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Army, Stand Ready!

A. & M. stands ready to devote its entire facilities to the furtherance of the American cause in its war on Japan. Possessing facilities for training men in the seven fighting branches of the service, we pledge ourselves, our equipment, and our knowledge to an unbending effort to defend the American heritage of freedom.

Former students are today fighting in the Far East for these very things. If the government sees fit to call us to defend ourselves against the wanton onslaughts of ambitious nations, we too shall answer the challenge. Meanwhile A. & M. will continue to train students in technical and cultural fields as well as in military science.

As yet the war has not effected us materially. To quit studying everything but military science would be a foolish step. We must remember that this chaos cannot go on forever. When the war is over the majority of us will return to civilian life. Many will want to pursue the fields in which we have received our education. Jobs will be scarce and those who make the best grades now, in the face of turmoil, will be the ones who get the best positions.

Technical men in many fields will be required in order to "keep 'em flying." The second largest engineering school in the world is prepared to train these men. A. & M.'s newest addition, the aeronautical engineering department, can prove of great use to the government in preparing students in what will no doubt prove to be one of the deciding factors in winning the war.

Now is the time when rapid advances in agriculture as well as in other phases of civilian life will be called to arms. Those who remain behind will have to feed, clothe, and supply the men in uniform. Voluntary and compulsory overtime work will be necessary to do this. If through education, A. & M. can lighten the task of the "army behind the army," it will be performing a great service to democracy as if it were training only fighting men.

During the last war, this college furnished more officers for the army than any other school in the nation. Today the enrollment is much larger, and once again the Aggies will come through for Uncle Sam. Our school was conceived and created by the government of the United States. We are proud of A. & M. and all that it stands for. Therefore we devote ourselves to the task of upholding the name of our school as a military institution by doing everything in our power to aid and abet the measures forced upon our government by belligerent nations.

College Success

"Success" may be defined as satisfactory performance in these areas:

Health: All-important for good health was satisfaction with living conditions. "Dates" with mixed groups, occurring more than three times a month, were bad for health; but one-girl dates were not injurious. Those who were active in religious organizations had better health, but those who were over-active tended to have poorer health. Those who lived on the campus enjoyed better health.

Scholarship: Strangely enough, it was the amount of the mother's education which was most directly related to the son's scholastic success. Those with brothers or sisters in college or with college degrees made better grades than those who were breaking the trail. Children of divorced parents fell much below those from unbroken homes. Those who took part in literary societies and foreign language clubs were better students. The poor students have trouble with their daily schedules.

Finance: The students who were in the top two-tenth in college academic rank were those whose financial position was relatively good. Apparently it is not the father's having money, but the boy's being able to get

hold of the money he needs which helps in this area.

Family and home: Those who reported that their parents were moderately interested in their affairs were the better-adjusted group. Also, boys with younger mothers ages 39 to 42 did better. Another curious indication of good home adjustment is a liking for the subject of English.

Religion: Those showing the strongest "religious attitude," included the men who scored in the three highest tenths in college scholarship.

Morals and discipline: Once more the advantage of picking young parents was shown, and again this strange correlation with interest in English! Scholastic awards went to the students of high moral standing; but students who merely declared it was their ambition to become honor students were scored relatively low in morals. Those who emphasized scientific, political, fraternity and athletic activities made lower scores.

Personality: Frequency of attendance at movies was a sign of poor personality, as was also frequency of indulgence in card games. "Bull sessions" were again a kind of thermometer, the better-adjusted boys being the ones who participated in the large sessions and the less well-adjusted in sessions with very small groups. Continued association with parents, relatives and friends was a good sign.

Social relations: Boys whose fathers were born in the United States or in Ireland were more adaptable socially. The amount of the parents' education was related positively to the boy's social adjustment. Those without athletic interests scored consistently lower. Boys who said they liked girls, made a showing superior to those who didn't. Condensed from "What It Takes to Make Good in College." Pamphlet No. 52 of Public Opinion Committee, Inc. N. Y.

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

Table manners: At a properly set table, you can hardly make the mistake of using the wrong piece of silver, because the forks will be on one side, and the knives and spoons on the other, will be laid in the order of their use, beginning with those farthest from the plate. If your hostess has made a mistake in setting her table, it is not your fault if you make a mistake, so don't get flustered about it. If you are in doubt how to eat some particular food that has been served you, without being conspicuous about it, observe the hostess or those about you who seem to be more experienced.

