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A Different Easter

Another Easter Sunday is here with its yellow and pink trimmings, with its enthusiasm and glory and with the special Easter services in the churches for everyone. Mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers—all have come to the A. & M. campus to help that son or brother have a more wholesome weekend and encourage him in his fight for liberty and the right to love and be loved.

And with all the visitors the campus is fairly humming with today's activities and the preparations for those tomorrow. Club meetings, exhibits, shows and receptions make up a full day for the visitors. Tomorrow holds bigger attractions with the traditional flower pinning ceremony, the presentation of commissions, Easter church services, the review and exhibition drills.

An entirely different situation exists from that of last Easter. Many campus changes have come into the picture. New buildings and different uniforms have slipped into the set-up. A change of attitudes and opinions regarding world happenings, new faces and personalities . . . in fact so many changes have taken place that to the ex-student of the college, A. & M. is incognito.

This Easter one finds less emphasis being put on elaborate summer suits and deluxe autos. The newer style items consist of khakis, more comfortable shoes and "keep 'em flying" defense bonds. Production has been streamlined to the Nth degree in every field. Such things as final examinations and trouser cuffs are strictly taboo.

A. & M.'s Part

Never in the history of our country has the need for trained men been so great—men trained in the sciences, agriculture, engineering, veterinary medicine and the art of war. For years A. & M. has been fulfilling this need, but since that fateful day December 7, 1941, every facility of our College has been operating full time at full speed in order to do a better job more quickly.

Other than the training of our own undergraduates and of our own men who after May 16 will follow in the glorious tradition of other Ex Aggies in the Armed Services A. & M. has also made it possible for still others to obtain necessary training. Civilians from all parts of the Southwest are learning how to help the nation's industrial war effort. Still others are learning the art of defending their own cities against the fire and destruction of modern warfare.

Any of these projects alone would have been sufficient for A. & M. to claim that it was doing its part, but nothing is sufficient at Aggie land in time of war if still an additional job can be accomplished. So our facilities were offered to the Federal government for what use the national officials might see fit. Now, A. & M. is honored by having the navy blue mingle with the army khaki as both sailor and soldier, side by side, prepare to defeat the Axis.

News Comments

The following commendation of A. & M. and the part it is playing in our huge National Defense effort was printed in the Dallas Morning News of March 14, 1942:

"Producing more Army officers than West Point, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas has attained an eminent position as a training ground for leaders, both military and civilian. It has all nine branches of the service represented in its reserve-officer program and is turning out thoroughly trained officers in a steady stream. In addition, it supplies technicians and engineers for defense industries and farmers to grow the food required for victory.

"The present usefulness of this land-grant institution is no overnight achievement, but has been striven for steadily for sixty-six years. The current administration, headed by President T. O. Walton, has been foresighted in its preparations to supply defense leaders for the nation. That is one reason why the names of Texans appear so oft-

Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

About the Navy
The arrival of our new and welcome guests has probably prompted a recent request for a column of "Books About the Navy." Here is the cream of what the Library has:

JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS is on order. (It nearly broke us!)

WHAT THE CITIZEN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE NAVY, by H. W. Baldwin. (Concise information of general interest).

THE FLEET TODAY, by Kendall Banning. (Just what its title indicates).

YOUR NAVY, by C. B. Mayo. (The Librarian particularly recommends this book. He would—his Navy brother wrote it! It includes chapters on customs and traditions, naval strategy, and strategy in general. The analysis of the battle of Jutland is, this reviewer happens to know, the fruit of a long and intensive study of all the documents and first-hand reports. It's good, if I do say it myself.)

DELLLAH, by Marcus Goodrich. (A recent novel by a Texan, dealing with all sorts of interesting psychological entanglements on a destroyer in the Philippines just before the present war.)

THE INTEREST OF AMERICA IN SEA POWER, by Captain A. T. Mahan. (1917.) (A naval classic by the greatest of all Navy writers, who influenced the thought of every maritime nation in the world.)

