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Japanese Students

Japanese-American college graduates always have been handicapped in their choice of work, and prewar conditions in this regard will probably return shortly after the peace.

This is a conclusion of H. A. Spindt, manager of the bureau of guidance and placement at the University of California, from a survey just concluded of the vocational experiences of Japanese graduates.

The survey includes 184 Japanese who replied to a questionnaire. The graduates follow a great variety of occupations. The following are the leading occupations: farming, 24 graduates; medicine, 15; nurserymen, 13; dentistry, 13; foreign trade and merchandising, 12 each.

"An analysis of the replies received indicates racial difficulty in most of the occupations listed," Spindt said. "The difficulties include items like low comparative income, the unwillingness of Caucasians to offer employment, delayed promotion, refusal of public patronage and other problems usual to non-Caucasian groups."

A number of nisei (American-born children of Japanese parents) graduates have been forced into lines of work other than those for which they prepared in college, it was found. As an example, of the 13 in the nursery business, six had been graduated with a major in agriculture, five in economics or commerce, and two in engineering. Others in the field of agriculture were college majors in many other university departments.

In regard to the long-term occupational problems concerned, Spindt said: "War feeling will make the problem more difficult for a short period after peace is established, but will not materially affect the long-term situation of the nisei."

"It is particularly important during these days that men and women who will soon be taking their places in the victory effort, whether they find work in defense industries or as workers in other agencies, be placed in positions to which they can contribute with maximum efficiency. We haven't time to find out aptitudes by the old-fashioned trial-and-error method. That method takes time which is wasted to the general effort of the country. We want to find out now whether or not a certain man or woman has sufficient manual dexterity to be a good subject for training for machine work, whether this girl will make a good nurse or secretary, whether that boy will work with other people in administrative work or should be assigned to a research task where he will work alone."—Dr. Harry N. Glick, professor of psychology at Massachusetts State college.

Open Forum

Have We Lost Our Spirit?

Yell practice Tuesday night was a striking demonstration of the degeneration of Aggie spirit and Aggie traditions. Here is a brief resume of the events at the practice:

The evening was begun by a gang fight on the steps of the band stand. When the freshmen were told to back off the steps and stop fighting by several band juniors and seniors, the band men were told that they, the freshmen, had as much right on the steps as anyone and it wasn't the band juniors and seniors business anyway.

After yell practice started there was such continuous commotion among the fish that it made hearing impossible. The noise consisted mainly of boos, whistles and loud cries of "We want Staley".

Even during the yells and while the "Aggie War Hymn" was being played there was much commotion, little singing and much playing around on the part of the freshmen. The climax was reached when during the "Spirit of Aggieland" the fish were actually slapping each other around and no semblance of respect was shown.

This is what has happened to our Aggie traditions. The song we love above all others, the spirit we have held as an example to all, the traditions of which no other college could boast—all have degenerated to something which we can no longer be proud, no longer hold up to others.

What is to be done about this situation? The upperclassmen can help correct it if they apply themselves. True enough, the board has been taken away and "bleed" meetings are no more, but there are other methods of enforcing discipline. The freshmen still must take orders given them by the upperclassmen or get "rammed". If these orders are firm and to the point and if the freshmen know they must obey them, then all may not yet be lost. All future officers must learn to exact discipline in their men without the use of force, and this would be excellent training.

And you freshmen, you who showed us that spirit during football season, don't you have the pride to help uphold traditions and discipline yourselves even when a board is not hanging over you head? You are probably the last class ever to live under the old conditions at A. & M. Be proud of this fact and try to live up to it. At yell practice don't rush and fight, don't show disrespect for our school song and get in there and cooperate with our yell leaders. You'll be proud of the fact that you were real Aggies, in every sense of the word, after you graduate.—R. B. Alexander '44.

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

The Thank-You Note or bread-and-butter note is really an abbreviation of a friendly letter and follows the same rules as to salutation and closing; it should be somewhat informal in tone, expressing sincere thanks. You are expected to write a thank-you note on the following occasions:

1. After you have been an overnight guest.
2. After you have received a gift or remembrance of any kind for which you will be unable to thank the donor in person.
3. After a courtesy that has been shown you, as, for example, when on an inspection trip some firm has taken you on a tour or in some other way made your trip a pleasant one.

Under this third group falls the thank-you note to **faculty members** who speak to your clubs, student groups or are otherwise generous in giving their time to you.

A note is unnecessary following an invitation to dinner, a reception or tea.

The thank-you note is sent to the hostess (not jointly to the host and hostess) within a few days after your visit is over. You must send your note of thanks for a gift within a week after it has been received; if you are delayed, do not make excuses as they are not acceptable. The hostess is not expected to anwser your note.

War Interpretations

By Robert L. Freeland

Atlantic Sinkings

By the first of April an Associated Press compilation of the number of ships sent to the bottom off the Atlantic coasts of the Americas reached 100 plus 14 that were attacked and not sunk. These were made up of the official figures released by our Navy Department in Washington. At the start of the war the Navy Department released the names and the tonnages of the ships that were sent to the bottom, but later they adopted the British policy of merely announcing that a ship of either large, medium or small tonnage had been sunk, omitting the name and the actual tonnage of the unfortunate vessel as these figures might prove of great value to the enemy.

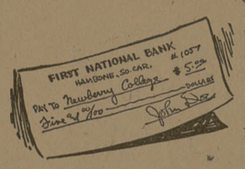
More than 50 per cent of these were tankers, and this loss is largely responsible for the petroleum shortage along our east coast. The loss of these tankers means that more must be taken from the coastwise trade to carry fuel and liquid supplies to our forces and those of our allies fighting on almost every continent of the world.

