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Mess Hall Cooperation

The appointment of a student committee to coordinate the functions of the corps and of the mess hall is a forward step in establishing better relations between the students and the mess hall.

The increasing demands of national defense have made the job of the mess hall doubly difficult in serving the corps. An example of this can be found in the announcement that there was a shortage of paper napkins. No napkins were available in southern warehouses and additional shipments were not expected until November 24 or later.

Formed as a representative group of students and representing both mess hall areas, the committee is charged with coordinating the corps and the mess hall. All students desiring to comment about the mess hall should get in touch with members of the committee.

Cooperation of the mess hall system in this plan was signaled when J. C. Hotard, director, said, "We want you to know that we are for and with the boys at all times and would like for them to bring their problems to us."

Now that this committee has been formed, use it to your advantage.

The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence. He inspires self-distrust. He guides their eyes from himself to the spirit that quickens him. He will have no disciple.
—Amos Alcott

Open Forum

Graduates of A. & M. have shown time after time, by their success in their respective fields, that A. & M. produces men that are just as capable and well-trained as the graduates of any other college in the nation. However, at the present time there is no way for students at A. & M. to gain national recognition by the national honorary associations.

These associations have become so well established that to the general public anyone not recognized by one of these associations is simply not as good as one who is. Thus a student who has a good scholastic and service record at A. & M. is lacking in the eyes of one who is not familiar with A. & M.

In an actual case, cited by an Aggie Ex-student, when three men were considered for promotion, the employer was prejudiced against the Ex-Aggie, because he was not recognized by the national honorary association of his field. Thus Aggies are being deprived of something.

We know that our men are as good as others, but to the eyes of others this recognition means much. This situation could easily be remedied by the establishment of chapters of these national associations here at A. & M. Such a valuable change should surely be made.

Geo. C. Sumner, '42
Dan N. Hendricks, Jr., '41
Brad Hardie, '42
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Quotable Quotes

"For the past ten years we Americans have been interested in our government, but just for what we could get out of it. We will work our heads off for our particular selfish interest—tenure laws for teachers, more rights guaranteed to labor, or greater freedom for business from government control. But what is everyone's business, the general welfare, is seemingly no one's business. No society can hope to survive today where the tangible evidence of citizenship are so superficial, individualistic, and negative. "The du-

ties and responsibilities of American citizenship should be extended to require every person sometime during his or her life to make a contribution for service to the general welfare of the nation. Such a requirement should extend over peace as well as war times.

This service need not be military for a majority of Americans. The program should be broad enough to include service for women as well as men. The most extended service should come for the majority of citizens in their early twenties and might well be a period of realistic education as well as a contribution to the general welfare. In keeping with democratic principles, the citizen should be given a reasonable range of choice as to how and when he might serve." W. Seward Salisbury, professor of government and sociology, State Normal School, Oswego, N. Y., calls for American duties to Match American privileges.

It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt.
—John Curran

They Say

A. C. Payne

"After the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny, we hope to see established a peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries, and which will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want."

The foregoing statement is not taken from a Fourth of July oration. It is not a high-school student's essay nor an editorial from an idealistic college newspaper.

It is the promise of Uncle Sam! ? It states exactly the sixth point of the recent "Eight Point Program" of the English speaking world. Roosevelt and Churchill may not be mentioned in any of the books of prophesy, but there's an encouraging resemblance. Indeed, the age of prophets is not past. We need to recognize them daily, but it's very difficult to distinguish the truly prophetic from the numerous ones who will later be proven false. We have too frequently made our true ones, leaving it to future generations to commemorate their vision and courage.

The "Eight Point Program" speaks of "establishing a peace." That is a powerful plea. In the past we have complacently associated peace with submission and inactivity. It has suggested stagnation instead of dynamic idea.

We have always thought of "making war" and "keeping peace." Our responsibility now is to plan for translating the Eight Point ideal into a living actuality. We will do well to recall the last half of the fourth word in the seventh Beatitude. "Blessed are the peace MAKERS."

