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## Texas Aggies

### And The World War--No. 2

Any American citizen has more than just a casual interest in the current World War. Any American citizen has a right to be interested in this war. Every American citizen, so to speak, has a vested interest in this war because every American citizen may soon be called upon to directly share in the war's burden.

But the students of Texas A. & M. College are even more concerned with the European conflict. . . . They have even a greater right and more of a vested interest in this affair than the average American citizen.

To begin with, Texas A. & M. is the largest military college in the world. In the last World War Texas A. & M. supplied the armies of the United States with more officers than any other American college or university. In the event of the nation's participation in another World War, the college will probably be called upon to repeat its performance.

Should the United States again enter armed combat with aggressor nations, Texas Aggies will be among the very first to be called upon. With few exceptions, every A. & M. cadet receives at least two years military training during his college career; and many receive the full four-year course and thus become reserve officers in the United States Army. There were six thousand members of the A. & M. cadet corps during the last long session. There are thousands more of Texas Aggies scattered throughout the world. And so we say—the students of Texas A. & M. College—have more of a vested interest in this affair than the average American citizen.

The Battalion is not in a position to make a valid declaration as to Aggie opinion in respect to the nation's possible intervention in Europe's war, but there are some things about this Aggie opinion that The Battalion can say with accuracy.

One thing is certain. . . . In the past year Aggie opinion has changed considerably—but that's not news because so has the opinion of almost every American. One A. & M. professor made it a point to discuss the situation with his students a year ago, and at that time the sentiment was unanimous—not one of the students was willing to fight unless the United States was invaded. Late last May the same professor brought up the same discussion before another group of students. The opinion had almost about-faced—seventy percent of the cadets indicated that they believed the United States should enter the conflict NOW with possible favorable results rather than enter the war LATER at which time it might be too late.

Aggies don't want to go to war—but neither does any other American. In his address last Monday, made from the campus of the University of Virginia, President Roosevelt was right when he declared that complete isolation for the United States was an utter and fantastic impossibility. Aggies recognize this fact and believe in it, but they're still not anxious to die in some war that they didn't have much part in starting.

Aggie opinion, it seems, goes something like this: Yes, we'll fight if that is what it takes to preserve the American way of life. Really, though, we'd much rather stay out of this thing if that is possible.

France's Premier Paul Reynaud recently said, "We want U. S. horsepower—not manpower; we need her help—but in the form of motorized equipment; planes, and other products of her tremendous industrial organization; all she can possibly offer us."

Maybe that's the answer. . . . At any rate, that seems to be the way that Aggies feel about the situation. Let's give till it hurts where our industrial products are concerned. As far as the United States is concerned, let's make this an economic warfare. If possible, LET'S STAY OUT OF ARMED COMBAT. But, if and when the United States does enter armed conflict again, Texas Aggies will lead the way.

## Using the Library

"I have to write a theme on modern playground methods and the only information that I can find is in the red reference books. I am not supposed to take them out, but no one will really care—I guess."

So conceived the deletion of a library! It may seem that reference books are for the use of the entire school—that they hold between

their firm covers enough information to make possible an invaluable research on many subjects—besides that shall we say, of modern playground methods.

Libraries are built little by little with resources that are intended to meet the needs of the entire school. Libraries are constructed with years of industrious labor, with infinite study as to the most desirable books to have. Libraries include in their collections myriad volumes with information that students may take home, may have all to themselves into the wee hours of the morning. Why supplement these with books that are for use ONLY in the library? Why take the chance of losing such books and depriving not only others but also yourself of such volumes in the future?

The modern library is perhaps the best source of well collected information that may be found. Students find available for their use volumes on theory, volumes on practice, sources for primary information, information on the latest discoveries in the field of study. When the library was formed, it was for the purpose of establishing a permanent institution of learning—not for the purpose of providing collecting students with a treasure chest of volumes for their private libraries.

It is strange that person who would never think of taking a dime from an overflowing treasury, or snatching even a sip from a fellow's coke, have absolutely no qualms about the effects of adding a few well-selected volumes to their own collections.

There are a few laws that are necessary for effective library usage. The first, Books Are Common Property; Protect Them As Such. The Second, Consider Others in Your Use of Books—They May Want Them Too. The Third, Reserve Books, Week Books May Decorate Your Room For a While, But Don't Let Their Appearance Become a Habitual, an Unchangeable Habit. The Fourth, Reference Books Are For Reference, Not For Use as Book-stops For Your Private Library.

