

Community Concert Brings Slavenska

MSC Alum Fisher Sends Message

Taken Prisoner of War By Japanese

Broadcast Comes Over Short-Wave Radio Following Red Cross Letters From Island

Lieutenant John Fisher, one of the "Big Ten" of the graduating class of 1941 at MSC, is now a prisoner of war in a Japanese prison camp.

Lieutenant Fisher was stationed in the Philippines before the war. After Pearl Harbor the only word heard from him was a radiogram from Luzon the following December 29 and an ensuing letter March 6—a letter in which he wrote that he had only a half hour to write in order that the letter might be taken on a submarine which managed to slip out of the harbor. Since then he has sent several standard 25 word messages through the facilities of the Red Cross, but he has never received any of the letters from his home.

On December 14, 1943 Lt. Fisher sent a message to his folks by a short-wave radio broadcast sponsored by the Japanese government. The text of this broadcast was sent to his mother in a telegram by the Provost Marshall General of the U. S. Army in Washington, D. C. In addition to this, a recording of the same short-wave radio talk was sent to Mrs. Fisher by a total stranger, Ed D. Doughty of Covina, California. In this message the Lieutenant mentioned members of the family and the two large beautiful cats, Redd and Eddie, now seven years old of which he was very fond. He concluded his message by saying that he was well and safe in Zentsuji Prisoner of War Camp, Zentsuji, Shikoku, Japan.

Following graduation at MSC, Lt. Fisher volunteered for overseas service. He sailed from San Francisco on the President Coolidge September 8, 1941 and ar-

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Alum Speaks To Club On Japan

Mrs. Bernice Papworth, an alum of MSC, entertained the Home Economics club Thursday, January 13, with an account of four years of her life spent in Japan.

All foreigners in Japan, even in 1934, were watched by the Japanese police. Preparations for war were imminent; Tokyo had a complete blackout every night; Japan's women had taken over all jobs.

Mrs. Papworth described the dress of the Japanese people. All garments are hand-sewn, alike, made of silk. Different colors used for different ages is the only distinguishing feature. School children are dressed in pleated skirts and middie blouses, something else adopted from the U. S.

Their diet is, briefly, fish and rice. Pickled grasshoppers are a delicacy.

The Japanese attitude concerning the war is confident. The complacency of the Americans is serious.

Mrs. Papworth returned to the U. S. in 1938 and has since been touring the country, lecturing on the customs and habits of the Japanese.

Phi Kappa Phi Elects Members

The following members were elected to the Montana State college chapter of the national honor society of Phi Kappa Phi on December 6, 1943.

From the Engineering division those chosen were Ralph C. Challenor, Bozeman; Cecil L. Hess, Denton; George P. Lunday, Billings; and Robert H. Shennum, Roman.

Those in the Household and Industrial Arts division were Patricia Flynn, Anaconda; Margaret Gray, Forsyth; Virginia McCoy; Helena, Margaret Noble, Saco; and Arlene Weedman, Billings.

Those in the Science division were Gladys Gaines, Bozeman; Robert B. Johnson, Bozeman; Margaret A. Morris, Billings; and Odette Shotwell, Bozeman.

There were no elections from the Agricultural division due to the small enrollment in that division. Also, no faculty members were elected.

Starmer Announces Winter Play

"The Father", a play by August Strinberg, the noted Swedish playwright of the late nineteenth century, has been chosen as the winter quarter play production it was announced by Garrett Starmer, MSC director of dramatics. Ellen Theatre production dates are Feb. 28 and 29.

A psychological drama telling of the means to which a wife will resort in order to obtain dominance over her husband, "The Father" is characteristic of the bitter attitude toward women exhibited by Strinberg in many of his greater plays. The first production of "The Father", in 1887, definitely marked Strinberg as the chief dramatist of Sweden. Since, he has become recognized as one of the most original and powerful forces in modern drama. His characters are never commonplace; his psychology is of the most modern type. "The Father" is an excellent example of Strinberg's penetrating study into sex-relationship, showing his cynical morbid attitude toward women.

