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Will Cuffs Go?

Men have come to Aggieland and Aggies have passed from its portals, and during that time all classes at A&M have seen cuffs on the uniforms of the juniors and seniors. It is tradition that these two classes have the privilege of wearing trousers with cuffs. Cuffs are the time-honored distinction of juniors and seniors. And now the time has come when there is a possibility that the upper two classes of Aggieland will no longer wear cuffs.

From the War Production Board local tailors have received the regulations concerning the production of men's clothes. Quoting directly from the order: "Curtailements on Finishing Trousers. No person shall finish a pair of trousers made of wool cloth with cuffs or cause such to be finished with cuffs by others for his account." This is the limitation placed on local uniform makers concerning the junior-senior uniform.

Continuing, the order has the following exception: "Exclusions from This Order. The provisions and terms of this order shall not apply to the cutting or manufacturing of garments on Defense Orders or uniforms for any of the following: (6.) U. S. Government Military and Naval Academy and Training Schools Students." Do not the students of the Reserve Officers Training Corps of A&M come under this exclusion?

Federal Inspection

The last week of this month there will be on the campus officers from headquarters of the Eighth Corps Area who will conduct the annual Federal inspection.

Each cadet should take it upon himself to keep his appearance at its very best during the days that the inspectors are on the campus. It is the responsibility of every man in the corps to do his utmost to prove to these officers that A. & M. is now doing more than ever to aid in the war effort. If for no other reason, we should do this out of pride for our school.

Military bearing among individual cadets can aid greatly in impressing the inspectors.

At various times, the college needs new equipment which it can acquire only from the War Department. The mark the corps makes for itself during the inspection may at a later date pay dividends far above the small effort needed to put the student body in top shape for these two days.

Aside from personal appearance, it is also important that each unit put on a demonstration of its ability at drill so that A. & M. may uphold its reputation of giving only the best training to future officers in the armed forces of the United States.

And then, when the corps is at its best, let each man set that mark as his criterion for future behavior and appearance. Military proficiency cannot be gained in one day. It is a characteristic achieved only through constant practice of military conduct. We should be setting an example the year round—not only for two days when the inspectors are on the campus.

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

The ideas of Hitler and of Roosevelt embody the two extremes in the present conflict, but on certain points, they agree. Both have said, "This is a war to the death"; both have said in effect "We must unite our people." The questions are who and what will die and how and when will the wider union of peoples be affected.

Go then to the museum and when you shall have convinced yourself of the great age and permanence of the world; of the transitory nature of individuals; of the steady trend upward out of the past; and of the crying need for a wider extension of cooperation between peoples, decide whether the murderous imposition of unity by Hitlerian

Open Forum

TO THE BATTALION:

In behalf of the classes of '43 and '44, we the undersigned wish to express our opinion in regard to the doing away of cuffs at A&M. This has been one of the many desired traditions of our school that every Aggie cherishes. We realize the important part that every citizen must play in order that the United States can win this war. We ourselves are looking forward to doing our part when the time comes. We intend to cooperate to the fullest extent in any emergency that may arise.

We realize that the people of the nation must make sacrifices because there is a shortage of materials, but after a thorough investigation of the laws pertaining to this shortage of materials we have found that all U. S. military training schools are exceptions to this law.

If cuffs are abolished there will be an expense to the present junior class to have their cuffs removed and also an additional expense to the present sophomore class whose uniforms are already completed.

In conclusion we believe that there should be a vote cast as there has been in the past when there has been a suggestion made in regard to a change in the uniform at A. & M. In this way it can be determined how the majority feel toward this matter.

