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War Training Expands

The ever increasing tempo of World War II has already begun to play a more important role in the United States. Within the past few months, the productive facilities of this country have been undergoing a great change. More and more of America's productive capacity is being diverted from private channels into the production of vital war materials.

The United States has taken a definite stand in the present conflict. Aid to those countries fighting Hitler is flowing in ever increasing quantities across the oceans to England and Russia. On the home front, the emphasis on national preparedness continues unabated. The armed forces, both the army and the navy, are receiving additional manpower and much needed essential weapons.

Modern warfare has greatly changed the army. What was once a relatively simple military organization designed primarily to fight on land and at a slow pace has been dramatically changed. The modern army is a highly coordinated organization bringing into play rapidly moving armored forces, new weapons, and a closer cooperation with the air force.

This change was brought home to A. & M. last week with the announcement of the expansion of the Signal Corps unit here. With the modernization of the army a tremendous need has arisen for trained communications personnel. There exists at this time a distinct need for more trained officers. To partially meet this need in the future the Signal Corps unit here has been expanded so that freshmen in most branches of engineering are eligible to join the Signal Corps. Formerly membership in the Signal Corps was limited to those student enrolled in electrical engineering.

Indicative also of the increasing complexities of present day warfare was the announcement that liberal arts students who are minoring in modern languages are also eligible for service in the Signal Corps. They will be used for non-combatant work as cryptographic specialists. To meet this need a special course in cryptography will be offered by the English department.

An excellent opportunity exists here for all interested freshmen to join the Signal Corps if they believe that experience gained in the communications service will help them in later civilian life.

This much is certain that he that commands the sea is at great liberty, and may take as much and as little of the war as he will

—Francis Bacon.

Statehood for Hawaii

A recent survey of the American Institute of Public Opinion was concerned with the possibility of statehood for Hawaii. Response indicated that of those persons polled, something like a majority of two-to-one favored the passage of an act by Congress admitting the island possession of this nation into the union as a full-fledged state.

Interesting enough Hawaii has asked for admission into the union as the forty-ninth state, with a vote of two-to-one for admission.

The question of statehood for Hawaii is one of whether or not this nation should admit as a state a territory which is physically not a part of this continent. Hawaii lies some 2,100 miles away from Los Angeles, in mid-Pacific. The nearest land is 2,000 miles away.

Hawaii has come to consider herself "a state without statehood." So closely is she allied with the government of the United States, so completely is she American in progress that students at the University of Hawaii, for example, speak of this nation as though it were perhaps 20, not 2,000 miles away.

Americans should be proud of that fact. We should appreciate, as a symbol of something infinitely worthwhile in a world at war, this feeling and expression of faith in America, this admiration of her as a nation, this desire to be a governmental part of her.

The fact transcends the fact that she lies 2,100 miles from our western boundaries. We should like to see Hawaii admitted as the forty-ninth "United State," to see the

American governmental philosophy extended westward, to see a state which has expressed a desire to become affiliated with this nation become actually a governmental unit of this country.

Perhaps this "annexation" will come about in the course of time.
—The Daily Iowan (ACP)

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

If you should go to your room and find your roommate introducing a couple of chairs in an informal manner, don't stop him, maybe he needs the practice, for, after all, practice is the only way to acquire ease or skill in making introductions; if he is doing it in the proper informal style he will say, "Grace, this is John Brown, a senior here at A. & M.," then add, "Grace Jones, John".

Just reading how to make introductions won't help much, but it is well to know the rules before you can acquire skill in the accepted forms for introductions.

There are, in general, three kinds of introductions: introductions between men and women, introductions between members of the same sex and introductions of an individual to a group. One rule, without exception, is: mention first the name of the one to whom deference is being shown. Always introduce a man to a woman (mention the woman's name first), a younger woman to an older woman, a younger man to an older man a person of lower rank to one of a higher and the less distinguished of the same sex to the more distinguished. Introduce the person to the group by mentioning his name first.

The formal introduction is: "Miss Brown, may I present Mr. Smith?" You may substitute, "May I introduce". The response is always the same, "How do you do", but you may add the name if you wish.

Quotable Quotes

"No attention at all has been paid to requests that instructors be deferred (from military service), and it is almost impossible to recruit teachers of engineering. As a result, while we are asked to train more engineers, we have fewer teachers to conduct the classes." Harrison C. Dale, president of the University of Idaho, urges that college instructors of draft age be deferred from selective service.

"Greece is starving but firm in her loyalty to the principles for which she fought. The question is how long this passive resistance can continue among a people hungry to the point of death." Dr. Minnie B. Mills, president of Pierce College for Girls at Athens, brings a first-hand view of subject Greece, warns her people are "apprehensive of the future."

He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression.
—Thomas Paine.

The World Turns On

By Dr. J. H. Quisenberry

Editor's note: Three points of view are presented in "The World Turns On," a column in which three members of the college staff discuss current national and international topics. Dr. R. W. Steen presents an historian's interpretation of events; A. F. Chalk considers world affairs from an economist's angle; and Dr. J. H. Quisenberry interprets present day affairs from a scientist's point of view.

Science like music is universal and may, if its laws and methods are applied, serve as the basis of international cooperation. It must be admitted that the scientific approach has been rather successful in the fields in which it has been used. The methods of science are applicable to all fields of human endeavor, both public and private. Unfortunately such methods are too little used in the solution of problems of human relationships. As evidence of this we have only to note the confusion that exists in the fields of economic sociology, and ethics; our inability to agree upon any plan to bring us out of the depression through which we have passed (or have we?) and to avoid the occurrence of others.

