





## BYSTANDING

"But, two, three, four!" echoes rather helplessly the Navy counts cadence (or is that an Army term?) on their way to classes. There is a gradual shifting of personnel and we are taking the show down into summer lethargy, as a building is closed for the summer, a gaudy duty station is removed, a division graduate, and members of Ship's company are transferred every few days.

It was good to see Jimmy Magard back on the campus. He has been overseas a long time with a Red Cross unit. He and his wife and three "brats," as he calls them, were here for a few minutes this past week. He gives the impression of maturity and patience and wisdom. It is going to be interesting to see the various reactions of the men who have been overseas on their return to the States. Some of them will be ready to burn the candle at both ends, to make that well-known "lovely light." Others will want only rest and quiet. From all we've heard, they are unanimous in one thing, though—they all want a hot bath! Most of them could probably take a lot of leisure time and plenty of good thick steaks thrown in on the side, too!

We wonder—if it was accidental, or if someone had a sense of the machine, when he placed the "Keep Off the Grass" sign at the end of the dug-up place in front of Alice Young. It looks very much like a tombstone.

Have You Noticed?—That many of our landmarks are disappearing. The latest one to go was the large pine tree near Breckinridge. That has always been a symbol to us of permanence and strength, but now we guess we'll have to

be looking for a new symbol! . . . That there are so many service wives in school this term. Not just Navy wives, either. There are also a great many Army wives "amongst us" . . . That there are now on the campus so many babies who approach absolute perfection. (No, we don't mean new students—we mean the children of the Navy men stationed here, yeh.) . . . That there is an epidemic of marriage-hits among the men in ship's company.

## NAVY NEWS

LT. Wm. F. Eliot, executive officer, just returned from spending a leave in Indiana. Mrs. Eliot remained to visit friends at their former home.

LT. Emil Caliendo was transferred to a Naval Training School in Dearborn, Michigan, recently. Mr. Caliendo came here when the school first opened and served as an executive officer for over two years with the school. He received his commission for a senior grade lieutenant while here. Lt. Caliendo was popular with the enlisted personnel and has their wishes for success with his new appointment.

LT. (j.c.) Miles W. Rowan, who recently was promoted to this rank from Chief Sp. A, detached from this school for duty in New York last Monday. Lt. Rowan served as Specialist A for three months here.

Chief Electrician D. F. Ryan left his base for duty in the Pacific. Ryan came here from the Pacific, North Africa, where he had served for several months.

Winning, Ph. 3c left here last

week for sea duty in the Pacific. B. D. Bousch, Ph. M 1/c, who is now serving on Ship's Company recently spent a leave at his home in Bluffton, Indiana. Bousch was married on July 9 and brought his bride here to stay until he leaves. Before coming to this base Bousch served a period of twenty-three months on duty in the Pacific.

A. T. Stephen, SK 17, now serving on Ship's Company, was married to Miss Barbara Jennings at his home in West Orange, New Jersey, on July 18. Stephen came from Great Lakes to this school where he has served for a year. During this time he re-organized the Navy orchestra and played for several occasions last year.

With the leaving of the Tenth Division the Navy personnel on the campus is somewhat scarce. There were a hundred and forty-six to graduate in this division, which will take up new duties on the East and West coasts. The top three men in this division were: Robert Mitchell, Herbert Peaster and Ronald Segrist. There were no advanced schooling appointments.

Chief Boatwain Charles T. Hillson was detached for duty at Hampton, New York, last week. Chief Hillson served as warrant officer for two years at this base.

## DESERT SAND

By Ruth Williams

My leg is gone, my arm shot off. There's blood upon my hand. I call aloud but no one hears, I lie upon the sand.

The sun beams down like Hercules' shield and I shrink,

## THE TRAIL BLAZER

I feel my flesh, it crawls and burns, Oh, God! just for a drink! Am I to die, on desert sands? Unburied? Undead?

Oh, God, to hear the ocean roll To see the meadow green!

God, just to hear my mother's voice, To feel her touch my hand! To know that father thinks of me, But, God not just this day!

I cannot see—the sun's so bright, Oh—just to see the farm! Oh, God! —Oh, Father—sister—mom—

Oh, God —my leg! —my arm!

## 6,742 Kentuckians Go To Indiana

Everett L. Gardner, director of the State Employment Security Division, made public this week statistics showing to some extent the migration of civilian workers resulting from wartime activities.

The statistics show that 22,500 persons, more than a fourth of them from Kentucky, came from outside of Indiana in recent months to take employment in the state in jobs covered by job insurance. They also show that in the last year about 216,000 persons who were issued Social Security cards in Indiana took employment throughout the forty-eight states and several territories.

At least 350 of those who obtained their Social Security cards in this state went to Alaska to work. About 700 went to Alaska.

Most of those who came into Indiana to work were from border states. They included 28,271 from Ohio, 17,753 from Illinois, 20,008 from Michigan and 8,742 from Kentucky.

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## How To Join The WAC's

On the front page of this issue of The Trail Blazer is a notice that members of the WAC (nursing station at Lexington will be in Merchord every other Wednesday, beginning August 8.

For the information of any college girls or town girls interested in joining, the requirements are printed below:

Age: 20 to 49 years, inclusive.

Citizenship: You must be a citizen of the United States. (You will have to furnish a birth certificate or other satisfactory proof of your citizenship and age.)

Marriage: You may be married or single.

Dependents: You must be without dependents, without children under 14 years of age.

Character: Must be excellent, of course.

Education: Two years of high school and a satisfactory aptitude rating to meet the educational requirement. However, the high school requirement is waived in the case of those whose aptitude rating, as revealed by the Mental Alertness Test, shows equivalent ability.

Health: You must be in good health, of average height and weight.

## University of Ky.—

(Continued from page 1) Banks, of which the United States Bureau of Mines is at present making a tentative survey.

Dr. McFarlan will be assisted in his work by Richard Baker of Somerset.

President W. R. Vanphan of Merchord State Teachers College (Ky.) congratulates Ivan E. Ball, Crockett, Ky., as the first sponsored student awarded in any institution of higher learning in Kentucky to make formal application for educational benefits provided by the new G. I. Bill of Rights. Ball, a junior, re-entered Merchord College June 7, 1944. Left to right, Ivan E. Ball and President W. R. Vanphan. (Photographs by Morris, Troutman, and Black)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This picture a riveted too late to be used with the story published in the last issue.)

## HOW MODERN COLLEGE IS RUN