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Mohl Receives Service Cross Award

Second Lieutenant John Mohl, a former MSC student, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action in New Guinea. The award was made when he received his commission of Second Lieutenant from Officer's Candidate school somewhere in the South Pacific. The citation read as follows:

"When the forward section of the platoon he was leading neared Sanananda January 19, 1943 was stopped by heavy fire from enemy snipers in pillboxes and cut off

MSC Men Graduate From Benning OCS School

Several of the 1943 graduates recently received their commissions from Fort Benning. Those that we were able to receive information about are the following:

Lt. Glenn Golden, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Golden of Klein, Mont. Lt. Golden was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and majored in agriculture.

Lt. Emil Kindschy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Kindschy, sr., of Lewistown, Mont. Lt. Kindschy was prominent as editor of the Montanan last year and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Lt. John Emmett Haugen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Haugen of Lewistown, Mont. Lt. Haugen was prominent in many college activities, was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and Scabard and Blade.

Lt. James Krall, son of Mrs. Joe Krall of Lewistown, Mont. Lt. Krall was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Lt. Arthur H. Grinde, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Grinde of Lewistown, Mont. Lt. Grinde was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and majored in agriculture.

MSC To Hear Lectures On S. America

Montana State college students and faculty will be interested in the announcement of a Latin American Institute which will be held in Bozeman, February 10 and 11. Dr. A. F. Zimmerman of the Colorado State college of Education, Greeley, who has spent several years in South America will be one of the chief speakers.

An evening meeting will be held on Thursday evening, February 10, in the High school auditorium, and a Friday morning meeting will be held in the Engineering auditorium on the campus.

A varied program, which will be announced in detail later, will include discussions of the political and economic problems in inter-American relationships, demonstrations of the music and dancing of South America, an exhibit of arts and crafts, and moving pictures which will depict important activities in Latin America.

from the remainder of the platoon, Staff Sergeant Mohl moved his section rapidly to a position under the bank of a creek which provided partial cover. Disposing his men to cover his advance, he then worked his way alone to the nearest enemy pillbox by crawling between the fire lanes from its two slits and silenced it with grenades.

He was then joined by another soldier from his platoon and the two advanced into the enemy position, taking cover in shell holes and behind the captured pillboxes from heavy

Dancer to Appear On February 7 At High School

On February 7, the Bozeman Community Concert Association will present the outstanding performance of the current season with the appearance in the Gallatin County High school of Mia Slavenska and her dance ensemble.

Mia Slavenska was born in Slavonski-Brod, Yugoslavia, on the crossroads of occidental and oriental culture. She studied at the Royal Academy of Music in Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

At the age of fifteen, she gave a gala performance at the Opera House in Zagreb with her ensemble in a program ensemble entirely arranged by her.

Soon thereafter she went to Paris to pursue her studies with the most famous teachers of the Russian School of Ballet—particularly with the great artist, Madame Bronislava Nijinska, now arranger for the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

In 1936 Mia Slavenska's career as a concert dancer began to expand with tremendous rapidity inside France and all over Central Europe, and North Africa.

After these triumphs she joined the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo in Europe as prima ballerina and travelled with this company all over North and South America in the stellar roles of many of the leading ballets.

Mia Slavenska first became known to the general public in the United States and Canada as star of the motion picture "Ballerina" and has been acclaimed by critics the nation over.

Now at the height of her artistic powers, Mia Slavenska is returning to the field in which she can display during one evening all of her great art.

Her appearance in Bozeman is part of her first American trans-continental tour and is certain to captivate all who see her.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

Dr. Jessie E. Richardson, State Home Economist for the Montana Experiment Station, and Bessie E. McClelland, Extension Specialist of Food and Nutrition, attended a National Conference on Home Food Preservation for 1944 to formulate a program and decide on fundamental principles. The Conference was held in Chicago, January 13 to 15.

Dr. Jessie E. Richardson, will also attend a nutrition conference for the Western Region January 25 and 26 at Berkeley, Calif. Dr. Richardson will confer with research workers at the Western Regional Laboratory.

