting a little first-hand proof of the tall tales they used to tell us. But I like it, and before I leave I want to have a chance to see more of the island than now shows on the horizon.

But you're tired listening to this, so now I'll say thanks again for the Maroon and Gold. Anyone from B.S.T.C. is a friend of mine, but if they see to it that one of the newspapers Prof. Wilson has babied comes my way, then they are special friends of mine.

Jack Fortner

Jack has been promoted from second to first lieutenant. He is now at Guadalcanal and has been in the Pacific Theatre of Operations for some time.

Liberated

S/Sgt. James S. Kline will never forget his twenty-first birthday.

He was liberated that day, April 26, from the Germans after being held prisoner for seven months. During that time he has never received any mail or any boxes which relatives and friends endeavored to get through to him.

A V-mail letter from Jimmie to his parents stated that he was in fine health and awaiting transportation home.

The tail gunner, veteran of forty missions and holder of the Air Medal was a member of a B-24 bomber crew which operated from an Italian base. He was reported missing in action since October 13 and later word came that he was a German prisoner.

2nd Lt. Angelo Melito

The parents of Angelo Melito have just received word that he has been returned to "military control."

He became a prisoner May 28, 1944 when he was shot down in his Flying Fortress over Germany. He had been on many missions before he became a prisoner.

Sgt. Charles Bomboy

Thirty-two bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Germany and Nazi installations in the path of the advancing Allied armies have been accomplished by Technical Sergeant Charles H. Bomboy, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Sgt. Bomboy, holder of the awards of the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement . . . courage, coolness, and skill . . ." is an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress engineer and top turret gunner with the 385th Bombardment Group, commanded by Colonel George Y. Jumper, Natoma, Calif. His group is part of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt aircraft factories at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943.

Since arriving overseas in this toughest theatre of aerial warfare in November, 1944, the Bloomsburg airman has helped bomb such vital objectives as the industrial targets in Dresden and Munich aircraft factories in Magdeburg, tire plants in Hanover, marshalling yards in Chemnitz and Dessau, and oil refineries in Merseburg. He has also flown on coordinated air-ground attacks on Nazi troop concentrations, railhead, bridges, and communication centers. Some of his more recent missions were made during the month of March, record month for the Eighth Air Force when all previous totals for bombs dropped and sorties flown were shattered.

"I always knew that the Fortress was a darn good plane, but I received additional proof of it on one mission," said Sgt. Bomboy. "After bombing our target and heading out of Germany we ran into bad weather. Our formation was trying to climb over the clouds when the other Fortresses slipstream caught our plane. We went straight up and then over in a backward somersault. As we came out of the loop the plane went into a terrific dive of more than 380 miles an hour. How those wings held on while the pilot was getting us back into level flight I'll never know. But we made it back to England with only a number of torn rivets in the tail section and the crew a bit shaken and bruised from the rough ride."

Cpl. James E. Marion

The Meritorious Service Unit insignia has been presented to Cpl. James E. Marion, of Harrisburg, Pa., a per-

sonnel clerk in the 21st Statistical Control Unit at Eighth Air Force Headquarters.

Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commanding the Eighth Air Force, awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the 21st for "superior performance of duty" during September, October, and November, 1944. All members of the unit are entitled to wear the insignia on the right sleeve.

The 21st was praised for "accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks" in compiling, interpreting, and presenting accurate statistical data vital to the Eighth's vast bombing operations on industrial and military targets in Germany.

"Fully realizing the importance of such statistics, all personnel in the unit worked untiringly to improve the accuracy and reliability of the status report" the citation declared. "The outstanding achievements of the 21st are attributable to the spirit of cooperation, perseverance, and devotion to duty of all personnel in the organization."

Daily reports on the official status of aircraft and combat crews were improved by establishing a procedure for reporting planes forced down on the continent. Difficulties were ironed out by trips to the Continent and publication of new directives.

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