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Selective Service Already

FOR ONCE the United States has an organization working that doesn't spend its time arguing in red tape waist deep. The innermost parts of the Selective Training and Service Act are working with lightning speed and with amazing efficiency.

This movement has gathered momentum so fast we can hardly realize that Wednesday (this coming Wednesday) is the day for registration.

War has been a current topic of thought and conversation for over a year, but never before this has it been on so close or as personal a basis. Three thousand miles of ocean have soothed our war nerves. We have talked preparedness and cussed Congress for their delay, but somehow we didn't really expect anything to come of it. Now that it is here and hitting so close to home it is hard to grasp its full significance.

It has been estimated that over 100 boys in this school will have to register under the act. The figure is astounding. The Registrar is having to call in extra help to register them all in one day.

The way the Selective Training and Service Act works is by lottery as was done in the last war. Each local registrant will be given a definite number. It is contemplated that each area will have 3500, more or less, registrants, so the serial numbers will run from 1 to 3500.

The number 1 man in each district will not necessarily be the first man called. But a number will be drawn in Washington and that man in each area will report for training. The rest of the numbers will then be drawn and an "order" list will be posted so each man can know when he will be called and can make plans to that effect.

To prove the government means business, the penalty for failure to register is five years in the penitentiary or \$10,000 fine or both. That any local boys will be locked up is doubtful, but the reason for the clause is to give the bill enough teeth so that the government can deal with its known dangerous subversive-activity men. However, those who fail to register may find themselves in a spot explaining their whereabouts on the day of October 16.

Decatur Is Oldest

DR. FREDERICK EBY, professor of the history and philosophy of education at the University, is the authority quoted in the current issue of the Texas Weekly that Texas has the oldest junior college in the world. This is something of which Texas may well be proud, and men who realize what some of the problems of higher education are for the masses today, no doubt are proud of the fact that the state has pioneered the kind of institution that may give some of the future answers for the successful education of the ordinary young man and woman of Texas.

The junior college, that small and very valuable institution in the educational program, it seems will prove to be the best assurance that MORE young men and women will be given the opportunity and benefit of higher education.

In its fifty years of service Decatur Baptist College has rendered a service of which nobody can measure the scope. It, just as many other little junior colleges like it, has rendered a service that cannot be measured. It serves as a model for what our future state college system may well be in order to solve and better provide education for those who can get one now as well as provide a way for more students in the future to get a college education.

The greatest service rendered by this oldest junior college in the world is that it has provided thousands of young men and women in Wise County and other surrounding counties the opportunity for two years of college work that otherwise they would not have received. The same is true of any other little junior college in Texas. The only reason that Decatur Baptist College's service has been greater is that it has just been here longer.

Many of the young people who went to this college and others like it in Texas never received any further college training; others who attended them were given the incentive to go and do further. Those who have attended these little colleges have seen some of the great changes these colleges have wrought in some of the men and women who have attended them.

In these little colleges you won't find proms, you won't find fraternities, you won't find bars, and you won't find too much of that Joe College-Betty Co-ed atmosphere. Through the instruction found in these little schools there has emerged many a man and woman who have gone on to make better citizens by the simple fact of having attended them.

The financial buffetings of Decatur Baptist College have been less severe than some of the other junior colleges of the state, some of which have gone down under the strain of lack of support. It has reason to be proud that it has weathered the

storm and still exists to give the benefit of its instruction to the students of its community.

The State and our educational system will one day take cognizance of the value of this type of school in our higher educational system.

—Daily Texan

OPEN FORUM

(Editor's note—This article was written to a junior track man who was the subject of another article written and published in The Battalion in a past issue. For obvious reasons the cadet upon whom the charge was made has withheld both his name and the name of the business man concerned.)

I was both surprised and annoyed at reading Mr. Lasley's statement. I am afraid that in his college spirit and enthusiasm he has misinterpreted the facts.

It is true I picked up four Aggies at Marlin, and it is true that I asked you to drive for me. It is also true that you accepted one dollar for that service.

However, Mr. Lasley does not state that you first declined to accept payment. Nor does Mr. Lasley state that it was only when I insisted that you took the dollar.

It is true you were driven to Hall No. 12. But here again the fact has been misinterpreted. You did not ask to be driven there. On the contrary, I asked you to drive wherever the boys wanted to get out. I did this because I wanted to see some of the campus.