Feature Hoff In Assembly On Russia

Reverend Norbert C. Hoff, Ph. D., LL. D., will speak on the subject, "Another Professor Glimpses Russia," at a general assembly on Thursday, February 3 at one p. m. in the College gymnasium.

The Reverend Hoff is a distinguished scholar, was at one time President of Carroll College, Helena, was more recently Professor of Philosophy at Notre Dame, and is now pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish of Butte.

In 1937 Father Hoff spent the summer cruising around the Baltic and spent some time in both Moscow and Leningrad.

Faculty, civilian students, and townspeople are cordially invited to hear this lecture. The students of the Aviation Detachment will attend in a body and other soldiers on the campus are cordially invited to attend.

NOTICE

Tumbling, toe, tap and ballet Give your talents a chance Funlandia is under way! There's a bulletin board Second floor of the gym. Sign up now for the parts That please your whim!

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"HOW ABOUT A RIDE, MISTER?"

Have you ever been cold? Do you mind walking to school in this chilly weather? Or do you enjoy it? No, few do although few complain but now and then you will hear comments or one might call them gripes.

"There goes so-and-so in an empty car—the old tightwad." And "there is Prof what's-his-name with a whole back seat." "Well, my gosh, if that isn't that girl in my English class—she only has six in her car and she could get at least one more in."

"Yes, this is what you might hear everyday this winter. Students all have farther to walk than ever before and even though it hasn't been such a severe winter, they do get cold just the same, and for many girls it is a long stretch to come when there is a bitter wind.

And even though many of you aren't taking your cars out a great deal this time of year, or perhaps any time of the year, you do have it out now and then and wouldn't you feel better if you shared that trip? Also, when you look at the words "Is this trip really necessary?" every time you enter that automobile, don't you often doubt but what it is? And wouldn't you feel more self-assured that it was when you had your car used by others, too?

"This gives you something to think about . . . and let's hope you do. Perhaps you haven't given it a thought before but the students have and when you see a "young thing" trudging along, you must realize she's coming this way too and you don't have to know her personally. You have something in common anyway because you're both coming this way—that's enough.

Or if you're driving downtown even then should you hesitate about giving someone a lift? They are in a hurry too, probably, and while it would only slow you up two minutes to stop and pick them up, it would save them twenty. So, along with the energy saving factor, the time factor is also brought in. And isn't it important to most of us now? If it isn't, it should be.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and we'll bet a dollar to your donut that the next time you're driving up the street in Betsy with her last gallon of gas for that month, you'll stop and pick up that silly girl with the anklets and frozen legs.

Muddled Meanderings

By John Hartwig

Last week, as I chanced to be kibitzing when several friends were indulging in an ancient form of Indian hand wrestling known as euchre I heard there was going to be a mixer. Being of a naturally curious turn of mind, I determined to attend. A couple of rather disreputable characters waived me against it, but knowing them to be radicals and given to other forms of amusement, I disregarded this advice.

As I arrived at the door several soldiers and a civilian were loitering about discussing the price of rice in China. I stood around eavesdropping long enough to find that all agreed it was exorbitant and that an OPA or some similar smooth functioning bureau should be set up to prevent any forthcoming rise. They also said that in the opinion of the Japanese, the American soldier is starving to death owing to the fact that his rice is limited to bowl per day.

Not knowing anything about the subject, I slunk off just as a ravenous conventionalist was going to embarrass me by saying hello and dragging me into the frey to flaunt my ignorance of such world affairs.

So I advanced ten feet into the hall and just stood listening to the music, which was very good, even though the leader of the band wasn't present. Speculation ran rife as to where he was, the best guess seeming to be that he was breaking up a cold by using an old remedy which operates on the premise that if you feel rough enough otherwise, you will forget the cold the next day.

Well I started to dance with some girl and had managed to step on her feet only twice when a soldier came along and said, "Excuse me, but your choreographic knowledge seems to be limited, allow me to finish." So I said, "What do you mean?" But he was gone and I didn't see him, again.

Well, I tried several more times with the same result, however, persistence finally won out and I made the rest of the circuit around the floor to the door and

Fisher Sends Message

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rived in Manila September 26.

