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Cadet Corps and War

"No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous mind will win through to absolute victory." With these words the President of the United States Monday morning dedicated the entire resources of this country in the defeat of Japan.

War at this time and in this manner did come as a surprise. Even though the United States has been preparing for a possible armed conflict, the sudden and treacherous onslaught of the Japanese was a distinct shock to the American people. But a shock that soon formed a strong determination to see that this country is victorious, determination such as was expressed by the President Monday when he said, "With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God.

What does this mean to college students? Time alone will tell. We can rest assured that the government will recognize the worth of the educational institutions of this nation and make full use of them in the present crisis. A great many men in the cadet corps are taking advanced military training. Undoubtedly they will see active duty with the armed forces of the nation. Whether this will mean that many of them will be called before the present school year is completed is not yet known.

Many other members of the corps, however, do not hold advanced contracts. At the present time until their government definitely calls, their place is here in college. Dr. Walton, president of the college pointed out the necessity of pursuing this policy in the statement made to the corps:

"Even before the events of the past few hours, the President, the War Department, and administrators of the selective service act have urged you to maintain your positions as students. I urge you, gentlemen, to remain in college and render service to your country in this manner. I feel sure that when your government calls, you will respond for the service where you can serve most effectively."

The cadet corps of A. & M. stands ready—they are ready to serve when called.

Alabama Next, Army!

Forced to take a back seat by the current war crisis is the Cotton Bowl game to be played at Dallas on New Year's Day.

However, it's not too soon for the corps to begin to prepare for the game. For the third consecutive year A. & M. will have a team in one of the major post-season bowl games. A team which has won three Southwest Conference crowns in a row deserves the support of the entire corps.

Make up your mind now to attend this game and show the people of Dallas the Aggie Twelfth Man in action. Tickets are now available. For the first time Date tickets will also be available at the regular student price.

Army! Get ready for Alabama! It's New Year's Day in Dallas, be there.

Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

About This America
 Whatever else our entry into war may have done, it has quickened our sense of being Americans, and of the uniqueness of the land which Americans inhabit. In order to feed this emotion and at the same time to give it a more rational basis, the Library recommends its fair selection of recent books descriptive of the country and its people.

The Federal Writers' Project has done an excellent job with its books on single states. They are all both entertaining and enlightening. Don't confine yourself to the volume on your own state. Another good

series is "The Rivers of America", of which so far, we have Struthers Burts' Powder River. Still another interesting group is the American Guide Series, notably in Oregon Trail, Ocean Highway, U. S. One, and Savannah.

Rockwell Kent, the artist, has produced a thrilling book called This Is My Own, the excellent illustrations being worthily accompanied by good reading. Say, Is This the U.S.A.? is a production of what that redoubtable team, Erskine Caldwell, the writer, and Margaret Bourke-White, the photographer. It smacks of the good old American soil about as rascally as any recent book.

Russell Lord's Behold This Land deals with America from the Agriculturist's point of view. Carleton Beals' American Earth, the Biography of a Nation is as entertainingly (and as frowsily!) done as most of the books of this useful but undistinguished writer. Katherine Glover's America Begins Again and H. H. McCarty's Geographic Basis of American Economic Life tell us a lot of interesting things that all Americans ought to know.

Of more special and local interest are The American Empire by Haas; The Caribbean, by W. Adolphe Roberts; Hollywood Saga, by W. C. DeMille; Bonanza Inn (about early San Francisco), by Glasscock; and Lyle Saxon's pleasant books, Old Louisiana and Fabulous New Orleans.

If your newly aroused patriotism isn't too much on the chip-on-my-shoulder side, you will enjoy a more critical view of our country, Little Golden America, by If, one of two Soviet Russian humorists who toured the U.S.A. a few years ago and recorded their faintly malicious impressions.

