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## ROTC Quantity and Quality

The action of the War Department yesterday again gave A. & M. something else to feel proud of. Beginning in June our school will be the only one in the nation which has all branches of the R. O. T. C.

Before this decision to grant A. & M. Quartermaster training was made by the War Department, A. & M. already had more R. O. T. C. contracts than any other school in the U. S. Now it is the hope and plans of the Military Department to get additional contracts for the new Quartermaster branch and perhaps additional contracts for those many men in all branches who want but are unable to get on the government training lists.

Should these additional contracts be granted, A. & M. will by far be the leader in R. O. T. C. college training in the United States. But this leadership is based on something other than mere quantity. Many military leaders have time and again said that they would rather have an A. & M. officer than any other new officer entering the service. It is the quantity plus quality which makes A. & M. a true leader.

## Religious Spirit

Friday morning talk by Dr. G. W. Truett in Guion Hall ended Religious Emphasis Week for 1942 at A. & M. However, the spirit of the week has deeply impressed on many Aggie minds the high ideals expressed by the various speakers and organizations.

An Aggie professor was heard to remark once that if he were in search of true honest religion he would look on the A. & M. campus. Why? Because he asserted the Aggies have a little bit of the old fashioned spirit of religion—for they are truthful and honest about it and don't go in for show.

The fine attendance at all the meetings held by Dr. Truett in Guion hall showed the spirit of the deep religious attitude evidenced by the Aggie Corps. Many have been heard to express their views as "Dr. Truett is a great man and an excellent speaker. Besides that he has something to say."

In addition to the Aggies present during the week at the Guion meetings, numerous professors and their wives, many town-people and people of nearby farms have been present at the meetings, showing the usefulness and appreciation of others besides the cadets for the Religious Week Program.

That immeasurable good was accomplished by the ceremonies of Religious week will be evidenced for many weeks to come. The far reaching effects will be felt far beyond the limited confines of this school even as far as the distant lands of the Philippines, the Africas, or the war-torn fields of Europe.

## Quotable Quotes

During the past two years of concentrated defense program there has been a great development of technical training in the public schools through stimulation and aid from the federal government. But over a long period of time, when this stimulation is removed, there must be a reversion to general education trends. In normal times only 30 to 35 per cent of the jobs in America call for technical training. The rest of the young people will continue to be trained for 'white collar' jobs.—Dean B. F. Pittenger of the University of Texas school of education foresees eventual reassertion of a trend toward general education.

*You don't learn to hold your own in the world by standing on guard but by attacking and getting well hammered yourself.* —George Bernard Shaw

*All his faults are such that one loves him still the better for them.* —Oliver Goldsmith

## War Interpretations

By Robert L. Freeland

### "The Sick Man of Europe"

The "Sick Man of Europe" was the name applied to the old Ottoman Empire when it was crumbling and rotten from within. Much of its territory had been lost to foreign hordes. In World War I Turkey, the new name for the Ottoman Empire, was an Ally of the Central Powers, and one of the greatest British defeats was administered at Gallipoli. But Turkey was forced out of the war by the Allies.

In 1923 Turkey began her modernization program under a new ruler. The old styles were disappearing—women were no longer required by law to wear heavy veils when they appeared in public; the large harems began to vanish; a new army was built.

Today Turkey, like Spain, is at the crossroads. She has an army of a little under two million. These men are hard fighters and well trained. Their equipment is varied. Some of their ordnance was obtained from France and England before the start of the present war along with some German equipment left over from the last war. She holds the vital Dardanelles, which block entrance to the Black sea from the Mediterranean, and she also blocks a path to the Near East with its fabulous riches in oil, and through the near east the route to India and the Far East. What more could Hitler ask than to be able to join forces with the Japanese legions now attacking Burma, and gain for himself control of the rich oil fields of Mosul and Arabia and along with it the Red Sea and that part of the African Coast.

But Turkey is not a pushover. The Wehrmacht might be able to easily conquer the European part of Turkey, but then the Dardanelles would have to be crossed, and the German army has always been stopped whenever it is necessary to cross a few miles of water with the opposite shore held by the enemy. And if successful, the Turkish mountains, without any roads to speak of, defended by guerillas and regulars of the Turkish Army would have to be overcome before the flat plains and desert were reached and then a well-equipped British army. The cost in men and equipment to Germany would be tremendous, and the German army has already suffered severe losses in the Russian campaign.

