

## Annual Alumni Banquet To Be Nov. 14

Plans are being made for an alumni banquet to be held at the college cafeteria, on Saturday, November 14. Invitations are being sent out by Margaret Anderson, secretary-treasurer. Earl Sexton, principal of Dover High School, will preside. A report on the state of the college will be the feature of the program. Despite tire rationing, a good representation of the alumni is expected.

The following letter is addressed to all alumni:

### Greetings, Fellow Alumni:

To take the chill off these first nippy mornings along comes this bit of cheery news to warm the hearts of all you loyal graduates of AFN. It's almost time for our annual get-together, and even though we know you're cutting down as much as we are on the use of gas and tires and such, we hope you'll consider the alumni banquet and homecoming absolutely necessary as a morale builder-upper.

As usual, there'll be plenty of good food, fun, and fellowship, and our sponsor reports that numerous tentative program bees are buzzing around in his belfry. Looks like the program will be up to par.

If your car has been relegated to the scrap pile, and there's not a single empty seat on those ever-crowded buses, don't give up. Hitch up old Dobbin, or borrow that bicycle from the kid next door, or, as a last resort, even polish up the old thumb and do a little respectable hitch-hiking. Your name's in the pot, and we need your support. So PLEASE COME!

Sincerely,

MARGARET ANDERSON,  
Alumni Secretary.

## "V-Programs" Explained By Joint Board In Chapel

Speaking before an audience of town people and students in chapel October 26, were representatives of joint Army, Navy and Marine Corp; Procurement Board. Their main purpose was to explain the Reserve Officers' Candidate Program to young men and their friends interested in seeing these men obtain a degree at the end of four calendar years attendance in college and then be sent to officers' school to become commissioned officers at end of training period.

Lt. Colonel Lippitt, president of the board and representative of regular Army, stressed in his speech the great need the armed services had for educated men and specialists in certain fields to become officers and leaders. He stated that after January 1 only freshmen entering college would be enlisted in one of the programs. However, upper classmen wishing to join reserve programs before the deadline may do so, if their draft call hasn't been received. If the exigencies of the service should necessitate their being called to active duty prior to graduation, the requirements for a degree will be waived when candidates complete course of training in the candidate class.

If for any reason students are forced to leave school before graduation, they are immediately released and subject to call in the army as a private. Upon failure to

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## A. P. N.'s Own Hero, Lt. Adkins, Is Given Hero's Welcome By City Of Clarksville



LEUT. ADKINS AND MISS CHARLOTTE NICODEMUS

With everybody practically bursting with pride in that "I knew-blm-when" mood, faculty and students of A.P.N.S. gathered at ten o'clock Wednesday morning to extend a royal welcome to Lieut. Frank Adkins, Austin Peay's first returning hero of World War II.

### Decorated For Bravery

Frank (for we remember him as "Frank") was twice decorated for bravery in the Pacific war zone. He received the Distinguished Flying Service Cross for his nerve when

he was shot down in the Java area by the Japanese and escaped under enemy guns by commandeering a bicycle ridden by a Javanese, and pedaling his way to the Allied lines.

He received the Silver Star when he and two other American fliers dispersed sixteen Japanese planes over New Guinea.

Lieut. Adkins, who took C.P.T. training under the local program, entered training in November, 1940.

### Colorful Ceremony

#### Initates Greek Letter Pledges

The most picturesque event of the year took place Wednesday, October 28, when all new members of the various dormitory clubs were initiated. The lobby was lighted by candles placed on the president's table of each club. All old members were dressed in white with a sash of their club color around shoulders and waist.

The vice-president of each club led the new members in. The president and sponsor gave them a hearty welcome. Their pledges were said and all new members were enrolled in their club to benefit from its associations and having pledged to uphold its standards. The token of membership was a lighted candle given each girl and a sash such as the old members wore.

Starting with the Alpha each club sang its club song and as the last notes of the Omega club song died away, everyone marched around the room to end in a semi-circle near the piano. After singing our Alma Mater the candles were blown out and all were full fledged club members for better or worse till they do depart.

at Hicks Field, Fort Worth, Texas, and two and a half months later he was sent to Randolph Field and then to Kelly Field, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. From there he went to the West Coast and sailed for the Pacific war zone on December 17, ten days after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

Lieut. Adkins has fought in innumerable air battles all over the Southwest Pacific. It has not been officially announced how many enemy planes he has shot down.