## The New Point System

The recently adopted point system—which limits the number of activities A. & M. students may participate in—is the answer to a long-needed regulation of this sort. But more than that, the regulation comes from the student body as well as from the faculty—the faculty passed on the ruling after it was recommended by a student committee.

There's nothing new about the system—American educational circles have been advocating it for more than twenty years, and many other American colleges and universities have similar rulings. Any institution, when it becomes as large as Texas A. & M. has become, has a definite need for this sort of regulation.

One fact about this ruling that is frequently misunderstood is its underlying purpose. It isn't intended as a method of honoring students—it's a limitation, pure and simple.

In too many instances it is true that the burden of student government falls on the shoulders of a few. Under the new point system this will be impossible. True enough, the weights given the various student executive positions may not be as accurate or fair as possible at the present time, but only experience and time can indicate this and the weights will be changed if it is found that any of them are out of proportion.

The Battalion believes that the new system will not only serve to divide student jobs more evenly, but that the ruling will make for more interest in and competition for these various positions.

War and final examinations seem to hold no fear for psychology students of Georgia Southwestern College. In compiling a "fear list" recently, they listed the following as the things they feared most: Snakes, drunks, water, wild animals, mad dogs, fire, stormy weather, reckless driving, and higher altitudes.

## As the World Turns...

By DR. A. B. NELSON

For the past year this column has been calling attention to the fact that the United States has a vital interest in the outcome of the struggle for domination in Europe. Even though we set aside all question of "natural sympathies", or of democracy against autocracy, our own selfish interests require that England and France win the war and make it impossible for Germany to upset the world again.

The French Government has just pledged itself to continue the battle as long as a corner of France or a fragment of her colonial empire remains free, and Winston Churchill has promised that the British fleet shall never surrender nor give up the fight even though the worst should happen.

Our country has just awakened to the seriousness of the situation in Europe and more than two hundred U. S. Army and Navy planes, hundreds of cannon, and twenty of our older destroyers have been released by the government and are, or will shortly be, on their way to England and France.

President Vargas of Brazil just made a speech which indicated that he is lining up in sentiment with the European dictators, and the United States has already dispatched two warships to South American waters with the indication that others will be sent in a short time. Most of the other South American nations have indicated their sympathy with the democracies. After the Monday speech by President Roosevelt the Mexican Government announced that it is definitely pro-ally in its sympathies and that in the present crisis its foreign policy is in line with that of the United States.

One of the great handicaps of the American people in making preparation for defense is that for seven years the resources of the nation have been wasted in supporting the great army of those who believe that someone "owes" them a living, and present indications are that the coming Democratic Convention will be completely dominated by the "Gimmerrats" and that the next four years will see the nation taxed to the limit for necessary national defense and going further into debt (three billion dollars this year) for handouts to the idle.



"I had all my teeth pulled and made this necklace—it's beautiful, isn't it?"

## Movie Review

By Betty Shelton

At the Assembly Hall Saturday is "Two Girls on Broadway", a smooth, dramatic story with a musical background. Joan Blondell plays an entirely new sort of role, and Lana Turner and George Murphy make their bow as the screen's newest dance team. The two girls are sisters who journey from a small mid-western town to New York City in an attempt to crash the big time shows. The romance centers about the love of the two girls for the same boy, hooper Eddie Kerns, portrayed by Murphy.

"Three search for fame and love, which only two can have."

The romance and adventure of life as it is lived at the United States Military Academy is unfolded in "The Duke of West Point", which will be at the Assembly Hall Tuesday. Joan Fontaine portrays the leading lady, and Louis Hayward, Richard Carlson, Tom Brown, and Alan Curtis are the four important males. As the story opens, Steve Early arrives from England, where he has been a star on the Cambridge Varsity Rugby Team, to start life as a West Point Cadet. He was the freshest "piebe" in the corps, and he took the biggest riding 2,000 cadets ever handed out. He shamed himself when he violated the sacred Honor Code to save a friend, and he stole a kiss and a heart in a forbidden stroll on Flirtation Walk. With the other "piebes" he goes from one mis-adventure to another until the thrilling climax, when West Point plays its annual ice hockey game with the Royal Military College of Canada. At the Assembly Hall Tuesday

the famous Jones family discovers that life really begins in the forties in "Young as You Feel". Dad turns playboy, mother goes glamour girl, and all the Joneses step out in style as they take over Broadway. Jed Prouty, Spring Byington, Russell Gleason, Ken Howell, George Earnest, June Carlson, Florence Roberts, and Billy Mahan are back in their familiar roles in the number one fun family.

