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Aggie Officers

A. & M. propose officers for the U. S. Army! Aggies should realize this more than ever with the present situation of huge expansion of our armed forces in mind. Our nation needs more trained men than ever before to fill vacancies in the officer personnel of the proposed 8,000,000 man army.

Throughout the battle of Britain the English have been exceedingly lenient in allowing their young men to remain in educational institutions in order that they would be better trained for the coming conflict and for the world they would have to live in after the war is over.

A. & M. men should realize that there is a place for them in the U. S. Army as leaders where the army is preparing to take the men who have college training. Men of this type will be in demand according to the amount of education and the amount of military training they have had. They will be much more needed in this capacity LATER than as soldiers in the line NOW.

For over sixty years A. & M. has been training officers in the reserves and places at the disposal of the government more and more men with basic and advanced military training. That these men will be able to be of greater service to their country than without this training is unquestionable.

Education and experience are the two essentials in wartime as well as in peacetime and by the same rule education is the short cut to experience.

Who Lands the Job?

Scholarship and character are the qualities most sought in college graduates by American employers, Investors Syndicate of Minneapolis reports after a national survey of graduates' job prospects.

What do you know? What are you? What can you do? Whom do you know? Employers are querying job applicants in about that order. Schools list qualities sought as follows, in order named: scholarship, character, adaptability, campus popularity, personality, athletic prowess, ability, alertness, extra-curricular activities, and dependability.

Industrialists faced with larger orders that must be delivered on time, the survey reports, are stressing production rather than distribution. They are more interested in what a job applicant knows than whom he knows. Scholarship emphasis proves this point. Scholarship, mentioned 375 times, or 23.3 per cent of an aggregate of 1,610 mentions, is listed three times as often as either personality or campus popularity, about four and a half times as often as athletic prowess, and more than nine times as often as extra-curricular activities.

Character, although in the aggregate not mentioned as many times as scholarship, was placed first more times than all other qualifications combined. Adaptability ranked second more times than all other qualities.

Dissenting slightly from the scholarship emphasis, C. G. Griffen, assistant dean of men, Georgia Tech, said that "personality and adaptability seem to be playing a more important part in the selection of men than heretofore, though high scholarship still carries great weight."

James P. Kerr, professor of business, North Central college, Naperville, Ill., noted trends toward "more specific training and more winning personality."

Leo P. Kibby, dean of guidance, Ventura, Calif.; Junior college, observed that "an unparalleled emphasis by employers is being placed upon the need for adaptability of employees to new working conditions. Employers belittle the notion that high academic ability assures a corresponding ability in work adjustment."

Campus activities and all around abilities elicited many comments. S. S. Von Roeder, registrar, University of San Antonio, Texas, felt that there "seems to be an increasing demand for graduates who have shown by their application to school work and participation in constructive campus activities that

they are capable, energetic, and efficient in whatever they undertake." "The best graduates, according to J. M. McAnelly, director of placement, Northern State Teachers college, Aberdeen, S. D., get several chances for positions while the mediocre are picked for inferior positions when the good ones are gone.

Selecting only campus leaders causes many good men to be overlooked, a Minnesota liberal arts college complains. —ACP

They Say

A. C. Payne

This column would propose a memorial to Donald Duck. In a world of hatred, tension, and violent extremes, the movie cartoon is making a tremendous contribution to national sanity. After a strenuous hour of war and espionage, selfishness and politics, peulosity and divorce, all of us welcome the sudden shift upon the movie screen to a ridiculous period dominated by Mikey Mouse, Pluto, or the little fellow looking for "wabbit twaks."

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

This little rhyme shouldn't be taken too lightly. When we fail to see the ridiculous in our own conduct, and cease laughing at our own mistakes, we have lost an important sustaining force for keeping a spiritual balance. A lot of us are taking ourselves entirely too seriously. Without a doubt, a sense of humor is an excellent antidote to the international tension of today.

Those who have seen the people under the present Nazi tyranny can not forget the tragic absence of smiling faces. One of the first bans of Hitler's rule was the cessation of gaiety and dancing which heretofore had characterized certain sections of pre-war Europe.

We do not suggest an ostrich-like blindness to the realism of terror. We do, however, recommend the preservation of one of humanity's unique properties—the ability to laugh. This has been one of the things which has raised mankind above the level of beasts; the latter are not able to laugh.

Truly, "a lot of us would rather be hated than laughed at," and this is an important truth for a democratic group to remember. Heckling has destroyed the tyranny of powerful demagogues, and a satiric wit has often helped to puncture the dangers of ignorance and stupidity.

Lin Yutang once suggested that we replace our politicians and statesmen with well-known humorists. With men like Will Rogers, Steven Leacock, or Bernard Shaw sitting at an international conference table, perhaps justice and understanding would receive a greater share of the spotlight in determining post-war decisions.