The German and Italian admiralties must have shifted a great portion of their underseas fleets to our coastal waters in a hope of forcing the Allies to divert convoy craft—destroyers, corvettes, sub-chasers and cruisers—to this duty and release their convoyed routes from sufficient protection. Then they could suddenly shift their submarines to attacks upon these convoys or else send out their few surface craft to the attack.

So far their policy has failed, for the great convoys carrying men and supplies to England, Russia and the Middle East are still proceeding "according to schedule" with less than 1 per cent losses.

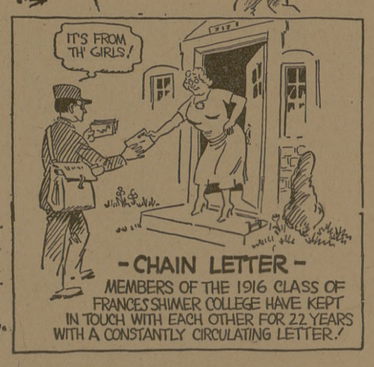
It is essential that these routes be kept open although the coastal lanes must be kept clear also. This imposes a great strain upon the Allied nations. But it also imposes a great strain on the U-boats, for in long distance operations such as they are now undertaking it is figured to have ⅓ of the fleet in offensive operations, ⅓ in home ports to give the crews a rest and for refitting, and ⅓ on the high seas, either coming to or leaving the scene of operations. The morale of the U-boat crew usually cracks after more than 40 days away from home port, for conditions are very crowded. They must remain below the surface during the day time, and there is the constant fear of a depth bomb coming too close and all of them dying in this watery prison.

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



ATTENTION DIOGENES!

PRES. JAS. C. KINARD OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE RECEIVED A $5 CHECK FROM A FORMER STUDENT STATING—"IN PAYMENT, WITH INTEREST, FOR A TICKET TO YOUR 1927 THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL GAME WHICH I ENJOYED THROUGH THE COURTESY OF A MISSING BOARD IN THE FENCE!"



-CHAIN LETTER-

MEMBERS OF THE 1916 CLASS OF FRANCES SHIMER COLLEGE HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER FOR 22 YEARS WITH A CONSTANTLY CIRCULATING LETTER.

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

Khaki-and Blue

A cross-section of student opinion shows that the sailors will be our buddies, if we have anything to say about it. An **authoratative** spokesman, while being questioned, said this: **"The navy has been sent here on Uncle Sam's business —which comes before everything these days, and Uncle Sam's business is war. We will just have to forget any traditions, pleasures, and whims that interfere."** A prof that will instruct the sailors stated that, if the bluejackets cover the work outlined for them in the three months time, they will be **plenty busy.**

After the review Tuesday, Aggies and sailors flocked to the north gate for cold drinks, etc. The sailors stood around and looked at the Aggies awhile, and the Aggies dittoed. It wasn't long, after someone started it, until khaki and blue began to mix. Aggies discovered that **the sailors can toss out some good bull,** and they're as friendly a bunch as can be found. One Aggie, after talking with some bluejackets, quipped, **"That's a swell bunch of men, and anybody who thinks we don't want them for our friends is definitely off the beam."**

The above couple of paragraphs is not, in the least respect, an editorial. The information was gathered from student opinion.

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Sweepings

Forward: They called her Sugar, because she always plays hard to get . . . **contrary to a report** in a Houston paper, **George Wald's** orchestra has not been signed for a dance at Aggieland . . . and the guy who became a munitions maker because he wanted to get a **bang** out of life . . . local businessmen have always been nice about cashing checks for Aggies, but don't go out to a certain eatery east of the campus, eat a big meal, and expect to pay for it with a check. Policy of the new management is **"no checks"** . . . the **R. V.'s** dance this week-end to the music of the Aggieland, and the **Engineers** are whipping up many exhibits and a show, **"Slip Stick Follies,"** that will top all previous . . .

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Ugly Boy Ballot

The gruesome goons, otherwise known as the ugly boys, have been narrowed down to a field of six. Mascot Freckles was ruled ineligible and some of the less horribles withdrew. "Soup" Ogdee came in late as a dark horse and failed to get in the page 1 pic . . . In the ballot below just leave the name of your favorite ugly showing . . . scratch the rest. Turn the vote in by Friday to your top kick.

UGLY BOY BALLOT

R. C. Loomis
George Ogdee
Kyle Drake
L. B. Tennison
George Kemnitz
R. P. Burke

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WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS

Thursday—"Rose of Washington Square," with Tyrone Power and Alice Faye. Benefit Entomology and Liberty County Clubs.

Friday, Saturday—"Tanks A Million," featuring William Tracy and James Gleason.

AT GUION HALL

Thursday, Friday — "Wyoming," starring Wallace Beery, Leo Carillo and Ann Rutherford.

Thursday—Free Venereal Disease Educational Program at 8 p. m.

Patrolman Speaks To Air Raid Wardens

Captain Glen Rose who is in charge of the Houston Area Highway Patrol will speak to local air wardens in the Chemistry Lecture Room at 8 p.m. April 8 about civilian defense the local police committee states. He will speak on the duties of the auxiliary police.

VOTE US IN
We Will Vote
HIGH PRICES DOWN!
LAUTERSTEIN

MOVIE
GUION HALL
Thursday and Friday
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