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Real Hospitality

This past weekend, several hundred Aggies including the Aggie Band made a long trip to Fayetteville, Arkansas, to see the A. & M. team play the Arkansas Razorbacks.

The unanimous opinion of all those who made the trip was that the people of Arkansas and of Fayetteville in particular were about the most hospitable the Aggies have ever encountered on their trips. The Aggies' hosts were courteous, helpful, cheerful, and sportsmanlike. They were among the best losers we have ever seen; and being a good loser as well as a good winner is a commendable quality indeed. They gladly gave the Aggies rides about the town, and treated them royally throughout the visit.

Our thanks and our congratulations are extended to these people. Some of the universities of Texas might greatly profit by their example.

True Spirit

Last Thursday night while this writer was at the station to help send the football team off to Arkansas, he noted a very interesting incident. When the band started playing the War Hymn, he started singing without paying any particular attention to the person at his side. The only thing he did notice was the rich bass voice which issued from the man next to him. When the fellows started swaying during the last part of the song, he was startled, on placing his arm around the shoulders of that person next to him, to find it touching a metal Oak Leaf. The wearer was singing and swaying with as much enthusiasm as any cadet.

The man was a well-known major here, who sent his stock soaring with those present. Everyone near the scene noticed the incident and commented on it. Everyone appreciated it.

Fellows, we like that kind of spirit. Our hats should be off to that major. He has that spirit of which we are justly proud.

Texts

Definitely valuable is the following from The Midland of Midland College—for long have students talked about the textbooks. So we pass on to you the editorial "Carrying a Heavy Load."

"Ancient and honored is the tradition among textbook writers that a book must have weight to have value. Therefore, those fat volumes you see under the arms of students aren't encyclopedias or congressional records. Rather they are four or five pounds of assorted literature, history, physiology, and what-have-you.

"We don't mean necessarily that the larger book the more stuffy it is. In fact, most texts are attractively written and very readable despite the fact that it would take years of study for most mentals to assimilate them.

"Because the amount to be covered in a semester demands large daily assignments, most of us skim over thirty or forty pages and are left with a rather vague impression, much like a passenger on a streamliner after a 100-mile-an-hour trip across country.

"The day is not far distant, we hope, when textbook authors will boil their subjects down to the meat, flavor them spicily, throw in a little sauce and serve in succulent, tasty dishes to culture-hungry students."

OPEN FORUM

BAND ASKS MORE CONSIDERATION

The Aggie Band wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all those students, faculty members, business houses, and others who through their efforts and their voluntary contributions made it possible for the Band to make the trip to Fayetteville, Arkansas, for the football game Saturday between the Texas Aggies and the Arkansas Razorbacks.

While we are of course glad and deeply appreciative, we feel that such an incident should never have been necessary for the trip. If only sufficient funds were allotted the Band at the start of the year—as are allowed every other college band of importance—a campaign to raise money by contributions should not have proved necessary.

It is a matter of common knowledge—or it should be by now—that it has always been touch-and-go with Band up to the last minute, as to how and where it would obtain sufficient funds for many of its trips—even trips as short as to Tyler. The Band had not made an out-of-state trip in nine years before this. In the past our struggles for funds have not always proved successful, even though during the past three years we have tried every possible means—putting on a wrestling match once, selling Band key tags one season, selling sandwiches, candy, drinks, and the like on corps trip trains, and appealing to the senior class and every other agency from which money might be obtained in part.

Bands of other large Texas schools—T. C. U., S. M. U., The University of Texas, and the rest—are furnished by their respective institutions plenty of money to make long trips—to states as far away as Ohio, California, New York, and elsewhere—while on the sums appropriated for the Aggie Band, it is able only to undertake comparatively short trips within the state, and sometimes encounters financial difficulties in making even these. For instance, in making the short trip to Tyler, the whole Band has seldom been able to go; the Band freshmen have usually had to stay here.

We believe that our work for our school should merit the same consideration that bands of other schools get, and that it should entitle us to a budget sufficiently large for us to know at the start of the football season that we'll be able to make all the trips with the team, without having to resort to a contribution campaign in order to make an important trip. The campaign for the Arkansas trip should drive home the point about our need for more funds.

Therefore we PLEAD with the authorities and agencies of the college that have anything to do with the allocation of funds, that they in the future provide more and sufficient funds for the Band.

And here's another thing: While we devote our time and labor as freely as we can to drilling and practicing and playing, and do it without a mercenary end in view, the fact remains that we are paid much too little for our labors. Members of the S. M. U. band, it has been reported, draw about twenty dollars a month for their services. Members of other bands get even more. Most band members in other schools get enough or nearly enough to pay their maintenance.

