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As Usual---Welcome

"As usual, welcome" probably sounds a little blunt, but that's been the order of things for the past 64 Septembers at A. & M. College. About 22,000 men have been on the receiving end of that greeting since the college was founded in 1876 All 22,000 of them were, or are, Texas Aggies.

And so it is, to the 4,000 returning old students, "As usual, welcome."

But there's an expected 2,500 freshmen who are receiving the greeting for the first time. In the next nine months they'll learn the full meaning of that greeting-at least, they'll learn what's behind it. They'll learn the famous A. & M. traditions. . . .

They'll learn, and practice, one of the most important of all Aggie traditions—that a freshman, wherever he is, introduces himself at all times to other Aggies and persons whom he is not already acquainted with. They'll not only learn what these traditions are, but—if they're real Aggies—they'll follow these traditions to the letter, just as 22,000 men before

So it's "welcome," and heartily so, to these two and a half thousand freshmen. More than just welcome, here's a wish for their success throughout their college careers as Texas Aggies.

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

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 offivers 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 the time the sentiment was unanimousnot 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 a house of cards. Once it is shoved off balance it will indicated that they believed the United States should enter the conflict NOW with possible favorable results rather than enter the war LATER at ance. Hitler's first major defeat will result in a defwhich time it might be too late.

Aggies don't want to go to war-but neither does any other American. In his address in June, 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

Before France's downfall French Premier Paul Reynaud 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 · was over. Britain has not collapsed, and there is States is concerned, let's make this an economic war-

COMBAT. But, if and when the United States does enter armed conflict again, Texas Aggies will lead

Joining The Battalion Staff

"How to join The Battalion staff" is a question which for the information of freshmen and others interested in journalistic work can be answered in very few words. The procedure is to come to the Battalion Office, room 122 Administration Building and tell any senior on the staff your intentions. That is all there is to it.

Prospective members are invited to attend a meeting of the entire staff of The Battalion to be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Members of the editorial, advertising, art, and photography staffs will be called together to organize their work for the year, coordinating their efforts to function smoothly and in harmony with the rest of the units, and the meeting will furnish new and old members an opportunity to get acquainted.

Those who have done journalistic work in high school or on other publications will agree that newspaper work is fun. Newspaper reporting aids the student in making new acquaintances both among other students and among faculty members. It gives the cadet the chance to meet professors and learn the problems involved in courses of study other than his own. Too, the feeling that he knows what's going on and why, is a feeling of satisfaction. A newspaper reporter has the opportunity to improve his writing ability as well as his speech.

Speaking of improving one's writing, W. C. Stone of Waco has been brought to A. & M. to work as an assistant in the Student Publication Office. Among his other duties, he will conduct classes in journalism cooperating with The Battalion. Classes will be held in the morning, and laboratory work will be done as part of the regular Battalion news and feature writing. This course, known as English 329, will be open to juniors and seniors and to some sophomore with permission. It will carry a credit rating of three hours, and in this course will be taught news writing, feature writing, headline writing, copy and proof reading, advertising, and other essential parts of a journalistic course.

Besides the personal satisfaction and the educational value to be gained from work on The Battalion, there is also a chance to work into a paying position as a senior on the staff. Managing editors, advertising assistants, the advertising manager, the sports editor and intramural editor, the associate editor, staff artist and staff photographer as well as the editor-in-chief are all paying positions.

To those who are skeptical of their ability, it is not always the "A" student who makes the best reporter, although good grades never hurt anyone's chances. If you have never done any newspaper work before but you think you would like to try, the opportunity is yourse. You never know what you can do until you try.

The goal of this year's paper will be to build a staff that will work together as one large machine, each man doing his share of the work and each man getting his share of the credit. The appearance of the paper is not what the editors of '40-'41 desire to change; we hope that we can improve in the content and in the ease with which a paper should be written. In the past each paper started from scratch and built from the ground up. Our object is to reverse the process and attempt to build and enlarge upon what has been accomplished before us in order that the final result will be twice that from where we picked it up.

As the World Turns...

BY. DR. R. W. STEEN

one of the most tragic years the history of mankind can offer. The world is at war. That is bad enough, but worse still is the fact that international gansterism-masquerading under a swastika and a



fascis—has been so successful in exploiting the theory that might makes right. Nation after nation, including many devoted apostles of the principles of personal liberty and unpreparedness, has fallen before the onrush of a German geared to war and conquest.

Long before actual fighting began Czechoslovakia was sacrificed upon the Nazi altar in a futile attempt to maintain peace in our time. In spite of the fiasco at Munich men and nations continued to believe that

appeasement was possible. Some men still believe that it is, but it is difficult to see how they can do so. Poland, Norwar, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, and France have fallen. Today civilization, as America knows civilization, is protected by little more than British courage and American industry. Perhaps the two can win.

