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Aggie Morale

To get down to the point, where is the fight, the morale, and the spirit of Aggie land which have made A. & M. cadets known throughout the country. The whole campus seems dead if you use plain language; there isn't any life or fire among Aggie land's five thousand students.

To climax such a situation was the junior class meeting, or the supposed to be meeting, which was held Thursday night for the purpose of electing officers. The class of September '43 showed up about 150 strong for one of the most important meetings of their career. It's definitely a lack of class spirit when there is not a quorum present at a class meeting.

Failure to exercise one of the basic principals of democracy is practicing poor citizenship, and during present times when we are fighting for these very principals of the American way of life, this is even worse.

A matter which the senior class is guilty of is not cooperating in having pictures made for the Longhorn. The schedule has been announced by the editor, and the infantry seniors have through Monday to have their pictures made. A total of only 22 have done this so far. The deadlines will not be extended as it would disrupt the schedule for the yearbook and work hardships on the staff, which is trying to publish the best Longhorn yet.

The above examples are the products of student attitude which prevails on the campus at this time. It is the idea that we are not accomplishing anything going to school this summer. And it's this "What's the use, who cares" spirit that will get a person nowhere.

Since last December every Aggie has had a part to play in the defense of the country. It should be his duty to continue his education and prepare himself for anything which might confront him. Aggies with contracts will naturally go into the army and others will take positions in defense industries. All these should have a definite goal to work for.

Aggies, let's throw off this attitude which is a milestone around our necks, prevailing the achieving of our purpose here at Aggie land. Make Aggie land in the summer like it is in the regular term; get some spirit and let's start the flame burning once more.

Some girls would be vastly more attractive if they spent as much time improving their dispositions as they do their complexions.

Put Aggie Land On Fitch Band Wagon

There's an emergency! It's not one of the regular old run-of-the-mill National Emergencies but the real thing. In fact, it includes every able bodied Aggie and otherwise at A. & M. that has one good hand, a pencil, and a piece of paper with an used three cent stamp on it.

The Aggie land Orchestra needs help. Curly Brient and his boys want a ride on the Fitch Band Wagon this summer and it's vital that they get there. Just imagine what would happen if they succeeded in their aim! A. & M. would not only be noted throughout the land for having the best football team in the U. S., and for putting out more officers than any other college, but would rise to the heights of fame as the hot licks of the "Aggie land Orchestra" poured out through every radio set from New York to San Francisco. "Aggie land" would be on the tip of the tongue of every hep cat in the nation.

All that is needed to produce this amazing phenomenon is for each Aggie to write at least one letter, not in the terms he would write his girl-friend but in a nice friendly fashion extolling the greatness of the orchestra to this address:

Fitch Band Wagon
720 North Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

The World Turns On

By DR. R. W. STEEN

The appearance of Mr. Churchill, accompanied by a number of British officers, in the United States has resulted in a great deal of speculation concerning the immediate opening of a second front. There can be no doubt that the Russians wish a second front established. The British and the Americans are probably just as anxious to establish one. Such a front may be established in a short time, but it would probably be better for Americans not to accept this possibility as a fact until more definite information is available.

It will be no easy task to establish a foothold in any of the Axis controlled countries, and it will be no simple matter to supply a force once it is placed on the continent. Plans must be carefully made and planes, tanks and guns assembled, for this time there must be no Dunquerque.

One of the amusing contradictions of the moment grows out of the following opinions, both of which are generally held. It is assumed that the German army and air force, both of which have shown tremendous striking power, can not force a landing in Britain. It is also assumed that the British, when they are ready, can easily force a landing on the continent. It should be remembered that it is just as far across the channel in one direction as in the other, and that difficulties are to be encountered regardless of the direction in which the force is moving. A landing can be forced, but it will be no simple matter.

Much of the action of the week took place in the Mediterranean area. The British position in North Africa became decidedly worse, although their opposition to the Germans has been so great that they have probably achieved their main purpose, that is the protection of Alexandria and the Suez Canal from direct attack. Two great convoys, one to Africa and the other to Malta, were pushed through, but at considerable cost. In this connection the Italian navy won another of its great victories: the fleet put out to sea and part of it managed to get back to port. The Italians lost a heavy cruiser and two destroyers, and two battleships were severely damaged. Incidentally, the damage was done by planes and the Italians did not contact the British fleet. Some of the planes were American, and they were manned by Americans. This marks the first appearance of American fighting men in the Mediterranean area.

Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., has completed plans for a special aviation course for women.

This Collegiate World

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To train replacements for radio workers who may be called into the armed services, Northwestern university, in collaboration with the National Broadcasting company, will offer a radio institute this summer.

Five courses will be taught by members of the radio staff of the university and the production staff of NBC. Lectures will be given on campus and studio work will be held in studios of NBC.

The courses will be radio writing, acting, announcing, production directing, and public service programs.

Registration will be limited to the 100 best-qualified students who apply before June 1.

In addition to the courses, the institute will hold a series of eight lectures by outstanding men in broadcasting.

College men majoring in the social sciences, business or other non-technical or non-scientific fields are eligible for the newly organized 12-week summer pre-induction course at New York university, designed to train men subject to military call for specialized posts with the air corps, signal corps, artillery and other services of the army and navy. It is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

The program was formulated with advice of the war department, army and navy officials and follows a recent appeal by Secretary of War Stimson for pre-induction training of men at institutions of higher learning. The course closely follows a pattern outlined by Secretary Stimson, with emphasis on mathematics, physical training, radio communications and other scientific and technical subjects. Opening June 15, the classes will meet five days a week for a 12-week period.

