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Reveille . . .

The only female cadet on the campus of A. & M. has lived a varied life since she came here some ten years ago. Her life story can be told in quite a few words, but it will suffice to say that she was brought back from a corps trip by an Aggie who had found her. She was hurt, but this Aggie nursed her back to health and proceeded to keep her for a pet. She had other ideas, however, and began roaming around the campus. It didn't take long for her to take to other boys in uniform, and it didn't take long for them to take to her. Reveille, I should say for the benefit of a lot of freshmen, as a black, non-pedigreed dog that can do anything she desires while at A. & M. Tradition has it that Rev can sleep on any bed in any room she wants to and the bed

Voluntary Flag Salute . . .

Hitlerism received another slap in the Flag Day decision of the Supreme Court that saluting the Stars and Stripes should be voluntary, not compulsory. This act reversed a 1940 ruling of the same court but is in line with other recent decisions upholding civil liberties. Compulsory unification of opinion, the majority opinion pointed out, "achieves only the unanimity of the graveyard. To believe that patriotism will not flourish if patriotic ceremonies are voluntary and spontaneous instead of compulsory routine is to make an unflattering estimate of the appeal of our institutions to free minds."

Americans never have taken to goose-step measures. Almost everyone is willing to make sacrifices for the common good. He will submit to compulsion in such matters as selective service and rationing but feels more like a free man if his expressions of patriotism are left on a voluntary basis. Hitler and Mussolini, who achieved and retained their power by knocking together the heads of their opponents, will be unable to understand how Americans can remain united without such compulsion from a central source.

In this country, refusal to salute the flag has been confined almost entirely to one small sect, whose members object on religious grounds. In several states children have been expelled from public schools because they obeyed their parents instead of their teachers. Such ejections are unfair to the children, who have made a natural choice and who may suffer from mental or emotional wrapping as a result of their unfortunate experiences. As long as a person obeys the laws, pays his taxes and is willing to serve his country in war or peace, we can safely assume that he is a loyal citizen without resort to compulsory oaths or salutes.—Dallas News.

owner has no right to remove her. Rev goes on all corps trips and receives the best of treatment while on them. She is the official mascot of the Aggies, and consequently, she marches with the band between halves at football games. Reveille has lived eleven years and is getting old, but another non-pedigreed dog has proven a good understudy as mascot. No dog, however, will ever take the place of Rev and no true Aggie will ever forget her after she dies.

ARMY ENGINEERS

BLUE NOTES by PARSONS

It seems that there has been considerable comment on the lack of news concerning the men in the fourth term. Reason why? Obvious, my dear "gaspie," obvious, no reporter. Therefore, I have been drafted (imagine it, twice in the same war) to make certain that the achievements of the super-men of Sections 177, 168 and 162 are duly recognized in the Engineers' column.

Before I continue with the news of the day, I would like to express my appreciation to my buddies??? of Section 177 for their thoughtfulness and consolation during my recent lack of correspondence with the home front. Of course any one of them would have given you odds, 7 to 5, that she had hit the road and that I had rejoined the ranks of the forgotten men (which wasn't a bad bet at that price). However, the pony express finally came through (to take a month and a half, it must have been pony express and what a nag) and everybody is happy again. In fact, the bookies paid off.

COMING IN ON THE DOWN-BEAT or NOTES TO YOU!!

Rumor has it that Costello flies back from the USO dances at the Country Club. Is it love or a figment of your imagination, Bob? . . . It is also rumored that CROAN floats back from Franklin's for obvious reasons . . . The Engineers are now working on a formula to determine the muzzle velocity of a football projected by HUGUELET'S right arm . . . Latest, latest latrine rumor, quote: Zoot suits for the Second Platoon." Imagine SALA wearing GI pants with a three-inch ankle and a twenty-two inch knee. Egads, get a stick and kill it . . . What does "Muscles" LEINONEN do with the six cokes he buys immediately following a PT class? He can't drink them all, or can he? What gives, Lenny? . . . FLASH! EPSTEIN, the human fly, goes over the nine-foot obstacle course wall in record time (twenty minutes) . . . HOLMES circles the dorm three times every Wednesday night before coming in for a landing. Why, Frank? (As if we didn't know) . . . LANKENAU is now working on a fourth-dimensional "krubisch" factor which is strictly a "square" deal. (P.S.: He's not from Delaware).

