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They Say

A. C. Payne

A lot of words are being thrown at us nowadays, emphasizing everybody's need of "more security." Indeed, from the platform as well as from the press, the word carries a dangerously sacred tang. It is almost becoming a misleading shibboleth. In this age of youth movements, Townsend plans, and Veterans of Future Wars, it is well that we slow down a moment to keep from getting our cerebrum wires crossed.

Let no man construe this warning as a doctrine of reaction or even as a plea that we return to the sentimentality of the "good ol' days." It is merely a restatement of the paradox that all dead men aren't in their graves.

Security is by no means a panacea for all our political headaches. In fact, history will remind us, I believe, that the more privileged and complacent groups are always the ones which are most lined up against the principles of a democratic spirit.

Security breeds intolerance—and don't think that the age of martyrs is limited to the past.

Security encourages softness, and this trait has seldom contributed to fundamental greatness.

Security leads to pride, and that usually "goeth before" the proverbial downfall. (Remember the turtle and the rabbit?)

Security destroys individual discipline; Esau sold a promising future for a temporary bowl of soup.

The writer of Ecclesiastes was more than a sophisticated pessimist. He was sometimes even wrong. We don't really believe that "a living dog is better than a dead lion"; we prefer Patrick Henry, who believed that life without liberty could be worse than death. Just as we choose Nathan Hale to Benedict Arnold, our feelings are more for the prisoner, Martin Niemoller, than for the French traitor, Petain. We want to do more than exist; we want to really live. Even if it makes us occasionally satisfied, security isn't easily associated with an adventurous life.

This belief isn't new, but it has always been difficult to accept. It was reintroduced over 1900 years ago by a Man, we are told, who hadn't even the security of a place to lay his head. "He that loseth his life shall find it," he said, and only those who lose themselves in some noble venture or worthy cause ever really discover themselves developing a greater personality—happy in the realization that they're striving for a distant ideal.

Quotable Quotes

"There is an evil greater than war and that is human slavery. Either you go down in dishonor or you put forth all your effort in this moral crisis." Eduard C. Lindeman, professor of philosophy at New York School of Social Work, denounces American non-interventionists.

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

There are many parallels between the career of Hitler and that of Napoleon. It may be that Hitler will finally be defeated in a manner similar to that of Napoleon. In Russia he has gained a vast amount of territory, and has won some impressive victories, but has not yet defeated Russia. Discontent in the conquered countries seems to be growing, and will doubtless become more pronounced during the winter. A major factor in the defeat of Napoleon was his inability to put down discontent in the countries which his armies overran.

The careers of the two conquerors also differ in many ways. One difference of great importance to America is her own position with relation to the two. In 1812 this country declared war on Great Britain, and thus became in fact an ally of Napoleon. In this war America is definitely against Mr. Hitler, and America will doubtless play a much more important part in the outcome of this war than she did in the outcome of Napoleon's war.

Mussolini's chief propagandist has just announced that the Italians will make their victories appear greater than they are. Most Americans were of the opinion that the Italian air attack on a British convoy last week seems to be a case in point. The Italians claimed the destruction of three cruisers, three transports, and several smaller vessels. The British Admiralty, whose reports have been far more reliable than those of the Italian news agencies, insist that no vessel was sunk, and that the only damage was to a battleship which was hit by a bomb. To translate a bomb hit on a battleship into a great victory in which three cruisers and three transports were sunk requires a considerable amount of imagination.

The president and his advisers have decided not to ask for outright repeal of the neutrality act. Instead they will repeal it piecemeal. The first move will be a request for permission to arm American merchant vessels. This permission will probably be granted by Congress, and will then be followed by requests for additional modifications. By amendment and by interpretation the act will soon come to be a dead letter, and American will again be asserting the doctrine of Freedom of the Seas.

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BACKWASH

BY Charlie Babcock

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

San Antonio or Bust . . . Getting a good start in the football wars is great, and that's exactly what we are going to do tonight. Aggie spirit is at the boiling point. Typical of the feeling of the corps is the remark we heard back of Leggett a couple of days ago, to wit: "Sure I'm going down to San Antonio, and I'm going to stop off at Austin on the way and take a look at Memorial Stadium—and then go on down to the Alamo city and yell my lungs out" . . . Word drifts up from Houston that Aggie's 1939-40 cadet colonel, Woody Varner, has been called to active duty . . . Temporary plans are to have the YMCA picture show moved to Guion hall this weekend in preparation of opening night there next Tuesday. In addition to the regular bill of fare, several special features will be served for opening night patrons . . . Definition: A split second is that portion of time that passes from the time the light turns green until the car behind you toots its horn . . . Orchids: The fourteenth man in the United States to be awarded the International Poultry Science Fellow plaque—D. H. Reid of our own poultry science department.



Babcock

Life Is Like That

Iceland—a land of cold adventure—a place where there are three or four former Aggies stationed in Uncle Sam's armed service.

