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On a More Beautiful Cambus

THE A. & M. CAMPUS is becoming more beautiful with every step taken by the Landscape Art department under F. W. Hensel. Their latest effort in in the area.

This place has formerly been one of the eve-sore spots of the campus, as far as its beauty was concerned, but one that nearly every campus visitor saw. All who ate in the old mess hall or saw the president's home nearby could note the bare appearance of the graveled mess hall entrance. Aerial photographs of the campus clearly show its former bleak appearance but the situation has now been remedied.

Neat shrubs outline grassy plots of ground between the concrete walks leading to the entrance. Since the placing of the fountain in Saunder's Park by the Class of '38 and the proximity to the president's lawn, the area which was once bare can now be shown as one of the campus beauty spots. Places like this and the east gate entrance give visitors a much better opinion of our campus and make it a more pleasant place for those that are here every day.

On Being a Leader

"HERE'S YOUR GOLD BAR. Now you are a leader of men." That is what is about to happen to 500 or more seniors this summer. Leaders of men-that's quite an assignment to pick up on short notice, because leading men is an art. Some men are born with the gift; others spend a lifetime and never learn the knack. In connection with this subject, one of the

best discussions on record was made as an address by Lieut. Col. C. A. Bach at a training camp at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, in 1917 just before our country's entrance in World War I. Though made 24 years ago this speech is still applicable. Basic Caeser and Alexander the Great—they apply now and they will apply as long as men prowl the face tion is full of disappointments." The bottlenecks of the earth. Human nature is always the same. Exerpts from Col. Bach's speech appear as follows:

"In a short time each of you men will control the lives of a certain number of other men. You will have in your charge loyal but untrained citizens, who look to you for instruction and guid-

"They are perfectly ready and eager to follow you so long as you can convince them that you have the qualities of a leader. When the time comes that they are satisfied you do not possess them, you might as well kiss yourself goodby. Your usefulness in that organization is at an end.

"Your commission will not make you a leader; it merely makes you an officer. It will place you in a position where you can become a leader if you possess the proper attributes. But you must make good-not so much with the men over give up his well paid job to work for the Governyou as with the men under you.

"Men must and will follow officers who are not leaders, but the driving power behind these men is not enthusiasm but discipline. They go with doubt and trembling and with an awful fear tugging at their heartstrings that prompts the unspoken question, "What will he do next?"

"Such men obey the letters of their orders but no more. Of devotion to their commander, of exalted enthusiasm which scorns personal risk, of their self-sacrifice to insure his personal safety, they know nothing. Their legs carry them forward because their brain and their training tell them they must go. Their spirit does not go with them.

"Great results are not achieved by cold, passive unresponsive soldiers. They don't go very far and they stop as soon as they can. Leadership not only demands but receives the willing, unhesitating, unfaltering obedience and loyalty of other men; and a devotion that will cause them when the time comes, to follow their uncrowned king to hell and back again if necessary.

"Leadership is the composite of a number of qualities. Among the most important I would list self-confidence, moral ascendency, self-sacrifice, paternalism, fairness, initiative, decision, dignity, and courage."

In a blanket decision, 575 co-eds at Pennsylvania State college lost their one o'clock date privileges for skipping a compulsory mass meeting.

Behind the Trophy Case

A TROPHY IS MERELY A TANGIBLE bit of evidence of an accomplishment, a goal reached, or an award won. The trophy itself is perhaps a valuable piece of silver or gold, but the thing that the trophy stands for is the honor to be remembered. Our Aggie trophy case in the Academic building is full to overflowing with awards for every conceivable accomplishment, but the events that they commemorate are what makes this school great, not the mere possession of the trophies.

There are approximately 85 memorials of one kind or another on display there-some with beautiful modern streamlined design, some tarnished plaques, tall columns, and felt pennants. Some of our trophies were won by the past actions of Aggies for outstanding achievements in football, competitive drills, rifle team, track, judging teams. And these trophies are by no means all that the history of this school contains. Each department and military office has a few more stuck around their walls

Not the cups themselves but what they stand for are the things to consider when passing that glass case. The names of past Aggies engraved as teams on some of the memorials are entirely unfamiliar to us now, yet the things that those boys achieved have made this school and all its glory. Take time to stop by that case sometime between classes and consider what stands behind those laurels, the efforts some Aggie made to win them. The achievements are rather impressive.

Don Gabriel A Noble Objective

A WORLD STUDENT SERVICE FUND is being raised in the colleges and universities of this country to be used as the name implies, to aid students in other parts of the world. As students themselves, we should be interested in its objectives and progress. and also as students, we are being asked to aid the fund in its work.

We understand the positions of students in the that direction is to landscape the bare space in front war countries of today. The universities of China of the old mess hall by placing grass and shrubs are practically non-existant, or are unable to provide books and equipment for even such students as have been spared by the army service. In the European war countries, intellectual freedom has been suppressed and the universities closed or bombed. This situation, deplorable as it is, has not reached its full effect on world conditions, nor will the full effect be reached until the reconstruction period following these wars. The problem is that there will be no educated leaders to rebuild torn countries or again direct a peaceful society. The raw materials of this leadership is present in the young students but they are deprived of the facilities for developing knowledge or leadership.

