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Today's Campus

Presidential Guest

March 21, officially the beginning of green grass and flowers, ended in spring term with gusts of wintry winds and a dusty snow storm. Evidently the Hannah children have taken advantage of the late snow March weather and the snow that has fallen in this vicinity since Saturday for a snowman has been erected in President Hannah's front yard complete with black, coal features, and cigarette buttons down the front of his imaginary coat.

Winged Victory

Sunny Wason, Alpha Gam president, is bombing Berlin—by proxy. Sunny in the flesh is still here at State, but "Sunny" in the steel of a four-engine Liberator blasts Berlin regularly. A friend stationed in England has named his ship after her so Sunny rates as one who is contributing a major part toward the war effort.

Seniors Top List of Three Pointers for Winter Term

A total of 27 Spartan students earned three point averages last term, according to Registrar Robert Linton. This number falls short of the 30 three points which State students rang up for fall term.

Lansing three pointers are Warren Brandt, senior; Rosalie Mary, freshman; Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, senior, and Lenore Schroder, freshman. Those from East Lansing on the list are Eleanor Bowman, senior; Mary Marshall, sophomore; Helen Munce, junior.

Other all-A winners are Margaret Bradbury, junior, and Jean Legg, graduate senior, both of Detroit; Esther Cass, Bay City senior, and Kathryn Elliot, College senior.

Margaret English and Doris Grubb, Dearborn freshmen; Leona Hagele, Pontiac senior; Joyce Halbert, Battle Creek sophomore; Corrine Knuth, Onekama sophomore; Kathleen McGill, Pontiac senior; Lois Schneider, Kalamazoo freshman; William Taubeneck, Saginaw sophomore, and Esther Erickson, Jackson sophomore, also scored three points.

Students from other states who made a perfect score are Anne Bottdorf, Louisville, Ky., senior; Albert Dehn, Unity, Wis., freshman; Robert Hudson, Wyand, Ill., senior; Dorothy Roberts, Columbus, Ohio, freshman; Anna Shontz, Columbiana, Ohio, freshman; Paul Walters, sophomore, and Virginia White, freshman, both of Buffalo, N. Y.

News in Brief

ALLIED HDQ., NAPLES, March 27 (AP)—The Allied attempt to wrest Cassino from its Italian German defenders appeared tonight to have been successful for the time being after the failure of an 11-day assault on the fortress conceded by newspapers of both the United States and Canadian soldiers.

It was announced that massed Allied artillery has begun a systematic bombardment to blast Nazi parachute troops from the ruins of the Continental hotel and the Hotel des Roses.

AST Students to Transfer, ROTCs Leave

Vets. ASTs, Advanced Engineers to Take Over Wells Hall

Approximately 700 AST area and language and basic engineer men are awaiting shipment orders scheduled for the near future and the remaining Vets and advanced engineers will be moved into Wells hall, Col. G. B. Egger, MSC commandant, said yesterday.

Classes for basic engineering men have been discontinued this week although area and language men are still continuing classes.

More Men Coming

Vet men, who returned from seven day furloughs Sunday, will be housed in Delta Chi and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity houses until Wells hall has been cleaned. With the transfer of a contingent of AST advanced engineers from the University of Michigan, and the arrival of a contingent of 17-year old AST reserve men and the advanced AST engineers left, approximately 300 men will be living in Wells hall.

All ROTC men left last week for OCS pools, Colonel Egger said.

With the partial curtailment of the AST program at State, 23 officers and enlisted personnel in the military department will be leaving. Capt. R. E. Smeltzer, Capt. L. E. Montgomery and Capt. LeRoy D. Esn were transferred to Fort Sheridan, Ill., and see MILITARY—Page 3

Raiders Down Four Jap Zeros in Successful Ponape Isle Attack

PACIFIC FLEET HDQ., Pearl Harbor, March 27 (AP)—Four out of 15 intercepting Japanese Zeros were shot down by American air raiders Saturday as the latter bombed and strafed Ponape island, in the Carolines, a communique from Adm. Chester Nimitz' headquarters announced today.

A fifth Zero probably was shot down. None of the American raiders was lost.

Ponape is 440 miles east of the major Japanese base at Truk. It is 425 miles south of Eniwetok, the nearest American base.

