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Draft Dodgers

Fate and the nick-namers have decreed that, despite all, this year's freshman class will undoubtedly be known henceforth as "Draft Dodgers". Of course the nick-namers are merely jesting, but for the sake of clarifying the case, let's take issue with them and argue in favor of the Fish.

Let us suppose that age freshman in particular chose to come to A. & M. for the sole purpose of dodging the draft. If he is 35 years of age, someone should tell him that he is paying a high price to stay out of the army for nine months. Only those enrolled in the advanced military are to be declared exempt from a peace-time draft. College students will be called July 1, 1941, and he still will not be in the advanced class so it might look as though he "chumped off" in coming to A. & M.

Here is the case. He wanted to stay out of the army as long as possible. Being a college student would exempt him until next summer, so he enrolled in the college where he could go for the least amount of money. He was hunting a bargain and he got it. When he came to A. & M., he probably knew that he would get enough military to give him a big boost when he did enlist, and he could get "book learning" at the same time.

Then there is the case of the boy who is only 19. Why should he bother to come to college at all. He is not old enough to be called at all.

The boy is smart! He is looking two years into the future. He figures that he can get his basic military training in two years, and when he reaches the age of 21, he will then be eligible for the advanced training and exemption, besides the further advantage of a college education. Too, when he gets into the army he will be an officer with a gold bar on his shoulder. He will have spent his time to a much greater advantage.

Well, it makes us wonder why anyone at all enrolled in a non-military college this fall, unless there are a great crowd of optimists around.

By Way of Explanation

The articles that appear in the opposite column have a very definite purpose and also a very definite plan of attack.

The regular "As the World Turns" appears in every issue and it alternately written by three professors on the History Department staff, Dr. Al Nelson, Dr. R. W. Steen, and "Count" V. K. Sugaroff. Their idea is to bring the "inside" to the students on national events and politics. They will act as commentators.

The other regular feature is also alternated, but also in theme as well as author. Mrs. R. M. Sherwood, Dr. T. F. Mayo, and Frank Loving alternate during the week with "Man, Your Manners", "Something to Read", and "I Heard the Preacher Say", respectively. Of these only the latter is new to The Battalion.

Printed on each Saturday, "I Heard the Preacher Say" is destined to bring a little "religion" into the pages of The Battalion. We feel that the serious side is neglected by most of us unless we are reminded occasionally. But life cannot be all gaiety and and folly, and hence our reason for its appearance.

Frank Loving, senior Chemical Engineer, YMCA cabinet member, and past president of the Presbyterian Young Peoples' League, presents the column as a collection of short articles written by various ministers around the campus or by himself, as he sees fit.

Classifying the Profs

The EMORY WHEEL, newspaper of Emory University, declaring that, "since the professors divide students into classes, it is safe to assume that all professors can also be divided into classes," offers these groupings.

1. The Killer type. He wants to kill off the lower third and thinks the best way is by overwork.
2. The Card type. He is a card, but not an ace. He's a 3x5 card. Outstanding is his index appeal.
3. The Spicy type. He has a lot of cheek and plenty of tongue to put in it. His lectures kick up intellectual sparks out of the academic flint.
4. The Skimmer type. The surfacing in his course is fine. But the foundation is weak.
5. The Fatherly type. He is the unexpected father, always giving pop quizzes.
6. The Hard Rock type. You have to be more than a good musician to hit more than a high "C" under this joker. If he were a movie critic, he wouldn't even give the United States flag 48 stars.
7. The Uh-Man type. He whets your intellectual appetite. He knows a great deal but doesn't try to make everybody realize it.
8. The Candy-Between-Meals type. A course under him destroys your intellectual appetite.
9. The Axe-Grinder type. He can't sharpen his wits, so he has to grind an axe. Sometimes it's propaganda he grinds out.

Brain Twisters

By I. SHERWOOD

It is easy to be courteous to our friends, but anyone wishing to be well-liked and respected by others must put forth an effort to be courteous to everyone. We can overlook the unintentional rudeness of the absent-minded or near-sighted individual, but we refuse to excuse the average person for being discourteous.