A recent letter from one of the Aggies—Captain Ray Murray, '35, of the marine corps—carries the information that Iceland is not a beautiful country. He says that the sun shines night and day, causing the temperature to stay fairly high.

Murray's correspondence continues: "One of the men in my company was a freshman at A. & M. last year. I asked him why he didn't go back this year, and he told me it was because he couldn't get the dormitory room he wanted. He is now living in a hut with 13 other men."

Down the Alley

A bowling carnival with \$50,000 in cash prizes. That's the big news from the basement of the local YMCA, the sponsors of the 1941-42 Brunswick Bowling Contest.

Everybody has a chance at the 20,346 prizes being offered—everybody from beginners at the alley game on up to the experts.

Rules of the contest are many. The same is true with the way to win.

The first in a series of 6 nine-day contests will get under way today at the Y. You might be a winner.

This Collegiate World

—ACP

Well, at any rate this educator tried to scale the heights.

Dr. A. D. Fraser, University of Virginia archaeologist, wanted to examine an old stone mill at Newport, R. I., in an effort to ascertain its disputed origin.

Newport firemen let him take a fire ladder so he could climb over the mill wall, but just as he started to do so police came along and halted him.

"We don't even allow Harvard and Yale boys to go in," said the police, explaining there is a long-standing rule against permitting anybody in the structure, which some believe was built by Vikings centuries ago.

And then there's the case of Ohio Wesleyan University, which selected the wrong "typical" students when preparing a picture booklet on its activities.

The photos were taken last spring. The front cover of the booklet shows a co-ed who since has "flunked out" of school and a boy who has transferred to Case College.

Freshmen co-eds at Massachusetts State College have been advised to "wear a girdle unless you're a veritable slyph—the day of hip-swinging siren co-ed is gone."

A booklet of advice published by Isogon, senior honor society, and written by Kay Tully of Southbridge and Mary Donahue of Newburyport, advises not only how to dress but how to act.

On "dating" a major portion of the booklet, the advice is to "hold

onto your kisses 'til you find somebody you really want to give them to.

"Don't forget that boys talk about girls . . . and if you 'neck' with one man, all his 'brothers' will know it soon.

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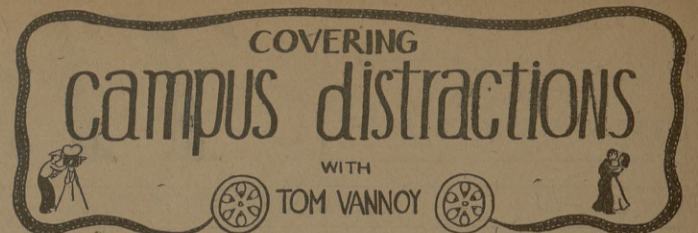
"HIS GIRL FRIDAY"

with ROSILAND RUSSELL CARY GRANT Plus DONALD DUCK SHORT—NEWS

PREVUE TONIGHT SUNDAY, MONDAY



Also DISNEY CARTOON SHORT—NEWS



A very true-to-life story is "PENNY SERENADE" at the Campus Sunday and Monday. Here is the story of a couple who face the hardships of life, its blows and setbacks, in a manner that is bound to leave an impression on you for quite some time. The couple is Irene Dunne and Cary Grant.

Cary is foreign correspondent in Tokyo for an American newspaper. Eventually they return to the States and buy a small town paper for their own. The couple adopts a baby. This is the touch that makes it truly representative of American life. The whole story is filled with all the tragedies that beset human beings, presented in such a manner that you will like it immensely.

Both of the stars have done some fine work on this show, continuing their previous records. Edgar Buchanan in the character role of "Applejack," the printer, is

good also.

On the side of the comedy we offer "THE LADY EVE," to be shown at the Assembly Hall tonight. Here we have Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda each trying to catch the other in a lover's snare. Henry, long noted for his character roles of folks such as Tom Joad in "The Grapes of Wrath," is a millionaire's son who dresses in the latest masculine fashions. And Barbara doesn't do such a bad job for herself either, as a "glamorified" card shark.

All in all, "The Lady Eve" is just about at the top as far as non-sensical comedy goes.

There will be no show at the Assembly Hall as scheduled for Monday or Tuesday afternoon. This week-end all the projection equipment is to be moved from the Assembly Hall over to Guion Hall, site of the new Y theater. The premiere in Guion Hall is set for Tuesday night when "Loce Crazy" starring William Powell and Myrna Loy will start the new location off with a bang.

Prices at the Campus and the Assembly Hall have advanced five cents this week. The cause is the new defense tax that went into effect Wednesday. All admissions over ten cents carry a ten per cent (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday—"HIS GIRL FRIDAY," with Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell, and Ralph Bellamy.

Saturday Prevue, Sunday, Monday—"PENNY SERENADE," starring Irene Dunne, Cary Grant, and Beulah Bondi.

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Saturday—"THE LADY EVE," featuring Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda.

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