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The World Turns On

By A. F. Chalk

The problem of uniting the different economic groups within our country is becoming more and more vital as our military position deteriorates in the Pacific. Recent speeches made by the President and the Vice-President indicate that the administration intends to use its influence more strongly in the future to restrain minority groups whose actions are seriously retarding the war effort. The President again called attention to the simple fact that we must all sacrifice some of our customary economic liberties if we are to prosecute this war effectively.

In both of these speeches referred to above, the farmers were reminded of the benefits they have received during the Roosevelt administration. They were also advised not to demand higher prices for their products at a time when the government is attempting to institute methods of controlling the rising price level. The farm bloc in congress has in the past demanded that farm prices be allowed to rise to 110% of parity with the prices of manufactured products. It has been the contention of the administration that the rising prices of farm products must be curtailed if we are to avoid a serious inflationary trend in the general price level.

The problem of agricultural prices is but a part of the general problem of regulating a war-time economy. Organized labor and big business constitute two other minority groups which must sacrifice many of their cherished economic liberties in the interest of the general welfare. Loss of time resulting from disputes between these two groups must be abolished. The government now has ample power to enforce a system of compulsory arbitration for the settlement of industrial disputes, and voters of the country may make their protests known at the ballot box this fall if some drastic action is not taken.

Each group is obviously afraid that any sacrifices it might make will not be made by other groups, and it would seem that the function of a government under such circumstances would be obvious. Simultaneous action on the part of the administration to institute controls over wages, corporate profits and agricultural prices might cause a sudden shock, but such a procedure would make it difficult for any one of the three groups to justify selfish behavior in the future. Whether it would be "politically expedient" is still another matter, but it occurs to the writer that a good measure of positive action on the part of the government might not cost as many votes as the congressmen are apparently thinking it would.

Quotable Quotes

"The contemporary attitude that the schools should not teach controversial issues and should teach children 'how to think' but not 'what to think' is sheer moral pussy-footing and a betrayal of the real purposes of education. If we educators do not correct this moral deficiency in education we are going to lose the confidence and support of the people." Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas, holds that it is the ultimate purpose of liberal education to develop moral and spiritual leaders.

reports some kind of emphasis on physical conditioning. That physical conditioning is an insufficient substitute for basic military training is clear. Further, several college editors report that student interest is declining in these courses, and close order drill and bayonet movements have been introduced to vitalize them.

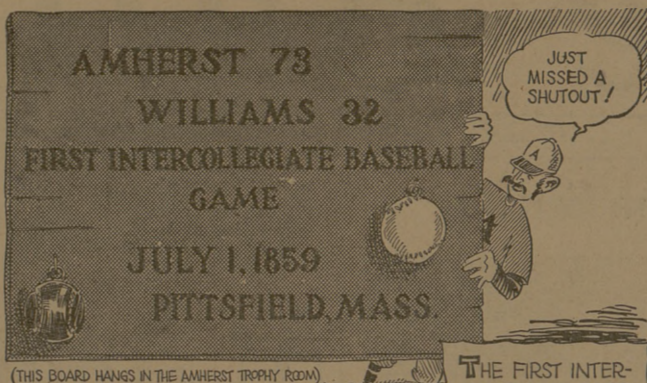
Substitute Courses Offered

College editors also report that their schools are teaching Japanese, Portuguese, "military German," "military French," Russian, Arabic, Italian, and Turkish. Classes in cryptography have already been introduced in two schools and similar courses are slated to appear in six more curricula. Psychology departments have taken on significance by offering "pre-service" training in "military psychology," "propaganda psychology," "moral psychology" and the "psychological causes of war." College men are being trained in "quick computation methods," "ballistics," "electronic chemistry," "Pacific geography," "military cartography," "aerial photography," "practical telephony," "ship drafting," "first aid," "stress analysis," and "truck driving."

The task of the average male undergraduate today is to achieve the highest possible military effectiveness, both for his personal satisfaction and advancement, and for the general effectiveness of the United States in winning this war. To this average student, says the report, three things are important: first, his college education; second, a sound basic pre-induction military training; and third, some assurance that any specialized pre-induction training he does will be utilized by some branch of the armed forces. The institutions are making it easier for men to complete their requirements for a bachelor's degree by using various devices to speed up the curriculum; consequently, men will soon be able to be graduated a year or two earlier than they would normally.

The report concludes, "There must be a close cooperation between the army and educational institutions to standardize 'defense courses' before the college men can have any assurance that his specialized training will be utilized."

