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Thanks, Legionnaires!

Following is a letter received by Colonel Ike Ashburn, executive assistant to the president, from the Eighth District Commander of the American Legion of the state. Quoted is the resolution passed by the Eighth District of the Legion following the Aggie corps trip to Houston.

Dear Colonel Ashburn:

The people of Houston were honored with the presence of the cadets from your wonderful institution, and the reaction has been so favorable that we of the American Legion, in this District, wish to express our appreciation through the medium of a resolution. This resolution was presented at the Eighth District Convention and was endorsed unanimously:

"Whereas, the cadet corps of Texas A. & M. College, honored our city with their appearance on the down-town streets of Houston, in a military parade, and;

Whereas, these same cadets, presented themselves in such a manly way, exhibiting the appearance of military discipline and causing the people of this community to feel more secure in the safety of our Constitution and country by their timely appearance;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Eighth District Convention of the American Legion-Department of Texas, assembled in West University Place on Sunday, November 19th, 1939, go on record as expressing our appreciation and compliments to the faculty and cadets of Texas A. & M. College, for their military appearance and gentlemanly conduct."

Allow me to add my personal appreciation and thoughts and say we hope for an early return of the boys from our own A. & M. College, at their convenience.

Your sincerely,
Sam D. Forman, Jr.
8th District Commander
516 South Pac. Build.
Houston, Texas.

Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel

Editor's note: The following was written by Carleton D. Speed Jr., class of '26, former football star and present oil man and geologist of Houston. It was recently published in The Texas Aggie, former students' publication. So timely is the message and so pertinent is its content that The Battalion reprints it as an editorial.

The fine performance of this year's A. & M. football team should warm the heart of every true fighting Texas Aggie. Many an Aggie can feel proud that during the lean years he helped in more than one way to land one or more of the present stars that are running the opposition dizzy.

After the 1940 season there will be no John Kimbrough, Thomason, Pannell, Herbie Smith, Conatser, Herman, Pugh, Jeffrey, Robnett, nor Vaughn, not to mention Joe Boyd, Audish, and Price and others who will no longer wear the maroon and white after the present 1939 season. Just the thought of losing the above-named men brings a sinking feeling. All other schools will be extremely glad these "rock 'em and sock 'em" regulars are gone and are secretly hoping that they will turn up with some "rock 'em and sock 'em" men on their own teams that will enable them to once more beat the Aggies.

You might ask, "What can I do about it, even if I do want A. & M. to regain its athletic prowess and be good year after year?" Here is what you can do about it. Begin this week to scout high school seniors and report regularly by mail to Homer Norton and his staff whom you consider an outstanding broken field runner, kicker, passer or lineman. Don't forget that a fierce charging line can make its own backfield look great and the opposing backfield look terrible on the same day. Build foundations for the season of 1941, 1942 and 1943 by scouting the high school players now. Be sure to get the kind of men that will play for A. & M. the way you want them to play against Army in 1943 when they are seniors.

Remember there may be another scout standing beside you hoping he can get the same man to his school to later whip you. We must compete with the Bible plan in 1939 to compete with Texas in 1941, 1942, 1943. If the A. & M. coaching staff gets fifteen outstanding high school players

per year enough other men will enroll of their own accord to keep A. & M. among the leaders.

If A. & M. coaches are notified in time they will arrange to see your prospect play. Remember that choosing fifteen or twenty boys out of the Texas Interscholastic League is one of the hardest jobs facing the coaching staff. They want every good boy but they have definite replacements in mind and only a limited number can be taken care of. It may be they have three good sophomore fullbacks and have secured two additional A-1 high school fullbacks who are fast and rugged and who weigh 210 pounds apiece. Don't be discouraged or criticize the officials if they decline to give your 180-pound fullback a job "down at school." The coaching staff knows now the positions that will in all probability need bolstering in September, 1941, and that means they must scout the high school games of 1939 in order to get the prospect enrolled in September, 1940 to be eligible in September 1941.

And so I say again to you who are reaping a rich harvest from your work of two or three years ago, "Let's keep the Aggies at the top by seeing that our coaching staff continues to get 'the cream of the crop.'" We might well imitate a certain tobacco company by adopting the slogan, "By independent football experts who know football best, it's the Aggies 2 to 1."