Most women are guarding their hose like precious jewels these days, but six University of Wisconsin co-eds have abandoned their socks for campus wear and are giving their hose special endurance tests.

Jean Henkel, assistant in the home economics department, has been conducting the experiment since November to determine which kind of hose now available will wear the longest. The co-eds, selected because they walk a lot, are wearing mercerized cotton, nylon, and silk stockings an equal number of times, keeping a daily report chart on snags and runs.

Results of the study will be submitted for a master's thesis (Miss Henkel explained). The girls follow detailed instructions for washing and general care, use the same type of soap powder, and note effects of high heels and oxfords. A certain number of "mends" are allowed, but so far the only casualties have been the silk hose.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"I don't care if he does walk in his sleep. He's got to wear a regulation uniform like anyone else!"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster

On File

War experts tell us Hitler's gang keeps all important American names on file... so they can "eliminate" key men in our administration after the victory they claim will be theirs (and we know will be ours).

But old Schnikslepuss the rat would get so mad he would probably order another hundred Czechs killed, if he could see his name and identity as it was found on file in Dean Gilchrist's office... G. C. Scruggs says the following (post-war) information was discovered in the files:

- Name—Hitler, Adolf Furber
- Course—Dietatorshipology
- Home Address—Alestraz Island
- Name of Guardian—Roosevelt & Churchill
- What Quarter of class in high school—Last
- Athletics?—Marbles
- Why did you choose the course?—Thought I could get away with it... so sorry
- Are you doing any labor—Yes, twenty years
- For Whom?—All the world

Patriotic

... that's us... we're going all out on Uncle Sam's side. Harry Cordus gave us the idea... he writes a weekly article for the Galveston News, and in return gets the paper free and a buck for each column. When he receives a check from the paper, he rushes down to the P.O. and invests it in War Stamps... before he can "blow it in."

That's just a suggestion to Aggies who might find an extra two-bits here and there... the "Old Boy with the Whiskers" needs it.

Sweepings

Advertisements for bids on the

construction of the open-air dance slabs will be sent out in a few days... after a week's wait the contractor will be chosen and work will begin... It's a short road from there to dancing under the stars... Irony—pure and undiluted: the notice informing students they must pick up laundry as per schedule... The Aggie land orchestra, under its new leader, Curly Brient, needs a boost from every Aggie... write a letter to the Fitch Band Wagon, 720 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and tell them how much you would like to hear your school orchestra on the air.

Castor Bean Stalk Ten Inches Across; Thread of Wood

Have you ever seen a castor bean stalk ten inches in diameter or a thread made from wood—or a vine running up through the trunk of a tree? Have you ever seen roots that look like beetles and wood which looks so heavy that you experience a great feeling of surprise when you almost hit yourself in the chin upon lifting it? All these and many more things of interest can be seen in the museum of the Texas Forestry Service on the top floor of the Administration Building.

Fire fighting equipment, wood products and novelties, over seventy specimens of trees, leaves and oddities of the plant world are on exhibit in the museum. Specimens of all the commercial trees in Texas are there together with many of their finished products. Visitors are welcome and will be shown all the things of interest by members of the personnel.

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Dr Arthur Todd Receives 3 Honors Within One Week

Three honors were awarded in one week recently to Dr. Arthur J. Todd, chairman of the sociology department at Northwestern university, but the one that gave him the biggest "kick" came from the inmates of a prison.

The honors are a fellowship in the American Academy for the Advancement of Science, life membership in the National Conference on Family Relations—and an honorary degree of "Good Egg" from the directors of the Stateville Correspondence school at Illinois State prison.

Signed by Nathan F. Leopold, Jr., partner with Richard Loeb in the sensational "crime of the century" of the early 20's, the diploma bearing the degree is written in Latin and says, "For his illustrious merit, for his great benevolence, for his magnificent work of many years, by the authority vested in us, we present Arthur J. Todd with the degree of GOOD EGG with highest honors."

Other signers were directors of the Stateville school, which has done what Dr. Todd calls "magnificent rehabilitation" for the inmates since Leopold began it more than 10 years ago.

For several years Dr. Todd has acted as adviser to the inmate-directors of the school, and has aided many of the students in their research. He is an authority on recreational and leisure activities as antidotes for crime.



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Another Aggie Is Full Army Colonel

Announcement was received here today of the promotion of Lt. Col. William L. Kennedy to the rank of colonel, the new rank to be effective immediately.

Colonel Kennedy is director of training at the Harlingen Army School. His military career has been one of the most brilliant of any officer in the Gulf Coast training center.

A native of Leggett, Texas, the colonel graduated from A. & M. in 1928 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Almost immediately thereafter, he enrolled and graduated from Kelly Field, Texas as a pilot with the rank of second lieutenant.

In 1930 and 1931 he attended the Air Corps Technical School at Chanute, Kansas, where he was rated an armorer. Last year, he went to England to attend an RAF gunnery school.

He has logged in excess of 5000 hours as a pilot, and holds a senior pilot's rating. In addition, he is qualified as an aerial gunner, bombardier, observer and armorer. He served in Hawaii from 1932 to 1935.

Colonel Kennedy reported to Harlingen in October of 1941, and was elevated from major to Lt. Colonel in January of this year. His wife and two children, Ann, 6, and William L., Jr., 10 months, reside with him in Harlingen.

Colonel Kennedy "celebrated" removing his silver oak leaf and replacing it with an eagle yesterday morning for about five minutes. He then donned coveralls and took off for the gunnery range 30 miles south.

Northwestern University's civilian pilot training program already has sent enough men into the armed services to man three complete combat sections.

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