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There Was A Warning Harm of Extra Quizzes Being Felt

Five days ago The Battalion recognized and pointed out the danger of the many extra hour quasi-finals which were being assigned. It was pointed out that the students would be taxed to the limits studying for the many regularly scheduled major quizzes and lab finals and that they would not have the time to prepare for additional work.

These facts were reiterated two days later, and those professors who were not able to see why extra finals were uncalled for were appealed to on another justification for the cancellation of additional work. The justification was that calling off extra quizzes was conforming with the desires of the school officials, namely the academic council, the executive committee, and many of the deans.

But at the time these previous articles were written the possibility of danger was only foreseen. Now, the near disastrous effects of extra examinations is beginning to take concrete form, and the worst is yet to come. Already students are going to the hospital trying to get excused absences from classes because of the work which has been piled upon them. They are saying that as many as three and four major and extra quizzes are to be given on the same day and that they do not have time to prepare for them properly. The reprieve afforded by an excused absence is their only hope, yet it will be only temporary relief.

Eventually, though that eventually be only a few days, the extra quizzes will come for those who have managed to get them postponed as well as the majority of other less fortunates who must also take them. These tests will be taken but they will not be treated justly; partial preparation will cause grades to fall far below normal.

The idea that the students are merely trying to get out of work is incorrect. Under normal conditions, and the present situation is far from normal, no one would complain of having to do more work provided he had the time. But now there isn't time, yet the additional quizzes remain. WHY? —E. M. R.

Wheres Your Dime?

To date only \$98.51 has been collected in the "Dime an Aggie" drive for the Red Cross. Many of the organizations have not turned in their collection at the Student Activity Office, it was announced yesterday. Aggies, let's get behind this thing and carry it through to a successful conclusion.

After all, it is for the good of the fellows who are giving their all to preserve the American way of life. Did you ever stop to think that perhaps some day you may be mighty thankful that some philanthropic person has contributed to this worthy cause?

A dime from each Aggie would amount to around \$600 to help feed and clothe the war needy and to treat the wounds of men injured in the service of their country. Ten cents can hardly be called "all out for defense," but it will be a big help. All of us can afford to sacrifice a pack of cigarettes for a sack of Bull Durham. "A dime an Aggie" may help some other Aggie. Think it over! —K.C.B.

Help the Red Cross - Today

It's all for the Red Cross today as A. & M. takes time out from studies to attend the annual charity football game on Kyle Field.

There's no need to explain the work of the Red Cross or what it means to this nation at this time. The organization is serving a vital need. In order to carry on its work during war time, the Red Cross like any other private organization needs private funds. Throughout the nation benefits are

being given for the Red Cross. A. & M. also does its part.

A. & M. will have its chance to cooperate in this drive to day. Last year the first charity football game between the various regimental organizations was held and was a huge success. The Student Aid Fund received the benefits last year. This year since the United States is at war, the sponsors of the game decided that all the proceeds should go to the Red Cross.

Congratulations are due to the players and coaches for the time they are giving to help in this cause. The only job left to do now is to go to the game today. It deserves the support of all.

Quotable Quotes

"It was often alleged, in the years of disillusionment that followed Versailles, that 'propaganda' played a major role in persuading Americans to fight in 1917. There was active propaganda in the United States from 1914 to 1917—far more, indeed, than there is at the present time. British and Germans carried on an unremitting campaign to influence opinion, maintaining elaborate organizations spending large sums of money. Yet, in retrospect, we can see that propaganda played an insignificant role in the decision of April, 1917. The determining factors were both more fundamental and more realistic than the propagandist realized. The fundamental factors, then, as now, were American suspicion of Germany; the realistic factors, then, as now, were the overt acts of which Americans read, day after day, in their newspapers. The moral of the invasion of Belgium, the sinking of the Lusitania, the unrestricted submarine warfare, the treaty of Brest-Litovsk, did not need to be emphasized by propaganda—no more, indeed, than does the moral of the invasion of the Low Countries, the bombing of Rotterdam, or unrestricted submarine and aerial warfare today." Henry Steele Commager, professor of history, Columbia university, minimizes the importance of propaganda as a factor leading to U. S. entry into the war. —A. C. P.

