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his fundamental ideas. The Education of Henry Adams (actually his autobiography) will teach you a lot about the thought and culture of the late nineteenth century. Colonel Thomason's life of Jeb Stuart, the dashing Confederate cavalryman, is a painless sketch of the strategy and tactics of General Lee at the height of his success. Professor Baker's Life of Stephen F. Austin covers the formative period of our own state.

No list of biographies, of course, is complete without Boswell's Life of Johnson, which is really a collection of best conversations that were ever carried on in the English language, by a group of cronies which included Edmund Burke, David Garrick, the great actor, Oliver Goldsmith, the humorist and poet, and Sir Joshua Reynolds, the best of English painters. It is a liberal education all by itself. Plutarch's Lives of Famous Greeks and Romans is another old standby, filled with gossipy accounts (two thousand years old) of the heroes of antiquity, and leaving you with a pretty good notion of how the ancients thought and talked and acted.

## The World Turns On

By A. F. Chalk

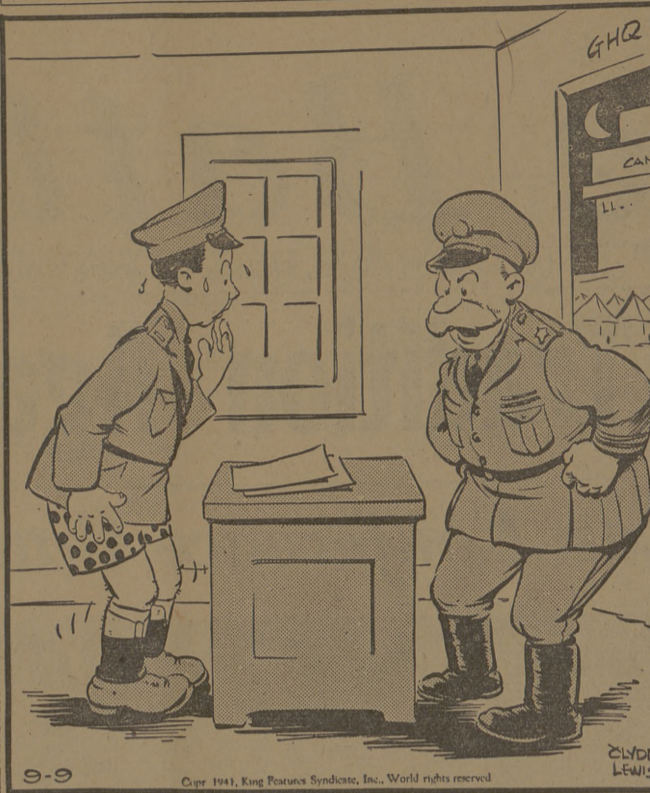
Our national legislators will soon have presented for their consideration the first proposed legislation designed to curb our rising price level. The Banking Committee will shortly offer for debate a bill which has ostensibly been designed to prevent the continuance of the present upward trend of prices. Legislation of such a character has been expected for some time, and many people are concerned about the probable effectiveness of this proposed statute.

The unfortunate fact is that this suggested legislation is quite obviously the result of extensive bargaining among politically organized minority groups. For instance, farm prices would be permitted to soar to such high levels that the term "control" would be almost meaningless when applied to the ceiling provided for such prices. Farm groups have been adamant in their demands for unshackled agricultural prices, and the congressmen have thus far responded in a very submissive fashion. Still another feature of this proposed law is the absence of any provision for controlling wages at some reasonable level. It is simply fantastic to imagine an effort to control a price level by direct means without controlling in some way one of the most important of the items determining the cost of production. In general it can be said that this bill possesses none of the characteristics of a satisfactory law to control prices by governmental decrees, et cetera.

One of the more hopeful aspects of the present problem of price control legislation is that the bill proposed by the House Banking Committee is to be vigorously attacked by an organized group of Representatives who feel that the proposed bill is much too weak to be effective. In fact, a substitute measure, embodying many of the recommendations of Bernard Baruch is to be recommended by this group. Sentiment is at present increasing in favor of the substitute measure. This bill may not pass, but the group supporting it may at least be able to strengthen the Banking Committee bill by inserting some stringent amendments.

