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## The Old Spirit

THAT OLD AGGIE SPIRIT is back again. You can see it in every cadet's face; you can feel it in the air. It's back and it's back to stay.

The boys are talking football, and they're not talking Rose Bowl or any bowl; neither are they discussing Texas, SMU, or any of the rest. The topic of conversation is Tulsa and Tulsa only. That's the way it should be.

The butterflies are back fluttering around in the pits of our stomachs, and chills and goose-bumps are still chasing each other up and down our spinal columns when the Band breaks into "Goodbye to Texas."

Yes, the old spirit is back. There's nothing like it anywhere else. There's no school like A. & M.

## Call Them By Name

NAMEPLATES HAVE BEEN attached to the dormitories in the new area. This is a step taken for the better and none too soon.

Wouldn't it be a good idea if we began to call these halls by their names now that we know them. For instance, "Harrington Hall" is much better than No. 11. No. 11 sounds something like the name of one of the barracks at the state prison rather than a dormitory of the world's largest school for boys.

We would suggest that henceforth in official announcements from the Military Department and elsewhere that these hall be given their proper names.

The sooner the numbers can be dropped, the better.

## OPEN FORUM

The agricultural students at the A. and M. College of Texas have organized an association for the purpose of publishing a student magazine to be known as the Texas A. and M. Agriculturalist. The first issue will appear October 30.

The indications are that there will be some twelve or fifteen hundred student subscribers, a considerable number of the agricultural faculty, county agents, vocational agricultural teachers, Soil Conservation and Farm Security workers. There should be a subscription list of over two thousand students and trained agricultural workers.

The students come from practically every section of Texas, and quite a few come from foreign countries.

I strongly endorse this publication. I believe it should offer a good medium of advertisement for business concerns related to agriculture. I am anxious to see the publication successfully financed, because I believe it means much towards the proper training of agricultural students for agricultural leadership.

Cadet Captain J. R. Button, senior agricultural student, is business manager of this publication. Cadet Captain Tom Power, also a senior agricultural student, is editor.

E. J. KYLE,  
Dean, School of Agriculture

It seems we have in our midst a few who do not realize the full significance of our National Anthem, or the respect which should be shown it. The other night at the Junior meeting in Guion Hall, called for the purpose of electing officers, an incident occurred which should make every person worthy of the name of "American" ashamed of its perpetrators.

Here's how it happened. The candidates had been nominated, and the votes were to be cast by standing. One of the candidates was a member of the band. When his name was called, a few members of the band—juniors at that—started playing the National Anthem. Of course this was meant to be a joke, as it can be seen, since no legal vote could be taken this way, but the idea of anyone using the nation's most sacred song for the purpose of getting a laugh rankles in our breasts.

The Aggie Band is an organization that is looked up to by each and every one of us, but such acts can accomplish nothing except to give it a bad name. The band as a whole is not to blame; the guilty ones numbered only a few, but those few, and others like them who might follow, are capable of putting a stigma on the name of one of the corps' most prized possessions.

The National Anthem, like the flag, is a symbol of our nation, and should be shown the utmost respect and reverence. When an American citizen fails to do this, he is broadcasting the fact that he is not proud of his country, and that he is, in the parlance of the Aggies, a "two percenter."

We sincerely hope that this thoughtless act will never be re-enacted, either on this campus, or in this country.

Charles J. Flynn, '42

FRANK LOVING PRESENTS:

## I Heard the Preacher Say

By REV. R. C. HAUSER, JR.  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church

From the present outlook it appears that this nation will be experiencing active participation in one or more of the international conflicts in a very short time, and if this prediction holds true, it is obvious that it will affect the lives of all of us, particularly the lives of a big majority of the students and the male residents of this college community, to say nothing of the effect it will have on those "left behind."

Whatever the real, underlying causes may be for our active participation, the main cry will be that we are "fighting to save democracy."

Well, democracy is a thing that is worth fighting for, but I often wonder how many of us realize the full meaning of that kind of system of government. When the question is asked, "What is democracy?", the main thesis in most of the answers is based entirely on freedom. Surely freedom is one of the best fruits that we receive from the tree of democracy, but in order to continue to bear fruit, the tree must have strong and stable roots. And probably the main or "tap" root of democracy is found in the development of a sense of responsibility on the part of the people who make up that democracy.

A democracy pre-supposes that the people shall develop a sense of responsibility in order that they may be capable of self-government. A definite contrast can be witnessed in a military set-up where responsibility is imposed on the individual from above.