A group of U. S. Government Documents (To be called for on white slips and read in the Library.)

THE RESERVE OFFICER'S MANUAL, prepared by Lieutenant Robert P. Erdman, U.S.N., 1932. (Catalogued under "U. S. Bureau of Navigation.") (Full of useful information about such things as the Shore Establishment; the Establishment Afloat; the Naval Reserve; Essential Notes for Officers; Leadership and Discipline; Officer of the Deck, etc., etc.)

Commodore Perry's Story: U. S. Navy Department. Narrative of the expedition of an American squadron to the China Sea and Japan, performed in the years 1852, 1853, and 1854, under the command of Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry, U. S. Navy, by order of the Government of the U. S. 3 vols. 1856. (The Commodore really started something, didn't he? Read the first volume for the expedition. The others deal with natural history and "Observations on the Zodiacal Light"—whatever that is!)

U. S. Navy Department. Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion. 30 vols., published from 1894 to 1922. (Interesting to dip into.)

Quotable Quotes

"The cultivation of the mind alone assures neither strong character nor worthy citizenship, for knowledge is not always virtue. Neither, on the other hand, can high ideals alone accomplish high ends. To be productive, ideals need the strength and direction of disciplined minds."—Ralph P. Bridgman, dean of students at Brooklyn college.

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

It is interesting to speculate on what the effect of a long war would be on American life. The conflict has just begun, but Americans find that the average man can buy no new tires and no new automobiles. Nor can the average citizen buy a typewriter, a steel desk, or even a bicycle. In all probability the building of homes and other structures not essential to the war effort will be stopped in the next few weeks. Sugar is to be rationed shortly, and razor blades are already being rationed but not severely enough to matter as yet.

Several million Americans are already devoting all of their time to war and production for war. As time goes on the number engaged directly in the war effort will steadily increase. As the war effort takes more and more of America's production there will be fewer and fewer things available for purchase by the citizens. At the same time prices will be higher, and the percentage of the income used for taxes and the purchase of victory bonds will steadily increase.

America should not have to go hungry, but changes will have to be made in the diet if the war proves to be a long one. The rationing of sugar will bring changes in the diets of many people. Coffee may be difficult to obtain, and tea will doubtless be on the way out after this summer. Numerous other articles will become scarce as the war goes on.

This should not be taken to mean that America can not fight a long war. She can if she needs to, but she can not fight it on the basis of business as usual nor on the basis of live as usual. We have been primarily selfish in our war effort. Americans want to win, but each faction wants the other to be the first to make sacrifices. In the last war one of the slogans was: "Give till it hurts." It is high time to adopt a similar slogan in this war.

The Senate last week finally approved the seating of Senator Langer. His seat has been in dispute since 1940. Langer has been accused of most of the evil practices in the political book. The committee which investigated his record voted against him 13-3, but the Senate welcomed him by a vote of 50-32.

en in dispatches from the fronts. In the era of peace and reconstruction bound to follow this war, A. & M. can, and undoubtedly will, have an equally useful role."

PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



"Hey, Buck! Did you hear the latest spy rumor?"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

Backwashin' Around

From the "All Fool's Day" edition of the Baylor Daily Lariat: Bears Defeat Aggies, and it's Not in Chess. Undismayed by the 48-0 defeat in football last year the Baylor marble-shooters gallantly fought back yesterday to chalk up an amazing 6-0 victory over the Aggies. Besides winning all the marbles of the opponents, they picked up a couple of agates on side bets . . .



While the Bryan team looked on with amazement, Dwight Parks quietly filled his pockets with a goodly portion of the contents of the Aggie marble sack . . .

Aggies only threatened once, but were quickly disqualified when the referee caught Jitterbug Henderson "fudging."

The story is going around about the soldier who went to the Medical Officer at the camp hospital, complaining of stomach trouble. To his plight, the officer replied, "Young man, Generals have abdominal disorder, Colonels have internal trouble, Captains have stomach ache—you have the belly-ache!"