### Huge Parade Staged

He arrived in Clarksville last Saturday night and Monday, the city of Clarksville staged a mammoth welcome. Forming at the Clarksville High School at two and proceeding on streets lined with flags, "Welcome Frank" signs and cheering mobs, a parade led by the 12th Armored Division Band, made his way to the Capitol Theatre. Taking part in the parade besides the hero, himself, were the students of Clarksville High School, Austin Peay Normal School, automobile mechanics and filled with enthusiastic friends of the flying ace, jeeps, military police, and the C.H.S. Band. A short program was staged in front of the Capitol Theatre, in which a representative of Governor Cooper, Congressman J. Percy Priest, Mr. and Mrs. Adkins, and Lieut. Adkins participated.

Austin Peay Honors Lieut. Adkins The Austin Peay program on Wednesday was preceded by a short concert by the Austin Peay band under the direction of Mr. Guy L. Haggar. With the student body standing, Lieut. Adkins and the group of students on the program marched in and took their places on the stage. After the Scripture and prayer, the students led by Margaret Reed and Charles Runyon, gave a yell for their former fellow student and football star.

After the audience sang the theme song of the Army Air Corps, (Continued on Page 2)

## "Japan" Subject Of Stanley Gower's Address In Chapel

Mr. Stanley Gower, managing editor of the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle, gave a most interesting address in chapel on October 28, on the subject, "Japan—Our Most Dangerous Enemy."

He brought out many enlightening facts about the country, its people, and their preparations for this war. He declared that we as "free men" inclined to be a boastful people who speak and think in superlative terms.

He quoted Upton Close's remarkably accurate statement, saying: "When the United States begins to take steps to protect her interests, the Japanese . . . will blow up the Panama Canal and will raid Pearl Harbor." This statement was made by Mr. Close in 1937.

Mr. Gower told of an interesting incident which shows the ability of the Japanese to imitate others. It seems that soon after Japan rang up her curtain of retirement, she sent a delegation to visit the United States and see some of the marvels of this western nation. This group went home with copied plans of a battleship that had been repaired and used as an only part. When the model was reproduced in Japan, it was a perfect reproduction, even to the patches on the side.

Thus it is evident that this is no struggle of manpower and brute strength alone, but a conflict to the bitter end of skill and intellect.

## Noted Violentist Plays In Chapel

An informal program of familiar music was presented by Harry Draper, well-known violinist. Friday, October 23, before an enthusiastic chapel audience. After playing Kreisler's arrangement of "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See," "Memories," adapted from a composition by Menart, and Stephen Foster's "Swanee River," Mr. Draper described Germany and Austria as he knew them before Hitler's rise to power.

A native of Springfield, Tennessee, the artist was graduated from Bush Conservatory, Chicago, and played in music circles there until he became a teacher of music and music theory at North Dakota State Teachers' College. As a student at the University of Leipzig and the Vienna Conservatory of Music during 1932 and 1933, Mr. Draper had an opportunity to observe the influence of Nazism in Germany and neighboring countries. In 1933 he returned to North Dakota and became a civilian pilot. Mr. Draper is now at Austin Peay to complete flight training for an instructor's rating in the Army Air Corps.

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Slap Happy Sophs  
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The Sophomores, living up to the high standard they have set, displaying great talent, ingenuity, wit, and appreciation of the finer arts, gave a thrilling program in chapel on October 21, 1941. (Guess what class I belong to!)

The idea of the program was a broadcast from radio station GIN on the campus of ye olde Austin Peay Normal School. Various personalities and many money, bare dips were introduced, much to the amusement of the bore-ridden students. Much of the success of the program was due to those perfect examples of the Soph class, endowed with all the virtues of the scholastic world, Mary Lewis, Joe Hunter, Jimmy McKnight, Oscar Rankin, Horace McCurdy, Morgan Moore, and Charles Runyon.

P. S.—Our sponsors paid me twenty-cents to write this, and Mary Lewis promised me a date if I would —can't wait!

"Haunted Hall" Scene  
Of Hallowe'en Dance

Jitter-bugging witches, comatals, black cats, grinning Jack O' Lanterns and real honest-to-goodness ghosts made Myra McKay "Haunted Hall" the scene of an exciting Hallowe'en celebration.