In recent months development of defense industries and the withdrawal of draftees have put millions of unemployed back to work, increased the weekly working period for others, and increased tremendously the demand for services and goods which mean greater returns to those with such to sell. In spite of this, prices have begun jumping at a mad pace to the point of demanding inflation, followed eventually by deflation or bankruptcy and back into the "slough of despond" again.

These are facts which experience have taught us. An appeal to reason would indicate the futility of allowing this to happen again. What better opportunity exists for the application of the methods of science to the solution of this fundamentally important economic problem?

Science as applied to human relationships is best considered as an attitude or way of thinking, characterized by freedom from bias and prejudice. Thus considered, the major purpose of science becomes understanding. Education is the basis of understanding. No "defense" can be stronger than that based upon understanding.

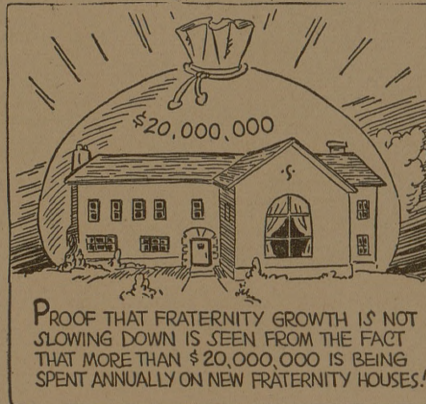
Successful democracy, which we are committed to defend, and the scientific attitude then become inseparable.

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PROOF THAT FRATERNITY GROWTH IS NOT SLOWING DOWN IS SEEN FROM THE FACT THAT MORE THAN \$20,000,000 IS BEING SPENT ANNUALLY ON NEW FRATERNITY HOUSES!

BACKWASH

By Charlie Babcock

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

On The Editorial Side . . . Never will it be the policy of Backwash to incite opinion against the general welfare of the corps. This is a space devoted to the interest and benefit of A. & M.

With those facts in mind, it is well to proceed to the item at hand. For generations, men have passed through the portals of Aggie-land. Throughout all that time, there has been one inherent trait in the hearts of all Aggies—a deep interest in "the other fella."

Aggies are people with a ready smile and hearty handshake for everybody. They like to meet other people.

Every once in a while, an Aggie can be found who won't speak or doesn't desire to know anyone. That's the situation that exists in the Freshman Class today.

With the dormitories in their present crowded condition and freshmen being forced to live in corps headquarter dormitories, the problem of orienting new students to the Aggie way of living is becoming acute.

It will require a united effort of every man in the corps . . . not just the freshmen alone . . . to correct this laziness that is eating its way into the ranks of the "98 per centers."

The formula is simple. Just requires a smile and a grip of the paw. Let's make a concerted effort in that direction for the next couple of weeks.

Safety Champ

He was given a \$2000 scholarship to any college in the United States . . . so he selected Texas A. & M.

That's the case of George Wallingford, Coast Artillery freshman from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Wallingford won the scholarship by becoming the runner-up in the National Ford Good Drivers' Contest held in Detroit, August 21-25.

Wallingford seems to like it here, but he was probably much happier when he was qualified for the national competition last July 1 by winning the Oklahoma state exam.

In between the beads of sweat that he pours over his petroleum engineering books, Wallingford often wonders why the winner of the same contest, Kenneth Karr of Iowa, never fulfilled his intentions of entering A. & M. this fall. Karr was awarded a \$5000 scholarship.

The Way Of Things

Election of Dick Hervey as Senior Class prexy makes it the second year in a row that Company K, Infantry has contributed a Senior Class officer. Howard Shelton was the vice-president last year . . . Decisive was the decision of a Cuban lad who flew to A. &

M. this summer with the hopes of entering school. The flight back was forthcoming when it was discovered that the proper high school credit were not available . . . Held over from Registration Day: "I don't know whether I want to buy one of those tickets or not. Why, I don't even know where Town Hall is . . . is it in Texas?" Prognostication Department: Attendance at yell practice will jump when shifted to Goodwin hall.

AERO CLUB

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and S. Staley; junior class, J. W. Adams and R. S. Hallam; sophomore class, H. Crossland, W. Cressup, and D. Saunders; and the freshman class, A. E. Sager, who has already been elected.

Classified aeronautical engineering students are eligible to become members of the society, and complete information on the requirements can be obtained at the voting desk. Only those students who are members of the society and have paid their dues for the present year are eligible to cast votes for the officers.

A. R. Sager was elected representative of the freshman class and will represent the freshman class on the executive council.

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"ROAD TO ZANZIBAR" is to be shown at the Assembly Hall today and tomorrow. Bing Crosby, Dotty Lamour, and Bob Hope are the outstanding players in the show. Crosby and Hope have done a good job. Bing's vocals are as good as ever, and Hope's cracks just right. But we can't say the same for Lamour, she of the famed sarong. Maybe it is that she doesn't wear one in this picture. Her acting just lacks the finish and polish that it really ought to have.

Bob and Bing are in Africa trying to make enough money by hook or otherwise, to get back to Birch Falls, wherever that may be. Here enter Lamour and Una Merkel, who put up some unbelievable to separate the boys from their money. As long as Crosby and Hope are by themselves the show is fine, but when Dotty enters she detracts greatly from their acting.

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