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## Man, Your Manners

BY I. SHERWOOD  
 Vitamins and Manners

Bad manners in eating certain foods will not hinder our vitamin intake but if our manners are bad they may make of us objectionable table companions.

**Artichokes:** With the fingers remove and eat one leaf at a time. Dip the soft end in the sauce or melted butter, then bite off the lower part of the leaf. Put the remainder at the side of the plate. When you reach the choke, if it hasn't been removed, scrape out the prickly fuzz with a knife, and eat the heart with a fork.

**Asparagus:** Is best eaten with the fork, starting from the tip. Either stop when you reach the tough, stringy part—or you may pick it up if you do it gracefully.

**Bacon:** Never pick it up in the fingers. Use your fork.

**Bread:** Take a roll, muffin, biscuit, cracker, slice of bread or piece of toast with the fingers. Place on butter plate if there is one; if not, on your place plate. Break off approximately a mouthful, butter it with the butter knife if there is one, or with the main course knife if there isn't. Hold the bread on the edge of the plate while buttering it. Don't lay a whole piece flat on the palm for buttering.

**Butter:** All breads, hot or cold, griddle cakes and waffles, and corn on the cob are buttered with a knife; vegetables such as potatoes, rice, cut corn, etc., with the fork.

**Cake:** Firm cake not having sticky icing may be picked up and eaten in the fingers by breaking off a small piece at a time. Soft and gooey cake is eaten with a fork. Large cookies are broken into smaller pieces and eaten with the fingers.

**Canapes:** These are appetizers consisting of squares of toast, bread or crackers on which various mixtures are spread. Those that are sticky or odoriferous are eaten with a fork; the dry, hard or odorless ones picked up but not eaten in one bite.

**Celery:** Take celery with the fingers and place on butter plate, if there is one, or on the place plate. If the stalk is long, break it in half. Put salt on butter or dinner plate, then dip celery in it. Never dip it in salt dish or in salt on tablecloth.

## As the World Turns...

BY DR. R. W. STEEN

THE JAPANESE MINISTER, MATSUOKA, is visiting in Berlin. He arrived last week for the purpose of being convinced by Hitler and his associates that the war is practically won, and that active intervention on the part of Japan would bring it to a speedy conclusion. So far the luck of the Axis has been terrible. Matsuoka arrived in Berlin in the midst of a celebration acclaiming the signing of an agreement with the Axis by Yugoslavia. But before the ink on the agreement was dry the Yugoslav government was overthrown, and a new regime set up. Now that work must be done all over again, and this time it may have to be done with something other than diplomacy. To make matters worse for the Axis the Italians at Cheren abandoned that post after holding out for seven weeks, and at the same time the British won other victories in Africa. Finally, the Italian fleet put to sea with the usual result: Only a part of it got back. The fleet had the misfortune to meet some British warships, and when the smoke cleared away it was discovered that three Italian cruisers and two destroyers had been sunk. All of this should be quite encouraging to Matsuoka and highly pleasing to Hitler and his friend beyond the Alps.

The condition in Yugoslavia is serious. Germany can hardly stand the loss of prestige that will come if the little country withdraws from the Axis block, yet there may be no way of forcing it back in without resorting to arms. An attack on Yugoslavia would of course be the signal for a general Balkan war, and that is something Germany has hoped to avoid. The German lines of communication would have to extend through several hundred miles of hostile territory, and the mountains of Yugoslavia would be far less suitable than France and the Low Countries for the operation of tanks and other motorized units. Then, there is always the enigma of Russia. Stalin has made no announcements, but there are rumors that a German invasion of Yugoslavia would put the friendship of Russia and Germany to a severe strain.

The session of the legislature is about half over, and as yet not much of importance has been accomplished. A few acts have been passed, and of course many others are making progress in the committees. No means has yet been agreed upon for raising the additional funds that are generally agreed to be necessary for the proper operation of the government and its numerous agencies. The governor still works for the transactions tax, while the House continues to favor the omnibus tax bill. At present it seems that the governor's plan has no chance of passage. The House bill, perhaps in a modified form, will doubtless be the means of providing additional revenue.

Antelope milk is of better quality than cow's milk, according to Dr. J. B. Hagg, agricultural chemist at Oregon State College.

Rensselaer Polytechnic institute is planning to build an astronomical observatory.

Iowa State college holds the national dairy products judging championship for the second year.

Sixty-seven per cent of University of Cincinnati students come from Cincinnati homes.