The attacking U. S. planes also strafed enemy positions on Ujelang atoll, approximately 125 miles south of Eniwetok in the Marshalls. Ujelang, an 11-mile long cigar-shaped atoll, was raided twice previously this month.

Air, navy and marine bombers and fighters hit four other Japanese-held atolls in the Marshalls the same day.

Alpha Psi, Veterinary Honorary, Initiates Twelve Students

Twelve men were recently initiated into Alpha Psi, Veterinary honorary. Juniors Carl Reeder, Eldorado, Ill.; Neil Stirling, Wyandotte, Mo.; Warren Roberts, St. Louis, Mo.; Warren Roberts, Columbus, Wis.; and Gordon Stocking, Cadillac, were among those initiated.

Two sophomores included were Chris Glenney of Rochville, Conn., and Harry Blaire of Danville, Ind.

Five seniors conclude the list. These men were Robert Larkov, Crawfordville, Mo.; Donald Bush, Augusta, Me.; Alfred Bortree, Lansing; Quintin Metzger, Fremont, Wis.; and Robert Zwickey, Albany, Wis.

Reds Cross Rumanian Border

Jane Cumming Elected AWS President in Annual Voting



JANE CUMMING
... campus leader ...

Author Will Speak at First Lecture on Term Series

Emily Kimbrough, co-author with Cornelia Otis Skinner of "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" and "We Followed Our Hearts to Hollywood," will open the spring term lecture series Thursday night at 8:15 in College auditorium. "Confessions of a Scapegoat" will be the theme of her talk.

Miss Kimbrough, formerly managing editor of Ladies Home Journal magazine, recently returned from Hollywood where she and Miss Skinner assisted in the filming of their book.

She began her career as an editor, writer, and public speaker, working in the advertising department of a large Chicago department store.

Applying for her first job, Miss Kimbrough wore an inappropriate afternoon dress and huge garden hat. Today, however, she is adjudged one of the best dressed women in the United States.

Student admission to the lecture will be by spring term treasurer's receipts. Servicemen will be admitted free.

Silver Star Awarded to State Grad for Gallant Action Against Japs



LT. TOM GREENE
... Tarawa hero ...

★ Jane Cumming, Detroit junior, was elected AWS president for the coming year by Spartan women in the annual elections held during the last week of winter term, acting president, Pat Stone, Chicago senior, disclosed yesterday.

Miss Cumming, a member of Chi Omega, was chairman of the freshman orientation program this year, the first junior ever to hold the position. She will be officially installed in her office on Lantern night during the Senior week activities.

Assisting Miss Cumming will be Jean Oviatt, Washington, D. C., junior, as vice-president and chairman of Judiciary board. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega and has served as the president of the Home Economics club during the past year.

Senior representatives elected by the junior women at the elections are Gene Dennison, Vernon, Mary Gorsline, Battle Creek; Barbara Poag, Detroit; Audrey Stein, Wayne; and Sheila Symons, Saginaw.

Junior representatives for the coming year will be Sue Averill, Birmingham; Peggy Fox, Detroit; and Barbara Quayle, Oxford. Jean Proctor, Detroit, and Gayle Oviatt, Washington, D. C., will serve as sophomore representatives on the council.

The new officers and representatives will take over their positions sometime in May, Miss Stone said.

Senior Marriage Lectures to Begin

A series of marriage lectures, scheduled each spring term by Mortar Board, senior women's honorary, will be offered again this year to senior men and women, according to Pres. Roberta Taylor, Lapeer.

Seniors should sign up for the course at registration. Underclassmen who attend the series must petition Mortar Board for permission.

Included in the list of subjects to be discussed at the series of lectures are the philosophy of marriage, biological aspects of marriage, wartime problems of marriage, and the economic problems of marriage.

Students who fail to sign up at registration may obtain admission cards from Marjorie Jehle, who is in charge of the series.

*Eastern German Defenses Split by Invasion

Main Nazi Escape Route Along Dniester River Blocked by Move

LONDON, March 27 (AP)—The Red army has crossed the Dniester river into the pre-war Rumanian province of Bucovina within four miles of the capital of Czernowitz, a Moscow bulletin announced tonight, in a swift move which effectively split the German defense line east of the Carpathian mountains.

Sadagura, 20 miles below the Dniester and four miles from Czernowitz, which lies across the upper Prut river, was declared captured by the Russians, who also fanned out to the west in the southeastern corner of old Poland on both banks of the Dniester.