War Interpretations

The gigantic conflict which has been raging since Adolf Hitler ordered his Wehrmacht to attack Russia more than six months ago continues to be the major battle now in progress. This conflict is so tremendous that it is almost impossible to realize the full extent of it. The battle lines stretch in an irregular, jagged front from the Arctic Ocean to the tip of the Crimean peninsula, a distance of more than 2000 miles. Thousands of aircraft, mechanized units, armored forces, and millions of men struggle for the cause that they believe to be just.

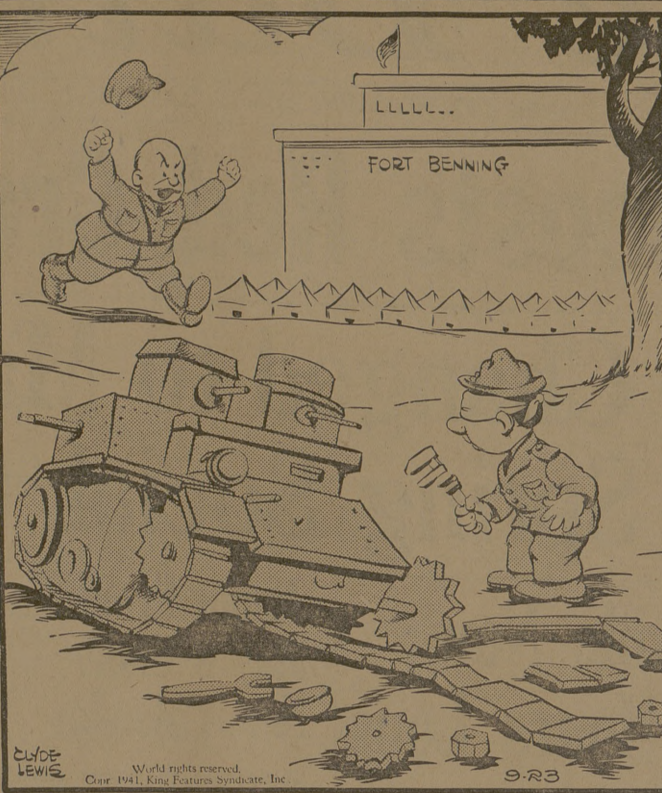
So far neither side has in any way triumphed; millions of men have died and been wounded, an equal number of pieces of war equipment destroyed or changed hands, battle lines surged back and forth, the hopes of one side risen as those of the other fallen, but still the final blow is to be struck.

The Germans scored great successes during the first few months of the campaign, although failing to take three of their main objectives, namely Leningrad, Moscow, and Sevastopol. Then came a stalemate of a few weeks and now a great Russian counter-offensive. As the Red army's lines of supply and communication lengthen, and those of the Nazi army shorten, and as the bitter cold of winter and mud of spring give way to dry, dusty plains it is not at all unlikely and quite probable that the Germans will again be able to push forward, and possibly accomplish what they have been trying to do for the past six months—namely to so disrupt and shatter the Red army that it will have to retire from the war, either by means of a peace or by setting up lines of defense behind the Volga River. Either of these would be extremely dangerous to the Allied cause, for although this would undoubtedly leave the German Army greatly weakened, it would also allow the German general staff to once again turn its attention to other fields of action—that is, against the Anglo-American forces, which might be in Africa, the Near East, or even Spain.

One of the most pressing questions in the minds of the American public today seems to be "Will Russia join in our war against Japan?" At present that seems extremely unlikely. Japan is a powerful antagonist, and Russia must have withdrawn much of her equipment and manpower from Siberia. The same, no doubt, holds true for Japan, but Russia is too busy in Europe to be able to pay much attention to the Far East at present. The use of the naval base at Vladivostok would be useful to Allied forces, but does not seem to be vital, for a naval base or air base must be stocked with fuel, ammunition, bombs, and replacement parts before it can be used. With Japanese sea and air superiority in the waters around the Empire of the Rising Sun, this would be impossible, and this base would be almost useless to the Allied high commands.