Cadets at The Citadel, South Carolina military college, daily consume 1,730 quarts of milk.

Beginning enrollment in Spanish is up 40 per cent at the University of Vermont.

## BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

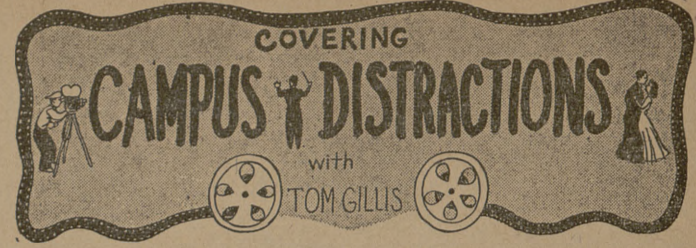
Concerning Orchestras . . . The middle-western outfit; opened for first tabulation of Backwash's 1941 orchestra poll will be released in Thursday's column. Committeemen, including Carroll Cooper, Bob Alexander, George Mueller, John Kellis, Dan Grant, Joe Snow, R. B. Pearce, and Howard Wilson, met last night and tabulated results for the mid-point of the social season . . . Although the committee met after the column went to press, the writer feels that Bernie Cummins and Boyd Raeburn will have a nip-and-tuck race for the No. 1 spot, that Bill Carlsen has a cinch for third place leaving Maestro Russ Morgan last place . . . Back of Morgan's failure to satisfy the corps was the unfortunate accident which put four of his men in the hospital previous to his A. & M. engagement and which destroyed almost all of his instruments . . . This is all speculation, of course, and the findings of the committee are the ones which will be listed as the corps' official rating of the bands and singers—the list which is picked-up at the end of the season by the various musicians' trade magazines from all colleges—but Thursday's column will probably show the singers rated something like this: Nova Coggan at the top, Jeri Sullivan second, Lois Lee in the No. 3 spot and Phyllis Lynne last—which is only a guess . . . The final tabulation will be taken previous to the Final Ball and, naturally, will not include the orchestra contracted for that event.



Fuermann

W. G. Carlsen  
 A hundred-fold more popular than George Hamilton's band, which maestroed last year's Engineer's Ball, Bill Carlsen and company satisfied the Engineers all the way and was popular with cadets at Saturday night's corps dance.

The smallest name band to play here this year (10 men, two vocalists and himself), Bill is little known in Texas; is principally a



Your chance to see an Academy Award winner in action is in "THE PHILADELPHIA STORY." For his role in this show, James Stewart got the precious little Oscar, and the Academy doesn't pass out those little statues to many ham actors. And the show contains not only Stewart, but Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant.

Katherine's role in this movie is straight down her alley. The producers knew it and gave her a good deal of say-so in how her picture should be run, because she is the mainspring of the story. To fit her straight and logically minded woman role, Katherine acts as an in-human woman would. She figures that mind and will power control the one's actions, and hers are perfect. Thus she refuses to tolerate faults in anyone else; as described by her father, she has everything to make a lovely young woman except an understanding heart.

As a smug society divorcee, Katherine is about to marry her second husband when hubby No. 1, Cary Grant, and a cheap-paper magazine reporter, James Stewart, appear on the scene. She has a little too much champagne one night and goes swimming with Stewart. Husband-to-be thinks this is awful; husband-who-was thinks it is fine; and reporter Stewart gets lots of good pictures and copy on spoiled uppercrust society.

There is a treatise on high society in this picture and you can see its effect by noting Stewart's attitude toward it when he enters the picture and when he leaves it. The reporter comes in grumbling about the privileged class but leaves thinking they are fine fellows. The human interest in the well developed characters helps put the show over, but it really doesn't need any help. It is plenty good.

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**"Snow Man" - News**

### WHAT'S SHOWING

#### AT THE CAMPUS

Tuesday & Wednesday—  
 "GIVE US WINGS," featuring the Dead End Kids, the Little Tough Guys, Billy Halop, Bobby Jordan and Wallace Ford.

#### AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Tuesday 3:30 & 6:45—  
 "COMRADE X," featuring Hedy Lamarr, Clark Gable, Oscar Homolka, Felix Bressart and Eve Arden.

Wednesday, Thursday 3:30 & 6:45—"THE PHILADELPHIA STORY," starring Katherine Hepburn, James Stewart, Cary Grant, Ruth Hussey, John Howard, Roland Young and Virginia Weidler.