For the noble purpose of raising funds from among American students for providing materials and teachers for the youth of Asia and Europe, this World Student Service Fund has been organized. The fund is touching this campus in its drive for funds through a benefit show under the sponsorship of the Y. M. C. A. No one will deny that the objective is worth any assistance which we might be able to give, for we too will live in the era of reconstruction. Our future dealings with these countries in international politics will be influenced by the good will created by such assistance, and by the educated leaders in these countries which remain after the

As the World Turns...

BY DR. AL B. NELSON

BEFORE THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT a few comin' in. . . . Make no mistake, Besides that. Senator Backwash days ago, David Lloyd George, world war prime though. The writer wouldn't care sounds pretty good. Now, all the minister of the British Empire, mildly voiced the to do this thing unethically. writer needs to announce is a few time of view of many Americans as well as Englishmer when he stated that the "American war organizaof the American effort are not



plants and in three Hudson plants. These strikers, even those of military age, are exempt from the draft call to active service on the ground that they are in essential industries. While they strike for higher pay, a famous baseball player has been drafted into the army (at a cost to him of nearly \$50,000) the

so much in the technical phases

as in the political control of in-

dustry, and in the failure of the

politicians to control the labor sit-

strike in all the General Motors

The C.I.O. has called for a

director of the New York Stock Exchange had to ment (army draftee) at twenty-one dollars per month. The strikers, however, delay the defense preparations, endanger the safety of the nation, and get higher pay than before. The new battleship WASHINGTON has been

commissioned. This ship, together with her sistership, the North Carolina, are the first vessels of the new two ocean super navy to be launched. Both were begun well before the present emergency situation was recognized by the politicians in power.

France is seemingly on the verge of joining Germany in outright war on England. German planes are already using French air bases in Syria for their attack on the English in Iraq and the Nazi's are expected to use French North Africa as a base for attack on Gibraltar and for a submarine campaign in the South Atlantic.

Immediately following the intimation of the new French policy of cooperation with the Germans, President Roosevelt ordered guards aboard the French passenger and merchant ships tied up

in ports of the United States. Legislation has passed both houses of congress authorizing the President to take over all of the foreign merchant ships which are lying idle in our ports. This makes possible (as soon as the President signs the bill) the transfer of these ships to the British as replacements for a portion of those sunk by submarines.

Student council at Fairmont (W. Va.) State college is sponsoring a swing band.



"If you're so in love with Myrna Loy why didn't you buy seats in the orchestra?"

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or oc

George Fuermann

The Last Backwash-As nursed by labor strikes; a hasty farewell to G.F.'s by-line . . . Putting one little Hitler's agents and particularly to

naire staring the writer in the dent for the first time. filed as a candidate to fill the man. So move over boys, Backwash is like this.

Postcards, Please

By no means!

Which is to say that yours truly Thirty is open to a postcard-push. Backwash, be it known, is willing to run on no mere drop of the hat. Senatorship, Backwash bows-out Upwards of 20,000 postcards, tel- under its current by-line. egrams, telephone calls and letters

Backwash's purpose has been will be incentive-enough—if they and will be—to act as a mirror of Aggie thought and opinion . . . come within 24 hours.

something else again.

Roommate has suggested a basic Make no mistake. Without the plank of free beer at all town cooperation of the great A. & M. would be a little contrary to Mr. have been possible. That's a tru-Shepherd's work and too little in ism without denial. the best interest of national de- The class of '41 is almost his-

brother Hitler and associates. Where home problems are con- to come.

cerned - vigorous action to end That's all for Backwash. .

By Murray Evans

ancient vintage.

Mexico between notes.

MUSICAL MEANDERINGS

Lowell Riggs, clarinetist with newly elected leader for next sea-

the Aggieland orchestra three se- son, is practicaly turning cart-

mesters back, will return to A. wheels on account of rounding out

& M. in September. Riggs will be his reed section with this valuable

For the past year and a half, he adapted to radio work, and it's no

has been with Bud Nelson's or- trick at all for him to turn out a

chestra, a hotel band, in Albuquer- whale of a good thing in the way

que, New Mexico, and has been of a complete script-and in an

remembered for his fine clarinet addition, come September

attending the University of New amazingly short time.

word after another for a few his constipating propaganda organ, "Facts in Review;" a continued tnousand Texas Aggies these past two years has been an assignment industries and, as said before, just successive nights ciates. with Rita Hayworth, Sally Rand

and Lady Godiva. No Snuff

.. And now, with the last Backwash roundup at hand aganda purposes is downright sin- when he is promoted and given a and with almost ful, but politics is politics and raise. a thousand class- Backwash's overseas cap is going For the benefit of the World mates about to be into the ring a trifle late-just Student Service Fund, "COME slapped with an one broadcast ahead of the gover- LIVE WITH ME" will be shown at initial brand in- nor.