Meeting and Greeting
When to speak—Speak to anyone you know when you are within speaking distance. A woman should speak first to a man whom she knows only slightly. Men and women who have been friends for years need not stand on formalities—the man may speak first if he chooses to.

Young people should speak to older people to show proper respect for seniority.

What to say—"How do you do" is formal—the response should be the same.

Casual friends say "Good morning" or "Good evening" and "How are you"?

Intimate friends say "Hello" and add the names. When anyone says "How are you?" a proper response would be "Fine, thank you"—it is never an invitation to discuss how you really are.

A man's hat—A man removes his hat and holds it in conversation with a woman, even though she may be his wife or daughter. However, younger people are satisfied for the man to replace his hat then remove it again as he takes leave; he also removes his hat in the presence of ladies in elevators or hotels, apartment houses, and clubs, but not in stores or business buildings; he should remove his hat on entering a house or church.

A man lifts his hat—He lifts his hat when he is in the company of another person and that person greets someone, man or woman; when alone and he meets another man he knows, who is with a lady, he should lift his hat; he should tip his hat to an elderly man, also.

Hand shaking—Friends do not shake hands upon meeting anywhere in public, and in private only when hosts, hostesses, or guests. Formal acquaintances, though, do shake hands when they meet on formal occasions, but in public, it is not necessary.

(This column will be based on Etiquette by Emily Post and Modern Manners.)

As the World Turns...

BY DR. R. W. STEEN
The outstanding news event of the past week was the pact signed by Germany, Italy and Japan.

It is a bit surprising, but far less so than it would have been if signed a year ago. Germany and Italy might, under certain conditions, gain something from the arrangement, but it is difficult to see what Japan can hope to gain. Germany and Italy give Japan a free hand in establishing a new order in the Far East, but Germany and Italy are not in position to interfere with Japan in the Far East anyway. Certainly they will not be able to supply her with the oil and iron which she has been getting from the United States, and she certainly needs these items if her war machine is to continue to function.

The pact is obviously aimed at the United States. Russia and the United States are the only great powers not now at war, and Russia is specifically eliminated by the pact itself. Therefore it is simply an Axis-Japanese warning to the United States to stay out of European and Asiatic affairs. America's answer has been in the making for some time. That the state department has expected such a move for some time, is indicated by Mr. Hull's statement that the pact simply brings the condition into the open. American rearmament is moving forward about as rapidly as could be expected, and the United States has declared that she will continue to aid Britain and China. A more effective answer is found in the President's order restricting the shipment of oil and iron to Japan. We have supplied the Japanese army with these essentials for years, and now they must search for them elsewhere.

Some American experts are expecting a German drive through the Balkans. The Italians have failed to get control of the Mediterranean, and the Italian drive into Egypt seems to have been lost in the desert. At the same time Germany has failed to invade England. Something must be done so that victories can be proclaimed to sustain the flagging enthusiasm of the German and Italian people. Such a move would also give occupation to the enormous German army, and at the same time might provide some damaging blows to the British Empire. Britain has doubtless considered the possibility of such a blow. What plans she has made to meet it will not be disclosed after the move is made.

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Shrubs and lawns on the campus of San Diego State College get 15,000 gallons of water daily.

A wind tunnel with air speeds up to 100 miles an hour is being built at the University of Santa Clara.

Twenty southern California communities are served through classes offered by the University of California extension division.

University of Illinois Alumni News reports 85 to 90 per cent of 1940 graduates are employed in work of their choice.

Brain Twisters

By R. R. Lyle

Five men were shipwrecked during a storm and were able to make their way to a small tropical island. Upon exploring the island, the men found that it had several coconut trees growing upon it and that it was uninhabited except for a monkey. Realizing that they might be compelled to remain on this island for a long time, the men were much concerned about their food supply. Therefore, they gathered all the coconuts on the island and placed them in one huge pile. Upon viewing this pile of coconuts it was evident to the men that it contained as many as 5,000 coconuts, possibly 20,000, but certainly not as many as 30,000. Having finished the task of gathering these coconuts, they lay down and fell asleep. Shortly afterward one of the men awoke. Distrusting the others, he decided to go at once and get his share of the coconuts. He found that the number of coconuts was not exactly divisible by 5, but that there was a remainder of 1. So he gave the monkey one coconut and took one-fifth of the remainder for himself. He then went back to sleep. His companions one by one, followed the same procedure he had followed, in each case it was necessary to give the monkey one coconut before equal division by 5 could be made. On the following morning the five men came to the pile of coconuts remaining, and after giving the monkey one coconut, they found that the number of those remaining was exactly divisible by 5. How many coconuts were there in the original pile? (Answer on page 4)

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann
"Backwash: An aptitude resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster.

