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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 re-sources 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,

The Battalion 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 re-doubtable team, Erskine Caldwell, the writer, and Margaret Bourke-White, the photographer. It smacks of the good old American soil about as racily 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 Georgraphic Basis of American Economic Life tell us a lot of in-teresting 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 Louisana 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 Ilf, 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 an older 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.

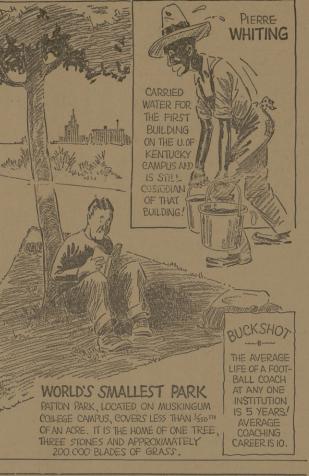
The World Turns On By A. F. Chalk

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 ad-vance "tastes" of the cost of war have been given our people in the extensive rearmament effort which was instituted before the out-break 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 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.

- THE BATTALION -

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



BACKWASH Charlie Babcock

The Way of Things . . . Tuesday Co-Champions at 9 p. m. on the Aggie campus Champions found the greater part of the cadet A record unequalled in Southwest corps huddled about the 2,115 radios Conference Football! that is estimated by the Com-AGGIE FANS

mandant's Office to be the total

ing sets in all Cross-Section dormitories. With Linking one little statistic with a vital interest in another, as compiled in a recent the present world survey at College Station, we find: There were more than 20,000 events, the Agpaid admissions to dances held gies were absorbon the campus during last ing the speech of President Rooseyear's social season. In six years, 1935-1941, Agvelt. . . It seems

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More than 20,000 people will

Casual and Sunday drop-in

gieland enrollment jumped to be generally agreed that the from 3,213 to 6,842. Babcock rendition of Chirstmas carols by the present fish class is highly attend the various military commendable, perhaps the finest reviews held this spring. in many a year . . . Former Aggie students in Marshall, Texas, had will be on hand for the many a bit of that old spirit in them dances. when they ran the following advertisement in the Marshall News-

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COVERING

TOM VANNOY (62)

A new series of the complete- of place in a pure drama role. It in-each-issue type makes its ap- takes the music that she is capain-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.

-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1941

morrow the feature is "DEVIL

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT GUION HALL

Thursday, Friday-"DEV-

As a starter, the story is not DOGS OF THE AIR" with James much. But in time, everything Cagney and Pat O'Brien. The picshould work out better. Tillie gets ture was released several years a job in Mr. Simpkins office. She ago, and is of much more importmakes several costly errors, but ance now when seen in the light everything comes out alright event- of present day events than when it was first released. Cagney and ually. The characters for the show have O'Brien are at their continual feud

been chosen as much like those still. That is one fight that seems to have been going on forever. 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 MacMur-

As she is fresh from the far side schooling on how to make a living in the big city. Everything goes along fine until she meets Robert Preston, a more prosper-

It seems that Mary is rather out

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 Fifteen thousand females TATAL THE COMPANY AND A CO



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.

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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.

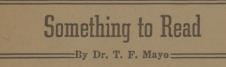
Alabama Next, Army!

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.



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 cently in this column, the use of a steep exa more rational basis, the Library recommends its fair selection of recent books de- important source of income for the governscriptive of the country and its people.

an excellent job with its books on single demands higher wages. Equal sacrifices must states. They are all both entertaining and be made if our morale is to be maintained enlightening. Don't confine yourself to the at the level necessary to successfully prosevolume on your own state. Another good cute a protracted war.

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 recess profits levy would not only provide an ment, but it would also do away with one The Federal Writers' Project has done of the arguments used by labor when it



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