I hope Mr. Lasley will retract his damaging statements because you are perfectly innocent of breaking any of the school's traditions.

FRANK LOVING PRESENTS:

I Heard the Preacher Say

By REV. R. L. BROWN
Pastor, First Baptist Church

The long experience in living with and working for A. & M. students has impressed me with the fact that there are certain things that we must consider, if we would live a successful life. There is a desire in the heart of everyone to be a success. No one wants to be, or intends to be, a failure. If we would be successful as a student, business or professional man, we must keep three things before us.

First, there must be a worthy purpose. This purpose must be held on to with fingers of steel and we must refuse to be side-tracked at any point. We must have a purpose not only while in college but for the duration of life. A Chinese girl was being led to execution for her beliefs. As she left the court, she turned and said to the judge and jury: "I am dying for a cause — What are you living for?"

There must be a worthy program for your life. A purpose will not mean very much unless it is translated into a great and challenging program. We should not be satisfied with present attainments but should seek to go forward in our climb toward success. If we are ready for the next task, we must master the task in hand. We can never be a successful Senior until we have mastered the requirement of the other classes. The question that faces each one is "Are you prepared for the next task?"

There is one other thing that we must consider if we would be a success. There must be a worthy goal. Do you desire to be the best "Fish", Sophomore, Junior or Senior? Are you dreaming of being one of the finest and best young persons possible—One who will be worthy to join with another worthy young person in the establishment of a home?

This goal can never be realized unless we are physically fit, mentally pure, and morally clean.

The question that faces all of us is—Are we willing to pay the price?

As the World Turns...

BY DR. AL. B. NELSON

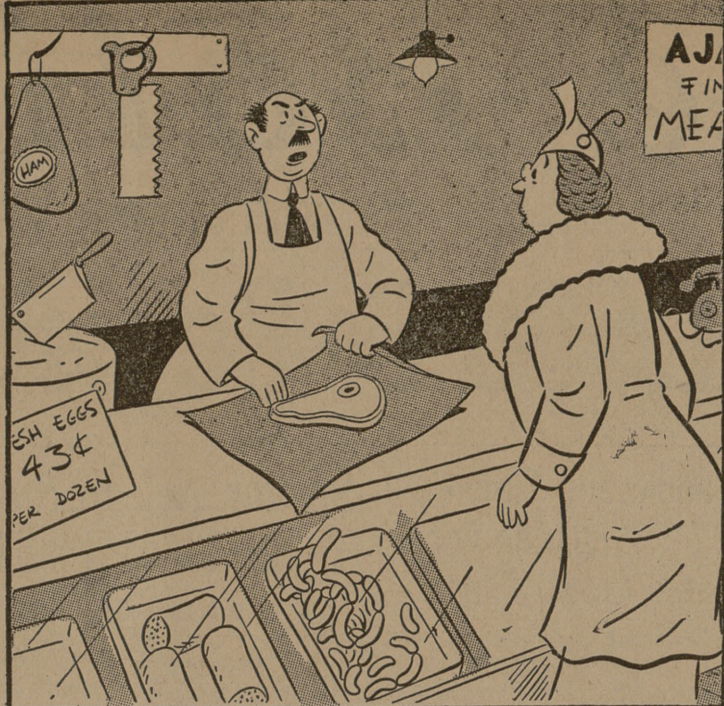
The Department of State has advised all Americans to get out of Japan and the Far East as soon as possible. This is not a command as yet but it is evidence of the gravity with which U. S. officials regard the situation. The British government followed suit by advising its nationals to go home. So far both moves are purely precautionary in so far as is officially admitted.

The United States has stopped all shipment of subsidized grain to Japanese held ports in the Far East. This means that the U. S. government has ceased to pay part of the cost of feeding the Japanese armies fighting in China which it has been doing to the present time by means of its grain export subsidy.

Reports from Washington indicate that the army and navy officials are extremely dissatisfied with the leakage of confidential military information through congressmen. The system works in this way; congressmen request confidential information to guide them in their committee work and when it is obtained release the secret data to the newspapers just to gain a little personal publicity and to make the voters realize that they are in the know.

The conflict in the Department of State between Secretary Hull and Undersecretary Sumner Welles is likely to come to head soon. Sumner Welles is reported as desiring a policy of appeasement in the belief that Japan will settle down and be good neighbor, while Hull is said to prefer a bold front and meet force with force if need arises.