dicating their The truth will out in the mud of night. Hedy Lamarr and James status as Aggie- the campaign, so the writer adexes, the writer has come—at last mits in advance that he doesn't use necessary to plug holes in awk--face-to-face with the facts of snuff, is broad-minded about baby ward silences when 'programs go life. What with the story being kissing (preferably U. T. coeds), haywire. unfolded about the bees and the is an ex-watermelon thief and has flowers, a mile-long draft question- as yet to be a distinguished stu-

state legislature to the effect that state want is a good country Sen-Dorsey featured his best seller Texas U. is just before installing ator. They talk about putting a "I'll Never Smile Again," as done an R.O.T.C. branch and the God- business men into office—what we by Frank Sinatra and the Pied like flight to Siotland of Mister really need is a good, honest, un-Pipers.

Hess, yours truly has all of a sud-corruptable newspaperman, and Alth den realized that he hasn't even Honest John Backwash is your atop Broadway's Astor Hotel,

post of the late Senator Morris Of course the fact that the writ- lywood again, and if he does he Shepherd. . . . With a laxative er is not age-eligible to serve in will probably commute between salesman, a goat-gland specialist, the Senate is a minor point. We'll Catalina Island and pictures. a collector of old tin cans and half get the Constitution changed! a dozen other all-American candi- They've been changing it for everydates, there ought to be room for thing else and Backwash's motto at least one alleged journalist. . . . is whole-hog-or-none on a thing

thousand post cards.

But, as Josh Billings once said, "Don't hold your breath!" . . .

And so, with a bid for a U. S.

Now, as to a platform, that's the famed Twelfth Man. That's what it will always be.

squares, but that sort of thing cadet corps the column wouldn't

tory, and it's a class which will The platform sounds something make more history than any other since the turbulent days of 1917. As far as the current world con- It has been a great class and a flict is concerned-jost any old part of a great institution. Watch thing which will gig hell out of for the Texas Aggies to be redletter men in the hell-torn days

Aggieland has ever had. Pearce,

Too, like all of the announcer

COVERING By Tom Vannoy The Campus is showing "BUCK Hedy is a refugee from Austria

Charles Bover and Margaret Sul- be good. "Back Street" is an emotional bly Hall Monday and Tuesday. treat, and will tear at your heart Robert Montgomery is the Engstrings with its reality and pa- lish mill owner; Ingrid Bergman. thos.

average American working man typical of Hollywood's "whodunis "THE GREAT MR. NOBODY" its", "Rage in Heaven" is just at the Assembly Hall today at so-so. 12:45, 6:45, and 8:30, Concerning a newspaper advertising salesman easy to take . . . Fact is, it's been any old thing which will gig hell so to sail around the world on a as much of a pleasure as dates on out of brother Hitler and asso- pleasure cruise, Eddie Albert plays the leading part. Joan Leslie furnishes the necessary feminine counterpart. Of course, Eddie has some unbelievable good luck and 15¢ to 5 p.m. Using this last column for prop- everything comes out all right

the Assembly Hall at 10:30 to-

Tommy Dorsey, who made such a hit for himself in "Las Vegas Nights," is wanted for another face, an announcement from the But what the people of this Nights" is the picture in which

> Although slated for the summer Tommy may yet decide to go Hol-

Stewart do the principal roles. PRIVATES" for the last time to- who must get married in order day. As has been said, it will to remain in this country. She cause a riot of laughs at Abbot wants to marry Ian Hunter, a puband Costello and invoke admira- lisher, but instead pays James tion for the vocals that the An- Stewart to be her spouse. The last drews sisters do in the picture. scene is purported to be the best "BACK STREET" is booked for in the show when Hedy imitates the midnight show tonight, to- a firefly by flicking a flashlight on morrow, and Monday at the Cam- and off to show that everything pus. Taken from Fannie Hurst's is all right. "Come Live with Me" famed novel, it is listed as one of is light and pleasingly delightful. the best pictures of the year. And with Hedy, anything would

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livan turn in some excellent act- A story of an English steel-mill ing about the love of a woman for owner who found that his wife was a married man, who lives only for in love with the chief engineer the few stolen moments of bliss of his plant, "RAGE IN HEAVwith the one man in her life. EN" will be shown at the Assem-

new Swedish star, is cast as his The story was filmed in 1932 wife. George Sanders is the enwith Irene Dunne and John Boles gineer who falls for Ingrid and in the leading roles, but this re- causes so much strife. Robert befilming makes it almost new again. comes a trifle eccentric and tries The rather fantastic tale of an to kill George. A murder mystery,



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and also sax take-offs, and for John Rosser, WTAW chief, is 'Rage In Heaven' his ability to play any tune in any no duffer when it comes to throwkey whether it be of recent or ing together scripts. He has a line of wit and originality especially

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