### WHAT'S SHOWING

#### AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Saturday—"Two Girls on Broadway" with Lana Turner, Joan Blondell, and George Murphy.

Tuesday—"The Duke of West Point" with Joan Fontaine, Louis Hayward, Richard Carlson, Tom Brown and Alan Curtis.

Thursday—"Young as You Feel" with the Jones family.

#### AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday—"Room Service" with the Marx Brothers.

Preview Saturday night, Sunday, and Monday—"Tailspin" with Alice Fay and Nancy Kelly.

Tuesday—"The Flying Irishman" with Douglas Corrigan.

Wednesday and Thursday—"Submarine Patrol" with Richard Green and Nancy Kelly.

## Summer Short Course Calendar

- June 10-12—State Veterinary Medical Association
- June 17-21—Cottonseed Oil Mill Operators
- June 24-27—County Superintendents and Texas School Administration Conference
- July 24-29—Poultry Short Course
- July 7-13—Farmers' Short Course, junior and adult divisions
- July 15-20—Farm Security Administration Conference
- July 28 through August 2—Firemen's Short Course
- August 7-10—Vocational Agricultural Teachers Conference
- August 15-17—Air Conditioning Short Course
- August 18-24—Coaching School

## ONE OF OUR TYPICAL 30c LUNCHES

- SOUP: Fresh Cream of Tomato
- CHOICE OF MEATS:
  - Fried Fillet of Trout
  - Chicken Fried Steak
  - Assorted Cold Cuts with Potato Salad
- VEGETABLES:
  - Mexican Style Brown Beans
  - Fresh Garden Spinach with Hard Boiled Eggs
  - Snow Flake Potatoes
  - Spanish Slaw
- DESERT: Mixed Fruit Jello With Whip Cream

10% Off On Meal Tickets

## College Inn Cafe

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## AROUND THE CAMPUS

By BETTY JANE WINKLER A new slant—Prof Ashton tells Here's a Texas University coed in the saddle and columning for the first time for a collegiate newspaper—or any other kind of newspaper. So it's "Gone With The Wind" in more ways than one on this, the first of a five-week run of Around the Campus.

Sam J. Roley, "A" Signal Corps junior and employee of station WTAW, underwent an operation for appendicitis Tuesday afternoon. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

Mike Rodriguez, Infantry senior during the past long session and president of the Cosmopolitan and Puerto Rico Clubs returned to his home in Puerto Rico Friday morning.

Eccentricity on the loose: The summer school student who phoned the Battalion office at 11:30 last night with the more-than-serious quiz, "Do you have an English 231 book that we may borrow tonight?"

his Ag. Journalism class that a news article should resemble a lady's dress—short enough to arouse interest, but long enough to cover the subject.

Professor D. W. Williams is all excited about his newest pet; the first girl in his class since he has been teaching at A. & M.

There's brains behind the throne of the Press Club this summer. Frexy Campbell is one of 65 honor graduates of the University of Texas this spring.

"Lady are you married," is the by-word of Texas Aggies in their lead-off conversation with summer school belles. The point being: most of the femmes around are already wedded.

Fifty-five per cent of men and 44 per cent of women at the University of Michigan would like more dates, a survey shows.

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Do not "live" or just exist in summer. Enjoy summer pleasures — happy days and nights out-of-doors, exciting week-ends, picnics and other activities. Half the fun of it all is wearing the appropriate clothes for every occasion. You'll find a well selected stock of cool clothing and furnishings at this store. The right kind of cool clothes to help you "look and feel your best this summer."

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- Cool Summer Slacks
- Ventilated Straw Hats
- Summer Sport Suits (Slacks and Shirts)
- Sport Shirts, Sheer or Sun Spun Rayons
- Ventilated Sport Oxfords
- Mesh Socks by Interwoven Arrow and Marlboro Mesh Shirts
- Nor-East and Arrow Summer Ties
- Hickok Summer Sport Belts
- Cool Pajamas (Short Sleeve - Knee Length)
- Summer Wash Robes - Mesh Underwear
- Gantner Swim Suits

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