A NEW PLATOON IS BORN or (IT COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE)

Ah yes, have you noticed the new platoon that has just hatched (you ought to, they eat before you do)? Just think of it men,

some of these boys are going into the fourth term next semester. Perhaps we should offer them a few helpful hints concerning their future, for a nominal fee, of course. (That's the way the fourth term affects you, you have to have your pound of flesh. Parasitic devils, aren't we?) They are about to embark on the good ship "Education." Fasten your life-belts and let's get going. Of course the oars are broken and the boat floats like a rock, but we wish you "Bon Voyage." Seriously, though, any questions that you new men have concerning the work of the fourth term, speak up. We would be only too glad to give you all the help we can.

Take it slow and see you next week.

AT EASE by MARTIN

Chuckle of the week. Cadet Sgt. P. F. C. Weiner threatening to give chow hounds Gossage, Putzer, Merrill and Martin three demerits each for eating all the food before it gets to his end of the table.

After Army Calculus exam, Section 81 has begun to think Mr. Wappole has been deceiving them. Come to find out there's more to Calculus than just graphing.

Where's that guy who told me about the wonderful times that can be had at the Country Club? Statistics of Saturday last ran something like twenty-five girls and 250 G.I.'s. Better odds to be had elsewhere.

SYMPATHY SLIPS by THE CHAPLAIN

Our poor editor almost broke his leg playing hand ball when he and opponent collided. Both were critically injured by the editor thinking faster escaped to the hospital.

At last we found a way to beat the STARS to the mess hall . . . we simply don't hear the bugler sounding retreat and sneak into the mess hall while the STARS practice the hand salute.

Powers that have decided to do away with section leaders. Simply put a cow-bell around Moo Bishop's neck and let him lead the herd to the mess hall.

IN PASSING by BRAD

The Gruesome Twosome have three more recruits. Watch the demerit chart for particulars.

Sad scene: Sailor's sweeties sitting outside (restricted for week) husbands' windows. Know just how the restrictees feel, but musn't use the fire hose, lads.

Recommended: For physics students determining the acceleration of gravity. Determine heights of floors in Spence Hall. Equip self with stop-watch. Step from fourth floor window. Make notations of time and distance as you fall. That is known as rigorous proof.

Bull Text: Method of instruction. (sec.G) Chastisement of backward students.

SNAFU: Tough in 3800? Consider S/Sgt. "Wit" Whitenburg. Assigned to S.T.A.R., Texas A. & M. Assigned to Advanced Psychology. Writes to home and friends of good fortune. Accepts congratulations on same. Attends classes. Army discontinues advanced psychology. Re-assigned back to troops. Writes to home and friends of misfortune. Friends and home know GFU real reason. Great day. Assigned back to advanced psychology. Writes to friends at home. Friends at home shoot selves.

Cow-Cow Boogie: Paul Bishop with a contented look and seven bottles of milk about him.

Tragic Note: 1st Sergeant's Guff absent this day. Happy Note: 1st sergeant absent. Happier Note: Brad absent . . . oh boy!

Where Did Chaplin Get Elopement Gas Is OPA Question

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—Charlie Chaplin has an unexpected and unwelcome wedding present awaiting him.

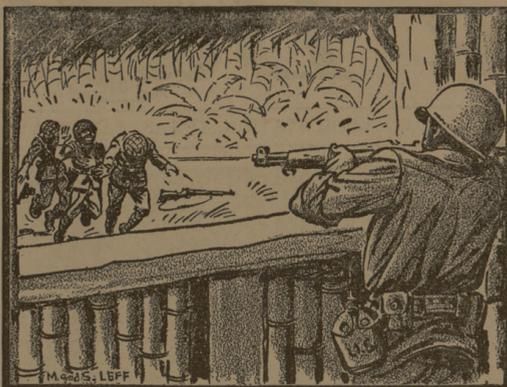
Office of Price Administration authorities announced Thursday that they wanted to ask him where he got the gasoline for his elopement from Hollywood to Santa Barbara County with Ona O'Neill, 18-year-old daughter of the playwright Eugene O'Neill. They said he owns no automobile.

Samuel Leask, Jr., Southern California director for the OPA, said his investigators were trying to trace down reports that the movie actor and director used two automobiles to transport his party for the wedding and that he exceeded the thirty-five-mile-an-hour speed limit.

Chaplin was reported to have been sun-bathing Thursday with his brunette, brown-eyed bride, but efforts of the investigators to reach him were unavailing.

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



Three Japs killed with one bullet was the score of Marine Pfc. Nicholas Sileo while defending a small village somewhere in the South Pacific. Sileo dropped the trio as they approached Indian file and then bagged two more before the swarming little men's rifle fire put him out of commission and he had to be hospitalized. Our boys are making the best use of the ammunition which you help buy when you invest in War Bonds. Help pass them more of it.

