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Collegians Want N.Y.A.

No matter what the views of the average collegian may be on the subject of economy in the federal government, almost without exception he is not in favor of reducing financial aid for his fellow-students as has been maintained by the National Youth Administration. Collegiate editorialists are thumping loudly and strongly against N.Y.A. fund reductions now being considered by the national Congress, and here is a summary of their reasons for their stand:

"America's best defense," says the Temple University News, "will always be found in the existence of happy, busy young people, preparing themselves in the nation's colleges for a useful future marked by peace and security. Economic discontent is the factor most likely to invite war. If the budget is to be cut, the place for it is in the arms increase proposals, not the comparatively small N.Y.A. allotments. N.Y.A. is an effective agency for keeping students in college, where it is more customary to carry textbooks than it is to carry guns."

Said the Colgate University Maroon: "For the past few years, the N.Y.A. has done a real service to American youth in making possible jobs of various sorts on the campuses of American colleges and universities. Not only has such aid succeeded in giving many worthy students a college education but has relieved the employment situation by taking off the employment market numbers of young Americans who would otherwise have been competing for jobs. The work of the N.Y.A. has enhanced the democratic spirit of American colleges by giving men a chance to work their way through school, a thing quite impossible in some of our more aristocratic or totalitarian states."

The University of Oregon Daily Emerald plugs for retention of the N.Y.A. funds with these words: "The amount cut from the N.Y.A. appropriation, if it is cut, will be but a drop in the bucket, and will be one of the most inclusive parts of the budgetary program. What Congress will be deciding is whether to dabble in developing an increased number of college trained people to face future generated in the present. It would be difficult to overstock the more highly educated field, which always needs more numbers. In view of this final consideration, it would seem that higher education is a good investment, and that political considerations should be secondary to potential walue.'

Father of Our Country By F. R. STEVENS

It is well to honor him on his natal day. For our own benefit we review his loyalty to the principles for which he stood and upon which America has grown great.

He was the epitome of dignity, wisdom and strength.

Belonging to the aristocracy of the day, he stood physically and mentally above all others. Unswerved by the hysteria of the day or the advice of the few who would lead him to assume the dictatorial powers, he stood alone and apart from Among a crowd of jovial acquaintances of men. Washington one man wagered \$100 that he dare approach Washington, put his arm over the General's shoulder and say: "George, how are things going today?" Later he returned saying: "I have won the \$100 and would give \$1,000 if I hadn't."

He was a statesman and an inspired leader. No trait of his character finds a place in our definition of a politician. His strength came from within. He did not father emotional appeals or give personal favors to others.

The defeat on the Brandywine left him calm and poised to plan the attack on Trenton which Frederick the Great described as the greatest military stroke in history. The Conway cabal, organized to depose him as Commander-in-Chief, left him equally calm and poised to press with success his plans and petitions to the Continental Congress. His vision of the future of this country shows that there was added to his human mind the powers of the Infinite.

In the span of history the years since he left us are short. The writer once talked with a lady who stood in front of her school and courtesied as General Washington marched past with his staff. Two lives have spanned the history-yet in that period our population has grown from 2 3-4 to 130 millions, progressed from the oxcart to the airplane, and from the spoken word to the radio. Yet when today we read his Farewell Address, we find the course indicated to be the one best de-

signed to keep this nation in peace and security. We stand awed at the strength he showed in founding the country and still further awed at his prophetic vision. Yet it is simple as we read his own words in a personal letter to a friend:

"To the great Ruler of Events and not to any service of mine I ascribe the termination of our contest for Liberty. I never considered the fortunate issue of any measure adopted by me in the progress of the Revolution in any other light than ordering of Divine Providence."

Here was the source of Washington's strength. Here is the source from which America will continue to draw strength to meet the ever perplexing problems of the day.

MAN, YOUR MANNERS—

- QUESTION: When applying for a position, is it proper to give names as references without first asking permission to use them?
- ANSWER: It is improper to give names as references without permission, unless they are intimate acquaintances, and, even in that case, you should notify them.
- QUESTION: When meeting professors socially, does one use the title of "Professor" or "Mister"?
- ANSWER: If he holds the title of Doctor, call him that; otherwise call him "Professor." If he is an instructor, call him "Mister."

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★Two questions on the campus today That surely cause us pain

Are: Have you seen Rhett and Scarlett

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Down Military Walk ... La Vera ers think about the game. Too Brooks, on seeing three attractive long to print in entirety, here's ment of a flu patient: girls cross the campus: "These the last verse: girls irritate me. They should be

quarantined." . . . And a Colorado minister recently advocated the singing of certain hymns while driving at different speeds. "At 25 miles per hour, 'I'm but a Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home;' at 45 miles, 'Nearer,

My God, To Thee;' at 55 miles, 'I'm Nearing

the Port and Will Soon Be at Home;' at 65 miles, 'When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There;'

er is prominently displayed.

Point of view:

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here.