Yet we get an insignificant sum for our services. Seniors get about \$3 a month, juniors less, and sophomores still less—and the hard working "fish" nothing at all.

We ask why such a condition as this should be allowed to remain? We believe that we deserve certainly more than \$2 or \$3 a month. At the standard rate of 30 cents an hour for our time, we would each draw around \$20 to \$27 a month. And while we ask no such sum as that, we sincerely feel that we should be paid more than we are.

CAN'T we get a little more consideration in the way of more funds for trips and greater Band pay?

(Signed)
THE AGGIE BAND

How fortunate the land where the only suggestions of a war of nerves is the apprentice Boy Scout bugler two blocks away!

As the World Turns...

By DR. R. W. STEEN
The war in Europe is having indirect effects in the United States. On direct result is the noticeable increase in the military and naval expenditures of this country. The forecast for 1940 is that our defense expenditures will be more than two billion dollars. This figure marks an increase so great that Congressmen are already beginning to discuss methods by which other expenditures may be reduced. If reductions are made the items most likely to suffer will be the relief and farm subsidy appropriations.

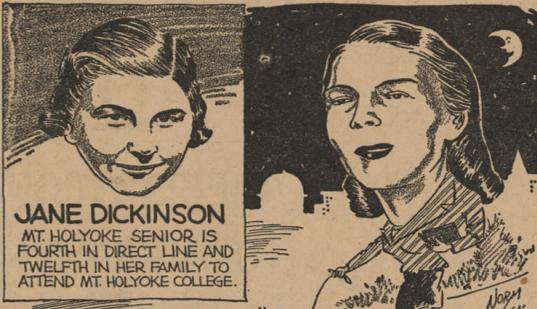
The embargo repeal went through the House in record time. The majority however was not nearly so overwhelming as in the Senate. The bill in its final form permits the cash-and-carry sale of munitions and other war supplies. The American credit sources are largely denied the warring powers. One surprising feature of the bill—surprising in view of the early statements of President Roosevelt—is that requiring American shipping to stay outside war zones designated by the President. This provision closes many European ports to American vessels, but leaves them free to visit most neutral European ports, and also leaves them free to visit all American ports including those of Canada.

The 'City of Flint' has been returned to its American crew and is now in port in Norway. The government of Norway exhibited more respect for international law than did Russia, and when the ship entered a port without permission interned the German prize crew and returned the ship to its American officers. This gives something of a comic ending to the whole affair. Germany is protesting, but in tones so mild that it leads many people to believe that she too is relieved at this solution to the problem. Moreover, the commander of the prize crew has stated that he acted in accordance with orders from his government. What the next move will be is still vague. It is suggested that the cargo be auctioned in Norway, but other suggestions are that the ship will return to the United States with its cargo, and that it will proceed to England in accordance with its original plans. It is by no means out of danger, and to go to England might be an illegal act in view of the Presidential prohibited American vessels.

German reaction to embargo repeal seems to be a determination to increase the activity of sea raiders and submarines. This is a logical move, but on with which the British navy may interfere.

Collegiate Kaleidoscope

JUST BETWEEN US GIRLS



JANE DICKINSON
MT. HOLYOKE SENIOR IS FOURTH IN DIRECT LINE AND TWELFTH IN HER FAMILY TO ATTEND MT. HOLYOKE COLLEGE.



RUTH NEER **RUTH FARR**

"EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST AND NEVER THE TWIN SHALL MEET" BUT ON THE CAMPUS OF ARIZONA ST. TEACHERS' COLLEGE (FLAGSTAFF) NEER MET FARR! AND BOTH WERE RUTHS.



ELIZABETH WEHNER
COMPLETED THE FULL COLLEGE COURSE AT NORTHWESTERN U. BY ATTENDING NIGHT SCHOOL FOR 10 YEARS! SHE SPENT 6000 HOURS STUDYING—REWARD—A BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE.

BUCKSHOT
SYRACUSE UNIV. WAS THE FIRST INSTITUTION TO GRANT A WOMAN AN M.D. DEGREE.



Movie Review

By Bob Nibbet

"LADY OF THE TROPICS," yachting party sails the following morning, but without Bill. He has made on the screen since "Algiers," shows Tuesday and Wednesday, at the Assembly Hall. Strangely enough, the two shows are enough alike to be twins. The setting and the plots are very much the same. This time, however, she has another leading man, Robert Taylor.