He was stationed at Ft. McKinley for two weeks pending his assignment. Then he was sent to Negros Island to train Philippines. The following November he was sent to Mambucal, another training camp on the same island. He, a captain and two American corporals were the only white men at this camp. During this time he wrote home every day by clipper—giving a fascinating description of his life in the islands. These interesting accounts have been bound into an 80-page book by Mrs. Fisher. After Mambucal, Lt. Fisher was sent to Luzon. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese at Bataan.

John Fisher is the son of Mrs. R. W. Fisher of 314 South Grand. While at MSC, he majored in secretarial studies. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Eta Sigma and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Winter Play

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Chosen to take the difficult role of the scheming and domineering wife is Jo Pruitt, a comparatively new student at MSC who is exhibiting a great deal of talent in character portrayal. For the title role of the father, Pvt. Tom Mathews of the ASTU has been named. The part of Bertha, the young daughter over whom all the conflict arises, will be portrayed by Jean Stehlik, who will be remembered for her fresh and appealing performance in "Ah Wilderness!" last month. Others in the cast include Phyllis Taber as the old nurse, Pvt. Karl Gunn (ASTU) as Dr. Ostermark, Pvt. Ed Reichler (ASTU) as Nojd, Pvt. George Smith (ASTU) as the pastor, and Pvt. Paul Meyer (ASTU) as the orderly.

Tickets will go on sale one week before the production. Holders of MSC student body cards are entitled to tickets without additional cost, since this amount is included in their student body card fee. Regular admission price will be 44c and loge prices will be 55c.

left the place. I thought I'd look up the band leader and try to help him cure his cold.

If I ever decide to have some geneticist run down my family tree and adopt a coat of arms, I'm going to make it a wolf with his fangs bared and his eyes faintly luminous, advancing on a dancing couple. It will be inscribed simply, Sorry.

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Basketball Begins For Women January 24

Nine basketball teams of the various organized women groups have been engaged in practices for the tournament games since the basketball season has opened.

The regular tournament games begin January 24 with the first game at 7:30 p. m. and the second game at 8:45 p. m.

Coaches of the teams are: Alpha Gamma Delta, Doris Skarda; Chi Omega, Dorothy Allen and Doris Kropp; Pi Beta Phi, Gale Ueland; Kappa Delta, Margaret Morris; Alpha Omicron Pi, Helen Rae McDermott; Independents, Virginia Barnard and Winifred McDermott; Cooperative, Eleanor Vanatta; Mu Mu Mu, Marcelyn Kranz; Nurses, Thelma Skaalure.

The schedule for the coming week is as follows:

January 24—Pi Beta Phi vs. Nurses; Co-op vs. Chi Omega.
January 26—Independents vs. A. O. Pi. Alpha Gam vs. Mu Mu Mu.

January 27—Nurses vs. Chi Omega; Pi Phi vs. Mu Mu Mu.

January 31—Co-op vs. A. O. Pi. Alpha Gam vs. Kappa Delta.

NOTICE

There is no Greek Gossip again this week because the majority of it was not in on time. If you want your news printed it must be in by Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

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Social Calendar

- Jan. 21—A Senate Day and Night.
Phi U Sophomore and Transfer Tea.
- Jan. 22—Air Corps Dance.
Kappa Delta Sleight Ride.
- Jan. 29—Pi Beta Phi Winter Party.
- Feb. 5—Alpha Gamma Delta Winter Party.
- Feb. 12—Alpha Omicron Pi Winter Party.
Tau Beta Pi.
- Feb. 19—Kappa Delta Winter Party.
- Feb. 19—Montanan Dance.
- Feb. 26—Chi Omega Winter Party.
Montanan.
- Mar. 4—Registration for Spring Quarter.
- Mar. 11—End of Quarter.

KIRK'S KOLUM

The chem students apparently didn't approve of last week's column, and now they are demanding a public apology. So here is my apology to the chemists: I'm really sorry that you stink so badly (as is every one else who comes within a nose throw of the chemistry building).

