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Education-National Defense Prepare Yourself Here for Service

The emphasis upon education is being intensified because of the present national emergency. Administrative officials of A. & M. recognized this when they submitted a speed-up educational program to the Board of Directors for action today. The college will make every effort to see that all worthy students gain an education sufficient for them to adequately serve the nation.

The responsibility for securing this education still rests upon the individual student. He should make every effort to see that his education is completed or at least continued long enough for him to be of the greatest possible service to his country.

America's need at this time is for trained men. This is to be an all-out war and very probably a long war. Service by all will be demanded by the country. A student may rest assured that when he is needed, he will be called. At the present time, a student's place in the scheme of things is to prepare himself for that service.

Few educational institutions in the nation are better prepared to serve than A. & M. For many years both in times of peace and war A. & M. has been graduating men with reserve commissions in the army. Thousands of other A. & M. graduates have received technical training which makes them indispensable in this crisis.

A. & M. men of today can serve in this same manner. Over 400 cadets will receive commissions in May. Other underclassmen will be taking work which will eventually lead to commissions in the army reserve. It is to the best interests of these students and to their nation that they remain in school and continue their work. They have already signified their willingness to serve by taking military instruction here.

But what of the non-military student? He also has a definite place in national defense. Even today many branches of the armed services are on the campus looking for men to enlist in training leading to commissions. Without exception, they all require a good education on the part of the applicant. Non-military students should avail themselves of these opportunities to serve.

Remember, your nation needs you, but you are much more useful if you are better equipped from an educational standpoint to serve your country.

Maintaining Morale

Seven rules for maintaining wartime civilian morale have been outlined by Dr. Irving J. Lee of Northwestern university, an expert on the psychology of anxiety. For a number of years Dr. Lee has applied the principles back of these rules to many cases of stage fright with amazing success.

"The position of many Americans today," he points out, "is analogous to that experienced in stage fright. This situation, if permitted to continue, might lead to a deterioration of civilian morale."

Points to be remembered by all civilians during the crisis are:

1. Center your attention on your task-at-hand and seek new ways of helping.
 2. Don't feel that the whole burden rests on you. Just do something, however small, and the net result will be great.
 3. Worrying about a situation dissipates your energy, leads to more worry, and saps your efficiency for necessary work.
 4. Don't expect too much. Prepare for bad news. It isn't the pain, but the surprise coming of the pain that hurts. Remember that the anticipation of danger has a protective effect.
 5. Question all rumors. Don't let them affect you emotionally.
 6. Trust those in authority. They are the only ones in a position to know the facts.
 7. Don't worry near children. They are easily excitable and spread anxiety quickly.
- Just as an inexperienced public speaker allows his worry about the audience or his

own failings to distract his thoughts from the talk he is to make, so many civilians dissipate their energies worrying about conditions they cannot control and lose their effectiveness for necessary duties.

Civilians often worry so much about war conditions that they lose efficiency in their work and their personal lives. This increases their anxiety. Any prolongation of worry leads first to inefficiency, then to personal breakdown. At a time when America needs the full efficiency of everyone, it is essential that we realize what our immediate task is and do not allow worry to distract us." —ACP

Open Forum

For several years now the Aggies have had certain implied rules and regulations made by the Aggies which pertain to hitch-hiking. Some of these rules are not being observed. Of course we accuse the first year cadets of the violations but they are by no means the sole offenders. To be specific, I want to mention some of the things most noticeable.

First;
The men who are far down the line have no right to grab their grip and get in a waiting auto just because the men who are at the head of the line do not want to go the distance the car is going. The men who are at the head of the line or first in going any distance they want to go.

Second;
If you are number one in line, why not find out where the first five or six boys would like a ride to so that we could avoid holding the car any longer than necessary.

Third;
Do we appreciate the rides that we get? Now hold your hat. Some of the boys do not even meet the people that they are riding with.

Fourth;
Do not go to sleep immediately after settling yourself into the deep luxurious cushions. Maybe the driver gave you a lift for purely conversational purposes. Let's do our part to keep a good Aggie hitch-hiking reputation.

Keith Kirk, '43

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

Notes On Another War. Texans were not greatly interested when the European war began in 1914, and it was only gradually that a definite interest came to exist. Following the sinking of the Lusitania a resolution was introduced into the Texas senate asking that diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany be severed, but it did not pass.

The United States entered the war in April, 1917, and soon resorted to a selective service law as a means of raising an army. Texans accepted the draft with almost no opposition, and 988,000 men registered. A total of 198,000 Texans saw service in the army, navy and marine corps during the course of the war. In addition, 450 women served as nurses.

Of the Texans who saw service during the war slightly more than 5,000 lost their lives. Of the dead, 4,748 were serving in the army and the others in the navy and the marine corps. More than one-third of the total deaths occurred in the United States, many of them being caused by the epidemic of Spanish influenza which swept the country during the fall of 1918.

A number of acts relating directly to the conflict were passed by the legislature. A State Council of Defense was created to cooperate with the National Council of Defense. Many restrictions were placed upon the customary freedom of speech and press. Each public school was required to spend at least ten minutes per day in teaching intelligent patriotism, and it was also required that each school be equipped with a suitable flag. Suffrage was limited to citizens of the United States.

Four large training camps and a number of smaller ones were located in Texas. The four large camps were Camp McArthur at Waco, Camp Logan at Houston, Camp Travis at San Antonio and Camp Bowie at Fort Worth. "Give till it hurts," "buy more bonds," "do your bit," and numerous other slogans found place in the popular mind. Citizens bought Liberty Bonds, War Saving Stamps, and at the same time made contributions of time and money to the Red Cross and various other agencies.