Become acquainted with the members of the coaching staff. Keep them posted on the progress of the high school gridders you are scouting. Don't become over enthusiastic about some boy who is a relative; but remember that it's your job to help pick and help sell A. & M. to fifteen of the best players in the state. Don't forget that if the boy is good enough you will have to compete with scouts outside of the Southwest Conference. It will pay dividends to concentrate on the kind of boy that likes A. & M. and who really wants a college education.

We have great future potential possibilities with our present sophomore and junior team of this year, backed by outstanding freshmen who will be available next fall. The spirit of the team and of the staff is the best in the Southwest Conference at present and our team will be definitely stronger during the campaign of 1940.

It is the replacements for 1941 that concern us now. Remember, too, that a sophomore team rarely wins a Southwest Conference Championship. It is usually a junior or senior team with experience and adequate reserves that wins.

In scouting high school teams this fall and helping the coaching staff and A. & M.'s athletic record let us remember, "Man to Man let's be a Helping Aggie Fan." Don't delay, start scouting and selling the boy today.

Let's have every A. & M. shoulder pushing at the wheel!

CARLETON D. SPEED, '26.

Man, Your Manners—

"Nowhere, excepting in a religious service, is greater dignity of manner required of ladies and gentlemen than when they occupy seats in a theater."

QUESTION: When going down the aisle at the theater, does the gentleman precede the lady?

ANSWER: At the movies or where there are no reserved seats, the lady may go first. Where there are reserved seats, the usher goes first, the lady follows him, the gentleman follows her. If there is no usher, the gentleman goes first, the lady follows; but if the aisle is wide, they may go together.

QUESTION: In passing people already seated in a theater, should a man face the occupants of the seats or the stage?

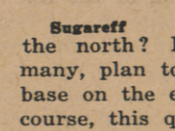
ANSWER: He should face the stage; he is less likely to bump the knees of those sitting. He should say in passing down the row, "I am sorry" or "Thank you"; or he may say "I beg your pardon." The latter expression is better form for having brushed into them.

As the World Turns...

By "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF

That the invasion of Finland is not justified admits of no argument. Russia merely trumped up a pretense of attack on Soviet territory by Finland's army. The Finns are fighting against tremendous odds in defense of their independence, but barring other complications, the result is obvious. Finland, a small country, cannot wage a successful war against Russia.

However, the invasion of Finland has provoked a good deal of speculation on Russia's ultimate foreign activities. From an advocate of non-aggression Stalin has suddenly become an aggressor of the old Czarist variety. Are Sweden and Norway next on the schedule of territorial expansion in the north? Does Russia, cooperating with Germany, plan to establish a submarine and aviation base on the eastern coast of the North Sea? Of course, this question presupposes that there is an understanding between Germany and Russia. No such information has leaked out as yet. Still, a glimpse of an understanding between these two powers comes from responsible Turkish officials. They fear that within a few weeks Russia and Germany will attack Asia Minor and the Balkans. Russia aspires to control Constantinople and the Persian Gulf and thus aid India to get her complete independence from England. Germany is anxious to cap the raw materials from the Balkan states and dominate Salonica and Piraeus, two important ports of Greece. That is, perhaps, the cause of Mussolini's concern over the Russian invasion of Finland. It might well be the beginning of a well-planned program for Russia and Germany to cut the life-lines of the British Empire as well as attack the mother country from the North Sea. But Mussolini would have to do much more than just encourage student protest parades against the invasion of Finland if he is to check the future foreign activities of Russia and Germany.