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



(THIS BOARD HANGS IN THE AMHERST TROPHY ROOM)



BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

Week-end Maestro

The Engineers are the second organization to feature a Negro band this year. Their choice, Andy Kirk, comes from engagements at the Grand Terrace, in Chicago, the Famous Door, in New York, and numerous college dates, including Yale and Princeton. His is one of the few traveling outfits that carry female features—June Richmond, buxom vocalist, see cut, and Mary Lou Williams, pianist. Fea-



June Richmond

Slated to answer an early call to arms, some Seniors will sport military titles on their personal cards, used in the invitations, i.e., "Lieutenant John E. Doe." No. 1 reason for the change is to make the cards usable after the final exercises. (Four years of Aggie economy is another reason.)

From Denton comes a story labeled "Aggie optimism": TSCWite Lucille McDermott received a telegram inviting her to the Field Ball. The only hitch to the urgent invitation, closed "with love," was that Lucille doesn't know, and has never heard of, the Aggie who sent it... the so-called blackout Tuesday night was just a practice to get the new air raid wardens "in the mood." A few lights were turned off for effect, but the main objective was to get the wardens on the line to prevent possible "first scares"... for an up-to-the-minute view of war geography, look in on the war maps in the main hall of the Library. Carlton Sheram, I-Infantry, keeps the maps current on his own time, changing them daily, or more often, as the battle goes.

Joe W. Gibbs and Leo D. Housewright, piloting plans for the Ball, say that only uniforms will be worn.

Backwashing Around

Something new has been added to dress up the "John Henrys" of his fellow-Aggies will enjoy and many of the graduating Seniors profit by.

During the past year the A. & M. Mother's Club of San Angelo has made two gifts of books to the College Library in memory of San Angelo Aggies who have died recently.

In memory of Ely Wright, an engineering student, the Mother's Club has given, "Engineering's Part in the Development of Civilization," by Dugald Caley Jackson; "Locomotives on Parade," by Edward Hungerford; "Blood, Sweat, and Tears," by Winston Churchill.

San Angelo Club Donates Two Books

Walter Stanley Campbell's "Short Grass Country" has been given in memory of James L. Black, an agriculture student. This club has set a precedent by quietly commemorating a boy by dedicating to him some books that dress up the "John Henrys" of his fellow-Aggies will enjoy and many of the graduating Seniors profit by.

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AT THE BATTLE FRONT
WE HAVE --

100% Wool Yarn Dyed Material, Talon Zippers, Silk Threads, Solid Brass Buttons and Buckles...

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WITH TOM VANNOY

The A. S. M. E. is sponsoring the plot. The picture has enough action in it to make it very interesting.

Can you go o see a murder mystery picture and solve the crime before the solution is told in the story? If you pride yourself on this ability, then go see "I WAKE UP SCREAMING" at the Campus tomorrow and Saturday. You will probably guess wrong. With a cast made up of Betty Grable, Victor Mature, Carole Landis, and William Gargan, the show is bound to be a success.

The story is quite different from the usual run of detective mysteries. In fact, it borders on the psychopathic. The cast turns in a fine job of acting. Betty Grable keeps her beautiful figure well covered as Carole Landis' sister. Carole starts out as a waitress and becomes a model through the efforts of sports promoter Victor Mature, determined to get ahead in the world.

Robinson returns to New York after the first World War with a revolutionary idea for the journalistic world, the tabloid size paper. To keep the firm in business, he is forced to take Arnold in as a business partner. The two feud from the start. Finally Robinson exposes his partner's criminal actions. It may sound a little mixed up, but the details are not vital to

Campus

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TODAY ONLY "SAFARI"

Starring
MADELEINE CARROLL
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.
All Day Benefit Show
American Society of Mechanical Engineers of A. & M.

Also
"Fresh-As-a-Freshman" -- Cartoon
SPORT

Friday and Saturday

BETTY GRABLE-VICTOR MATURE
CAROLE LANDIS- LAIRD CREGAR
"I WAKE UP SCREAMING"

Also
NEWS — MUSICAL — CARTOON

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS
Thursday — "SAFARI," featuring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Madeline Carroll. Benefit A. S. M. E.

AT GUION HALL

Thursday, Friday — "UNHOLY PARTNERS", starring Edward G. Robinson.

RADIO REPAIRS THE STUDENT CO-OP



VICTOR AND BLUEBIRD RECORDS

1. JERSEY BOUNCE—Benny Goodman
2. ZOOT SUIT—Andrews Sisters
3. WAIT UNTIL THE SUN SHINES, NELLIE —Harry James
4. I REMEMBER YOU—Charley Spivak

HASWELL'S

MOVIE

GUION HALL

THURSDAY -- FRIDAY

4:30 and 7:45

Edward G. Robinson -- Laraine Day

"Unholy Partners"

NEWS — CARTOON — COMEDY

COMING SATURDAY

William Powell

in

"THE EX MRS. BRADFORD"

COMEDY — MARCH OF TIME