Quotable Quotes

"This great, free, united land of our has now got to behave as if it were grown up, or very shortly it may be neither great, nor free, nor united. This America, which all men have been accustomed to think of as still very young and often despised for its bumptiousness and exuberance, stands today where only grown men can stand, the only unthreatened champion of a very ancient civilization. Over the world men turn their eyes to America and will turn them as toward a brother who has stood secure amid the storm, whose steadfastness men are already saying may well remain man's only hope of a better world."—Prof. Robert D. French of Yale university urges America to assume her full adult position in the world.

The World Turns On

By A. F. Chalk

Now that we are actively engaged in war, we can expect to see major changes take place in the economic life of the country. It is possible the shock to the people will not be as great as would normally be the case for a country changing from a peace-time to a war economy. This is because some advance "tastes" of the cost of war have been given our people in the extensive rearmament effort which was instituted before the outbreak of war. Problems such as that of priorities are not new and the people probably realize the sacrifices they are to make will be extensive.

One of the first effects of our entering the war will reflect in the new tax program reputedly being prepared by the Treasury department. Higher personal income tax levies in the middle-income brackets are forecast. Excise taxes on products previously exempt from taxation are forecast by financial commentators. Taxes on all luxury goods will probably be further increased. The objectives of the gigantic tax program will be two fold: (1) to help prevent inflation by curtailing consumer purchasing power, and (2) to defray as much of the war expenditures out of current income as possible.

Our expenditures will, however, be so great that the most we can hope to do is to pay one half the annual outlay from tax income. It has been estimated by so-called authorities that within two years the Federal government will be spending at the rate of approximately 40 billions a year. This will be almost one-half the national income, and the government will probably make no effort to finance more than 20 billions from tax income.

Business and labor groups will have to reconcile their differences in the public interest if they are to prevent extremely rigid controls from being instituted by the government. If strikes are to be prevented by law, then some government agency will have to be responsible for adjusting wage rates equitably as the price level fluctuates. The mere passage of a law preventing strikes will not offer a real solution in the long run (assuming we will have a considerable change in the level of prices during the war.) Strikes on a wide scale will not be tolerated, but the government will have to take a lesson from England and attempt to adjust wage scales when it becomes necessary.

Business will have to expect much higher excess profits taxes. In fact, it is doubtful that any excess profits should be permitted when so many people will be sacrificing their lives in the front lines. As pointed out recently in this column, the use of a steep excess profits levy would not only provide an important source of income for the government, but it would also do away with one of the arguments used by labor when it demands higher wages. Equal sacrifices must be made if our morale is to be maintained at the level necessary to successfully prosecute a protracted war.

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



PIERRE WHITING
 BUCKSHOT
 THE AVERAGE LIFE OF A FOOTBALL COACH AT ANY ONE INSTITUTION IS 5 YEARS! AVERAGE COACHING CAREER IS 10.

WORLD'S SMALLEST PARK
 PATTON PARK, LOCATED ON MUSKINGUM COLLEGE CAMPUS, COVERS LESS THAN 1/500TH OF AN ACRE. IT IS THE HOME OF ONE TREE, THREE STONES AND APPROXIMATELY 200,000 BLADES OF GRASS.

BACKWASH

BY Charlie Babcock

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

The Way of Things . . . Tuesday at 9 p. m. on the Aggie campus found the greater part of the cadet corps huddled about the 2,115 radios that is estimated by the Commandant's Office to be the total number of receiving sets in all dormitories. With a vital interest in the present world events, the Aggies were absorbing the speech of President Roosevelt. . . . It seems to be generally agreed that the rendition of Christmas carols by the present fish class is highly commendable, perhaps the finest in many a year . . . Former Aggie students in Marshall, Texas, had a bit of that old spirit in them when they ran the following advertisement in the Marshall News-Messenger after the big game with TU:

Texas Aggies
 We Thank You for a
 Championship Team!
 Southwest Conference
 Champions . . . 1941

DALACE
 PHONE 2-8879
 THU. — FRI. — SAT.
 Randolph Scott
 Gene Tierney
 In
 "BELLE-STAR"
 With
 Dana Andrews
 John Shepperd

Preview 11 P. M.
 SATURDAY NIGHT
 Deanna Durbin
 In
 "IT STARTED WITH EVE"
 Shown Sun. - Mon. - Tue.

