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Wartime Travel

The Aggies' principal mode of travel, highwaying, has long been synonymous with A. & M. Since the rationing of tires by Administrator Henderson the chances to catch rides have been greatly lessened and in fact have been cut approximately in half.

Nevertheless, a large part of the student body gets the "Week-end corps trip" desire every Friday and Saturday even though these students can not afford the cost of commercial transportation.

One way partially to relieve this situation is for those men on the campus who have cars to cooperate to the fullest extent with those men who want rides. A half empty car leaving A. & M. actually deprives some Aggies of a big week-end.

Of course these men who do have cars are handicapped to a certain extent because they are not allowed to make mess hall announcements as has been the custom in the past. If the commandant's office would again grant students the permission to make these short announcements the situation of week-end travel would be helped considerably.

Attitudes of I-A Men

What are the boys who face it directly thinking about this war? Men representing government, education, religion, employers and many others have given their statements freely. But what about the young man who is I-A?

Norbet Engels, professor of English in the University of Notre Dame, has analyzed a survey of 100 of these young men, 95 of whom are immediately eligible for military service. His conclusions appear in the current issue of Columbia, Knights of Columbus magazine.

The survey is outstanding for the solid thinking and the significant expression of boys heading for the front lines. As Professor Engels concludes, "... the war and their place in the war are much more real to them, more concrete and tangible than the subtle values of the poet's mind. It is something they can get hold of, and whenever they can get hold of something, especially something interesting and intimate to them, they have no trouble at all in expressing themselves well."

Ninety per cent of the boys said "a lot of things matter besides the war. Maybe some of them matter now more than they ever did."

Asked about the ordinary things of life and their relation to preparation for service, one young man said, "We aren't defending a geographical location; we're fighting for apple pies and baseball games and public concerts and library cards and the girl friend." Spiritually, as one young man put it, they hope to retain "a trust in almighty God that, come what may to our physical beings, we will always be I-A."

Regarding a sense of humor, the best opinion said, "... rather than dwarfing the gravity of the situation, it enlarges the man to meet it."

Professor Engels' article expresses the confident conviction that America is going to profit from its educational investment in youth.—ACP.

Quotable Quotes

"When we consider that the public, because it pays taxes for the support of the schools and is required by law to send its children to the schools, has a decreasing sense of responsibility for these children's education, we see from a new angle the possible nature of our task and the possible dangers that encompass it. Perhaps we should re-examine the situation which faces us to determine how much of difficulty and failure results from the sloughing off by adults of former parental educational responsibilities because of a conviction that the schools are being supported and teachers paid to develop children into men and women.

Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

Background for Ag. Students
A well-known teacher in the School of Agriculture has obligingly worked out the following annotated list of books that everybody should read who is interested in any part of the field of agriculture:

1. Erskine Caldwell and Margaret Bourke-White, "You Have Seen Their Faces"—A gripping pictorial of life in the Deep South. Share cropping in the Empire of the Sun. Superb photography. The most caloused can never be the same after reading this book.

2. Sydney Mangham, "Earth's Green Mantle."—"In the course of the 11 chapters the author treats on almost every conceivable part which the vegetable kingdom, in its many aspects, plays or has played in the past in the economic welfare of mankind." In three chapters plants are regarded as machines but differing in that "no motor-car ever built itself or bred in next year's model for its owner!"

3. Paul B. Sears, "Deserts on the March."—Dr. Sears authoritatively describes the growth of the Southwest's Dust Bowls and the wastage of man's most valuable heritage, his soil. Methods of conservation are discussed and note taken of the "clear and somber" warnings of the past—"Vanished civilizations like dead flies in lacquer, buried beneath their own dust and mud."

4. Rupert B. Vance, "Human Geography of the South."—This book is the first comprehensive and scientific effort to inventory and describe the physical and human resources of this region. The author is not content to describe and inventory. He outlines plans for progress. Some real meat for one with a good digestive system. Try it.

5. David Fairchild, "The World Was My Garden."—Notes and belabored philosophy of a world famous naturalist, plant importer, scholar, and world traveler. A book that can be read with pleasure by any lover of growing things.

The World Turns On

By A. F. Chalk

The effect this war is having on our supply of metals is more critical than some of us thought would be the case. A recent article in Fortune magazine summarizes the metal supply situation quite well. The information given in this article left the writer with the impression that much is yet to be done in the field of metal production before we can safely engage in a war of long duration. A few of the highlights of this article are presented here for the information of those who may not already appreciate the problems the U. S. confronts in this field of production.

The taking of the Philippines cost us one fourth of our supplies of chromite, and we cannot make armor plate without this metal. The loss of Malaya will cost us three fourths of our customary imports of tin. The war has thus far "crippled" the flow of three fourths of the U. S. supplies of manganese, and we must have manganese in order to make steel. These are but a few of the ways in which the war is affecting our normal supply of metals for national defense.

In many instances our potential supplies of essential metals in the Western Hemisphere are such that the long-run outlook is not dark. In a few instances, however, the situation looks extremely bad in the light of known supplies of ore and present mining techniques. If we look at the 1940 world mineral production, (which is the last year of complete mineral data) it becomes apparent that the normal supplies of many metals from this hemisphere must be expanded in several fields if we are not to be severely pinched in our defense effort.

The following is a list of 14 important metals and the per cent of the world production of each metal which was produced in this hemisphere in 1940: (1) aluminum ore—37½ percent, (2) antimony ore—71½ percent, (3) chromite—6 percent, (4) copper—65 percent, (5)—iron ore—37 percent, (6) lead ore—32 percent, (7) manganese ore—7 percent, (8) mercury—33 percent, (9) molybdenum—87½ percent, (10) nickel—87½ percent, (11) tin ore—17 percent, (12) tungsten ore—44 percent, (13) vanadium ore—75½ percent, (14) zinc ore—33 percent.