Everyone who came was first taken through a House of Horrors in the east wing of the dormitory, from which emerged mysterious groans and terrible screams.

Those fortunate enough to survive this ordeal went into the lobby where jazz and live helped to steady nerves and shaking knees. Besides dancing in the lobby bingo and carrom were played in the west wing.

The sound of a bell—too familiar to fit in with the mysterious Hallowe'en setting—ended a wonderful party at 11:00. (That's not a typographical error, either..... It was really 11:00!) Our hats are off to the Dallas who planned and gave this shindig under the leadership of their president, Miss Opal Wetton.

## LT. ADKINS HONORED—

Con't. From Page One

Dr. Claxton welcomed Frank back to A.P.N.S. Dr. Fite, Mary Winters and Charles Darnell spoke briefly on "Frank, a Student, at A.P.N.S.", "Frank, a Citizen", and "Frank, a Soldier", respectively. Lieut. Adkins then made a short but most interesting address to the student body.

The group adjourned with the student body standing and singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." After the program those who didn't have classes enjoyed an informal visit with Lieut. Adkins.

Honor guests for the occasion included Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Adkins, Miss Margaret Adkins, Miss Charlotte Nicodemus and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Matthews.

Lieut. Adkins Honored At Dance Wednesday evening at the High School gymnasium the city of Clarksville played host to a dance in honor of Lieut. Adkins. The Clarksville Girls' Glee Club and the Elegance Club were in charge of arrangements for the dance.

SPECIAL AT-THE-PROGRAM NOTES With co-eds swooning in the aisles and everybody tremendously proud, excited and thrilled, Lieut. Frank Adkins and the charming Miss Charlotte Nicodemus of Winchester, Virginia, walked up to the place of honor, to the stirring notes of the Victory March.

It seems fitting here to quote the tributes paid Lieut. Adkins by two students, Mary Winters and Charles Darnell.

Mary Winters: "Frank as a citizen—Well, I guess this rather puts me in the 'I know him-when' category. Me and ten thousand other Clarksvillians.

"Frank was nothing so pompous as what we call a 'good solid citizen.' He didn't go in for the flag-waving, improve-your-community, civics book type of citizenship—Heaven, no! Frank was that wonderfully normal type of American boy, being full of the pure devil, was always more jans than Henry Aldrich. You might well have said to Frank, 'When you get into hot water, be nonchalant—take a bath!'"

—that's the way he did it; that's the way he does now!

"When something was going on, Frank jolly and happy, was always in the middle of it, from scrimmages on the gridiron to a little friendly wrestling on the campus. The sound of roaring motors was a passion with him, even then I best remember him, zooming around on his motorcycle like a you-know-what out of you-know-where."

"But beneath his happy-go-lucky exterior, there was an inherent quality of integrity and a strong sense of honor."

"Frank—a jolly good fellow; a scrapper; cool-headed in difficult situations; motor-mad and strictly honorable. These qualities were but a preview of coming attractions. They are the attributes that stand up under fire; that make Frank Adkins and the other American soldiers the best in the world."

Charles "Lollypop" Darnell spoke on "Frank—a Soldier!"

"On November 17, 1940, after finishing his C.P.T. training with the

Knapp Flying Service, Frank Adkins began his pre-flight training at Hicks Field. After three months here he was sent to Randolph Field for further training. Here the time was cut a little short and he only stayed two and a half months. On completion of his training at Randolph Field, Frank was then ready for the grand finale of the whole training program—Katy Field. After two and a half months of intensive work and study he was awarded his wings and received his commission as second lieutenant.

"Upon receiving his commission, he was sent to March Field for advanced training and from there he was transferred to the Perry Command at Long Beach, California. Immediately after this, the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor and on December 17, 1941, he left the United States for foreign service."

"After the battle of Java he was promoted to first lieutenant."

"From that time until recently, Lieut. Adkins has been engaged in active service. During this time he has been awarded the D.P.C., D.S.C., and Silver Star for bravery and distinguished service."

"Frank, kinder speaking man to

man—we're proud of you, boy!" Lieut. Adkins, speaking to an enthusiastic audience, kept his comments in the lighter vein as he recounted many amusing incidents of his flight training and actual foreign service.