There is reason to believe that Hitler has erected probably collapse in even less time than it took to build it. First, however, it must be shoved off balinite loss of face for Germany in those countries that are yet neutral, and will do much to restor British prestige. More important still is the fact that millions of subject peoples will doubtless seize the first sign of weakness as an opportunity to revolt. These people are already smarting under the memory of a recently inflicted defeat. The starvation rations on which they will be placed this winter will do little to increase their love for Germany. Hungry men are dangerous. They will not overlook many opportunities to bit the hand that starves

Italy is one of the weakest spots in the Hitler much rather stay out of this thing if that is possible. armor. Italy stood by during the trying days which saw France putting up some resistance to the German invasion. As France weakened before the onslaught of the German war machine and the treachery of some of her own leaders, Mussolini courageously tossed insult after insult at the beleaguered French. Then with collapse practically complete Italy, in true jackal fashion, rushed bravely to the assistance of Germany. She seemed to think that Britain would collapse too, and that the war now much evidence to indicate that Italy is already fare. If possible, LET'S STAY OUT OF ARMED in desperate need of many vital supplies.

George Fuermann

Backwashin' around . . . It's back new A. & M. blanket. One of the in the collegiate saddle once again newer Aggie traditions, started at 4,000 Texas Aggies take up about four years ago, dictates that

Aggies . .

Point of View:

Earlier this summer an editorial

ican) was the following gem:

"A well-known authority re-

marked to me that there has

been submersive activities go-

ing on at the Texan. He did

not make it clear what they

were, but if they are any-

thing like submarines or out-

board motors, I wish to join

said submersive activities at

once, as it sounds like fun to

"The last time I rode in a

submersive was one summer

when my favorite Model T ran

into Bull Creek. Since that

time I have not seen any of my

friends that were with me, but

that's not the point, since I

..Believe-it-or-not item of the past

summer is the story being told by

J. W. "Woody" Walker and L. G.

"Pinky" Denny. The two Aggies

were "highwaying" out of Dallas

and received a ride from one of

the county's deputy sheriffs. The

deputy, however, was only going

as far as Corsicana and, being a

die-hard Aggie fan, he was an-

xious to help the cadets get an

all-the-way-ride. In short order a

car with a Brazos County license

passed him at a much more than

legal rate of speed. The deputy

went to work and caught up with

the speeding car, stopped it, and

amazed the driver by letting him

go-on one condition: That he give the two Aggies a ride to College

When the famous Aggie mascot,

Reveille, trots out on Kyle Field

September 28 she'll be wearing her

Milady's fall styles:

got to ride in a submersive."

This time, and twice more:

Dear Editor:

light of the recent the souvenir-property of the yell

asked for a guitar pay, and a lifetime fellowship . . . gets more than three grade-points a girl whom circumstances elevates string. The surprised clerk came She's the object of every Aggie's per hour on some course." back with, "My God son, this is affection and the commander of the Now, however, this writer has el of fashion, and who goes on to Texas—don't you know there's an corps' protection—not that she has found a show that in his mind become the rage of the social realm. election in sway? We can't keep ever been in a spot where she merits all of four grade-points and Several songs are introduced, those thing in stock now." . . . couldn't take care of herself . . . more. Those who saw the Sugar among them "Out on a Limb" Senior-to-have-been Earl Vezey be- She's almost ten years old, coming Bowl pictures will agree that "Tu- "Castle of Dreams", and "Irene". came the first Texas Aggie to go to the campus in 1931 as a pup... lane vs. A. & M.", starring John navy under the recently begun 30 Takes her meals in either of the Kimbrough and Walemon Price, day cruise plan. He reported in two mess halls and sleeps in any was certainly the most heart-warm-New York City August 19 and room on the campus that she de- ing show ever to be shown before stars Andy Devine. Richard Arlen, next week he'll have an opportunity sires . . . "Goodbye to Texas" has a bunch of Aggies. In fact I think a test driver, is the heavy, and the to take a three-month shore course as much meaning to her as to the John Kimbrough got the Academy at the end of which he will be Aggies . . . Her favorite sport is Award; didn't he? eligible for a reserve commission heckling Joe College and Peruna, The first few days of school, beas an ensign . . . R. L. Doss: Baylor and S. M. U. mascots . . . ing leisure days with no classes "Women are like chocolate sodas— She rates a full seat on the train on to make and no lessons to prepare, they're nice, but you can take 'em corps trips . . . Is very snooty to will find a goodly percentage of the or leave 'em!" . . . There's a Col- other dogs . . . She makes every students spending their time at the lege Station belle who ups each yell practice and is respected by Assembly Hall and The Campus morning via the urging of four every Aggie . . . Is a queen in her seeing shows to pass the time. alarm clocks set fifteen minutes own right. apart so she can't go back to sleep. Quoth the four-alarmer: "It's a