The organized groups within our economy will have to make common sacrifices if we are to have a workable price-control measure put through congress in the near future. It would seem that the sole objective of the Banking Committee in framing its bill was to lose as few votes as possible. This inability of law-makers to look beyond the immediate self-interest of their constituents during such an emergency as the present one is to be seriously regretted. Some political commentators are wondering how much greater the emergency will have to be before we attain some semblance of unity in Washington.

## PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



"Lieutenant, what's this I hear about officers gambling with the men around here?"

## BACKWASH

By Charlie Babcock

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

Today . . . The day that the Aggies take down their 1940 diary, and there on Thursday, November 28, is recorded tragedy on tear-soaked paper.

The hand that made the record was not a steady one . . . the ink is blotched and smeared . . . but from what we can make out, the words telling of the events of that day are something like this:

"That defeat in memorial stadium today went a little hard with the Aggies. We weren't over-confident; we knew that any Southwest Conference game provided a tough row to hoe. We knew, too, that Texas U. was double-tough in its home stadium. We just weren't prepared for defeat. Nineteen consecutive victories don't make for very good defeatism psychology."

"It's all over now, and the heartache is severe. However, we must remember that the team did its best, that no other Southwest Conference college ever before as much as even tied for the championship after winning it the year before, that no other Southwest Conference school ever before won 19 consecutive victories, and, most important of all, that the Aggies have said since the College was founded in 1876 that their teams were first in their hearts always; win, lose, or draw. That's the way it is today . . . As far as the Twelfth Man is concerned, the A. & M. team is still the nation's No. 1 outfit."

But that isn't the end of that day's notations. Down in the bottom right hand corner of the page, we found the following:

"Bitter as this day is to us, shocking as this tragedy has been . . . its moments will never escape our memory. We will never forget, and someday, we'll seek our revenge."

"So it is, at this time, that we, all the loyal Aggiedom, make this pledge to never forget the Austin tragedy of 1940. Regardless of what our fate shall be against other opponents, the memory of Texas U. and 1940 will never leave us."

And that's the story of a group of young, inexperienced footballers—fellas who weren't given a chance for the championship in September, fellas that have been deeded a glorious heritage, the right to be the team of 1941 who avenged the 1940 loss.

## This Collegiate World

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Unidentified but thorough in-descriptive adjectives to Webster, truders in Seattle's college's 24,000 but to Dr. Arthur C. Poe, associate professor at Kent State university, they are the names of three their ends and titles to the wall. A half dozen patient co-eds were busy for several days re-arranging to Arthur Large, Charles Little, the books. Meantime library business was suspended.

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## COVERING campus distractions

WITH TOM VANNOY

For those who are unable to leave for the Thanksgiving holidays, there is some good entertainment in the pictures offered at the local theaters. Showing at the Campus for the last times today is a double feature "THEY MET IN ARGENTINA," with Maureen O'Hara and James Ellison and "SWEETHEART OF THE CAMPUS" with Ruby Keeler, Ozzie Nelson and his orchestra, and Harriet Hilliard.

An excellent musical comedy showing at the Campus tomorrow and Saturday is "SUNNY," starring Anna Neagle and John Carroll and Ray Bolger. This is the best of Miss Neagle's three musical shows—the other two were "Irene" and "No, No, Nanette." Some of the memories that the picture will arouse are those regarding songs by Jerome Kern such as "Who" and "Sunny."

The show is fine diversion to help pass some of the long hours of the vacation days. The cast, both the stars and the lesser lights, have made a picture that they can be proud of for quite some time.

Students at Emory university prefer to call the campus water tank the "Bobby Jones Memorial." The famous golfer studied law at Emory in 1927-28.

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### LAST DAY "THEY MET IN ARGENTINA"

With Maurine O'Hara James Ellison  
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### "SWEETHEART OF THE CAMPUS"

With Ruby Keeler, Harriet Hilliard Ozzie Nelson And His Band  
Shows at 2:17, 5:01, 7:46, 10:29

### Merrie Melodies Cartoon

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY "SUNNY"

Starring Anna Nagle  
1941 A. & M. vs. S. M. U. FOOTBALL GAME

## The Great Day Remember Texas and 1940

The day has come! Once again a fighting Aggie team meets a battling Longhorn team on Kyle Field. In a game that ranks as the greatest sporting event in Texas, the two teams will fight it out. It makes small difference that the Aggies are already undisputed conference champions. This is the one game that both schools look forward to. It is their criterion of a successful season if they can come out victorious in the annual Thanksgiving clash.