Once over lightly... Dr. T. Vanilla. F. Mayo, A. & M. Librarian, recently received a report from a State officer in Austin. Not especially unique in itself (the thing was full of the usual red tape and detail of a business report) the attached note, scrawled in large, red letters, was an effected blither-krieg of the first order. It read,



Fuermann

"Aggies—Beware of Thanksgiving Day: Attention: Mr. John Kimbrough." At last report Mr. Kimbrough was reported as doing nicely... Facts in review: During the nine months of the 1939-40 session, 3,395 students were patients in the College Hospital at least 24 hours. During the previous twelve-month period of the 1938-39 session only 2,199 Aggies—a difference of 1,196—treked hospitalward for the overnight stay. The reason—in part, at least: The tremendous increase in enrollment which means that another increase can be expected this year... Head Yell Leaders E. R. (Buster) Keeton and C. J. (Foots) Bland are doing a better-than-excellent job of leading the corps. Junior assistants Skeen Staley and Bill Beck are fast getting in the groove and the combined efforts of the four Aggies produced one of the most spirited yell practices in A. & M. history Thursday night. Quoth Buster: "If yelling can win football games, we'll take the nation. The corps is ready!"

441 Students With Old Contracts Have Returned
The Commandant's Office has just completed checking the records for the advance course enrollment and it appears that 441 students that have previously signed the contracts have returned.

This course has been allotted 951 contracts for this academic year. Deducting a number of 441 old student contracts who have returned as shown above, there remains a number of 410 contracts available for students enrolled in junior military science. A further check in this matter will change this number a small amount one way or the other.

University of Pennsylvania's first three football games in 1941 are against the Big Three: Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS
Tuesday—"THE COURAGEOUS DR. CHRISTIAN," with Jean Hersholt, Dorothy Lovett and Robert Baldwin.

Wednesday, Thursday — "THE HOUSE OF SEVEN GABLES," starring George Sanders, Margaret Lindsay, Vincent Price, Nan Grey and Dick Foran.

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Tuesday 3:30 & 6:45—"I WAS AN ADVENTURER," starring Zorina, Richard Greene, Erich Von Stroheim and Peter Lorre.

Wednesday, Thursday, 3:30 & 6:45—"NEW MOON," featuring Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy, Mary Boland, George Zucco and Grant Mitchell.

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Movie Review

By Tom Gillis

Coming to the Campus Wednesday and Thursday is the movie version of an old New England folk story written by Nathaniel Hawthorne. The story is "THE HOUSE OF SEVEN GABLES", a story which everyone read in grammar school. The movie version however is perfectly suitable for adult minds and will be found good entertainment. George Sanders who plays the leading part is practically a newcomer to the screen, but he turns in a remarkably good performance as the serious, honest brother. Vincent Price has just enough natural sneer and look of cynicism to be the shyster lawyer brother too.

The story runs concerning the old house and how it is to be disposed of with the creditors pressing in. The house is cursed and the father dies under this curse in circumstances that point to murder by honest George Sanders. Shyster Vincent Price wants the house because of gold reputed to be hidden in the walls so he has his brother set up for twenty years. The will spoils his designs on the house by leaving it to Sander's sweetheart, prim Margaret Lindsay. The story takes several weird twists which finally end in Sanders freedom, and the curse on the house takes as its last victim Vincent Price.

The story rather follows the theme of retributive justice—if you live right, things will come out your way in the end with the punishment of the proper guilty parties, etc. This is exactly what happens, but it does happen in a way that is pleasant to watch. The show is not outstanding in its humor, its drama, or any other outstanding feature, but it does have just the right mixture of pathos and good direction to make it a well worthwhile feature.

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