Both the Axis and the Allies have been wooing Turkey. Now Turkey is receiving Lend-Lease aid from the United States and British tanks and fighter planes. As a queer parallel, she is to receive (?) new Messerschmidts from Germany at the beginning of 1947 in return for her agreement to sell half of her vital chromium output to Germany.

The foreign trade of Turkey is terribly affected by the war. Bottoms are no longer available to carry Turkish tobacco to the United States and England, and now her principal export is her chrome ore to the United States and to England. Germany is getting a little of her surplus agricultural products by way of Bulgaria.

## The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

Many signs indicate that the Axis nations are going to make a supreme effort to win the war this spring. Germany has been fighting for a long time, and there is no doubt that its people are tired of the conflict. Japan has been fighting for a long time, too, and the Japanese leaders must realize that their resources will not permit them to engage in a long war. The Axis hopes to win before a large American army can be placed in the field, and before American factories can begin to supply materials of war to the potential armies of China and India.

There are some indications that Germany is strengthening her positions along the Channel and North Sea coasts of Europe; perhaps to defend against an English attack, possibly with an intention of finally making an attempt to invade Britain. There is also evidence that Germany may try driving to the East in the hope of making contact with the Japanese in India. Undoubtedly Germany will step up the tempo of her war against Russia, and there is a possibility that Japan may also attack Russia.

The Allies doubtless have counter-plans, but it is difficult to say just what they are. President Roosevelt has implied that the strategy will be to wage a war of attrition against Japan, and merely hold on the Pacific while placing most available strength in the field against the Germans. Such a plan might succeed if Java can be held, but it is difficult to think that it will be followed if Java falls.

If Americans are to be placed in the field against Germany, the question is where. An army could be sent to Libya, but the Germans could draw out of Libya without feeling that they had lost too much. It would seem, therefore, that the logical move would be to place an army on the continent. Some commentators favor an invasion through the Balkans, but most are agreed that the move should be made in Western Europe with England serving as a base. There is a fear, so widespread as to be almost a belief, that the Russian armies will be unable to withstand the Nazi assaults once General Winter has retired. The only relief they can have is for America and Britain to open a new front. Opening a new front on the continent will not be a simple task. It will require not only men and materials, but initiative in an amount not yet displayed by the Allied nations in this war.

## PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"I've told him a dozen times he shouldn't do his signal practice in that cow pasture!"

## BACKWASH

By Jack Keith

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

### A Bird Dog's Tale

Here's a story that'll incite any "bird dog" to greater efforts. It all started at the Bonfire Dance in the fall of '40, when a junior bird dog showered his attentions on a girl from Kansas—a sophomore's date. Again last Thanksgiving he saw the girl, danced with her and learned her address. Only two weeks later, he asked her to marry him. Before the girl's reply reached College Station, he had bought an engagement ring and left for Kansas.

And then—actually the first time he'd ever had a date with her—the girl accepted his proposal and the ring... he was back in Kansas last week-end—to meet her family.

### Backwashing Around

Joe B. Coolidge trying to live down the typographical error that put his name down as "Joe College" on the sophomore dance programs... orchids to Henry Avery, Robert Simpson and Harry Saunders for that swell "44" which revolved in Sbis Hall last week-end... seen in the mess hall—Tom Robb with his seven visitors Tuesday night... "Fish" Sidney Cox, leaving formation to chase his campaign hat. The high wind Monday night blew it off and it got to the mess-hall before he did.

Joe Crownover, John May and J. F. Wright, singing a ditty on

their way to 9 o'clock class to the tune of "It's Off To Work We Go"—their words:

Hi ho, hi ho,  
It's off to class we go—  
To learn some junk  
And then to flunk;  
Hi ho, hi ho, hi ho.

Word comes from the War Department via Senator L. Lee that answers a question that's been in all our minds. In part, the letter says, "The Student Army Training Corps organized during the last war to enable students to continue their education as members of the armed forces... was not an entirely satisfactory means of training officers... The difficulties of students in completing their education under the present schedules is appreciated and the U. S. Office of Education is studying the problem."

### Shortage

The latest from one of our "Frogs": Tires and inner tubes held by retailers and wholesalers all over the country are rotting faster because of disuse than they would if they were on the wheels of the nation's autos.