Since the formation of our government, we have been witnessing an increase in the scope of Federal bureaucracy in this nation at an astounding rate. "In the last 140 years our national population has multiplied by 25. But the machinery of federal government, as measured by administrative personnel, has multiplied by the astounding figure of 17,950—more than 700 times faster than the population"—from "The Dead Hand of Bureaucracy" by Lawrence Sullivan.

Every inroad that the Federal government makes on the rights of the states and the rights of the individual nips another bite out of the fruit of freedom, whether we realize it at the moment or not. And today, the federal government virtually controls, either directly or indirectly, the lives of almost all groups of the population—i. e., business men, farmers, laborers, etc.

I maintain this control has been possible because we have failed, individually and collectively, to develop a sense of responsibility.

In this column, I mentioned these things, because Christianity not only emphasizes the value of individual freedom, but it seeks from beginning to end to encourage the individual to accept his responsibility toward God and toward his fellow-man, freely and without undue pressure from anyone. The price of neglect is the loss of the fruit of freedom.

A sense of responsibility can be increased and developed in the life of any normal individual, and a College is an excellent "developing ground". Whether we fight or not isn't the ultimate answer to the question of "Will democracy be saved?"—for freedom can only be maintained, indeed, can only be regained when a vast majority of the people of this nation proved that they can work out their own destiny with the help of God; that they will accept personal responsibility, rather than yielding that privilege to a precious few.

## As the World Turns...

By DR. AL B. NELSON

A new wave of propaganda from Germany and her satellites may be expected in the next few weeks. This will have a two-fold purpose; in the first place it is needed as a cover for the failure to destroy England before winter weather, and its secondary purpose will be to screen Germany's plans for the future.

The announcement of the alliance between Japan and the Axis powers was a psychological blunder upon their part. It brought about no real change in the actual state of affairs but it is a real aid to the United States and England in revealing the real hatred and hostility which these nations expressed toward the U. S. The open threats will force the United States to draw closer to England.

An immediate reaction to this unconcealed Axis hostility was the announcement from Washington of the formation of an Atlantic fleet of the United States navy. The new fleet will be composed of some old battleships, reconditioned world war destroyers, some new ships recently launched, plus some merchant and pleasure boats purchased for naval use. It was stated that the Pacific would be maintained at full strength.

Mr. Wallace, vice-presidential nominee on the Democratic ticket (though a life-long Republican), recently charged Willkie with leading the party of appeasement. This is interesting in view of the fact that Willkie is the only one of the four chief candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency who has served his country as a soldier in time of war. He has also been outspoken in his opposition to appeasement.

In speaking of appeasement news, it is curious to note that there has been a great increase in shipments of oil and oil well supplies to Russia from the U. S., and Russia is believed to have largely increased shipments of oil to Germany. We are attempting to influence Russia to adopt a more friendly attitude toward us. Additional gasoline and oil is still going to Japan to power her warplanes.

There are two good articles in the latest issue of COSMOPOLITAN magazine. One of the articles reveals fifth column activities in the United States and the other, by Stuart Chase, discusses our relationship with the Latin American countries.

## BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

The Aggie way of doing things is the best way!

The fellow who said that Aggie Spirit is "Just another college tradition" is like the one who thinks the sun might not rise tomorrow morning — he's wrong. Bring him around sometime, and if he spends the daylight half of twenty-four hours on the A. & M. campus, he'll soon learn that this thing called Aggie Spirit is as much a part of a Texas Aggie as is his heart.



Fuermann

The Aggie religion—whatever it is—is a pretty good one. So is any religion that preaches a doctrine similar to the Aggie way of doing things. Let a single cadet be in distress and the whole corps of the world's largest men's college is staunch behind him. And there's 20,000 former students who stand just as ready to do their share and have their part in the Aggie way of doing things.

It all got started back in 1876 when 107 students became the first Texas Aggies... The first to live according to the Aggie way of things... The ones who laid the foundation for the now world-famous Aggie Spirit. Gathright to

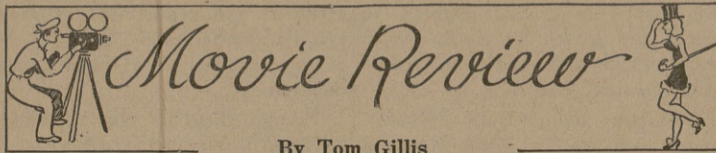
Walton, 13 A. & M. presidents have watched the 64 year growth of an Aggie Spirit that is without parallel anywhere else in the world.