The Kremlin is very close-mouthed. Few know what actually happens there under the auspices of Joseph Stalin, and at present Russia is just as great an interrogation mark as ever, except that the world does know that the Red army is much better than was supposed.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"No, no, Buck. It's a MACHINE-GUN you're supposed to be able to dismantle while blindfolded!"

BACKWASH

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

Ancient Longhorn

We were looking through a complete file of A. & M. Longhorns the other day—one particular annual caught our eye, the year, 1913.

On page 139 of the book, the history of the junior class is written. A comparison between the setbacks and troubles of Aggies in '13 with those of today provides enlightening reading. Consider the following excerpts



The Junior Class entered the College at the opening of the '10-'11 session. Hazing was just coming into disfavor, and the faculty was beginning to weed it out in all its forms. Since that time, hazing has become a capital offense in the eyes of the faculty, and all a man has to do is haze, and his life, in so far as the A. & M. College is concerned, is finished.

The Junior Class is by far the strongest class that has attended the Agricultural and Mechanical College for many years, but since stepping from the train on that first memorable day, they have been beset by one continuous string of hard luck. Everything has gone wrong with the Class and the School.

The Mess Hall and the Main Building have been destroyed; Varsity beat us last year in football and cancelled her athletic relations with us; through the hardest kind of luck the Kansas Aggies beat us on Kyle Field, at the close of the most successful season we ever had, thus preventing us from claiming Southern honors in football; the meningitis scare of last year; the wholesale cannings of the present session, together with the strike shortly afterwards; death of several of our most beloved classmates; the loss of several of our friends on the faculty; the move to consolidate A. & M. and Texas University; and now the proposed consolidation amendment before the people of Texas.

Celluloid Poll
 A recent survey conducted among college students in the U. S. indicates the likes and dislikes of Aggies where movies are concerned. Take note Campus and Guion.
 Opinion was almost evenly divided on the question of double features with 35 per cent of the students opposed to the twin bill attractions and 36 per cent in favor of them. The remaining 29 per cent don't care. However, more than three-fourths of the students polled disliked movie programs to last over two and a half hours.
 The survey also reveals that men attend movies more often than women and that both sexes attend because of the picture and not the stars in it.
 Another tabulation shows that favorite types of pictures for university students are light comedies and musicals.

This Collegiate World

Here is proof that Canada is seniors from six counties to recover a \$50 scholarship dropped from an airplane at Rio Grande's High School festival.

Royal Canadian air force pilots, visiting Kent to participate in Defense day, inquired of Kent State university co-eds whether their tan raincoats were uniforms furnished them by the university.

Rio Grande (Ohio) college has found a new way to "award" scholarships. Odell Marchington out-scrambled 100 other high school

Kane was elected two years ago to the Rhode Island general assembly and this year he was re-elected for a second two-year term.

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A lot of action, comedy and romance is packed into the picture at Guion Hall this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Richard Arlen and Jean Parker are featured in the third of this series of aviation stories, "FLYING BLIND." Yes, there is no dearth of excitement in this one. There's a lot of espionage and fighting all the way through.

Arlen starts out as an airline pilot, and then organizes his own line for honeymooners from Los Angeles to Las Vegas. Some foreign spies gets in the plane and force him to fly off his course to avoid pursuit from the army. It gets terrifically interesting before it's all over.
 The legendary football star, who is a flash on the gridiron but can't remember his classwork well enough to recall when Columbus (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)



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LAST DAY



with Robert Preston — Ellen Drew also Donald Duck—Sports—Fox News

AT GUION HALL Saturday, 1 p. m.—"FLYING BLIND," with Richard Arlen and Jean Parker.

Saturday, 6:45, 8:30—"THAT UNCERTAIN FEELING," featuring Merle Oberon, Melvyn Douglas, and Burgess Meredith.

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"Flying Blind"

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"That Uncertain Feeling"

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