

# Your Freedom: Is Someone Else To Fight For It?

## Men Dodging Rough Duty, Prof Claims

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 a business of coming into direct, life-and-death contact with the enemy. Many young Americans are sedulously trying to avoid wearing any kind of uniform; the greater number of them, and this is really more shocking, are trying to hide inside of one.

Part of the explanation of this attitude lies in the recentness of the last war. The men and boys who are now about to enter the Armed Forces were passing through a highly impressionable stage of life at that time, and they know and have talked to men who participated in the conflict. This is the first generation of Americans which is fully aware that there is something other to do in the service than carry a rifle.

Most of the men who enlisted or were drafted during WW II had little idea that one's skin is considerable safer in a motor-repair pool or a paymaster's office than it is in a front-line rifle platoon. Their younger brothers and neighbors, on the contrary, have had the distinction very clearly made for them, largely through the advice and experience of the returned veterans.

Then again, the Armed Forces between wars did a bad job of convincing recruits that fighting is really the main business of a military man after all. Enlistment posters gave the impression that the services were chiefly concerned with producing highly skilled technicians in a large number of fields which differed little from civilian trades and occupations. The average recruit must have believed he was joining up in



THESE WARY MARINES search the Korean underbrush for Communists with the aid of a heavy machinegun. With the scrubby pines and shirt-sleeve weather it might be any Southern training ground, but to these battle-wearied Leathernecks it's another day in the very-hot Korean War. —Photo courtesy U.S. Marine Corps.

order to prepare for civilian life. And to a great extent, that is exactly what he was doing in many cases. Only after the drive out of the Pusan beachhead and the Inchon landing did the posters begin to change.

The effect has been that those who feel that military service is imminent for them are likely to rush to join the non-combatant branches of the Armed Forces. Everyone who has had his eyes and ears open for the past several years knows that the average sailor, quartermaster clerk, or Air Force ground crewman stands an excellent chance of never getting near the rattle of small arms fire, if he gets close to any kind of physical danger at all. Consequently, our finest physical and mental specimens intend to occupy their time in the service issuing shoes and trousers and mess kits, or attending long-term technical schools in order to learn how to tend some highly complicated machine which is too valuable to be exposed to possible destruction or capture by the enemy. What other conclusion can one reach, when the Marine Corps itself, in whose uniform it was once the pride of American youth to serve, has to resort to the draft to fill out its ranks?

Another contributing factor is the present draft policy. The number of possible reasons for deferment is so great that the man who is finally "caught" feels himself to be the unlucky exception to the rule. Naturally, in WW II the reverse was true. Only the few escaped service between 1941-1946, so that ultimate enlistment or inductions was accepted as the common lot.

But now, with prospects of withholding the more intelligent college students from service as a special class, with the possibility of total deferment of key industrial and agricultural workers, and with several other reasons for excluding men from military duty, only the unwary are likely to be snared. At least this is a reasonable assumption, and it is reflected in the attitude of young men and their families.

Many parents plan to enter their 12-year-old sons in colleges with ROTC units immediately upon their graduation from high school. Their hope is that the boys will be able to qualify for the reserve officers' programs and so escape service for a least four years.

They seem to feel that by the time the mobilization program may have slowed down—and besides, a large number of the ROTC programs are designed to train ordnance, communications and supply officers. Moreover, the number of parents whose sons have suddenly turned up with scientific aspirations has increased remarkably.

The total effect of all these things has been to produce a generation that does not want to be Marines or combat soldiers under any circumstances. Freedom is something desirable, true, but there will always be someone else to fight for it. And while that someone else is doing the dirty work, our young men want to issue the equipment, operate the machines, or stay at home and ignore the whole affair.

As a nation we are just beginning to realize dangerous implications of this attitude. But if the same realization does not come very soon to those individual Americans who are of age for military service, a whole generation may lose completely the necessary will to fight—of which all victory is the product.

## Alumni Meet To Begin

The annual meeting of the General Alumni association of the University to be held here today will get underway with a board of directors luncheon at the Carolina Inn at 1 p.m.

### SPECIAL SPRING RATES

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VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

## Horton Offers Thanks For Support Of Party

Ham Horton, new president of the student body, yesterday offered his thanks for the support of the UP candidates who were elected. He also gave a re-statement of plans for the coming year.

Horton said the election of the UP slate proved that "Carolina students will not be divided along artificial lines" and that "Carolina students desire a student government which represents them."

"You have proven that the enthusiasm of amateurs can more than equal the experience of professionals," Horton said. He added that the final responsibility of "returning student government to the students rests with you." There are ap-

proximately 200 appointments to be made this year, according to the president, and they are "real opportunities for you to participate in Student Government."

One of the plans underway now is a doorstop to make sure the student government office is open at all times to "concern itself not with crusading but with efficient administration of student block fees, amounting this year to \$71,550," Horton declared.

In saying that the platform suggested to the UP candidates by the students would not "suffer the usual fate of platforms," Horton added that "we will further concern ourselves with genuinely representing student opinion."