U. S. Treasury Department.

Stocks of Gasoline are Dangerously Low And War Need Climbs Capitol Reports

WASHINGTON. — As gasoline stocks in the East Coast shortage area showed a slight gain as rail shipments of crude oil and refined petroleum products approached their preflight level at the same time that gasoline consumption was being reduced, the Bureau of Mines in the Department of Interior reported to Secretary Harold L. Ickes, Petroleum Administrator for War, that gasoline stocks in the nation as a whole are "rapidly approaching critical levels," in every section except on the West Coast.

Heavy decline in stocks in storage are recorded by the bureau for both April and May. The pessimistic report from the bureau is generally regarded as another strong indication that tighter restrictions on the consumption of gasoline and fuel oil may be extended to a large part of the Mid-Continent area before the end of the summer. "Generally April is the month in which gasoline stock withdrawals begin, but this April the withdrawal reached the high peak of about 5,500,000 barrels, the bureau stated in its report. "This was followed in May by another large decline. Unexpected Demand.

"The total demand for motor fuel—military, civilian and export—in April was about 51,600,000 barrels, which was several million barrels greater than expectation and only 1 per cent under withdrawals for the same period one year ago."

The bureau added that efforts to turn a greater proportion of refinery yield to fuel oil at the expense of gasoline have shown their full effects, even in April, when residual oil yield rose to 30.5 per cent from 29.2 per cent in March and gasoline yield fell to 35.3 per cent from 35.8 per cent in March.

Daily average production of oil in April was 3,966,700 barrels, an increase of 45,000 barrels a day over the March production, and the highest daily output in more than a year.

Runs to Stills Rise. Daily average runs to crude to stills amounted to 3,732,000 barrels, compared with 3,496,000 barrels a day during April, 1942.

In Texas, where production was increased to meet the increased demand due to the operation of the "Big-Inch" oil pipe line originating at Longview, accounted for 43,000 barrels of the daily average increase.

The weekly report of the Petroleum Administration for War issued Thursday showed that rail tank car shipments of crude oil and refined products into the East Coast area increased by an average of 69,793 barrels a day to a total of 968,535 barrels daily during the week ended June 12. Adding shipments of kerosene and other products in drums, estimated at 15,985 barrels daily, brought the total rail movement to 984,522 barrels a day.

Commenting on the situation Administrator Ickes said:

"As a result of reducing our consumption and increasing our supplies of oil, we have a slight improvement in stocks of principal products. The index now stands at 28.8 per cent of normal and brings us back to the exact relative position we were in on May 22. Coast Position Critical.

"That stock position on the East Coast offers no cushion against the slightest interruption in supply or any emergency demands from any source. We are now just about where we were before the flood disasters. At this time the index

should be 40 per cent or normal as a minimum safe position. We have a long way to go."

Tank car shipments to New England points averaged 175,471 barrels daily, an increase of 13,177 barrels per day.

Conversions of industrial and commercial fuel oil burning facilities to other fuels last week will save about 800 barrels per day. Total savings to date from this campaign equal about 125,000 barrels a day. That much demand has been subtracted from our East Coast requirements for the duration of the war.

South's Farmland Is Not Contributing Fair Share to War

Although the South has half of the nation's farmland, half of the farm population, 32 per cent of the cropland, and uses 66 per cent of the fertilizer, it is contributing much less than its fair share of the war crops needed for victory, an article in the current issue of the Southern PATRIOT, says.

Built around the theme of "Food for Freedom," the latest issue of the PATRIOT, published by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Nashville, asserts that despite its plentiful resources, the South supplies only 19 per cent of the nation's milk, 24 per cent of the beef, 18 per cent of the pork, 25 per cent of the truck crops, and 17 per cent of the corn.

Much Land Lies Idle. The article points out that at the time of the last census, only 63 per cent of the available cropland in the South was actually used, while 37 per cent remained idle.

Moreover, 40 per cent of the cropland in cultivation is devoted to the production of cotton and tobacco which are already on hand in such great quantities as to make further heavy production a waste of resources.

In an article in the PATRIOT, the National Cotton Council is scored as behind "a spectacle of waste and absenteeism without counterpart in industry."

"Southern farmers with sons in the Army will be interested to know how they have been misled by those who have proved themselves more willing to oppose the war effort than to subordinate their personal commitments to cotton production, cotton processing and cotton marketing," the article states.