Today two great schools are represented by their teams, their student bodies, and their alumni at College Station. Thousands of former Aggies will be on hand to see the Aggies seek revenge for the Turkey day game of 1940.

Aggies—thousands of visitors will be on the campus today. Many will be former students; others will be supporters of the Aggie team, and still others will be members of the Texas student body or their friends. This is our chance to show all visitors the true meaning of Aggie hospitality. The Aggie way of doing things and the spirit of friendliness which prevails on this campus are unrivaled at any other school.

Army! this is our day. Remember that all day. Show these visitors on the campus that Aggie spirit is at a new high. For twelve months the corps has thought of this game—this is our opportunity both for the team and for the corps. Army—REMEMBER TEXAS U. AND 1940.

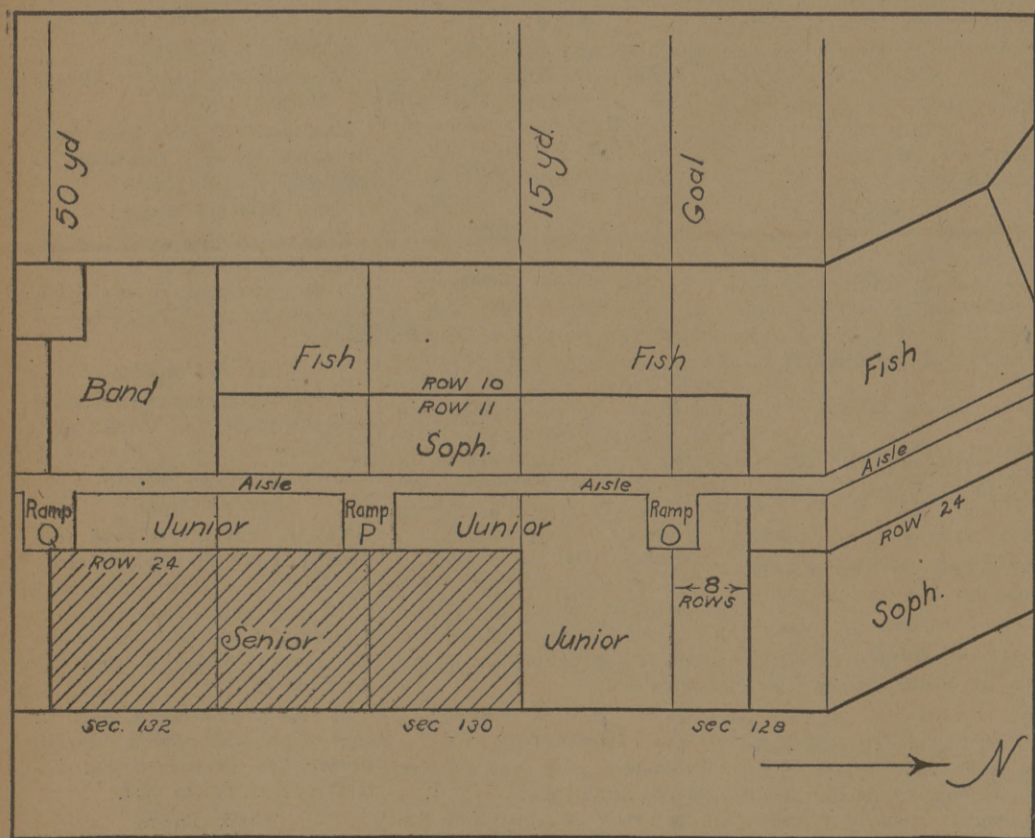
## Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

### Learning—The Easy Way

There are very few fields to which the easiest and most pleasant introduction is not through biographies of distinguished men. If, for example, you want to know what Marxism is all about, but rather dread a treatise on the subject, try Spargo's Karl Marx. The old boy had enough hard times and adventures to sweeten the process of getting a grasp of

## Seniors--From 50 to 15



For the last conference football game of the year the Aggie Corps will line up in Kyle Field to support the Maroon and White as it fights the most important battle of Southwest Conference. The shaded section shows where the Aggie Seniors and their dates will watch this important spectacle. The Junior section will encircle the senior section on three sides. Sophomores and freshmen, are in front of the upperclassmen besides having a section of their own past the goal line.



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