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

The British offensive in North Africa is now under way. It started a full month in advance of expectations, and seems to have taken the Axis forces by surprise. Reports from Cairo indicate that the British are using a force of 750,000 men fully equipped with tanks and planes provided by the United States. If these reports are true, then the British are not fighting for the simple purpose of opening a second front. They definitely intend to control Africa.

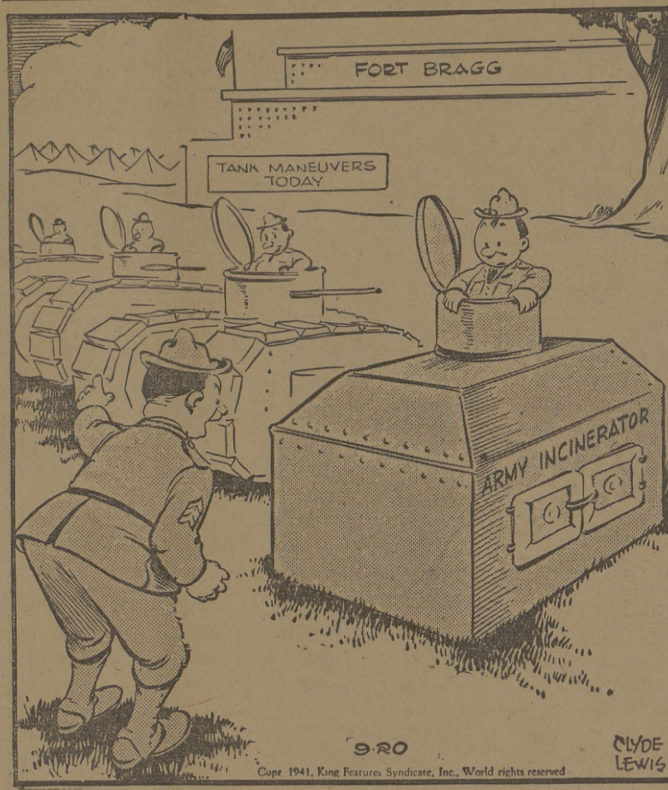
The fact that Britain attacked at this time indicates that they have complete confidence in the ability of the Russians to hold the Caucasus. The oil fields in this area are of great importance, and it is not probable that a British army of this size would strike out in the other direction if it seemed probable that the oil fields were to be lost.

The Vichy government has taken another step toward collaboration with Germany. General Maxine Weygand has been removed from his post as commander in Africa at the direct orders of Hitler, and his place has been taken by Admiral Darlan who has long been willing to take orders from Berlin and who is an avowed enemy of Britain. Nothing may come of this, but there is at least the possibility that the remainder of the French navy and the French colonial army will soon be in the war on the side of the Axis. Such a move would greatly increase the difficulties of Britain in the Mediterranean and would also make much more difficult the conquest of Africa.

The United States is doing all in its power to keep France technically neutral, and has gone so far as to threaten to break diplomatic relations. The French leaders undoubtedly have some fateful decisions to make. General Weygand in his farewell message to his African army said: "Remain faithful to your magnificent traditions and to Marshal Petain." It is difficult to see how they can do both. Incidentally, the African army may not be as good a fighting force as it was thought to be last year. Their supplies have doubtless deteriorated, and their spirit may be subject to question.

This is the last year of two Thanksgivings. Next year the entire country will go back to the day chosen by Washington in 1789. In one sense this is the first victory the Republicans have won since 1932.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"No, no, Buck! Over THERE!"