Chemical Properties of Women: Symbol: Wo (some varieties: Woo Wool); member of the human family. Discovery: Wo is the only element which makes itself known without waiting to be discovered.

Preparation: First prepared from rib—and has had a bone to pick with someone ever since. Has been found as all states of matter—but has a natural tendency to gas.

Occurrence: Found wherever men exist, appears in all sizes and shapes usually in a disguised condition—surface of face seldom unprotected by film of powder or coating of paint. Turns green when placed by a better-appearing sample.

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NEWS from the Student Senate

At the last meeting of the Senate Gladys Gaines was selected Union Board representative to fill the vacancy left by Betty Young.

Further plans for Tradition Day were discussed and a special meeting was held Thursday at 5:00 for a continued discussion.

A committee in charge of the publication of the 1944 Fusser's Guide was named. Those on the committee include Ruth Pease, Gordon Kalberg, Neil Mikkelsen and Helen Rae McDermott.

NEWS from the - A. W. S. -

A committee composed of AWS members was appointed by Helen Rae McDermott to meet with Dean Harrison and Mrs. Greenfield to discuss methods of enforcing rules in the Student Union regarding the girls being there after 7:30.

Peg Moore reported on the defense program and a discussion was held on the Fourth War Loan Drive and surgical dressings.

Post-war plans for MSC were discussed.

Jr. Panhellenic Elects

Junior Panhellenic elections were held January 14 and those elected were Bee Grettenberg, president; Helen Cogley, vice president; and Marilyn Thorpe, secretary.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Camera Club on January 19, in Room 316 in the Student Union at 4 o'clock, Bob Nertney, acting manager, announces.

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Two Students Are Married Within Last Month

Virginia Hall and Fred Krings were united in marriage January 2, in Bozeman.

The groom, while attending Montana State College was a member of the Men's Cooperative. He is now stationed here with the ROTC unit.

Miss Wini Lewis and Bill Johnson were united in marriage in the army chapel at Laredo, Texas Christmas eve.

The bride and groom both attended Montana State College. The bride is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and the groom is affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Correct Honor Roll

An error was made in the last issue of the Exponent and the following names were omitted from the honor roll: Clell Curtis E E Sr, 2.64 points per credit, or 91.4; Kirstine Hoverson, Bact. Soph and Virginia Howell H Ec Jr, both had averages between 2.25 and 2.499 points per credit or 87.5 to 89.9.

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AWS Council announces that a joint committee is to enforce study hours and all girls will be put out of the Student Union at 7:30 unless they have Student Union cards. A C plus average is necessary to obtain one and only two girls from each house each night will be able to use them.

ELLEN Theatre

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Jan. 19, 20, 21, 22
—“The Gang's All Here”
with Alice Faye and Carmen Miranda.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 24, 25—“Old Acquaintance” with Bette Davis and Miriam Hopkins.

RIALTO Theatre

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Jan. 20, 21, 22—“The Kansan” with Richard Dix and Jane Wyatt, also “Chance of a Lifetime” with Chester Morris and Jeanne Bates.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 24, 25—“Footlight Glamour” with Bette Singleton and Arthur Lake, also “Danger, Women at Work” with Patsy Kelly and Mary Brian.

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And that's what this matter chiefly concerns — not post-war problems, but people, some you know and some you don't know, but soon you'll know them all. We can't say whether that's good or bad, but it's something.

Going about our business as usual the other day, we were abruptly halted on the walk by a rough-looking infantry sergeant known to all his friends (if any) as Vic "Simon Legree" Sorsdahl. Admonishing our superior with a gentle, "Drop that blacksnake whip, Junior," we found that we had to have a pass to go anywhere on the campus and Mr. Legree had planned to turn us in. We use the past tense because the coffee shop was open at the time and Simon dotes on Swedish highballs.

Infantrymen Walk

And speaking of infantry, do all you infantrymen know the word anciently meant "youths, able to walk, and not expected to speak unless spoken to?" Times ain't changed much.

Dr. Herman Clarence Kabor-gasen, our band leader, tells us there'll be plenty of room now in Bozeman's local drink places on a Saturday night. Quoting reliable sources as saying none of us can buy any schnapps without flashing an official card saying we're 21, the Doctor observed, "More for you and me, Emo."

