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Faculty Action Commended

Immediate action has been taken by the faculty to insure that students who are called away from college because of military service will be given credit for scholastic work completed to that date.

The faculty is to be congratulated for this action. Now that this country is at war, it is highly probable that many members of the cadet corps who hold reserve commissions or who are subject to military service through the Selective Service Act will be called before they can complete a semester's work. It is only fair and just that some scholastic compensation should be granted these men who are called to serve their country.

It must be pointed out, however, that this ruling does not apply to students who volunteer for the services. This is a perfectly legitimate exception. At the present time, it is for a student's best interest to secure as much education as possible. However, any voluntary enlistments by cadets are certainly not to be condemned. In fact, many members of the corps who do not hold advanced contracts may find it advantageous to secure commissions by volunteering into certain branches of the service such as the Air Corps.

A. & M. men have always shown their willingness to serve their country in time of need. The definite steps taken by the faculty in this matter are in full accord with the college's tradition of rendering service to the nation.

Juniors! Vote Tomorrow

Juniors will be called upon to make an important decision Wednesday night when they meet to elect a new yell leader to replace Jack Nagle, who has been called into the army.

Skeen Staley, head yell leader, and the student election committee made a wise decision when they moved to hold the election as soon as possible. Because of the early election the new yell leader will be able to gain valuable experience during the basketball and baseball seasons.

Juniors, this is your election. The entire class should turn out en masse for the election which is to be held in the Assembly Hall. Be there and vote.

Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is by far the best ending for it.
 —Oscar Wilde

Revamping the Y

News that work has begun on improvements to the old Y.M.C.A. is indeed welcome information. The A. & M. campus has long felt the need for a meeting place of this kind. Present plans call for complete lounge facilities for campus visitors.

A Step in the right direction was taken several years ago when Kiest lounge in the new dormitory area was completed. Present plans call for a complete modernization of the old Y including improvements to be made in the basement.

A. & M. Mothers clubs have already contributed over \$1,800 to this project. The entire corps expresses its thanks for the aid which the mothers have given.

Man, Your Manners

Merry Christmas Greetings: Each year the friendly custom of sending Christmas cards is becoming more and more popular. You may send them to your acquaintances as well as your friends; they may be engraved, printed, or selected to suit everyone, and the name written in.

Holiday Guests: Consideration and adapt-

ability are the major qualities of a gracious guest—one that any host or hostess will be delighted to entertain.

Answer your invitation to be a guest promptly.

Never arrive earlier than you are expected—if it is a dinner or luncheon, five minutes is ample.

If you are a house guest, find out the schedule of the home and adapt yourself to it.

Don't ask special favors of servants. Keep your room neat, your clothes put away. Leave the bath room tidy.

Never explore the house or use anything in it without permission.

Don't make charge phone calls and forget to pay them.

Be easy to entertain and show your appreciation for what is being done for you. Don't make suggestions for your own entertainment, but if you are asked, don't propose anything expensive or unreasonable. You may offer to pay for ice cream or a movie, but don't insist if your suggestion is declined.

Leave when you are expected to, and when you reach home, don't fail to send a thank-you note, and you might send a small gift.

Suitable Christmas Gifts: The following list is the accepted one for a young man to choose from for his girl—flowers, candy, books, perfume, etc. When engaged, a young man may give almost anything his pocket book affords (except wearing apparel). A fur neck piece is not considered apparel—it is something to adorn.

Emily Post says, "It is very improper to give her a house or car."

The writer of this column wishes you a "Merry Christmas" and plenty of good times during the holiday season. Your New Year's manners will be ready for you when you get back to A. & M.

Quotable Quotes

"Never, so long as, somewhere, a university survives, can mankind or civilization utterly perish. Save only the church, universities are the oldest organized institutions known to man." Pres. Robert G. Sproul of the University of California offers hope for civilization in a war-torn world.

The final end of Government is not to exert restraint but to do good.
 —Rufus Choate

The World Turns On

Events of the past two weeks record the involvement of the nations of the world in a war that portends greater hatreds, more brutality, higher mortality, larger number of nations involved, and a greater destruction of the world's natural and productive resources than World War No. 1. In this all-out war, as Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard puts it, "food is a whole arsenal of weapons in this struggle for human freedom. It is a driving force behind high production by munitions workers, and top-notch performance and strong morale among soldiers and sailors.

Our national self-interest and our humanitarian instincts challenge us to do this job of producing food and do it on a scale that will write history. In the day of victory when the nations sit down at the peace table our food stock piles, ready to be drawn on by the famished people of the Old World, will give great force to our views. For they will show once and for all that democracy builds for the needs of common men. By winning our American battle of farm production we will help make it possible once again for men in all parts of the earth to live in comfort and in tolerance and in freedom."

These words of our Secretary were written before our war declarations, but they are more pertinent now than before. To meet these increased needs for food, farmers are preparing to produce in 1942 the biggest supply of food in our history. National goals have been set up and agricultural agencies throughout the country are trying to translate these needs into goals for the individual farmers. There are more than 6,000,000 farmers in the United States that must be united in this effort. This is no mean task for the agricultural specialist, despite the fact that under draft board regulations students of agriculture are not considered as being engaged in an essential defense job.