If you should happen to tip over a glass of water or make some blunder—say "I'm sorry," do what you can to repair the damages, and let the matter drop.

Unforgivable faults at the table are: chewing with the mouth open; eating fast; shoveling food into the mouth in large forkfuls; swallowing with gulps, licking the fingers; bending low over one's plate; talking with the mouth full; and spreading out the elbows on each side.

Resting an elbow on the table between courses is not bad manners any more, but lolling over the table or tipping the chair back is still in bad taste.

The nicer the manners are at the table the more valuable will be the social side of dining.

The World Turns On

By Dr. J. H. Quisenberry

It has long been recognized that America was and must continue to remain the arsenal of democracy. We have, since Japan's attack on the United States' possessions in the Pacific, become not only the arsenal but the active defenders of democracy as well.

Japan's attack on the United States has in one blow and in the period of a few hours united this country into a solid front against imperialistic aggression. It is to be hoped that Japan's attack will not distract our attention from our primary enemies, the Axis powers of Europe.

Many have hoped, since the beginning of World War II that Hitler might be engaged in a two-front war. The recent African campaign has, of course, only partially succeeded in such an attempt.

On the other hand, Japan's attack has given the United States a two-front war from the outset of active fighting. We cannot afford to cut off completely our supplies to our European allies engaged in fighting our common enemy, Hitler. The resources and man power of this nation shall be taxed to the utmost to meet the demands made upon them in this two-front war.

These demands will further serve to unify this nation as it has never been united before. Radio broadcasts are already full of reports of canceled strikes and cessation of labor difficulties.

At the very time when the increased necessity for war supplies has struck, thousands of men are being called into military service to become users rather than producers of food and war materials. These demands are going to entail sacrifices which we have not even dared think about yet. Past experience has taught us that the American people are capable of arising to any emergency and this shall be no exception.

If this war is to continue over a period of years as facts now indicate, laying waste much of the productive area of the world, ultimate victory shall probably be found in the pantry, not in Panzer divisions.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"For the last time, Buck, eat that chocolate cake and stop worrying about losing it!"

BACKWASH

By Charlie Dabcock

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

Aggie Attitude

If the Aggie way is the American way, if the ordinary American citizen responds to this new horror of war in the same manner as the Aggies, then there is very little reason to believe that America will become tense and excited at this time of strife.



Dabcock

Students at A. & M. recognize the tragical situation to the west of them. They know that war with Japan is a critical turning point in more than a hundred million American lives. nevertheless Aggies are accepting the new rush of events with a smile and a philosophy that "we must keep our heads up with a grin or else we will become 'rutted' and stale of war."

Typical of local student reaction is a statement made Monday by a sophomore, "Japan quick-kicked, but it will only take the U. S. six months to run it back for a touch-down." A reply was quickly forthcoming, "Yes, but we are going to see to it that Japan is penalized for being offside."

One observer put it that the United States and Japan are the only undefeated and untied major powers in the world today. Neither has ever lost a war. However, one of the two will lose its ranking in the Pacific Ocean Bowl.

Everywhere, Aggies are talking and thinking about the international problem and discussing the United States' position. Every bit of news material from radio and newspaper is eagerly consumed.

Aggies soberly realize the responsibility and the important part they will play in the conflict. BUT THEY AREN'T DEVELOPING A GRIM, FATALISTIC COMPLEX. Within a short time about 200

Parallels—1917... 1941

The conditions aren't the same. Comparison of Aggie life during the first World War with that of today bears a decided contrast.

In 1917 the United States did not have nearly the trained man power that she has now. There were very few reserve officers, whereas today there are about 100,000, with nearly 60,000 of that number on active duty.

It was necessary that military tempo be stepped up then. Rationing of food in the mess hall was a requirement. The U. S. had to build and support an expeditionary force.

There is no immediate need for alarm in the present battle. Aggie activities should continue just the same. The senior class is not going to be marched off to training camps. Uncle Sam doesn't need any more officers at present.

Advice to Aggies is to stay in school and make the most of their possibilities. There will come a time when we will be needed and it is then that A. & M. wants to stand prepared to do its share.

This Collegiate World

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Soldiers and sailors, even in Honolulu, read the classified ads, five Westminster college co-eds have found.

The girls, in an effort to keep the service men from being lonely at their Hawaiian outpost, inserted the following advertisement in a Honolulu newspaper:

"Five Westminster college girls, New Wilmington, Pa., would like to correspond with men in the army and navy."

COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

Romance as only the great Gable can dish it out to Lana Turner is enough to say about "HONKY TONK." The film will be shown to the corps at Guion Hall this afternoon and tomorrow. Clark is a confidence man, "Candy Johnson," glib of tongue, fast on the draw, and bent on running the whole show.

Lana starts as staid Bostonian out in Nevada with her father. She meets Gable, and marriage finally results. Her father's protest does no good. Finally Clark gets control of the town, and the pair has full swing of the boom town of the west. Strictly speaking, the show is rather short on promise, but oh, so long on romance. If that is what you are looking for, then "Honky Tonk" is a good motion picture.

The attempts of a divorced husband to get his wife back take the spotlight in "AFFECTIONATELY YOURS" at the Campus today and tomorrow. Starring in the production are Rita Hayworth, Dennis Morgan, and Merle Oberon. More-

gan's efforts to win back Miss Oberon are amusing, but overdone in some instances. Rita gets in a good part of her share of the struggle too.

The picture is weak in some spots, notably acting, but it is entertaining.

The second half of the double feature for today and tomorrow at the Campus is "THRILL OF A LIFETIME." Featured are Dorothy Lamour, Betty Grable, Judy Vanova, Ben Blue, and the Yacht Club Boys. With a cast as this, a show is bound to be filled brimful of nonsensical happenings.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS

Tuesday, Wednesday — "AFFECTIONATELY YOURS," starring Rita Hayworth, Dennis Morgan, and Merle Oberon. Also "THRILLS OF A LIFETIME," with Betty Grable, Dorothy Lamour, Ben Blue, the Yacht Club Boys, and Judy Canova.

AT GUION HALL

Tuesday, Wednesday — "HONKY TONK," featuring Clark Gable and Lana Turner.

letters arrived, from college men and steel workers, clerks and cowboys, salesmen and lumberjacks, now in military service.

Few of the letters were "mash" notes. Most expressed their loneliness, while two sent poems, and one writer mailed a sermon on "helping the underdogs."

The students, unable to answer all the letters personally, have passed them out among other coeds, who will correspond with the senders.

Seven students comprised the first class that met at University of Michigan in 1841.

Campus

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TODAY AND TOMORROW DOUBLE FEATURE

Betty and Rita

Grable Hayworth

Both For the Same Ticket. NO. 1

"AFFECTIONATELY YOURS"

Starring RITA HAYWORTH

Merle Oberon, Dennis Morgan Shows at 2:27, 5:31, 8:35

NO. 2

"THRILL OF A LIFETIME"

Starring BETTY GRABLE

Dorothy Lamour, Ben Blue Shows at 1:20, 4:24, 7:28, 10:28



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"Dance of the Weed"

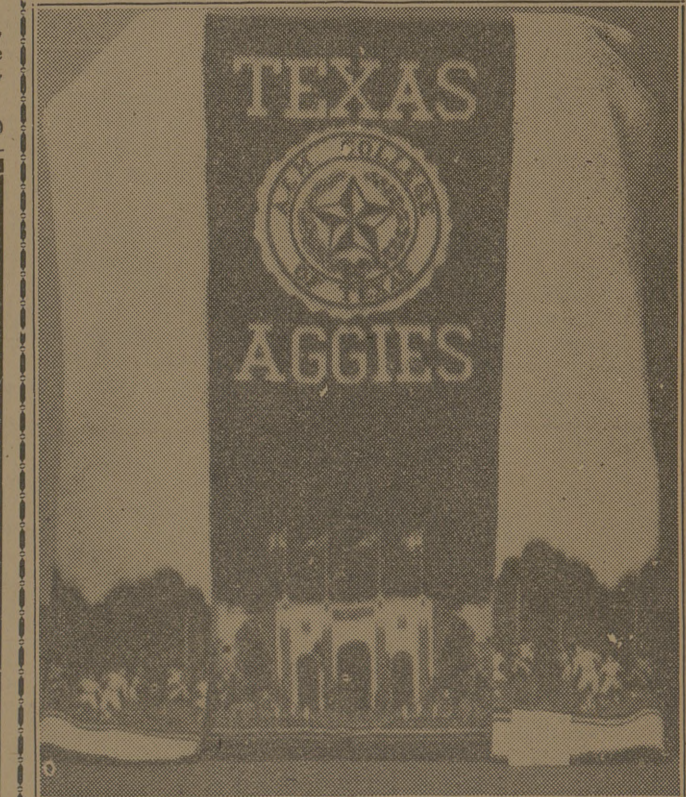
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