BACKWASH

BY Charlie Babcock

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

To the Point . . . Louis Schirm, Jr., of Los Angeles, California,

writes that his son, Michael (Company M, Infantry), waited until 12:40 p. m. one Sunday before leaving for school after a "week-end visit" home. Parent Schirm says, "Michael boarded an American Airlines plane here in Burbank last Sunday at 12:40 p. m., arrived in Dallas at 11:22 p. m. Sunday and writes me that he got back to A. & M. in time for the 6:15 rush call" . . . In 1881 an act was passed in the state legislature providing that three boys were to be picked from each senatorial district to attend A. & M. free of charge—with one and one-half boys taking agricultural work and one and one-half taking mechanical work . . . Eight former Aggies in the 756 Tank Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington, have made bets of not less than \$20 each that the Aggies will take the Longhorns next Thursday . . . Harold Ratliff, sports editor of the Associated Press in Dallas, wires his apologies for his recent claim in a sports story that Texas university was the originator of the slogan, "One at a Time." . . . If you have any spare issues of the October Agriculturist, the Student Activities Office will pay a price for them.



Babcock

That was some of Tom O'Reilly's sports talk about bowl bids. Seems that the PM is inclined to be pro-Southwest and pro-Aggie.

Will History Repeat?

The ancient Aggie-Steer rivalry has probably produced a greater string of upsets than any other similar football feud. For example, take the Turkey Day game of 1926 . . . we quote from the files of The Battalion:

Thanksgiving finally came. The cadet corps went to Austin on four special trains and staged another parade for the people of Texas. The day was almost ideal for a football game. The largest crowd ever assembled at a football game in Texas jammed the Memorial Stadium for the annual battle. Cadets romped on the field with an air of super-confidence. Feeling was that we couldn't be beat. Our season record was too impressive. The result is history now—Texas won 14-5. Enough said. Lightning can strike twice in the same place.

New York PM

S. B. Zisman, Department of Architecture, again supplies us with an excerpt from Monday's edi-

Random Remarks

By E. M. Rosenthal

For almost two months 6,500 loyal khaki-clad supporters of the Aggie football team picked up their Sunday morning papers to read banner lines about Texas university's "perfect machine" coming through with another super win. In small type in a not so obvious position would be another story, one of the less dramatic A. & M. victory.

Columnists, too, saw the games of the schools in a similar light. They would talk of Texas' superb game and down at the bottom of their columns would mention the fact that the Aggies also had played and incidentally won.

For a month and a half, A. & M. was the "also ran" of Southwest Conference football.

But now look at the picture. National radio broadcasts are scheduled to feature A. & M. and the famed cadet corps. Sports writers, though hesitantly, are beginning to realize that Aggie footballers accomplished a feat that has never been done before, acquire a share in three consecutive Southwest Conference crowns. Everyone is realizing that the "devil must be given his dues" because the Northerners have accomplished what was deemed impossible. The Aggies have come through.

Now, some students are beginning to wonder about all of this recognition. Will these "feared broadcasts," "giving the devil his

dues," and "accomplishing the impossible" have an influencing effect on Aggie level headedness? Will this abundance of adjectives cause the Aggies to become swell headed and overconfident? Perhaps, but not likely.

True enough, there is opportunity for every Aggie to say, "Well, we have the conference cinched because Baylor tied Texas after we mopped up on 'em, and T.C.U. finished the Longhorns and we didn't have any trouble with teh frogs." But Aggies are more sensible than this. They saw what happened last year.

Aggies all know that it is going to take determination, spirit, and anything but overconfidence to win Turkey Day. And when an Aggie sees such things as these so plainly you can bet your boots that he won't be confident of victory till the last whistle blows.

HEY, HEADING FOR HOME?

Start right and easy! Send your luggage round-trip by trusty, low-cost RAILWAY EXPRESS, and take your train with peace of mind. We pick-up and deliver, remember, at no extra charge within our regular vehicle limits in all cities and principal towns. You merely phone

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COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

Money, money everywhere! That is on the screen. Bank nights are illegal now so all money given away must be in the story and not actually present. The giving is done in "MILLION DOLLAR BABY" at Guion Hall tonight. Priscilla Lane becomes a member of the moneyed class with Jeffrey Lynn, May Robson, and Ronald Reagan helping to make the story still more interesting.