## Assembly Hall

3:30 and 6:45

Last Day



A KING VIDOR PRODUCTION with Oscar HOMOLKA - Felix BRESSART - Eve ARDEN  
 Screen Play by BEN HECHT and CHARLES LEDERER Produced by Gottfried Reinhardt

News - - Crime Doesn't Pay Presents

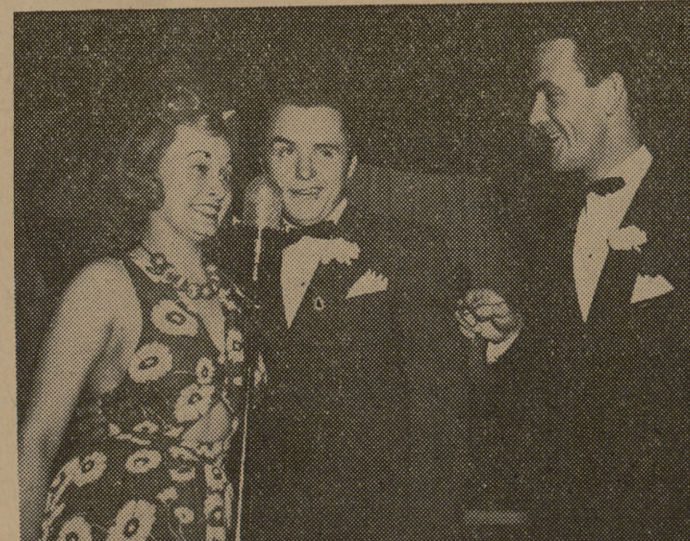
"You The People"



Wednesday - Thursday, April 2-3

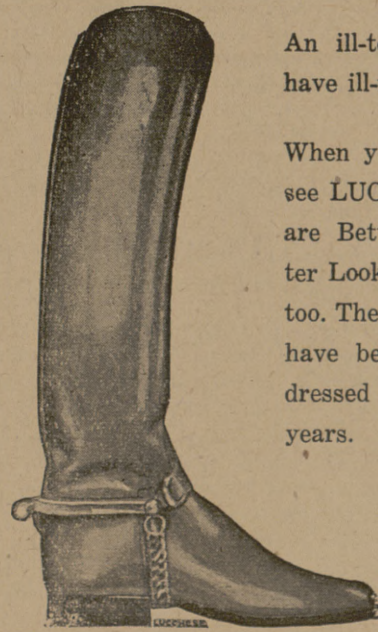
3:30 & 6:45 Each Day

Shorts - - Pete Smith in "Sea For Yourself"



This Backwash photo, by The Battalion's ace photographer Phil Golman, shows Lois and Micky dueting with Maestro Bill standing by.

## Juniors, Be Personality-Wise



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## Quotable Quotes

"NO ONE WILL DENY that the world today presents a sorry spectacle of international turmoil and domestic uncertainty. But to conclude that we who believe in education and religion are victims of a pleasant delusion, seems to me quite unwarranted. Rather should I say that in the past neither education nor religion has had a fair chance to show what it could accomplish for human welfare, and that in the future we shall need more rather than less of both. I say this because the disease from which humanity is suffering seems to me to be one which only education and religion can ever hope to cure." Dr. Franklin Bliss Snyder, President of Northwestern University, doesn't believe that education's future is entirely behind it.

"I hold with Archibald MacLeish in believing that unless the lag between university scholarship, research, and education, and their application to the urgent and foreboding political and social problems of our democracy, is greatly shortened, we shall see our democratic institutions seriously shaken, if not destroyed. I believe that American education forces as a whole owe something to American advertising for having found out how to communicate swiftly, graphically, wholesomely and stimulatingly to the nations as a whole." Macy executive Paul Hollister doesn't think the world is going to beat a patch to education's door.

Twenty-three different uniforms or combinations of uniforms are used at The Citadel.

"The chaos of modern civilization can scarcely be attributed to acts of God. The structure of human society is not rotten but sound. It is the defective utilization of human culture that lies at the bottom of our present trouble. The most exigent task in education today is the appraisal of the biological and consequent social capacity of the individual so that his proper niche—if any—can be found and he can be stuffed into it." Harvard University's anthropologist, Dr. Ernest M. Hooten, presents his own blueprint for Utopia.

"In Europe, even as in this country now, loyalties to family, region and church thinned out and were replaced by one huge national loyalty. This is one of the causes of Europe's present state." Harry B. Gideonse, president of Brooklyn college, sees the lack of private loyalties as a serious drawback to the United States.

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