Texans also co-operated in the food conservation program. The conserving of food came to be known as "Hooverizing." Most of the homes in the states observed wheatless Mondays and Wednesdays, meatless Tuesdays and porkless Thursdays and Saturdays. Every day was a fat saving day and a sugar saving day. War gardens, which were urged as a means of increasing the food supply, came to occupy many a vacant lot in cities and towns.

Americans played an active part in winning the war, but America lost the peace. One of the chief reasons for losing the peace was the fact that many Americans believed that this country could continue to shun its international obligations and live entirely within its own boundaries. It is to be hoped that we have learned our lesson, and that this time we shall win both the victory and the peace.

PRIVATE BUCK .. By Clyde Lewis



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BACKWASH

By Charlie Babcock

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

The Way of Things . . . Samuel McLellan, 20-year-old Harvard college senior, went on a five-day fast recently to obtain material for a thesis entitled, "How It Feels to Starve." . . . Sure Signs of War: Registrar H. L. Heaton's purchase of a bicycle to save wear and tear on his automobile; Senior Manny Smith's purchase of a regulation army overcoat in preparation of entering the service

secret flight of four-engine bombers from Honolulu to the Philippines. Pelly, a member of the class of '38, left his mark at Kyle Field before grabbing a sheepskin —letting twice in football and twice in track.

His record since leaving A. & M. with a B. S. degree and commission as second lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve consists of; entry in the Air Corps, training at Randolph and Kelly Fields to earn his second commission as a gold bar wearer, and this time to go into active duty immediately, and he has been there ever since.

Those who knew Pelly best remember him as a "fightin' fool" who wasn't afraid of anything.

Son of Goose Creek

Lt. H. C. "Pelly" Dittman, former Aggie and now officer in the U. S. air corps fighting somewhere in the war zone, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in conducting a

Random Remarks

By E. M. Rosenthal

The T. U. war jitters have been calmed down but the boys on the Forty Acres still have reason to wonder why they didn't come to Aggieland for a little bull text when school started. Each edition of The Daily Texan bemoans the fate of the daily herds of Teasippers who are being called by Uncle Sam. . . A gloating headline can also be seen every day or so announcing the names of the "select few" who have chances for commissions in the navy or army air corps.

The roster of university student officials is beginning to resemble a tic tac toe game or the score sheet for a domino game; "X's" and lines are all over the thing. So far the president of the student body, the editor and associate editor of the newspaper and the editor of the comic magazine are, or soon plan to be, on their respective ways to the khaki or naval ranks.

And speaking of Teasippers, they admittedly call themselves that in one of the Tuesday Daily Texan headlines. . . . Our ex Bull, now Major General George F. Moore, made the news stands again yesterday. Time magazine not only told that the former Aggie was in command at the fortress island of Corregidor, but also printed a one column picture of him.

The fact General George now holds his present rank should give courage to all of the military am-

COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

If there was \$10,000 at stake, but so many other matters have gotten into the story that the wed-

ding has to take a back seat. In in "NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH" the picture, Laraine Day is killed showing at the Campus tomorrow and Monday. It's Paulette Goddard's money that he is betting. Outside of this item, the story has nothing to offer, but with the fam-

ous Hope in there battling for the home team, you can't possibly lose. Of course Miss Goddard does not detract any whatsoever from the picture, but witty Robert is the hit of the show. You may rest assured that from the first until the last frame that goes through the projector there will be plenty of laughter provided by Hope. "TOM, DICK, AND HARRY," are all engaged to Ginger Rogers at the same time. The solution to the question of which one of the trio to marry makes as interesting a story as we have seen in quite a while at Guion hall tonight. Ginger is a telephone operator who feels that she can get a rich husband as easily as a poor one. She already knows Tom, a hard-working salesman. While trying to meet Dick, the town's wealthy playboy, she meets Harry, a penniless mechanic. Eventually she becomes engaged to all of them and then has to make up her mind. While this is going on, she imagines what the future with each one of them holds in store for her. It is slightly zany, but most entertaining. Ginger shows good proof in the film why she was given the Academy award for last year. She does a fine job of acting.

The title of the show is "DR. KILDARE'S WEDDING DAY,"

WHAT'S SHOWING AT GUION HALL

Saturday, 1:00 p. m.—"WEST POINT WIDOW," with Anne Shirley and Richard Carlson.

Saturday, 6:45 and 8:30—"TOM, DICK, AND HARRY," starring Ginger Rogers.

Monday—"DR. KILDARE'S WEDDING DAY," with Lew Ayres, Laraine Day, and Lionel Barrymore.

AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday — "BELLE STARR," with Randolph Scott and Gene Tierney.

Saturday prevue, Sunday, Monday — "NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH," featuring Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard.

Collegiate Review

College students over the country are estimated to earn more than \$32,000,000 a year.

One of the scholarships offered by Harvard university is restricted to students who formerly sold newspapers.

Dartmouth college's Thayer school of civil engineering was established in 1870 by Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, Dartmouth graduate of 1807.

One student in four at the University of Kentucky is employed at least part time.

Breathing of air low in oxygen impairs capacity to learn and decreases ability to act, reports Dr. Nathan Shock, assistant professor of physiology at the University of California.

SEE LOUPOT FOR BOOKS

TRADE EARLY With LOUPOT

Movie

GUION HALL

SATURDAY — 1 P. M.

West Point Widow

With Anne Shirley

6:45 & 8:30

Ginger Rogers — George Murphy

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