Freedom of Speech as a constitutional right was upheld by a three judge Federal court this week in the Ford Motor Company dispute with the N.L.R.B. The Labor Board had denied the Ford Company the right to explain its attitude and beliefs or unionization of the plants to its own employees. The Federal Court upheld the right of free speech and is a triumph of constitutional liberty. The decision will no doubt be appealed to the Supreme Court but it is impossible that even the present new deal Supreme Court could decree otherwise.



"No, I don't have any scales. You'll have to take my word for it!"

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

Once Over Lightly . . . Although there will be no advance in prices for Tuesday night's world premiere of Aggie News, Campus Theater owner Ben Ferguson has been offered as high as \$5 for two reserved seats . . .



Fuermann

There's a difference: It was September 30, 1915, that a Houston newspaper carried an item which read, in part, "Dr. Bizzell, president of Texas A. & M. College, said the college was starting the year with an enrollment of 1030 students, the largest enrollment of college history." . . . Baylor University's boy-debutantes have come more than a few salutations where Texas Aggies are concerned. Mike Speer, a recent visitor to the Waco campus, was met with "Hello Kimbrough college." The usual greeting, though, is "Hello messenger boy," but that sort of thing has been pretty well stopped since and Aggie recently came back with, "Howdy conscript, I'll be seein' YOU in the ranks!" . . . Quoth an A. & M. math prof, "I wouldn't trade my wife for an Irish Setter." . . . Unique: the feature of the Fish and Game Club dance tonight which provides for "unescorted girls" to take care of the stags. . . Highlight of the past Wednesday night—where Aggies are concerned—was the weekly Kay Kyser broadcast which included the playing of part of "The Aggie War Hymn."

Vanilla.

Bill Hardin, salesman for the Dallas branch of the National Theater Supply Company, is telling one of the best stories now going the rounds on that city's Theater Row. It seems that an exhibitor in the College Station vicinity sent in an order for some popcorn seasoning. By mistake, billboard paste was sent instead. All went well until a few weeks later at which time the Dallas firm received another order from the exhibitor. This time, however, there was an attached letter which read in part, "Please do not send the same brand of seasoning as was sent last time. Customers were not altogether satisfied."

History.

Twenty-five years ago an item appeared in the Bryan Daily Eagle in respect to preparations then under way to handle the huge football crowds expected that season. The item read, "Ground was broken today for the new bleachers which are to be erected at Kyle Field at the A. & M. College to accommodate the horde of football fans who will witness the struggle between A. & M. and the University of Texas on November 19. An attendance of 7000 persons is anticipated at this game and seats will be provided for 6800. In addition, there will be standing room for several hundred along the gridiron fences."

The Sorcerer's Apprentice. The Town Hall appearance of the U. S. Marine Band last week was significant for more reasons than fine music. The matinee concert furnished the only blight on the day's program—no water was provided for the band's members while they were in Guion Hall. Not wanting a recurrence of the tragedy, student manager Paul Haines asked assistants G. W. (Buddy) Ramsel and Joe Miller to go to one of the mess halls and get the water. Fifteen minutes later the two came back and asked Paul for six or eight men to assist. Dumbfounded, Paul stepped outside and there, to his amazement, was a truck with eight 20-gallon containers of ice water. Quizzically turning to his assistants, Paul asked them how big they thought the band was. "Oh," Buddy replied, "We thought you wanted enough water for the entire audience!"

Telegrams.

Just before press time your correspondent received two telegrams—one from the corp's self-styled "All-American hitch-hiker," Keyes Carson, and one from Head Yell Leader E. R. (Buster) Keeton.

Proving the truth of his claim once again, Keyes arrived 10½ hours ahead of the team—and, at that, he left two hours later than the team, stopped off to attend a former students' banquet in El Paso, and slept six hours en route.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Saturday 12:30 — "TY-PHOON," starring Dorothy Lamour, Robert Preston, Lynn Overman, and J. Carroll Naish.

Saturday 6:45 & 8:30 — "IT ALL CAME TRUE," featuring Ann Sheridan, Jeffrey Lynn, Humphrey Bogart, Zazu Pitts, and Una O'Connor.

Monday, Tuesday — "THE MORTAL STORM," with Margaret Sullivan, James Stewart, Robert Young, and Frank Morgan.