One potential solution to the metal shortage is to be found in the renewed efforts that are now being made to discover new sources of many of these ores. We now have specialists searching throughout the hemisphere, and favorable results have already been obtained in several instances. Still another method of improving the situation is to develop new techniques for getting the metals out of the ores. Our rate of technological advancement in this field must be speeded up in several instances if we are to attain minimum military requirements.

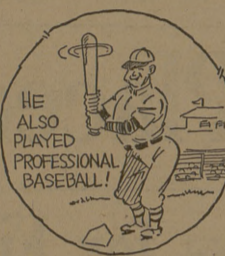
In the cases of zinc, lead, mercury, nickel, antimony, and magnesium the problem is primarily that of expanding existing productive capacities—not a lack of basic resources within the U. S. or within easy, overland reach of its borders. According to Fortune magazine, the only metal for which the outlook is really dark is tin. The primary deposits in this hemisphere are in Bolivia and the only available smelters are in England. We are building one in Texas but even if it operated full-time it would supply no more than one third of our normal needs.

The four metals for which we can and must find a means of increasing production are chromite, manganese, tungsten, and aluminum ore, but we can attain only 80 percent self-sufficiency in chromite and 60 percent self-sufficiency in tungsten.

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



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BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

"A & M University"

Heard in the wee, small hours of Wednesday morning on W8XO, WLW's 500,000 watt short wave station at Cincinnati, Ohio, "Here's a card from a Texas university boy—reminds me of the two letters from lads at the University of A. & M. last week. . . I have the "The Eyes of Texas" here but don't know which it belongs to—think it's A. & M.'s. Anyway the one who sends the most mail to me in the next few days will get their school song played on the Alley."

Such was the comment of Marion Moore, m.c. on the Dead Pan Alley program. Jimmie Kloud and "Dutch" Burgen sent one of the letters, and William Henley sent the other. Jimmie and "Dutch" have sent him some much-needed information on A. & M. recently, it is said.

Harlem Express

Jimmie Lunceford, one of the most "degreed" bandleaders who ever stepped upon a podium, honor graduate of Fisk U., former professor of English, possessor of four college degrees, and a recipient of musical awards here and abroad, is the first Negro orchestra leader to win his wings and become one of the few Negro pilots holding a Civil Aeronautics Commission license in the U. S.

His music career started when he resigned as professor of English in Memphis, Tennessee, to stick with nine of his students who comprised the school band. . . He carved the band out of the rough and, together, they sweated and starved up and down the country, climbing the steep grade from small time to top notch. Five of the original members are still with

the orchestra. . . these five and newer members comprise one of the most educated bands in the world. . . every man a college graduate, every man a specialist. Two years ago, the band toured the capitols of Europe, receiving



Jimmie Lunceford

the praise of the critics. As a result, the Lunceford name is as well-known "over there" as in our own swing circles. In Harlem, the band requires a police escort thru the mobs which gather when they plays. . . in Newark, the racketeers had no trouble in selling 300 fake tickets to a Lunceford show. . . which all goes to prove the Field boys will swing out to the music of one of the best.

Deadend

Orchids to the Y.M.C.A. for the new movie screen in Guion Hall—the two-small one was replaced with the initial showing of "S. (See BACKWASH, Page 4)

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The Fencing Team and the Rural Sociology club are sponsoring the feature at the Campus today. It is "SOULS AT SEA" with Gary Cooper, George Raft, Frances Dee, and Henry Wilcoxon in the leading roles. It is an excellent picture that was made some time ago and has been rereleased by the producers. You will find "Souls At Sea" a really absorbing story of piracy, shipwreck, and dramatic courage.

If you haven't seen "SERGEANT YORK" at Guion Hall, there are still two days in which to see this adventure into the soul of America.

Gary Cooper plays one of the greatest roles of his entire career in this story of the life of Alvin York, America's number one hero of the first World War. He is very capably supported by Joan Leslie as his sweetheart and Walter Brennan as the crossroads philosopher who advises York on the affairs of his soul.

As a conscientious objector, York experienced a great inner strife before he reached his decision whether to remain in the army or not. Later he went to France and performed a feat that will be in history books for centuries to come. "Sergeant York" is a picture that will make each and every one of us still more proud that we are living in the land called America.

Margaret Wycherly plays the role of Ma York in the story. With simple dignity, she goes through life making a living for her fatherless family and keeping them from wandering away from home. And George Tobias as "Pusher" Ross, York's army buddy, is outstanding.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS
Thursday — "SOULS AT SEA," featuring Gary Cooper, George Raft and Frances Dee. Benefit Fencing Team and Rural Sociology club.
Friday and Saturday — "SPAWN OF THE NORTH" with George Raft, Dorothy Lamour, and Henry Fonda.
AT GUION HALL
Thursday, Friday—"SERGEANT YORK," starring Gary Cooper.

It seems almost incredible that anyone could shoot as well as York was able to when he was young, but the shooting shown in the picture is a duplicate of feats accomplished by York when he was in the army and before he entered the army as a boy.

Jack London's great story, "SPAWN OF THE NORTH" has been made into a motion picture with George Raft, Dorothy Lamour, and Henry Fonda sharing the starring parts.

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PREVIEW 11 P.M.
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TODAY ONLY
"SOULS AT SEA"
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Gary Cooper, George Raft
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Rural Sociology Club

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"SPAWN OF THE NORTH"
Starring
George Raft -- Henry Fonda
Dorothy Lamour
Also News -- Sport
"HOW GOES CHILE"
Nazis at work in Chile

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4:30 and 7:30

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The national contract on "SERGEANT YORK" specifies that this admission price must be charged at all theatres.