The old song, "I Found a Million Dollar Baby in a Five and Ten Cent Store," has at last found some use. It is the main idea in the show. Priscilla is a department store clerk who is bequeathed a million dollars to right a wrong done to her family several years before. All the trouble that being a millionaire bestows on a person is done right well by Priscilla and the cast. It seems that even marriages do not thrive too well on an abundance of the coin of the realm.

Something new and something different is the way the world keeps turning and making money. In the different line is the feature attraction at the Campus tomorrow and Monday, "HERE COMES MR. JORDAN," with Bob Montgomery, Claude Rains, Edward Everett Horton, and Evelyn Keyes. No doubt you have heard of the "Topper Shows" and their delightful entertainment. Here is a picture that puts "Topper" in the shade.

Montgomery is a prize fighter who happens to get killed in a plane crash and arrives in Heaven before he is scheduled to make an appearance. On returning to earth, they discover that his body has been cremated. So a new body must be found for Bob's body to occupy. Such a situation as this is bound to make for a picture that is entertainment and lots of it from the beginning to the end.

"REACHING FOR THE SUN" is the picture to be shown at Guion Hall Monday. Joel McCrea and Ellen Drew are the stars in the cast. A man's love for the great out-of-doors is the idea around which the show was created. Joel has a job in an assembly line of an automobile factory, but

Crypt-O-Quiz

Presented for the interest of readers of The Battalion by the Cryptography Club.

Quiz Conscious? Then try your skill at solving this coded message. The solution will appear in the next issue of The Battalion.

"B DSZQUPHSN JT B TZTUFN PG XSJJOH JO DJQ-IFS."

Solution of Crypt-O-Quiz which appeared in the last issue of The Battalion—"Absence makes the heart grow fonder."—Bayly.

he wants to take his outboard motor and return to the lakes of Northern Michigan and dig for clams once more. Around his struggle to get back to the outdoors the picture is made. But the story just hasn't got enough in it to make a good film. It could have been much better, but it isn't so there is nothing that can be done about it now.

Playing at the Campus for the last time today is "YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH" with Fred Astaire, Rita Hayworth and Bob Benchley. Music for the show was written by Cole Porter. Astaire has been drafted into the army, but the main attraction of the picture is the production scenes that rival some of those made in Hollywood's more lavish days. It is a top-notch musical comedy that outranks all the other stories about the service produced so far.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS
Saturday—"YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH," starring Fred Astaire, Rita Rayworth, and Bob Benchley.

Saturday prevue, Sunday, Monday—"HERE COMES MR. JORDAN," with Robert Montgomery and Rita Johnson.

AT GUION HALL
Saturday—"MILLION DOLLAR BABY," featuring Priscilla Lane and Jeffrey Lynn.

Monday—"REACHING FOR THE SUN," with Joel McCrea and Ellen Drew.

Campus

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LAST DAY

"YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH"

HAYWORTH — ASTAIRE

Plus NEWS REEL SHOTS OF T.C.U.-TEXAS GAME

PREVUE TONIGHT AFTER DANCE SUNDAY — MONDAY

Comic Complications Hit A New High!!

"HERE COMES MR. JORDAN"

Starring ROBERT MONTGOMERY We urge you to see this show from the beginning only. Shows at: 1:20, 3:34, 5:27, 7:41, 9:54

Plus MARCH OF TIME "NORWAY IN REVOLT" MOVIE TONE NEWS ALL-AMERICA TEAM, '41

GUION HALL

SATURDAY, 1 P. M.

Wayne Morris & Virginia Dale

in

"Quarterback"

— Selected Shorts —

SATURDAY, 6:45 & 8:30 P. M.

Jeffrey Lynn — Priscilla Lane

in

"Million Dollar Baby"