The Czernowitz-Lviv railway, which crosses to the north bank of the Prut at Czernowitz, was within two miles of the Soviet column which took Sadagura, and thus no longer serviceable as a north-south artery connecting the German troops in Rumania with those in Poland.

Russian troops also were within 28 miles of northern Rumania proper and apparently had trapped large German forces caught above the Dniester to the northeast.

Kamenets-Podolsk, German stronghold near the north bank of the winding Dniester 40 miles to the northeast, also fell to the Russians, Premier-Marshall Stalin announced in an order of the day. It was taken late Sunday after Soviet troops had surrounded the city.

That stroke blocked the main Nazi escape route from a sack being thrown around large numbers of Germans retreating in a 1,400-square mile area northeast and east of Kamenets-Podolsk.

Bombs Destroy Enemy Base Buildings, Dam in Heavy Rabaul Raid

ALLIED HDQ., S. W. PACIFIC, Tuesday, March 28 (AP)—Allied bombers from Solomons island bases smashed 145 buildings in their latest raid on the weakened enemy base at Rabaul, New Britain, headquarters announced today.

Seventy-one tons of bombs hit gun positions, ammunition and fuel dumps at Rabaul, and a dam was destroyed, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said.

American destroyers helping in the clean-up of the Admiralty islands on the northern edge of Bismarck sea destroyed the village of Lenkau on Ramhuto island, southeast of the main island of Manus, where United States dismounted cavalrymen are mopping up remnants of Japanese troops.

The cavalrymen established control over Manus and nearby Los Negros island after they invaded the Admiralties Feb. 29.

Staff Meeting

A business staff meeting of the State News will be held tomorrow at 5 p. m. in room 7, Union annex, according to Business Manager Jane Millar. All members are expected to attend and other persons interested are welcome.

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In Campus Quarters

By RO HOWLAND and

NANCY SHEPHERD

NANCY Shepherd, Alpha Phi, breaks into print twice in today's writing of this much-maligned column—first on the by-line as new co-writer and second as a new addition to the starry-eyed ranks of the engaged. Nancy received her diamond yesterday from Dave Giltner, Sigma Nu, who is with the army in Amarillo, Texas.

No less starry-eyed is Jean McKeen, Alpha Gam, who returned to campus yesterday with a bright trinket on her left hand. The other half of this pair is Clark Heenan, U. of M. graduate.

Several couples took advantage of spring vacation to make things permanent by marriage. Georgeanne (Porge) Browder, Alpha Phi, and Roy Dygert, Sigma Nu, were married Tuesday in Lansing. Roy leaves today for Fort Meyers, Fla., where he is stationed with the army in force. Porge will join him in about a month.

Alpha Xi's report that Shirley Todd, '43, was married March 22 to Bruce Klotz, a Vet at State.

Sunday was the important day for Jo Connor, Chi Omega. She was married to Dick Quayle, Delta Sig. They will be living in California, which sounds pretty good to the snow-bound citizens of East Lansing.

Anne Bottoms just managed to finish with finals before her wedding. March 18 was the day, and the man in the case is Bob Swart.

Down Detroit way, Mary Jean Frater, former State student, and Frank Aseltine, Theta Chi, were married Saturday evening. After their honeymoon, they'll be shuffling off to Buffalo, where they will make their home.

Back here in Lansing, Marvel Jean Lewis got herself all married up to Ens. Russell Miller, who is a U. of M. Sigma Nu

graduate and went to Annapolis. He is stationed in New Jersey now.

Another couple who decided on marriage in March were Winifred Benton and William Semfner, Theta Chi Vet. Still another wedding story concerns Barbara Allen, Theta who graduated from State not so long ago. The groom is Lt. Joseph Kotfend, Beta Theta Pi from Lawrence college.

And the wedding list goes on and on. That favorite date, March 18, was chosen by Warren Brandt, graduate-assistant in chemistry, and Esther Cass, senior med-bio. They were married in Lansing.

Apparently this isn't just a sudden boom in the marriage market, because there was another scheduled for yesterday evening. Principals in that one were Dorothy Brown, Zeta Tau, and Bob Barrett, Alpha Chi Sigma.