COMING
 Abbott and Costello
 In
 "KEEP 'EM FLYING"

Co-Champions . . . 1940
 Champions . . . 1939
 A record unequalled in Southwest
 Conference Football!
 AGGIE FANS

Cross-Section

Linking one little statistic with another, as compiled in a recent survey at College Station, we find:

There were more than 20,000 paid admissions to dances held on the campus during last year's social season.

In six years, 1935-1941, Aggie enrollment jumped from 2,213 to 6,842.

More than 20,000 people will attend the various military reviews held this spring.

Fifteen thousand females will be on hand for the many dances.

Casual and Sunday drop-in motorists (due to excellent highways)—15,000.

Campus

4-1181

TODAY ONLY
 Now on the screen!

TILLIE THE TOILER
 A COLUMBIA PICTURE
 Based upon the Comic Strip created by Russ Westover
 With
 Kay Harris, William Tracy
 Also
 Edgar Kennedy, Info. Please

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Paramount Presents
 Fred MacMURRAY
 Mary Kay
 with MARTIN
 Robert PRESTON
 "NEW YORK TOWN"

Also

World Today, U. S. Iron Warriors, Cartoon, Latest News.

Pictorial analysis of march of Jap aggression on U. S. brought by Movietone News

COVERING campus distractions

WITH TOM VANNOY

A new series of the complete-in-each-issue type makes its appearance at the Campus today. It is "TILLIE THE TOILER" with Kay Harris and William Tracy as Tillie and Mac, the comic strip characters. The story is based on the comic strip created by Russ Westover.

As a starter, the story is not much. But in time, everything should work out better. Tillie gets a job in Mr. Simpkins office. She makes several costly errors, but everything comes out alright eventually.

The characters for the show have been chosen as much like those in the funnies as is possible.

Mary Martin appears in a different role in "NEW YORK TOWN" at the Campus tomorrow and Saturday with Fred MacMurray and Robert Preston. This time she plays in a straight drama role, rather than that of a singer.

She meets Fred in New York where he is a sidewalk photographer, trying to make a living. As she is fresh from the far side of New England, she needs some schooling on how to make a living in the big city. Everything goes along fine until she meets Robert Preston, a more prosperous townsman.

It seems that Mary is rather out

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT GUION HALL

Thursday, Friday—"DEVIL DOGS OF THE AIR," starring James Cagney and Pat O'Brien.

AT THE CAMPUS

Thursday—"TILLIE THE TOILER," with Kay Harris and William Tracy.

Friday, Saturday—"NEW YORK TOWN," featuring Fred MacMurray, Mary Martin, and Robert Preston.

GUION HALL

3:30 & 6:45
 James Cagney — Pat O'Brien
 In
 "DEVIL DOGS OF THE AIR"
 Comedy — News
 COMING
 Sat. — 1 P. M. — POT O' GOLD
 Sat. 6:45 & 8:30 — OUT OF THE FOG

K ENLISTS

in the nation's defense effort

K — a type of carrier telephone circuit — is now being built into many miles of Long Distance cable lines to increase their capacity.

Engineers at Bell Telephone Laboratories developed this circuit which enables two pairs of wires in parallel cables to carry as many as twelve separate conversations at the same time.

K carrier is one of the ways we have found of adding a lot of long circuits in a hurry to meet defense communication needs. Such problems constantly challenge Bell System men with pioneering minds.



BE POPULAR!

The Arthur Murray Dance Studios Offer
 Special Holiday Rates to Students

Guarantee yourself the best holiday of your life by brushing up on your dancing as soon as you come home from school! You'll enjoy learning the latest Rumba and Fox Trot. In just a few hours you'll surprise your partners with the thrilling new steps. Gain poise and confidence. Call at the Studios and ask about special rates for college students. Don't wait until the last minute.

ARTHUR MURRAY
 1945 WEST GRAY HOUSTON