The remedy for the situation is that on February 29 and 30, all stores selling tires and tubes will be wide open to anyone wishing to make purchases.

Maybe we should send the "Frog" to the White House?

## This Collegiate World

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Prof. O. W. Wilson found the going a little difficult in his Michigan State college Spanish class.

The recitation was first disrupted when a co-eds string of pearls broke and a 20-minute search was instituted for the beads.

No sooner had order been restored when the classroom door opened. A young man stepped in, calmly surveyed the students, spied a co-ed and threw her a candy bar. Then he turned and walked out.

Class was dismissed.

Mashed potatoes with their jackets on is a regular feature on the menu of the 300 University of Idaho students who live in two men's halls on the campus. The students maintain leaving the jackets on gives the potatoes an improved flavor and an "interesting" peppercorn appearance.

Thousands of pages from forgot-

ten books and documents dealing with the early civilization of Latin America are being copied on microfilm for the use of scholars everywhere in a special project under way at Brown University, Providence, R. I.

The work was made possible by a grant of \$35,000 from Rockefeller foundation.

All of the material to be microfilmed over a period of three years in libraries in South America, Central America and Mexico will be added to material on Latin America now housed in the John Carter Brown and John Hay libraries at the university.

Brown plans to use the microfilmed books and manuscripts in connection with expanded opportunities for undergraduates and graduate students who want to study Latin-American culture. Eventually the university expects to become a reference center.

### AGGIES!

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE

126 Administration Bldg.

## COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

It really is a "SKYLARK"! Claudette Colbert and her husband, Ray Millard, have been married for five years and decide to hold a fifth anniversary party in honor of the occasion. That is how all the trouble in the feature attraction at the Campus tomorrow and Monday gets started.



Ray Millard was once a horse-man in the British Household Cavalry, the King's personal bodyguard. He got his first role in a film entitled "The Flying Scotsman." Since coming to America, he has become firmly established in the motion picture world with parts in "Arise My Love," "Men With Wings," and a number of others.

In "Skylark" Millard is an advertising agency executive who is trying to get to the top of his profession. Thus the triangle between husband, wife and business takes form. Once it is started, Brian Aherne as a smooth bachelor lawyer tries to help out by getting Claudette to marry him.

Affairs on the romantic side become more complex as the story progresses. The plot may be a trifle shop-worn, but with the skillful handling it has been given by the producers, it is really a fine picture. It is not so much what is said in the film as the way it is said.

Dr. A. J. Cronin's famed novel, "THE STARS LOOK DOWN," will be shown at Guion Hall in its motion picture version today. The reason that the characters in the film are not well-known is that they are British stars who have never made an American picture. Michael Redgrave and Margaret Lockwood have been given the

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### WHAT'S SHOWING

#### AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday—"PARACHUTE BATTALION," with Robert Preston and Nancy Kelly. Saturday preveue, Sunday, Monday—"SKYLARK," starring Claudette Colbert, Ray Millard, and Brian Aherne.

#### AT GUION HALL

Saturday—"THE STARS LOOK DOWN," featuring Michael Redgrave and Margaret Lockwood.

## Campus

Dial 4-1181

Box Office Opens 2 P. M. LAST DAY

**PARACHUTE BATTALION**  
starring Robert PRESTON • Nancy KELLY • Edmond O'BRIEN • Harry CAREY

Buddy Paul with Richard Robert ESSEN • KELLY • CROMWELL • BARRAT Also

News - Musical

PREVIEW TONIGHT After Barnyard Frolic SUNDAY - MONDAY

## Skylark

A Paramount Picture

Starring CLAUDETTE COLBERT RAY MILLARD BRIAN AHERNE News - Cartoon Information Please

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### NOTICE

There will not be any special Circulars distributed this week because of shortage of help

— BUT —

SPECIALS will be lined up in our store for the benefit of our customers

## CHARLIE'S FOOD MARKET

North Gate

### Movie

## GUION HALL

### SATURDAY

2 P. M., 7:45 and 9:00

Michael Redgrave — Margaret Lockwood

in

## "STARS LOOK DOWN"

COMEDY ALSO

March of Time in

"OUR AMERICA AT WAR"

Coming Tues. - Wed. - Thurs. - Fri.

## "SERGEANT YORK"