Besides that, more people keep getting engaged all the time. Marce Kidman, Delta Zeta, has a lovely bauble on her left hand that indicates her feeling for Jack Weaver, AGR. Jack is in the naval air force.

Another diamond-toter as of recently is Betty Jane Gilechrist, Alpha Chi. Hers is from Lt. Win Pressly, former Spartan now stationed in Florida.

And still another on the list of those finding excuses to gesture with the left hand is Virginia Wilson, Detroit sophomore. Her ring is the gift from Lt. Dick Edelen, Toledo, '46, who is at Hendricks field, Fla.

News of one lonely pining finds its way to our desk . . . but just because such news is scarce these days doesn't mean that it isn't good news for the two concerned. These two are Marion McCain, Kappa, and Dick McCracken, Beta from Colorado. He is with the ASTP at State.

THE WOMAN'S WORLD

By LEONE SEASTROM

FRESHMAN PERMISSION

Freshmen receiving two point averages winter term may petition Judiciary board for upper-classman hours, according to Faculty Adviser Mabel Petersen. Petitions should be turned in to the dean of women's office by noon next Tuesday.

SENIOR PRIVILEGES

Women who will be graduated in June will automatically receive senior privileges this term, AWS Pres. Pat Stone, Chicago senior, stated yesterday.

Junior med bio students and women graduating before June of next year, who have an all-college one point, will be granted the same privileges if they petition Judiciary board. Petitions should be in the dean of women's office by noon next Tuesday.

The new privileges do not

permit D coupons to extend beyond the regular 11:30 p. m. permission on week-days and 12 p. m. Sundays.

RATION BOOKS

Ration books will be distributed to all dormitories, sororities, co-ops and off campus houses by tomorrow when they will go into effect, AWS Pres. Pat Stone, Chicago senior, announced yesterday.

MATRIX

Maggie Mintling, Birmingham junior, and Percy Kelley, Buchanan junior, were pledged to Matrix, women's journalism honorary, the last week of winter term, Pres. Neva Ackerman, Unionville senior, said yesterday. Members must be journalism majors, have a B average in all journalism courses, and take an active part on one of the college publications.

SPEAKING FOR MYSELF

By BARBARA DENNISON

SOMETIME in the immediate future several hundred of Michigan State's ASTs will be leaving the campus for parts unknown and many of them will take with them the opinion that the editorial director of the State News is a hard nose (and other more appropriate names) who writes nasty columns about them.

There seems no better time to say, "I am not." For the benefit of those who came to this campus after the middle of July and did not share the bitterness with which their fellow ASTs received a column written about themselves, it would be logical to explain what this is all about.

The first thousand or so of the men who came, arrived on campus direct from army camps all over the country, and much to the sorrow of the coeds then on campus had not seen so many women in a long time. Consequently, and perhaps naturally, they gave various signs of recognition to every coed they met.

After the first few days of it, the women became a little disgusted and began to resent the whistles, etc. Assuming that the paper was the proper channel from which to reach all parties concerned, I volunteered as spokesman for the coeds, something which the ASTs are likely never to forget.

Since that day in July when the ASTs heard just what the majority of the coeds thought of them in no uncertain terms, I have been in the doghouse as far as most of the men were concerned, and still am.

About three weeks ago someone asked me my opinion of the men and wondered if I would like to say anything (possibly for publication) about the column of last summer. The following does not constitute an apology for the column, since that is not and never was necessary, but is representative of current coed opinion on the matter.

The men have changed since the first ones came to Michigan State. As a result, the coeds do not have the same opinion of them now as they did last summer, but it is not the women who have changed their opinions, it is the men who have. See SPEAKING—Page 3

Grin and Bear It . . . By Lichty



INFORMATION

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

All students interested in obtaining part time jobs on campus for the current term should file their schedules at the employment office as soon as possible. Prof. Tom King, head of the office, said yesterday.

SENIOR STATUS

Seniors who are not sure of their status may receive a statement of their credits and deficiencies by calling at the record office in the administration building, Kermit H. Smith, assistant registrar, has announced.

UNION DESK

Hours for used book sales were announced yesterday by the Union desk. Books will be sold from 10 to 12 a. m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday sales will be from 10 to 12 a. m. and 3 to 5 p. m. Books will not be sold at any other time, however they will be bought at all times.