We wish we could print the comments uttered by one of our benefactors of the local saloons when he learned of the ghastly news and realized he'd have to go dry for a couple years. Too bad, Maxie!

RO's Out

Did you know that we have a giant-killer in our midst? Well, we have. It seems that it is the duty of one tall and burly cadet officer to see that all of the boys are out of bed in time for breakfast. The tall one had that unpleasant task one morn last week. At the weird hour of 6:15 a.m., he tip-toed into the RO squadroom. Going about his duties with an "all-in-the-day's-work" attitude, he gently whispered in the ear of the cadet officers' problem child, Doc Gilmore. There was his gravest mistake. Doc leaped ferociously out of bed and readied himself for battle. Stretching his five feet and some seven inch frame to its fullest extent, he roared with the volume of a wounded bull, "Whaddya mean by coming in here before at least 7:45?" The tall officer's mouth dropping to his knees, apologized and stepped quietly out of the area. Let this be a warning to all cadet officers: Never bother the ROTC men in the morning. By the way, I wonder how they get so tired?

Californian Shivers

Frost-bitten old-timers tell us it gets cold in Montana. We know of no better confirmation of that fact than the actions of a certain Los Angeles "soffie." It was indeed a surprise to the majority of the abused soldiers that are required to stand reveille to find that the above-mentioned soldier takes the statement at face value. He was seen shivering in formation the other morning attired in both pairs of his GI long drawers, plus one full set of OD's, then a field jacket followed by an overcoat. We understand from unusually reliable sources that his parents received a despondent letter sometime last week in which he moaned the blues about having lost a pair of his long underwear. Then came the impossible. These joys are seldom experienced by soldiers, but nevertheless it happened recently, and in the following manner: Removing his clothes, he dashed madly for the shower

room, hoping to finish before the sun went behind a cloud. To his surprise that dull dingy film that just wouldn't wash off turned out to be his "lost" pair of GI drawers. That's okay, Walt. They were issued to you—wear them out.

Walt Newman, one of our illustrious number, seems to have found the solution with regard to defense against gas attack in the Chemistry building. He was seen entering the lab last week with his G.I. gas mask slung jauntily over one shoulder. We knew there was a use for those gadgets somewhere.

Some people will never learn, it seems. Last Tuesday eve between 10 and 11 p.m., a portly Engineer is alleged to have been seen behind the Chemistry building, nonchalantly holding his barracks bag and a flashlight. What was he doing? No, he wasn't looking for the Lost Chord, but something almost as fantastic. You guessed it—snipe. We can't fathom how a man of Marsel's caliber could ever fall for such a bearded gag.

Did You Sign?

We were instructed the other day to register our names and the name and address of any feminine companions we might wish to escort in the Student Union at night. The plan is to issue passes of admission to the girls. One of our Smith boys, of the Connecticut Smiths, merely following orders, filled one entire sheet of paper with names and addresses till it looked like a Brooklyn phone book. No doubt they'll be waiting in droves for George tonight!

In geography class the other day, one of the boys straight-facedly inquired if New York City was in the corn belt. Amid a roar of Bronx cheers, we learned it wasn't.

Here we'll close this stuff—if you listen intently for a moment, you may hear a couple little AOPi's sigh in relief.

NOTICE

If the ROTC boys would like to have 1944 Montanans, please go to the Montanan office before you leave.

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Rounders On The Campus

By BERT and HANK

FLASH

The end of the siege of Gallatin Heights is at last in view. The battle was brought to a successful conclusion yesterday by the receipt of orders to a new theater of operations, namely, Ft. Benning, Ga. This long expected turn of events bore out the prediction in this column that January would hold considerable interest for the ROTC boys. This development was met with varied reactions, as you can well imagine with a good third of our number breaking in brand new navigation instruments on the sea of matrimony. Looks like now things will be more at sea than ever . . .

We won't say just when we're leaving; most everyone who is vitally concerned knows anyway, if you know what we mean . . . Instead, we will say that there is just about enough time to clear up some of that unfinished business . . .