Surplus Crops Absorb Manpower. One-third of the manpower in agriculture or two-and-one-half times as much labor as is absorbed by wheat, truck crops, peanuts and soybeans combined is devoted to the production of these two surplus crops.

"It is interesting to note that the United Nations have had to divert 900,000 tons of shipping capacity from war runs to Australia and Pacific bases in order to import little more Chilean nitrates than is represented by the nitrogen dressings on cotton and tobacco lands," the article asserts.

The article quotes with approval President Wingate of the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation who told a Congressional committee "We cannot eat surplus cotton. We can-

The Lowdown on . . .

Campus Distractions

By Ben Fortson

Midnight tonight and showing Morgan have made him one of Campus is THE AMAZING MRS. HOLIDAY, starring Deanna Durbin and Edmond O'Brien.

This is a delightful musical comedy that all will enjoy. It is the story of an American girl who has been raised in a Chinese Mission School in China. When the war breaks out, she is placed on a freighter with other refugees and sent to America. On the way, the boat is torpedoed and Deanna and nine others are the only survivors. In order to get the other children into the United States, she poses as the widow of the multi-millionaire who was the skipper of the torpedoed ship, and presumably went down with it. Complications set in when the skipper shows up.

The Lowdown: A new Deanna Durbin you'll like.

Saturday only at Guion Hall is the MGM triumph, starring Hedy Lamarr, WHITE CARGO.

The story takes place in the tropics of the Congo and Hedy plays the part of the seductive scorcher, Tondelayo. Richard Carlson is a Britisher and a new comer to the region. Walter Pidgeon, an old hand in the tropics, tries to warn Carlson about the great danger on the place, namely

Tondelayo, but to no avail. Frank Morgan plays the part of the drunken doctor of the Congo and turns in a stellar performance as usual.

To many, Hedy Lamarr is over played a bit in the show, but most of all who have seen it enjoyed it. Some of the love scenes are particularly torrid.

The Lowdown: Old but good. Sunday and Monday at Guion Hall is the repeat performance of one of the year's best pictures. It stars Errol Flynn who plays the part of GENTLEMAN JIM, one of the most colorful men of the late 80's and early 90's.

The story is based on the loves and life of Jim Corbett, the man who took the title from John L. Sullivan. It starts in "Frisco and moves to Salt Lake and much of the footage is taken up by Corbett's battles in the squared ring. Lovely Alexis Smith is the female heart appeal and I do mean heart appeal.

This picture and Flynn's latest episode have made him one of the most popular stars on the screen.

The Lowdown: There should be some way to slip out of C. Q. if necessary to see the show.

not eat tobacco. We have got to grow food."

Miraculous possibilities for increasing food production lie in the application of heavy phosphate fertilizer, the PATRIOT says in an article on recent disclosures in the Senate by the Hon. Lister Hill (D., Ala.) in a TVA-sponsored program that has proved itself year after year on more than 40,000 farms located in 29 states, production per acre has been increased 30 per cent or more without using either more labor or more machinery. The sole cause has been heavier use of phosphate fertilizer, eight to 15 times as much per acre as the present average on the nation's farms.

Production Artificially Restricted

The only obstacle to an immediate and expanding application of these discoveries all over the country, according to Senator Hill, is an artificial restriction of supplies by selfish fertilizer interests. Dr. Harcourt Morgan estimates that every pound of phosphates applied to the soil would, under average farming production, yield two-and-one-half pounds of extra beef or 20 pounds of additional milk.

A front page article in the PATRIOT asserts that "A sweeping expansion in food production is being chalked up in the cotton country."

"Cotton and tobacco, once almost the sole cash crops in a 14-state region embracing 886,000 square miles, have given ground before a giant increase in acreage, devoted to production of peanuts, soybeans, sweet potatoes, milk and eggs and meat, vegetables and fruits, and pastures and feed crops for livestock," the article says.

In the South last year farmers' gross income from food and feed production hit an all-time high of \$3.2 billion dollars, well over twice the 1935-39 average for these crops.

INVENTION HELPS COWS

RID SELVES OF FLIES EASILY

DIMMITT, Texas.—Colin Walton, a rancher, constructed a self-service flycatcher for his cattle. The animals do most of the work.

Prompted by shortages and higher prices of fly spray and dipping solutions, Walton built a chute with a tall, screened cage above the center. He lined the chute with soft brush.

The cattle must walk through the chute to reach water. The brush wipes the flies from the cow's sides as she goes under the cage. The pests swarm into the cage and later are killed.

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