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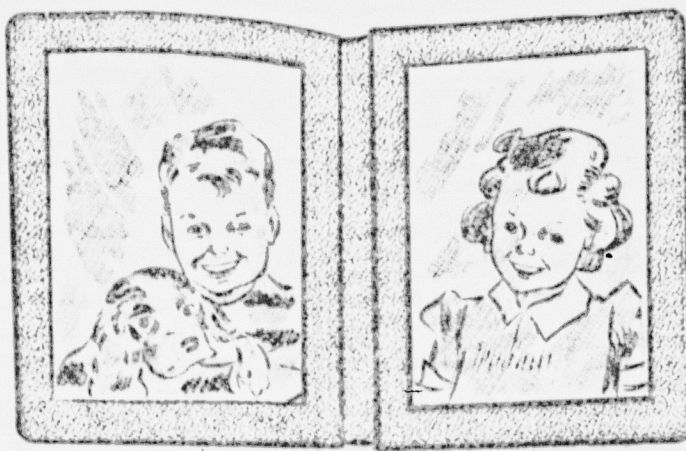
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Future of Athletics to be Reviewed

Tentative Plans Being Set Up for Baseball

With the immediate future of intercollegiate athletics at State awaiting the decision of a faculty meeting planned for the early part of May, Baseball Coach John Kobs has called for all students interested in playing baseball to sign up in the phys ed office.

Athletic Director Ralph H. Smith emphasized that the baseball team would be an informal organization. No arrangements have been made at present regarding a schedule of games. Kobs stated that all civilians were eligible to play.

In order to make further plans, a meeting of all those who signed up will be held soon, with the date to be announced in the State News.

Marking Time

While baseball officials enthusiastically pushed their work, Football Coach Charlie Bachman stated that he was just "marking time" until the faculty meets and makes some decision regarding Spartan athletics. He said, however, that if they did decide to resume intercollegiate sports, State would try to complete a schedule for this fall, and that a summer practice would be held, possibly spring training.

Comments for resumption of sports point to a change in the conditions which caused the original suspension. When Pres. John A. Hannah announced the cancellation of the intercollegiate athletics last Aug. 11 one of his main reasons was that it would be unfair to ask 17-year-olds and those with 4-F classifications to compete against older and more experienced service teams.

All in the Same Boat

Those who favor a return of sports argue that all other sports are now in equal conditions because the college stars who made the service teams successful are no longer able to play and that all teams must depend on players with only high school experience.

Since in baseball there would be no unfairness arising from playing against larger and more experienced players, Spartan baseball fans have perhaps additional reason to hope for a return of intercollegiate schedules.

Women's Sports

By DOTTE VON DETTE

WAA members wound up the term Friday, March 10, with their annual winter term banquet at the Hunt Food shop. With about 100 members attending, new officers were installed and awards for the term were presented.

Marge Smith, Durand sophomore, and Margaret Mahoney, Whitehall senior, were honored by being asked to sign the honor roll signifying the earning of 4,000 points.

Large "S" letters were awarded to Dorothy Jury, Detroit junior; Billie Morley, New Troy senior; Doris Rinehart, Lansing sophomore; and Markine Traynor, Swartz Creek sophomore.

Small S's were presented to Eleanor Chamberlain, Carson City senior; Rae Loeffler, Detroit senior; Dorothy Goralezyk, Hamtramck sophomore; Marge Wood, Charlevoix sophomore; Mary Kay Babcock, Detroit sophomore; Del Dunten, Ft. Wayne, Ind., sophomore; Fran Emmerger, Lansing sophomore; Sue Ouellette, Detroit sophomore; Barbara Weidemann, Lansing sophomore; Harriet Hahl, Buffalo, N. Y., junior.

WAA plaques for swimming and bowling championships were awarded to North Campbell and Sigma Kappa respectively. Both plaques had formerly been in possession of the Thetas.

MSC Author Wins Daylight Mission Medal for Poetry Hits German Rail Yards, Airfields



PROF. A. J. M. SMITH
... poems win prize ...

"News of the Phoenix" by Dr. A. J. M. Smith, assistant professor of English, has been awarded the governor-general's medal as Canada's finest volume of poetry in 1943. Smith has been notified of the award by the Canadian Authors' association. The medal will be presented at the association's annual dinner next Sept. 2 in Hamilton, Ont.