A varsity letterman recently winner's picture will appear on the sent the column a well-written front page of The Battalion and poem which, in no faint way, shows he will be suitably crowned as what some of the football play- "King of the Uglies."

Special to The Battalion from The Lass-O of T. S. C. W.

WOMEN

George Fuermann "Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."-Webster.

> 1. Go to bed at the first sign of I sometimes wonder What will become of me.

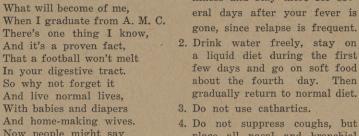
There's one thing I know, And it's a proven fact, That a football won't melt In your digestive tract. So why not forget it And live normal lives. With babies and diapers And home-making wives. Now people might say "You're crazy as hay," But you're better a live coward, Than a dead football hero.

0 The Ugly Boy Championship: Tuesday's column will contain the and at 75 miles, 'Lord, I'm Coming rules and regulations in respect to Home'." . . . Bea Wain, CBS song- the Ugly Boy contest which begins stress, has organized a "Remove- March first. With certain nota-Your - hat - In - The - Movies" Club, ble exceptions, all cadets are eligiwhose members are pledged to do ble for the dubious honor-the just that. In view of present exceptions being the writer and

Oil Company's by-weekly publica- ineligible for this contest. tion shows an automobile on the The contest will be conducted by windshield of which an Aggie stick- a committee of nine men which will include one representative from each regiment, a Band rep-

Tess Charlton

presentative, and the writer. The

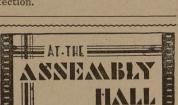


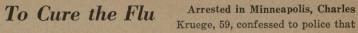
4. Do not suppress coughs, but place all nasal and bronchial secretions in disposable tissues.

5. You may take a warm bath at the onset of attack to relieve back, head and limb pains, but a warm bed and warm drink afterward are essential. Excessive sweating is dangerous.

6. Do not use medicines unless prescribed by a physician.

Good nursing and rest in bed trends, it might be easier to have The Battalion's editor, both of are the best methods of staving all feminine head-gear equipped whom concede victory by virtue off complications. Patients genwith transparent windshields. . . . of their ungainly ugliness and erally should be isolated; old people And speaking of windshields, the therefore have a certain profes- especially should be guarded cover of the latest issue of Humble sional standing which makes them against all possible sources of infection.





WASHINGTON.-If a doctor is he had stolen 500 dogs and sold not available, the Public Health most of them to the University of

Service suggests the following pre- Minnesota for medical study.

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Carson and portable radio on the which all goes to show that sercampus to see Ducky Weatherby. iousness gets its rewards. Hardly a weekend goes by that At the College Club Saturday doesn't find the famed hitch-hiker night: Foots Bland chatting with T.S.C.W.'s can- Jean Short and her jitterbug date, didate for Glam- Jimmie Bartlett, and Jimmie's

our Girl of the roommate, Jeorge Gregg and Bettie Ann Sheridan Wingren. Also there were: Alice contest now going June Lott and Jim Denton, Marion on in Denton is Taylor and George Byrd. (Two Beryl Ann Long- Jims and two Georges-how moino, sophomore notonous.)

beauty from Luf- This week finds Peggy Portkin. Winner of wood and Shirley Wilson in a the contest gets dither over making plans for the a Warner Broth- hay ride and steak fry the San ers' screen test Antonio Club here is giving for and a \$200 ward- the S. A. Club there, April 6. With a whole month to work on it, it robe.

Winners of the ought to turn into something gold loving cup super.

Tess Charlton given Wednesday night for the News of an ideal triangle has class presenting the best program come our way. Herbie Hutchins at All-College Stunt Night were dates two T.S.C.W.-ites, Linda Lee the sophomores. Their presenta- Geren, freshman class president, tion was "Etchings in Indigo," a and a Brack junior. He comes to duo-piano and choral program bas- see one one weekend, and the other ed on George Gershwin's "Rhap- the other. And he flipped a coin sody in Blue," "Lady Be Good," to see which one he would ask to

cautions as a basis for home treat-

"This threatened cut is a matter for all students who work for part of their expenses. Because of this reduction goes through, the men now holding college jobs will have to share them with the new unemployed. And the college will have to make an attempt in its budget to provide more help for worthy students. We urge you to write your representative at once about this matter," wrote the Randolph-Macon College Yellow Jacket.

"The fact alone that the honor joint average of N.Y.A. student is above the average of the school indicates that a little financial assistance for students from lower income groups will repay the community in future leadership and employment security," the University of Minnesota Daily maintains.

-Associate Collegiate Press.

A. & M. "Airs Out"

To Dean Gibb Gilchrist and other authorities of the College, The Battalion extends congratulations upon the establishment of an airport on the campus and the initiation of student training under the Civil Aeronautical Authority. It is understood that additional plans, both for further improvement of this landing field and for the establishment of a course in aeronautical engineering, are under consideration.