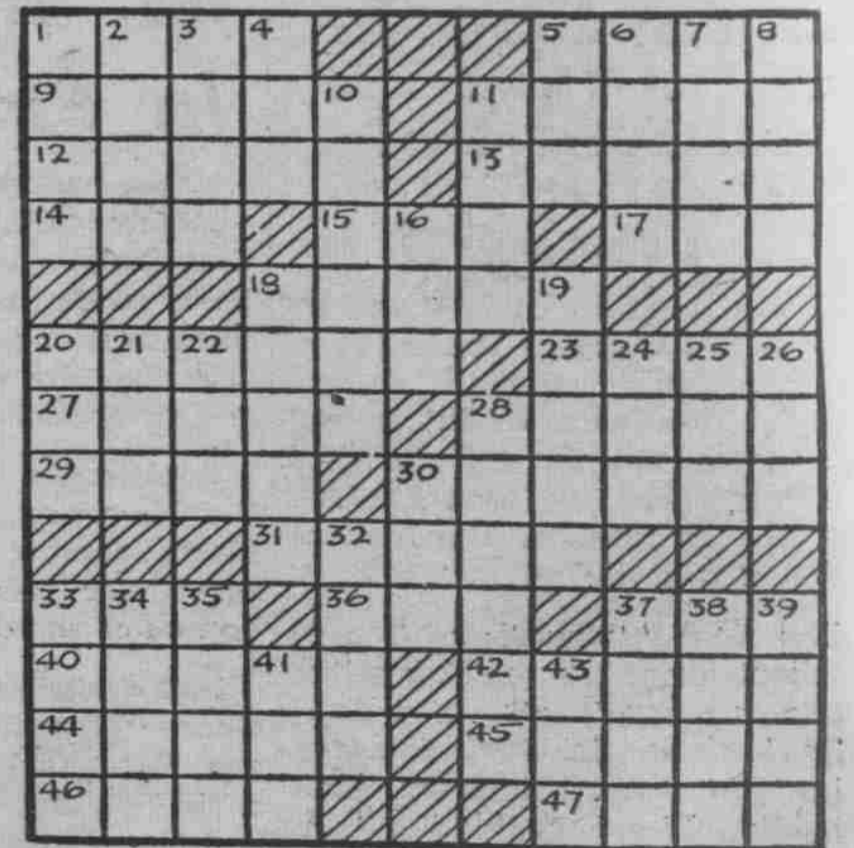
## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Amalekite king
  - Father
  - More
  - mature
  - A legislator
  - White poplar
  - Ethiopian title
  - Guided
  - Friar's title
  - Brazilian macaw
  - Ornamental clasps
  - Flew aloft
  - Part of "to be"
  - Affix
  - A horse who runs a mile
  - Marshy meadows
  - An old man (slang)
  - Game fish
  - Kettle
  - Indian mulberry
  - Network
  - Apart
  - Elude
  - Proofreader's mark
  - Surface depression
  - Southwest wind
  - Paradise
- DOWN**
- Inland sea (Asia)
  - Scoff
  - Mimicked
  - Jellylike substance
  - American poet
  - Seaweed
  - Issue in a stream
  - Handle
  - Turn back
  - Thin, brittle cookie
  - Free
  - Summit of a hill
  - English author
  - Salt (chem.)
  - Undivided
  - Miscellany
  - Spote
  - Female ruff
  - Blunder
  - Handled roughly
  - Gazelle (Tibet)
  - A float
  - So. Am. rodent
  - Patron saint of sailors
  - Ripped
  - Magic stick



Yesterday's Answer

- Border
- Part of "be"
- Over (poet.)
- Contend



## UNC Band Sets Concert For Hamlet

The University band will leave Hill hall this afternoon at 1:30 for Hamlet where they will give a concert.

The band director at Hamlet, a former Carolina bandsman, has requested the band to go to Hamlet with all expenses paid.

The program tonight will be the same as the one the band played here last Tuesday. It will include Ganne's "Father of Victory" March, Gosseo's "Military Symphony in F," Rossini's "Barber of Seville" Overture, Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Javaloyes' "El Albanico" March, Morrissey's "An American Weekend," Lang's "Sea Medley," Yoder's rhythmic novelty "Git on Board," and the "Men of Ohio" march.

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WITHOUT DOUBT, CONFRESE COWBIRD.

JUST BECAUSE I BUILT A STORK NEST IN YO' CHIMNEY AN' BRING YOU GOOD LUCK, YOU DON'T HAFTA REP-TIRE.

MMPH

I NEED A BABYSITTER. I GOTTA DO A LIL' SHOPPIN'.

AIN'T IT EARLY, MIZ STORK?

NO, IT AIN'T EARLY. SIT EASY AN' IF ANYTHIN' HATCHES GIVE ME A HOLLER.

IS YOU SURE IT'S GOOD LUCK FER ME TO HAVE MORE STORKS?

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