Although Smith has contributed poems to many publications in recent years, this, his first volume of verse, is a collection of 42 poems published by the Ryerson Press, Toronto, Can.

He was winner of the Harriet Monroe memorial award in 1941 for a group of poems appearing in the Canadian issue of Poetry magazine, and he authored "The Book of Canadian Poetry," a critical and historical anthology published some months ago by the Chicago Press.

Role of Radar Told in Churchill Talk

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP)—As a result of Prime Minister Churchill's radio address Sunday, it can be revealed today that the highly secret miracle-weapon, which played a vital role in winning the decisive battle of Britain three years ago—radar—is on the offensive now.

For reasons of military security, Radar has been under the tightest wraps of secrecy since news of its magic powers leaked out two years ago.

Now it can be reported that the American scientists who did most to develop this instrument are still without formal recognition from the American government, although the navy undertook almost a year ago to initiate procedures for honoring them.

Throughout the war Radar has furnished an exciting thread of mystery.

SPEAKING

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changed their attitude and never caused the women to form such opinions as were formed about the first men.

Being one of the coeds of MSC, I share the same ideas of the men that most of the others do now. There are some mighty fine men in the ASTP and they will be greatly missed when they leave. They have been a part of State in many ways and have taken their place on the campus as it was hoped they would.

During the course of the several months they have been here many of them have come in to the State News office out of curiosity and for other reasons. I hope none of them thinks that I hold any personal grudges against any of them as individuals or as a whole any more.

LONDON, March 27 (AP)—Ten task forces of U.S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators—an armada of from 750 to 1,000 heavy bombers—swept almost unopposed through France today to blow up nine German airfields and the freight yards at Tours while their fighter escorts alone destroyed 38 Nazi planes.

The German air force generally refused to join combat with the American air fleet totalling perhaps 2,000 planes, and most of the enemy aircraft destroyed by the American Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs were shot up on the ground.

Six of the bombers and 15 fighters failed to return from this daylight mission, the 21st of the month, executed while Essen, the seat of the Krup arms works, the RAF in which 2,240 tons of burned after a night attack by bombs were dropped.

Lightnings, Mustangs and Thunderbolts made up the escort and support for this blow at the aerial backbone of the Atlantic wall.

England, Wales Struck by German Raiders

LONDON, Tuesday, March 28 (AP)—Strong forces of German bombers struck England and Wales during the night. London itself escaped attack, although one section of the capital had a brief alert.

West England bore the brunt of the assault. There was considerable activity also over south and southwest England and south Wales.

Allies Center Burma Attack on Japanese Suicide Squads

NEW DELHI, March 27 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Americans and Chinese, using grenades and bayonets to wipe out Japanese suicide squads, were closing in on an encircled force in the Mogaung valley of northern Burma today, as a new threat to Allied life lines developed from the enemy's tank-supported invasion of India.

A fourth Japanese spearhead, striking from the cover of the Somra tracts, densest jungle of the border area, was moving steadily toward Kohima, 60 miles north of Imphal, a communique from Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten's southeast Asia headquarters announced. Across the Naga hills from Kohima lies the Bengal-Assam railway in the Brahmaputra valley.

Three other Japanese spearheads striking at Imphal in the Manipur valley apparently had come to a dead end.

The communique said a Japanese roadblock across the route from Tiddim on the southern approach to Imphal had been eliminated and heavy enemy casualties inflicted. Several Japanese tanks were knocked out in the battle. No major action was reported on the southeastern approach from Tarnu, while in the Ukhrul area, 32 miles northeast of Imphal, the Japanese were being contained after severe fighting in which they lost heavily.

On the Arakan front, 300

miles to the south, British troops continued to move ahead slowly in a highly confused situation around the tunnels on the But-hedaung-Maungdaw road 50 miles north of Akyab.

MILITARY

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Capt. Clark Evans left for Fort Sill, Okla., last week.

Scheduled to leave this week for command staff school in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., are Maj. J. P. Thompson and Maj. J. H. Speckman. Capt. William Gilliam and Capt. Chan. H. Robinson will report to Camp Davis, N. C., the latter part of this week.

Nine enlisted permanent party men will also leave and approximately six other officers will be transferred soon.

Lt. Irving F. Strauss will take over special service officer duties and arrange for a recreation hall in Wells hall.

Although all fraternity houses will be vacated, they are still under army contract, Colond Egger added.

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