In spite of increased production, prices have and shall probably continue to rise. This means extra profits for the producer, which may be used either in increasing the capital producing stock or in securing devices which make for greater efficiency and ease of production on any given capital. The former trend tends to overproduction with great losses when the war emergency is over, as occurred after last World War. The latter tends to a minimum of overproduction with a minimum of losses.

Professor C. N. Shepardson of our own dairy department has pointed out these facts in urging dairy producers to use the extra profits which they are now enjoying in the buying of equipment and materials to produce a product of higher quality with greater efficiency and less loss through spoilage. This, in contrast to buying or saving every animal that will produce milk, regardless of quantity or quality, and applying the same, often inefficient, methods of breeding, feeding, management, and marketing as previously used.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"We didn't capture our objective, General, but we got something better!"

BACKWASH By Charlie Babcock

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

To the Point . . . Victor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Meyers of Hendley, Nebraska, was born on the day that the Allies triumphed in the first world war—November 11, 1918. He was killed in action a week ago Sunday in Hawaii, the first day of World War II . . . Aggies are invited to the San Antonio A. & M. Club Christmas dance at the Omos Dinner Club in San Antonio on the night of December 22 . . . B Company, Chem Warfare supplies the Christmas mottif in the way of hall decorations in Kiest Hall. Red and green ribbons are draped from each wall with holly sprigs, mistletoe, and artificial icicles balancing the scene . . . The Daily Texan speaks: "You will not be able to buy a new tire for your car for the next ten days. In the event of a blowout and no spare, kindly forward complaints to the mikado." . . . One week ago today, The Daily Lariat, Baylor's student newspaper, carried an account of Aggie Keyes Carson and his more recent efforts in the interest of better hitch-hiking conditions. Quotes The Daily Lariat: "The Baylor Book store has been made agent for Carson's Texas edition of

Hitch-Hiking Information which sells for 15 cents, a dime of which goes to build hitch-hiking stations. These \$150 stations are buildings where hitch-hikers may find shelter and rest and is only a small part of the Cuero boy's vast store of ideas."

More Rams
 Keith Kirk, infantry junior, returns again to this column with his A. & M. "ram" book of 1907-08.

As stated earlier in the year, this particular book was called the Guard Mount Report book, a complete file on Aggies who were assessed demerits during the year.

Scanning the daily list of rams, we found:

- December 16, 1907—Miller, R. F.—hands in pockets at formation; Thalman—tying a bunch of knives and forks to a cat's tail in mess hall.
- December 18, 1907—DeWare, C. A.—In bed at military inspection.
- January 8, 1908—McCraw—Spilling gravy on table cloth in mess hall.
- January 10, 1908—Robinson, J. H.—slop can in hall at O. D. inspection.
- January 20, 1908—Moore, George F. and Utay, Joe—absent chapel.
- January 21, 1908—Lillard, (See BACKWASH, Page 6)

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SELECTED SHORTS

COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

Action on the gridiron, life at Annapolis, discipline in the Navy, her and eventually, Judith gets a criminal's reward. This one got in the same old rut, and just couldn't help it. Too bad, could have been quite a good show.

One by one, the gang leaves Annapolis, discipline in the Navy, her and eventually, Judith gets a criminal's reward. This one got in the same old rut, and just couldn't help it. Too bad, could have been quite a good show.

The film contains some of the best action on the gridiron that has ever been made.

A real old-fashioned western comes to the Campus today and tomorrow. It's "BADLANDS OF DAKOTA." Robert Stack is an Easterner who has been elected marshal at the behest of his brother, Broderick Crawford, whom he hates because Stack stole his girl, Ann Rutherford. So we have the triangle slipping into the middle of things once more.

If you care for the type of action that a picture such as this entails, then you should enjoy "Badlands of Dakota" immensely. As far as westerns go, it is alright.

In addition to the shoot-em-up, the other half of the double feature at the Campus today and tomorrow is "LADY SCARFACE" with Judith Anderson as the criminal in skirts, and Dennis O'Keefe, a police lieutenant that rides to round up her gang.

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DOUBLE FEATURE TODAY — TOMORROW NO. 1

BADLANDS OF DAKOTA

A UNIVERSAL PICTURE

With Ann Rutherford — Robert Stack
 Boyd Cranford — Hugh Herbert
 Andy Devine — Frances Farmer
 Shows at 2:26, 5:06, 7:46, 10:26

NO. 2

"KILLER QUEEN" OF THE UNDERWORLD!

LADY SCARFACE

Dennis O'KEEFE Judith ANDERSON
 Frances NEAL • Mildred COLES • Eric BLOOM
 RKO RADIO Picture
 Shows at 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
 Also Merrie Melodie Cartoon

This Collegiate World

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University of Minnesota's NYA quota for this year is \$124,065. Benefiting students represent 7.5 per cent of enrollment, compared with 9 per cent last year.

Experiments reported by Dr. A. R. Lauer of Iowa State college indicate the present candlepower of automobile headlights can be doubled without seriously increasing the glare hazard.

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