AT THE CAMPUS
Saturday — "THE RETURN OF FRANK JAMES," starring Henry Fonda, Gene Tierney, Jackie Cooper, Henry Hull, John Carradine, and Donald Meek.

Saturday midnight, Sunday, Monday — "PRIVATE AFFAIRS," starring Nancy Kelly, Robert Cummings, Hugh Herbert, and Roland Young.

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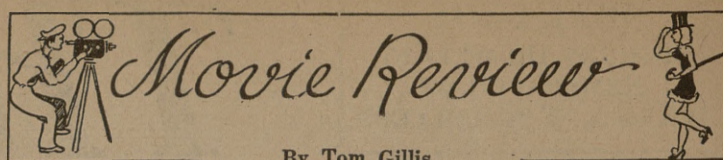
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ON THE AIRPORT ROAD

Frank Simon



By Tom Gillis

The fact that the World Premier of Aggie News is going to be sarong and the back shows all here at the Campus theater on October 14 is the biggest movie headline that have hit this campus in many a moon. Not even "Gone With The Wind" would be of more interest to the Aggies because the Aggies themselves are the actors in this show. The movie editor was privileged to witness a sneak preview of the first showing of Aggie News and it was far beyond expectations. The sound had not yet been put in, but the photography is so near professional in quality that it will be undistinguishable from that of a regular newsreel. The shots include registration, the A. & I. football game, fish drill, college night, and other activities.

There are a lot of credits to be passed out for this production that are too numerous to mention here, but the staff certainly deserves a pat on the back for such good work. This newsreel is full size and well photographed and is truly remarkable for the first of a series of student productions. The few small defects that do appear will of course be corrected as the staff gains experience. "The March of Time" had better watch out because Aggie News is beginning its march and it certainly is getting a running start. Besides the preview Tuesday night, the newsreel will be run with the feature at the Campus on Wednesday and Thursday.

Dorothy Lamour has been the object of severe criticism from her fellow actors in the movie colony because she has shown a good deal of her body and no dramatic ability in her pictures. "TYPHOON" is another example which will go a long way to prove that they are

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL BROADCASTS BY HUMBLE

Saturday, October 12
A. & M. vs. U. C. L. A.
from LOS ANGELES: 4:20 p. m.
KERN TIPS, Announcer
WOAL San Antonio (1190 kc) KPRC, Houston (920 kc) WFAA-WBAP, Dallas-Ft. Worth (800 kc)

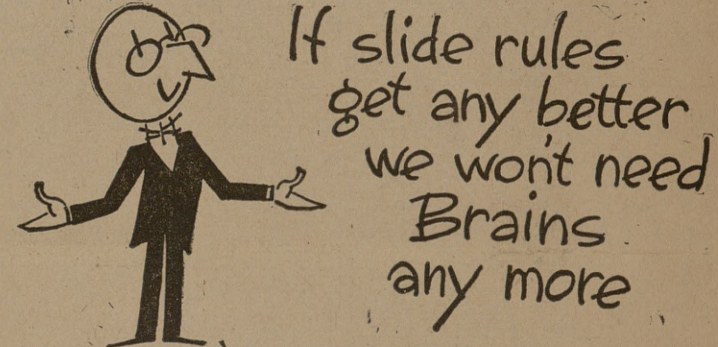
BAYLOR vs. ARKANSAS
from PAYETTEVILLE: 2:20 p. m.
VES BOX, Announcer
WRR, Dallas (1280 kc) WACO, Waco (1420 kc) KABC, San Antonio (1420 kc) KTEM, Temple (1370 kc)

S. M. U. vs. PITTSBURGH
from PITTSBURGH: 12:50 p. m.
DAN RISS, Announcer
KRLD, Dallas (1040 kc) KTRH, Houston (1290 kc)

TEXAS vs. OKLAHOMA
from DALLAS: 2:20 p. m.
CY LELAND, Announcer
KGKO, Ft. Worth (970 kc) KXYZ, Houston (1440 kc) KTSA, San Antonio (550 kc) KRGV, Waco (1260 kc) KNOW, Austin (1500 kc) KRLS, Corpus Christi (1320 kc) KFDM, Beaumont (560 kc)

RICE vs. L. S. U.
from HOUSTON: 8:05 p. m.
HAL THOMPSON, Announcer
KPRC, Houston (920 kc) WOAL, San Antonio (1190 kc) WFAA-WBAP, Ft. Worth-Dallas (800 kc)

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