Girls may come, and girls may go—they usually do—but some come to Aggie land from farther away than others . . . this year, as far as is known, the girl who holds honors for having come the longest distance, was the date of Gus Carlsen, at the Cavalry Ball. His date lives in Houston, but attends the Mount Vernon Seminary of Washington, D. C. . . she left there Thursday by plane in order to make the dance Friday night . . . incidentally, Carlsen is from Lima, Peru—quite a distance from Washington, D. C. . . Seen in a local phone booth: Hansen's Gigilo Service—Mitchell Hall—phone or call in person . . . Passing-out-the-laurels Dept.: C. G. Basham, F FA, recently won a prize from Houston accountants for his accounting composition. He, and a co-winner from SMU will read their papers before the Houston million acres, or about three-million in the near future . . . the King of Uglies will be crowned Saturday night, and now that the contest is over, it might be said that Kyle Drake must be dead cer-

For the Parents

Once a year the Aggies devote an entire week-end to the "folks back home" . . . Sunday is our own Mother's Day, although the week-end is dedicated to all parents . . . The campus will be crowded with events and exhibits for two days—things which will be of interest to the parents . . . the Engineers have their hey-day, exhibiting their work and presenting the second Engineers show, "Slip Stick Follies of 1942," at Guion Hall tonight . . . the Ross Volunteers take over the social calendar as they dance to the music of the Aggie-land tonight . . . Kadet Kapers, a new—and free—amusement, will unveil as per Saturday night in the Assembly Hall . . . and the whole corps will take part in the Sunday ceremonies.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT GUION HALL
Saturday—"Ziegfeld Girl" starring James Stewart, Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr, and Lana Turner.
Monday—"Honky Tonk," with Clark Gable and Lana Turner.

AT THE CAMPUS
Saturday—"Tanks A Million," featuring William Tracy and James Gleason.
Saturday prevue, Sunday, Monday—"Hellzapoppin'" with Olsen and Johnson, Martha Raye and Mischa Auer.

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COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

Outstanding among the distractions on the campus this weekend is the corps dance tonight from 9 until 12 with music furnished by Topy Pearce and his Aggieband Orchestra.

The sky's the limit for laughs in the nuttiest, zaniest thing ever to be called a motion picture, and that is "HELLZAPOPPIN'" at the Campus tomorrow and Monday. Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson were imported from the famous Broadway play of the same name to add a note of prestige to the antics. With Martha Raye, Mischa Auer and Hugh Herbert, all noted laugh-provokers, the cast gets more and more on the clowning side.

There is no use to elaborate on story or plot because there just isn't any. Olsen and Johnson rearrange the film to suit themselves, and fuss at the projectionist in the booth who focuses the film too long on a pretty girl. If you expected to see something on the dramatic side, you are in for disappointment because drama was one thing that was neglected when "Hellzapoppin'" was in production.

For some reason, perhaps because all the other pictures that were ever made did it, the romantic angle was thrown in for good measure with Jane Frazee and Robert Paige and Lewis Howard making up the triangle.

Olsen and Johnson have been a successful stage team for almost 30 years. They started together in when vaudeville died. In September, 1938, they converted one of their units into a full length stage review and called it "Hellzapoppin'". It broke all records on Broadway, and although they've produced a new show, "Sons O' Fun", the original "Hellzapoppin'" in various companies, still is touring the country.

A big-time musical extravaganza with more stars than any one picture is entitled to is "ZIEGFELD GIRL" at Guion Hall. A cast composed of Jimmy Stewart, Lana Turner, Judy Garland, Hedy

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH -- Bryan (Rt. Rev. Clinton S. Quin, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, will be in charge).
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and sermon by the Bishop.
(The Annual Easter Offering will be received at this Service.)

ST. THOMAS CHAPEL -- College
Rev. Roscoe Hauser, Jr., Student Chaplain
6:45 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
11:20 a.m.—Holy Communion and sermon.
(Authorized absences from formations, granted to students for the purpose of attending Church on Easter morning.)

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