All this and a Kitchen stove too: quick trip through its entirety. swell system and really works, but it takes too damn much time wind- Early this past summer a sign ing the things." . . . Allen Culpep- on the Y.M.C.A. bulletin board Hall on Wednesday, we find per, referring to the facial unat- pointed out that a woman's purse "FREE, BLONDE, AND 21", which tractiveness of Kay Kyser's trump- had been found in the building and is just as funny as Joan Davis and eter Ish Kabibble, "He wasn't be- that the owner could repossess same Chick Chandler can make a show, hind the door when looks were by identifying the thing. Now it's plays Wednesday afternoon and passed out—he wasn't even in the quite possible that many persons, night. A murder develops, though, room!" . . . Eco Prof, P. A. Nutter, on reading the sign, wondered and an attempt at drama is madeto Taxation and Public Finance what the purse contained. Some that ruins it. The story is built class, "It's okeh with me if the probably even let their imagina- around a hotel for women where colleges makes a bound volume of tions run riot and imagined that Mary Beth Hughes, portraying a all quizzes and puts them in the the purse contained a thousand dol- scheming young thing, pretends to library for reference." . . . It was lars in cash or Trojan Horse plans commit suicide, becomes as accoma tabloid sports columnist, Dan to blitzkrieg the college and blow-Parker of the New York Mirror, up the Administration Building. In who made his contribution to some- fact, however, the contents were thing or other a few years ago very down-to-earth and probably when he defined "Gloober's Dis- typical of women's purses in genease," at that time a relatively eral. The contents: One Xmas little known affliction, as "spots greeting card, postmarked Decemon de vest." . . . T.S.C.W.-ite Ellen ber 28, 1938; one valentine, unused; Orr, "We girls are at a disadvant- one pair of dice, small; one comage-we have to write to an audi- pact with broken mirror; one coin ence, not to a single person. Every- purse, contents, one cent; one minone in an A. & M. dormitory usually jature white ivory horse; one founreads our letters or knows what is tain pen; one small piece of yellow in them, and forms an opinion ac- chalk; two pencies, both broken; cordingly." The Aggies say "ditto" one handkerchief, clean; and one

In passing:

small piece of quartz.

And so, for the second consecuappearing in the Summer Texas, student publication of the Univertive year, Backwash begins a nine-This column is one year old. It has lived through sity of Texas, aroused considerable month grind of tri-weekly columning. During the great 1939-40 long an un-American expression closely session the column tried to do a akin to Martin Dies-hearalded great many things, but most of "subversive activities." Most unique all it tried to be a mirror of Aggie of the many letters received by thought and a column definitely editor Boyd Sinclair (who, inci- written according to the Aggie dentally, is anything but un-Amer- way of things. And that will be the order of things again . . . A column written for the Twelfth Man . . . A column written about the Twelfth Man . . . A column based on the belief that "The Aggie way of doing things is the best way."

Movie Pevicev

About a year ago this writter plice to a killing, and finally winds where they left off last June and each year the new head yell lead- was having a short snack in one up in jail. The story moves along at as 2,500 freshmen become Texas er must buy Rev's blanket. After of the local confectioneries, drink- a fast pace, and the whole thing is An protecting the famous lady for a ing a coke with two friends. The not too bad. interesting side- long session, the blanket becomes conversation had run rather stale, Probably the best picture of the

guber natorial leader. Head Yell Leader E. R. and one of the pair asked me when list is "IRENE", a musical comedy campaign is the "Buster" Keeton has ordered the I was going to announce a four-starring Ray Milland, Anna Neaanecdote being blanket for the 1940 season and it grade-point show. Old students will gle, May Robson, Roland Young, told by an Aggie will soon be decorating the canine remember the one, two, and three and Billie Burke, all able actors who was visiting mascot in the guise of her new fall grade point ratings developed in and actresses. Irene wows society's in Austin while clothes.

this column last year. That day the the campaign was But there's quite a story in Rev best answer I could give the two by wearing an evening dress of at its height hands. at its height. herself . . . She's the only female hecklers (that was before football Alice Blue, which brings forth the Walking into a student at Aggieland . . . Has no season was well under way) was to song "Alice Blue Gown". music store, he classes to make, no maintenance to quip, "The first day one of you story there is recounted the rise of asked for a guitar new and a lifetim of the contract o

"DANGER ON WHEELS" is a just-fair story of auto racing and female interest is Peggy Moran. The show telegraphs its punches, but it is fairly well paced.

WHAT'S SHOWING AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Wednesday - "FREE, BLONDE, AND 21", with Lynn Bari, and Joan Davis. Thursday and Friday-"IRENE", with Anna Neagle, Ray Milland, and Roland

AT THE CAMPUS Wednesday and Thursday-"YOU'RE NOT SO TOUGH". with Nan Grey, Billy Halop, and Huntz Hall.

Friday and Saturday-"DANGER ON WHEELS" with Richard Arlen and Andy

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is listed in the "What's Showing"

column, and so we will take a

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