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BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

How 'bout a corps trip to the Sugar Bowl? . . . Back in the proverbial saddle once again, what first in the back-ground and final examinations to come . . . Harley Reavis, while watching a dexterous toothpick artist, "He's picking coffee out of his teeth." . . . Band freshman, answering dormitory eleven's tele-



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phone, sound off with, "Number eleven—best on the campus." . . . While Woody Varner and Ray Treadwell were recently talking with one of AggieLand's graduate students, Woody mentioned that he lived in dormitory number twelve. Illogically enough, the five-year-man queried, "Oh, so you're non-military too?" . . . And witness, as the height of something or other, the Infantry senior who calls the mess hall before each meal to find out what's on the menu. "Caution," he points out, "is my byword!" . . . Less cautious, however, was the Aggie observed in the library yesterday afternoon. Frantically going through several voluminous books, he pointed out that, "I've gotten my term theme; now I've gotta find some references." . . . From San Antonio comes a statistical item on cookies. Mrs. Edwin Aldridge, president, and Mrs. M. D. Oliver of the San Antonio A. & M. Mothers Club, have estimated that 100,000 cookies were prepared to feed the Alamo City's Aggie population at a Thanksgiving party given for them.

Lloyd Gregory, by the way, is a graduate of the University of Texas:

The Houston Post columnist who writes "Looking 'Em Over" has been working over-time lately in maintaining that the Aggies are poor sports in respect to our traditional yelling section. Last Sunday he devoted half of his column to a vigorous gripe on that behalf and many Aggies have since written polite, but contradictory, letters to Lloyd. Harry Hughes and Leslie Willrich were two of the first and their letter was partially reprinted in yesterday morning's Post.

Lloyd still maintains, however, that our system is unfair. Evidently he hasn't considered Texas U.'s ever-present cow bells and, more particularly, the recent attempt on the part of Rice students to rattle Baylor's kicker in his successful attempt to kick the field goal which resulted in Baylor's vic-

tory last Saturday. The principal bone of contention, it seems, is that few other colleges and universities have cheering sections that can compare with A. & M.'s.

They were breaking the Kyle Stadium jinx!

The four members of the Texas University Band who were sprinkling dirt on Kyle Field previous to the beginning of last Thursday's Turkey Day classic were sprinkling turf brought from their own Memorial Stadium. They only brought half enough—failing to anticipate the last two quarters.

Selections recently made by a national newspaper syndicate list Anita Jo Simmons as one of the nation's "All-American Girl." She's John Kimbrough's sweetheart and formerly attended Hardin-Simmons University where she was chosen freshman favorite. Anita Jo is now attending the Texas College of Mines in El Paso.

Civil engineering prof. A. A. Jakkula recently pointed out to one of his classes that the students shouldn't consider the course as a game between themselves and the professor. Rightfully enough, he went on to say that students should consider their courses as games between themselves and knowledge considering professors as the referees. No sooner said than a pessimist in the rear of the class gave forth with, "Yeah, but did you ever hear of 'Rats' Watson?"

Backwashin' around . . . To list the names of TSCW-ites who trekked to AggieLand for the Turkey Day classic would be a partial review of the student directory . . . Two of the girls, in particular, spent a never-to-be-forgotten weekend. Paramount News, on the campus for a four-day session of photographing student life, filmed considerable footage with the two girls as principal subjects . . . The pre-game bonfire was the largest in the 49-year history of the event and was attended by 8,000 persons . . . According to Aggie Charlie Montgomery, "If all the time Aggies spend dreaming about Dentonland were devoted to cutting out paper dolls, the resulting mess, if laid end-to-end, would reach around the globe three times." . . . Gene Stockey said it at the Thanksgiving dance. "He never says anything unless he's by himself or with someone."

Before and after the A. & M.-Texas U. game Paramount News cameramen spent four days on the campus photographing the college in general and student life in par-



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The newsreel picture will be shown in Bryan late this week, it was announced by Fred Du-Bridge of the Paramount Corporation. Cameraman Frank Morany pointed out that a short-subject feature would probably be made on A. & M. in the near future.

Emil Hattert of Holeyton, Ill., has constructed a bass violin out of a bull's hide with hair on it; a flute out of a pig's windpipe, a violin out of cow horns, and a mandolin out of a gourd—all playable.

A German warship is called a "pocket battleship." The Allies hope to put a hole in it.

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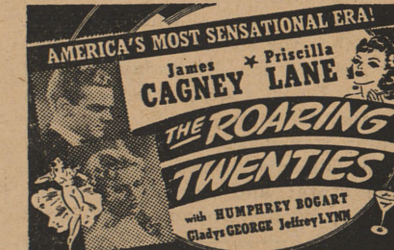
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