The field of transportation by air is the fastest growing industrial and commercial field in the United States at this time. The Battalion is glad to see A. & M. College take a step toward the leadership which it should exert in this tremendous field.

The new airport, located on College property west of the railroad tracks, is almost equally distant between Barksdale Field at Shreveport, Louisiana, and the several air fields at San Antonio. In time it may become an important link in the U. S. Army Air Corps' plans.

So swift has been the development in air transportation, most of the engineering institutions of the United States has lagged behind. The Battalion congratulates the A. & M. College upon taking its first steps to catch up, and to take a place of leadership in this fast-growing field of transportation.

And: Will Roosevelt run again?

Massachusetts Institute of Technology has begun a special course in the arts and materials of fine printing.

Books on the European war are most popular of the non-fiction books used by students in college libraries.

Possibly what Russia needs up in Finland is an old-fashioned cold cure.

OPEN FORUM

LET'S DANCE

Last Saturday the first corps dance of the second semester was held. To the fish this may not mean so very much but to the sophomore, junior, and senior it means that from the seventeenth of this month on through June there will be a corps dance practically every weekend.

You fish who have as yet to attend your first corps dance have a good deal to learn. A majority of you made the fish ball but never a regular corps dance. The "Aggieland" plays for all the regular dances and it is in my opinion, one of the best orchestras in the Southwest. All dances are held in the old mess hall where there is a good floor and plenty of room.

It is true that the dances here at A. & M. are rather formal when compared with the highschool dances that you have left behind. Here you won't find jitterbugs taking up all the room on the floor, stomping you and never taking time out to say they are sorry. After you have attended one of the corps dances here at A. & M., go back home to a high school hop and compare the two dances. I am sure that you will agree with me in saying, "There is a world of difference and the difference is in favor of the Aggie dances."

Your writer attended the winter carnival dance at N.T.A.C. over the mid-term holidays and found a great deal of difference in their dances and our own. My reaction to the JUNIOR college dance can be summed up like this-you couldn't step out on the dance floor without life insurance because the jitterbugs were stomping everything in sight. I have been to better high school dances. It really makes one appreciate a good old Aggie corps dance that is attended by civilized people instead of a group that act like they have swallowed Mexican sembly Hall, I'll be darned if I jumping beans! -BOB PARKER.

and "The Man I Love." The sophs his organization dance. He shows are the first class ever to present no favoritism.



After having seen Charles Boy- the better of the two. When all er in "Mayerling", I can see why polls were taken on the best of SAT. FEB. 24, 6:30 & 8:30 the American movie companies last year's picture shows, "Stagewere so anxious to get his services. coach" did not happen to rate He's good! What I can't under- the top ten, but in most surveys stand is why they could not make it was close to the top. On the more outstanding pictures with rating passed out by "The Film Daily" was number eleven. When him over here. Back to commercials again, the the picture was made, no one, not best bet this weekend is "THE even the producer, expected it to LIGHT THAT FAILED", showing do more than just an average busi-

at the Palace beginning Sunday, ness. But the public liked it so with the picture of the Louis-Go- that made it a good show. doy fight. The following cast is Another good show, but one that starred in the inconsistent incan- is perhaps a bit too "deah, deah"

for an Aggie's taste is "Ninotchdescent": Dick Helder Ronald Colman ka". The ads all say "don't pro-Torpenhow Walter Huston nounce it; see it". Here's a tip onMuriel Angelus notch-ka just like it is spelled, Maisie In spite of the foregoing quip with the accent on the middle sylthe "light wasn't a Mazda; it re- lable. Really very simple. Greta fers in this case to the eyes of Garbo, the gal who nevers cracks one artist-adventurer who loses his a smile, turns over a leaf by pullsight fighting in British Sudan ing a whole horde of funny jokes.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Saturday 12:45—"STAGE-COACH," with Claire Trevor

Saturday 6:30 and 8:30-

"NINOTCHKA," with Greta

Garbo and Melvyn Douglas.

AT THE PALACE

LIGHT THAT FAILED,"

with Ronald Colman, Walter

AT THE QUEEN

CHUMP AT OXFORD,"

Sunday and Monday-"A

Huston, and Ida Lupino.

with Laurel and Hardy.

Beginning Sunday-"THE

and John Wayne.

campaign. The story, taken from one of Kipling's novels, traces for a short time the career of Dick Heldar, who with Torpenhow is covering the war. Heldar receives a wound that doctors tell him will soon render him blind. Realizing the gulf of dark that will soon befall him, Heldar begins in earnest to create a drawing that will become immortal. He finishes it before the lights go out, but jealous

Bessie destroys it. Then Heldar, heartbroken, returns to Sudan to fall nobly fighting. Kipling wrote a three grade-point book; Paramount made a three grade-point picture.

Of the two shows at the Asdon't think "STAGECOACH" is





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SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 12:45 Also 2-Reel Popeye