It reached a climax last May when an Aggie needed help. George Stidham was his name. He broke his back in an accident. He was working his way through college and had no money for the expensive treatment necessary to save his life.

George was immediately taken to a Houston hospital and placed in care of a specialist. Three days later a check for \$1,200 was deposited in A. & M.'s Fiscal Department to take care of the injured cadet. The money came from the corps—the result of a three-day drive for funds.

George was in bed for three months. Then he began to walk a little; his condition continued to improve. A few nights ago another chapter in the history of Aggie Spirit was closed when George appeared at yell practice and thanked the corps for what it had done.

"True to each other as Aggies can be" are words famous to any Aggie or anyone familiar with "The Spirit of Aggieland." Those words have a real kick in them. They're the heart of the Aggie way of doing things.



By Tom Gillis

The Aggies not able to attend the San Antonio game have been plentifully supplied with good movie entertainment for the weekend and they won't be able to go anywhere within the next two days and not see a jam-up good show.

Tops for the whole list is "ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS" from the Pulitzer Prize play by that name. Old homely Raymond Massey plays the masterful part of the Emancipator, and such a good job does he do that you really think he could be Abe himself. Gene Lockhart plays the ambitious Stephen Douglas whose political career clashes with Lincoln's all the way through the picture.

To tell the story would be to give a 90 minute biography of Lincoln's life up to the time he became president. The picture presents him as a man whose destiny sought him out and forced him to go upward, not as an ambitious man who chased his destiny down and then rode over it. Although he was raised in ignorance, his homely philosophy enables him to get the better of any situation, as you will note in the show. This feature is unqualifiedly recommended to all as being a picture not to miss, regardless of the time and trouble necessary to see it.

The midnight show at the Campus has beautiful Irene Dunn again in one of her comedy roles. "MY FAVORITE WIFE" is the feminine counterpart of the old Enoch Arden story; this time Irene comes home to find hubby Cary Grant married to another woman. Not even her children recognize her

and refuse to talk to her because she is a stranger. A hotel farce is part of the script as Cary takes his second wife on the honeymoon and wife no. 1 comes to the same hotel. Two high spots for comedy in the show are when Cary finds that Irene has been wrecked on an island for seven years with husky Randolph Scott whom she calls

### WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Saturday 12:30 — "ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS," starring Raymond Massey, Gene Lockhart, Ruth Gordon, and Mary Howard.

Saturday 6:45 & 8:30 — "FOUR SONS," with Don Ameche, Eugenie Leontovich, Mary Beth Hughes, Alan Curtis, and George Ernest.

Monday 3:30 & 6:45 — "TIL WE MEET AGAIN," featuring Merle Oberon, George Brent, Pat O'Brien, Geraldine Fitzgerald, and Binnie Barnes.

AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday — "LEGION OF LOST FLIERS," with Richard Arlen, Andy Devine, and Ann Nagel.

Saturday midnight, Sunday, Monday — "MY FAVORITE WIFE," starring Irene Dunn, Cary Grant, Randolph Scott, and Gail Patrick.



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by DON HEROLD



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## BRAIN TWISTER

Here is a problem for freshmen who are beginning their college mathematics.

A man had three sons. When he died, he left seventeen horses and willed them to these three sons. In his will he specified that the oldest boy was to get one-half of the horses; the middle son was to get one third of the horses and the youngest son was to get one-ninth of the horses. When the boys attempted the division of the horses and found that it would not work, the quarreled.

A wise neighbor rode up and the boys appealed to him to settle the dispute. The neighbor was able to give each boy his correct share. How did he do it?

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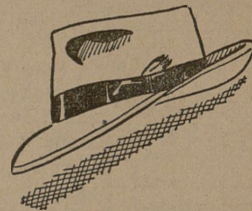
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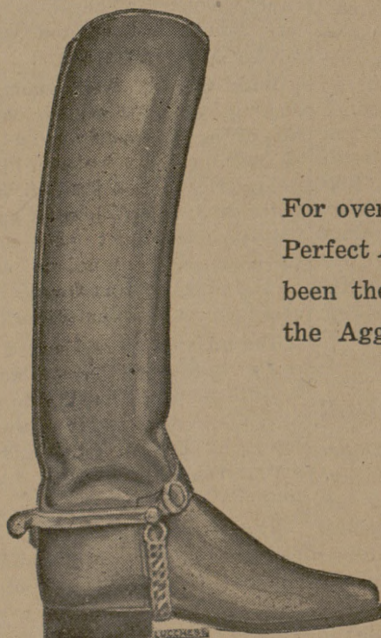


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