Before our imminent departure, we will try to have some copy for the editor to use in next week's issue. It will be our parting shot, as it were. And by the time the paper hits the campus we shall be far away from the sound and fury . . .

Hank Says . . .

Each week as these bits of RO life unwind from the typewriter, we wonder if another one will follow seven days later or if about 45 fellows will be smelling the sweet Georgia air. The boys don't dare make plans too far ahead, but they make up for it by making more numerous ones. Biggest hitch is being on the streets and not in the office during week nights then the problem comes of finding an alternative . . . some not bad so we hear.

With studying hitting a new high looking at the scale upside down, various forms of daylight amusements are being added and a new idea comes up every day. The most popular still seems to be the cradle song in GI bunk style. Lots of fellows say it keeps them from worrying about studying, but then others don't seem to be bothered much. In fact we believe that almost any of our instructors could easily make a statement something like, "Never have we taught so little to so many."

In their latest offensive drive, the boys have captured a woods and stormed ridge to the rear in a week of operations led by Lt. Peterfreund. To a civilian, that meant a little study on tactics or trying to figure out how to get someplace when somebody else doesn't think it a good idea. Although the fellows seem to be doing fine, most of them admit that there are other kinds of tactics they do better at.

By next week at this time there will be some big news. General opinion seems to be that it will break about this week end. How-

ever, advance information is lacking and held in secrecy so we'll just have to postpone it. (For latest developments, see above—Ed.).

Biggest enthusiasm still centers around the social angle and the boys seem to be improving or maybe just say keeping more company with the coeds. The marriage rate has sort of dropped off but two possibilities are still in the offing. Best situation yet was where one of the fellows had four dates in two days. That makes him tops for quantity, but then there is always the quality angle . . . anyway, the boys are on the move. Incidentally, none of the RO's did any pin hanging lately . . . that's confidential from the best sources.

Bert Says . . .

No doubt most of you have read at least a few passages of that classic introduction to army life "See Here Private Hargrove!" in which the trials and tribulations of a rookie in this citizen army take devious and amusing twists and turns. Occasionally the trials and tribulations of the RO's at MSC are no less amusing.

I can just hear our cadet company commander saying, "Sometimes I get so discouraged." And then the cadet lieutenants, because they would like to be cadet captains, say, "Sometimes I get so discouraged." And then because they would like to be cadet lieutenants, the cadet sergeants say, "Sometimes I get so discouraged." Then they throw up their hands in utter despair and mumble something about those incorrigible RO's.

As an example, one cadet lieutenant, who doesn't want his name mentioned, had a nasty habit of jerking pillows out from under our weary heads to tell us that it was 6:30 a.m. in the morning.

When this happened we informed him that we knew it was 6:30 a.m. in the morning and would he please go away . . . quietly. Strangely enough this made him very unhappy and his whole day was spoiled. It seemed to distress him no end to learn that we had this interesting information.

Well now, I suppose it really is awfully unkind of we fellows to treat the cadet officers so mean; but I guess we're just born yard-birds. We try so hard but everything we do seems to be wrong. . . Like the other morning we found out that it wasn't good manners to assault a cadet lieutenant when he gently shook our bunks saying that it was 6:30 a.m. in the morning. When he recovered from this assault and backed off a ways to make an estimate of the situation he became very unhappy and went to the cadet company commander for a dry handkerchief. But the cadet company commander didn't have a dry handkerchief because he had already been worrying about the ROTC boys. So he went to argue with the tactical sergeant's chief assistant, who has a hard day and likes to lay in bed around 7 a.m. in the morning and organize his thoughts. The result was that the cadet company commander became even more unhappy and his whole day was spoiled, too.

And now a leap year note: A sensible girl is not so sensible as she looks because a sensible girl has more sense than to appear sensible.

It was indeed gratifying to see John Hartwig's "Muddled Meanderings" in the Exponent after so many month's absence. This, too, brings back a breath of the old times that we so fondly recall. Welcome back, John . . . We're awaiting each column, as usual, with Webster handy . . .

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