The cast of characters is as follows:
Bill Carey Robert Taylor
Manon de Vargnes.....Hedy Lamarr
Pierre Delarock.....
Joseph Schildkraut
NinaGloria Franklin
Father Antoine.....Ernest Cossart

Bill Carey, arriving in French Indo-China, visits the village of Saigon. At the local night spot he meets Manon de Vargnes. She has been accepting the attentions of Pierre Delaroch in hopes that he might get her a passport out of the country. When she meets Bill, she feels that she can no longer put up with Pierre; and since she cannot travel out of the country with Bill minus her passport, she impulsively leaves for the interior to marry a native lord of her mother's choosing. Bill's

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Tuesday and Wednesday—
"LADY OF THE TROPICS"
with Robert Taylor and Hedy Lamarr.

AT THE PALACE
Tuesday and Wednesday—
"PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES,"
with Jane Withers and the Ritz Brothers.



Recent chemical development is the conversion of synthetic resins and plastic materials into fibers for threads, knitted goods and woven fabrics of superior strength and wearing quality.

Some 200,000,000 pounds of plastics and synthetic resins are being manufactured annually. Products of these materials are used more and more in electric fixtures, shatter-proof glass, non-breakable dishes, automobile steering wheels and scores of miscellaneous gadgets, and as constituents of paints, varnishes and lacquers. Sheets of plastic materials, because of the unusual effect obtainable, soon may find widespread use in interior decoration.

The automobile, petroleum, steel, electricity and their allied industries have created 12,500,000 new jobs within the last 50 years.

A new invention enables paper manufacturers to make their paper non-rustling.

Scientific Cracking
Scientists who have been chasing molecules for years now are on the trail of petroleum. Experimental "bombardment" of propane, propylene, and allene has shown that the molecules in these

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BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

Well all right . . . Two Aggies who are largely responsible for this year's success of the A. & M. Town Hall programs are Henry Herder and George Steurer, assisting Walter Sullivan . . . The University of Houston, along with many others of the nation's colleges, has just finished celebrating "Sadie Hawkins' Week." An annual leap-year function, the girls date boys, tag at dances, and pay all expenses of the night's entertainment . . . "Love's Labours Lost in a big way: T. S. C. W. professor L. H. Moore has received within the past month three "blind box number" letters from ardent Aggies . . . Mack Hodges returns from the Arkansas trip with the statistical information that the "hillbilly" girls have it all over our sister school coeds. "Most beautiful girls I've ever seen," Mack declared.

A Cavalry freshman, last week, entered one of R. C. Potts' agronomy classes shortly after the period had begun. A little annoyed at the interruption, Prof Potts asked the freshman what he wanted. "Mr. Harry Forbes' mother is waiting outside, sir," the freshman replied, "and I was sent in to find out if Mr. Forbes could be dismissed a little early to see her."

"I think that can be arranged," Potts replied, "but wait just a minute." Whereupon Prof Potts walked to a nearby window and looked outside. Evidently satisfied, he turned to Harry and said, "By the way, Forbes, how old ARE You?"

Quiz 'A' aftermath or what-the-hell notes:
A. H. Professor L. A. Miller included among his quiz 'A' questions one which read "What kind of a bull is good for breeding purposes?" An ingenious freshman replied, "One that gets along good with the cows."

In reply to Dr. R. W. Steen's question "Name some animals na-

tive to America." An underclassman answered, "Among animals native to America are the buffalo, the deer, and the skunk (not including Hitler)."

Thar's gold in this hyar contest—one dollar's worth.

It was more than a week ago that pat Baker gave Harold Hausman a small combination-breed dog, so young that it hadn't even opened its eyes for the first time. Harold soon decided that the animal was a definite liability so he in turn, gave the canine to Clyde Miller.

The gist of the thing is this: Clyde wants a name for the pup but can't think of one himself, so the man or woman who nominates the winning name wins one dollar cash. All entries are to be turned in to Backwash and may be mailed or brought to the Student Publications Office or room 426, dormitory. 3.

Judges in the contest include Bill Guy, Engineer Regiment; Bill Conatser, Infantry; Tom Richey, Cavalry; Albert Innocenti, Signal Corps; Bruce Davis, Chem Warfare; Bob Kissinger, Field Artillery, and "Hymie" Focke, Band. The contest closes Saturday night, November 18, at midnight.

Incidentally, all entries accompanied by a ten dollar bill or a reasonable facsimile thereof will receive special consideration!

Many characters in animated movie cartoons are drawn with only three fingers and a thumb on each hand because the omission is rarely observed and saves considerable time and labor.

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