

The Mineral Resources Building, or Lindley Hall, will house from 800 to 1000 Army engineers when and if they move in within the next month or so. The V-12 boys will take over the houses of Kappa Sigma, Delta U., Phi Delt, Phi Gam, Beta, Sigma Nu, and Phi Psi. They will also take over Templin Hall. The Naval Machinists Mates are quartered in Frank Strong Hall. The officers' quarters and offices are on the first floor at the west end and the dormitories are on the second and third floors of the west end. There are about 800 to 1000 men.

I believe I should tell you that we had a flood in Lawrence this spring. The Kaw River rose to a height higher than it had been in 35 years, and the military authorities called out the medical reserves, the Machinists Mates, and the Naval fliers for sand-bag duty on the Kaw. The University officials excused all the male students from classes in this emergency so they could fill sand bags to keep the dike from breaking. They worked all day and all night, and about 2 o'clock in the morning a portion of the dike broke and about 12 or 15 Naval Machinists Mates with sand bags in their arms made a flying wedge after the old football formation, and held the river against that break until immediate assistance could come. Someone described it and said there were a thousand sand bags in motion as soon as the dike broke.

The Machinists Mates are being immortalized in Lawrence, and K. W. Davidson, our publicity man, is trying to get some publicity in LIFE or TIME on this heroic action. The business men, firms and others raised over \$4,000 to buy all these boys who ruined their clothing and shoes replacement material. The town put on a big feed for these boys and four thousand bottles of coke and pop were drunk by these boys, and they ate about eight hundred pounds of ham and cheese. It was a real celebration and everybody seemed to recognize the heroism of these chaps. Henry Shenk had charge of the entertainment of sports and games. Lawrence has been undergoing quite a bit of excitement.

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Jack Ballard writes, "Apparently it agrees with me, this Army life, as I have gained no less than 16 pounds since I first entered the service. Easter Sunday I was fortunate enough to be one of forty-three men from my troop selected as honorary

guards to attend church with President Roosevelt. . . I have been placed in a motorcycle division of the mechanized cavalry. However, it is only temporary. . . . I have been selected as captain of my barrack softball team. It is a lot of fun and develops sportsmanship among the soldiers." Jack is one boy who was not too tall to get in the service, although Boykoff and Beisser were.

To Lacy Haynes, Jr., Y3/c, George Washington Inn, Washington, D. C. who is an admiral in my opinion when it comes to getting things done around the University -- the Phi Deltas and Phi Psis were together in the intramural program but didn't quite have enough powder to pull the thing out of the fire. The Tennessee Club took their measure in the semi-finals and the boys from down on Tennessee were too tall for them.

To Charlie Black, Libbey Glass Company, Toledo, Ohio, captain of the ever-victorious team of 1923 -- I find that I have failed to answer your good