The house was put in an uproar by a humorous recitation of Lieut. Adkins' training days. Just to oblige a friend, Frank agreed to fly over a certain reservoir on which it was reported there were literally hundreds of ducks, and scare them into flight. Zooming low over the water he hit a rough spot and down they went; plane sinking and Frank with it! He was grounded eight days for that one—and to top it all, it turned out that the "ducks" were mud hens and no amount of scaring would induce them to fly!

On foreign shores funny things along with other kind's kept happening. Lieut. Adkins recalled the

Wedding Bells Ring  
For Former Students

Miss Priscilla Pickering, former member of the ALL-STATE staff and graduate of the Junior College department of Austin Peay, was married August 17, 1942 to Robert Warren Weatherbury of Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Weatherbury are making their home in Glenwood. Both are employed at Camp Campbell.

Miss Katherine Woodward, niece of Miss Annie Laurie Huff, was married to Lieut. Cecil Tipton, October 28 in the chapel church at Camp Campbell. Mrs. Tipton is a former student of A.P.N.S.

Miss Virginia Harris and Harvill Hite, who made up the circulation department for last year's ALL-STATE, were married October 22

time a buddy of his was coming into the landing field with his wheels up. A colonel, broadcasting instructions from the radio tower, called to him, "Lieut. —, if you can hear me, wiggle your wings."

"Colonel, if you can hear me, wiggle the tower!"

As Lieut. Adkins said, "Yes, sir, funny things happen. I remember the time I saw a guy come in from being chased by a couple of Zeros. His hand was shaking so he couldn't keep the cocoa in his cup—that guy was Adkins!"

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### New Grid Stars Revealed As Lower Classes Tangle

The first game of a non-scheduled football season was played Wednesday, October 28. The mighty Freshmen defeated the indignant Sophomores by one slim boot from the toe of Capt. Stone. The two teams, playing in friendly rivalry, displayed the bruising and jarring game which was predicted in press notices before the game.

Martin, of the Sophomores, kicked to open the game. The ball was returned into Sophomore territory, where it remained for the first period on a system of exchanges. Early in the second period, the Freshmen intercepted a pass near the chalk line, and in several plays, Cluman ran it over. With Capt. Stone's boot, the score became 7-0, and did not change until the fourth quarter. Just as the Freshmen dominated the field in the first half, the Sophomores pulled themselves together, and held the upper hand in the last half. After five minutes of play in the fourth quarter, the Freshmen were forced to punt from their goal. Several yardage drives set the mood, and Napier took off right end for six points. He failed to make the extra point.

Every one played a good game considering the fact that this was the first game, and most of the boys were out of condition. For the sake of conscience and execution of drill and play, we must mention the "Two Johnnies." We refer to quarterbacks Johnny Harris and Johnny Sites, who are both new to the gridiron of Austin Peay. Johnny Harris of Springfield was best in his jack rabbit running for the Freshmen, and played a good all-around game. Johnny Sites of Clarksville was a veritable Jack Jenkins in his style of blocking and power driving for the Sophomores.

Coach Brown was head mentor for the Freshmen of the tilt, while Joe

#### NO STUPID!

A beckerchief is not the head of a sorority house.

A petty officer is not an employee of Esquire magazine.

"We're up against it now," remarked the fly as a couple of them landed on the fly paper.

LaRue (indignantly): You certainly have a dirty mind.  
Mr. Hague (smugly): You would too, if you didn't change it so often.

Spirakis handled the Sophomores.

We have a certain group of Freshmen co-eds to thank for their spirit and interest in giving support to their team. Otherwise, deadly silence would have prevailed.

Until we play again . . . ?

Who was that lady I saw you outwit last night?

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#### "V-PROGRAM"

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complete successfully the required training, men will be transferred to active service as enlisted men. Honorably discharged from the Reserve may be those enlisted men who are not needed for training as officers.

Outlining the classifications for and the program itself of the brand of service they represented were: Captain J. F. Roy, Marine Corps; Lt. W. T. Mothran, Naval Aviation; Lt. R. P. Haley, Army Air Corps, and Ensign John T. Caldwell, Navy.

Some general provisions were: definite age limits, American citizenship, birth certificates, letters of recommendations, a recent photograph, and attendance in an accredited college. Those desiring additional detailed information may contact Dr. Charles Gilmore, in charge of military affairs at Austin Peay Normal School.

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