At a time when everyone is suggesting different tonics for a very sick world, we recall that a "merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

The America First committee and a number of isolationist congressmen looked a bit silly last Sunday afternoon when word arrived that Hawaii and other American possessions were being bombed by Japanese planes. The isolationists had argue long and loud that it was silly to raise an army, that it was silly to build a larger navy, that it was silly to prepare for war, that it was silly to fortify Guam. They have been busily engaged since Sunday in declaring that we must now all fight together to defend America.

As a result of the defense program, so greatly criticized by the isolationists, America will be much easier to defend. One Senator commented: "I am greatly surprised. I didn't think Japan would do it." The Senator talked too much. He would have been more honest if he had merely said: "I am greatly surprised. I didn't think."

The declaration of war by Germany and Italy simply brings a known fact into the open. The alignment is now clear and unmistakable. On the one hand stand Britain and America and their allies. On the other stands a collection of international gangsters. The democracies must fight to preserve themselves and their interests; they must fight to preserve the rights of man and the democratic way of life; they must fight to restore international decency.

The speed with which a number of Hispanic-American states have aligned themselves with the United States, is encouraging in the extreme. Some of the larger countries have not yet declared war, but they have offered the use of naval bases and air fields to the United States, and have pledged their friendship to the American cause. There can be little doubt that the Axis powers will attempt to foster revolution in some of the Hispanic-American states as a means of crippling the American war effort. It will take careful policing on their part to guard against this danger.

All will concede that the Japanese, with their surprise attack, won the first battle. In doing so they united American public opinion to such an extent that only one vote was cast against the declaration of war against Japan, and no vote was cast against the declaration of war against Germany and Italy. The task of the democracies, and Russia, is to make sure that they win the last battle.

Remember Pearl Harbor.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"No doubt about it, Dear. The army has made a new man of me!"

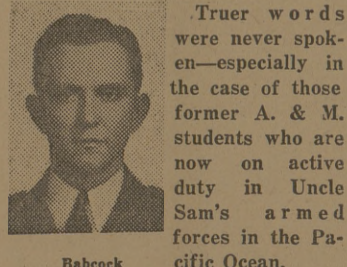
BACKWASH

By Charlie Babcock

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

Aggies in Action

We once heard, "You can find Aggies in every corner of the world, and it's a cinch that they will be wherever the action is the thickest."



Babcock

Naturally, it is impossible to secure a complete roster of the Aggie fighters in the Far East, but we have been able to determine a few names, as follows: Stationed at Clark Field, Fort Stotsenburg Philippine Islands—Captain Clarence R. Davis, '27; Lieutenant Jaek W. Kelly, '29; Lieutenant Maxey C. Chenault, '37; and Lieutenant John R. Noles, '39.

Stationed at Fort William McKinley, Philippine Islands—Lieutenant Charles M. Dempwolf, '35; Lieutenant Thomas Dooley, '35, former yell leader; Lieutenant Charlton J. Wimer, '39; Lieutenant Robley D. Evans, '40; and Lieutenant Paul R. Gregory, '40. Stationed at Hawaii—Captain Graham M. Hatch, Jr., '31.

Statistics

A statistical sample of Aggies in the Schools of Agriculture and Arts and Sciences is being compiled by students in Accounting 311

(Machine Methods of Accounting).

The various Aggies were polled on several questions by the class members themselves in a survey similar to the one conducted by the Institute of Public Opinion.

Among the inquiries, personal and impersonal, were:

- How many weekends do you leave the campus each year?
- Average number of picture shows attended each week?
- Number of dates brought to the campus last year?
- Do you smoke? If so, what brand?

It is expected that the survey will be completed some time after the Christmas holidays, and the results will be published at that time.

This Collegiate World

ACP

Typing or writing in longhand seemed slow to Leon A. Danco, a Harvard freshman, so he submitted a 2,000-word English composition on a home-made phonograph record.

Dr. Claude M. Simpson, Jr., his instructor, gave Danco a passing grade, but forbade any repetition of the stunt.

"For one thing," Simpson said, "how can you correct spelling and punctuation in a theme like piled by students in Accounting 311 this?"

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The story is on the lighter side, quite enjoyable, and we must not neglect the music supplied by Horace Heidt's orchestra. They have developed quite a reputation in the past for introducing new hits to the music world.

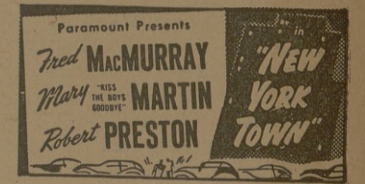
On the more dramatic side there is "OUT OF THE FOG" at Guion hall tonight at 6:45. John Garfield is a petty racketeer who makes his living at the expense of the fishermen of Sheephead Bay.

Among them are Thomas Mitchell and his daughter, Ida Lupino. John makes love to Ida while he collects "protection" from her father. Finally the pressure becomes unbearable. (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

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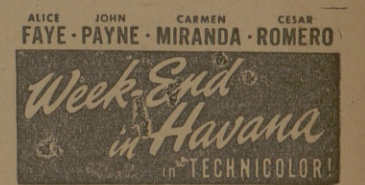
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