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| Austin Nance '43 | Vance Carrington '44 |
| Steve Kaffer '43 | R. C. Johnson '44 |
| Jack Miller '43 | Bob Phillips '44 |
| Bland Harrison '43 | Sid Smith '44 |
| Bernard Booth '44 | Bob McGee '44 |
| D. M. Griffiths '44 | |

Penny's Serenade

By W. L. Penberthy

I have always been impressed by a quotation which hangs on the wall of the office of Gordon Gay, Assistant Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. This quote reads: "I was without shoes and I grumbled until I met a man without feet." It is a particularly timely thought at this time, when so much emphasis is placed on physical fitness. Here at A. & M. the majority of our students have good health and good sound bodies; but we have a small group of men who have been less fortunate and, due to illness or accident, have partially or completely lost the use of parts of their bodies. But thanks to God, they have not been handicapped in their desires and untiring efforts toward making the most effective use of the more sound parts.

When I was a student in college, we had a youngster with a withered leg which hung to about the knee of his other leg; but this man could and did high-jump as high as his head. The first semester of this school year I had a Handball class in which there were three students whose right arms or hands were handicapped, but it didn't stop them and I feel that they got as much if not more out of the course than did the other students.

I have seen very few handicapped people who didn't have a very cheerful attitude and who didn't make me feel ashamed of the use I made of the sound body that God gave me. Health is our greatest blessing and asset, and at this time, more than any other time in the history of mankind, we should make every effort to gain and maintain a sound healthy body. In the war effort, of which our streamlined program is a part, physical fitness is the foundation; and with vacations a thing of the past I feel that the ideal program would be for us to budget our time so as to permit us to take a little vacation every day in some wholesome, vigorous recreational activity. This may be done in the Intramural program or in any of the voluntary unorganized activities which we now have and which will be increased. The period from five to six in the afternoon would be a swell time to set aside for this purpose.

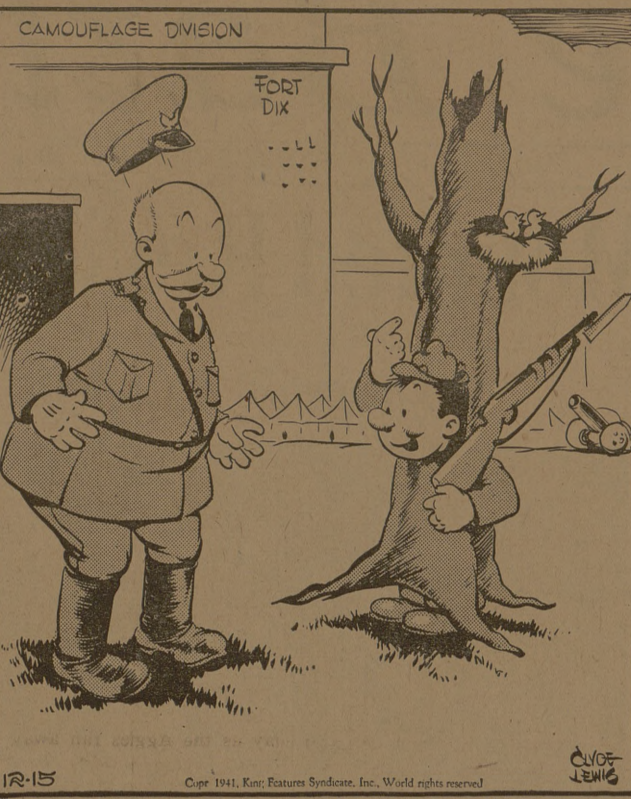
I got a thrill out of seeing so many of our boys competing and having a big time at the Track Meet Sunday. The best crack of the day came from one of our NYA officials Y. B. Johnson, who after having noted that 153 boys competed in the Class B 100-yard dash, said, "There must be a few boys in the hospital today."

Quotable Quotes

"Much legislation requires for its successful administration and execution the active cooperation of large publics, in some cases the voters and citizens of the country as a whole. Once public opinion reflected in acts of congress has given definite expression to policy it is the function of the administrative branch to give effect to it. This point is illustrated by the situation a country faces in war-time. Before a decision on the question of war has been decided by the legally responsible authorities, freedom to advocate varied, even conflicting policies is the recognized privilege of unofficial groups and individuals. But after a state has once decided on a policy, has definitely declared war, the use of administrative publicity and propaganda may be absolutely necessary for its successful conduct." Dr. Harwood L. Childs, associate professor of politics at Princeton university.

force or voluntary unity under the principle of the good neighbor is to survive. Go back to your place and act accordingly.

PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



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BACKWASH

Our Department of Modern Languages is doing its bit toward Adolph's downfall. In answer to a request from Major C. R. Warndorf, class of 1921, they sent a group of German books to the Third Army Training Center, at Camp Bullis, Major Warndorf, formerly a student of Dr. Cambell's, is now director of the School of Interrogators of Prisoners of War, with about a hundred men in his charge—the boys learning to make the Huns "talk" when captured. The brass hats will find they hit a good lick when they put an Aggie-Ex in charge of that department. Before he's through, the Nazis will be singing out loud.



Hit Parade
 Backwash will present, starting next Tuesday, the Aggie Hit Parade of Songs and Bands. A survey will be conducted like last year's—a poll of student opinion. So far this year, we've had tough luck getting bands to Aggieland, but things are expected to pick up soon (we hope). To launch (or lynch) this gallop poll, the three top tunes of the last few weeks are listed below:
 1. The Little Barfly.
 2. Fort Worth Jail.
 3. Who Slapped Annie On the Etc. (this one nosed out Milk Cow Blues).

Sugar Parents
 Lots of laurels have been passed out concerning the remodeled "Y," but some of the real praise should go to the people who dished out the hard cash to furnish it. Because of priorities, etc., all the furnishings haven't been installed, but the money required to buy them has been nearly all collected. When a student delegation appeared before the Board of Directors of the Association of Former Students to ask them to help with the furnishing, 25 of the Directors present dug down into their own pockets and tossed \$575 into a hat. They also took \$1000 from their

Sweepings
 Foreward: We'll have a lot of hot sweaty, drill days come the summer, but think about the Brit (See BACKWASH, Page 4)

WHAT'S SHOWING
 AT GUION HALL
 Tuesday, Wednesday—
 "Woman of the Year," starring Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.
 AT THE CAMPUS
 Tuesday, Wednesday—
 "North to the Klondike," with Brod Crawford and Evelyn Ankers. Also "Jail House Blues," with Nat Pendleton and Elizabeth Risdon.

RADIO REPAIRS
 THE
 STUDENT CO-OP

SOPHS!
 You owe it to yourself to see
 Loupot's Uniforms

VICTOR AND BLUEBIRD RECORDS

"OH, HOW I MISS YOU"—King Sisters.
 "LONG MAY WE LOVE"—Shep Fields.
 "DELIVER ME TO TENNESSEE"—Sonny Dunham.
 "PICNIC IN PURGATORY"—Alvino Rey.
 "HOW DO I KNOW IT'S REAL?"—Kay Kyser.

HASWELL'S

COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

One of the brightest comedies of the year with two of the screen's most talented actors in the leading roles is "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" at Guion Hall today and tomorrow. It is gay, light, smart, and funny with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn enduring the matrimonial struggles of a writer and her reporter husband.

As an added attraction for the Wednesday night show, the A Capella Choir from Langston University will appear on the stage at Guion Hall. The price of admission for both features will be 25 cents.

Tracy has had a career in the theatre studded with success for a number of years. Since coming to Hollywood, he has won the Academy award for the best performance of the year twice, once in 1937 for "Captains Courageous" and again in 1939 for "Boys Town." Spencer Tracy achieved his fame on the legitimate stage with his part in "The Last Mile," a role that Clark Gable later played on the screen.

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GUION HALL
 3:30 and 6:45
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
 April 20, 21 and 22

The PICTURE OF THE YEAR!
 It tops "The Philadelphia Story" for two-fisted, laugh-packed entertainment!

Spence is a sports writer. Kate's high-brow. When they meet... watch the love-sparks fly!

Spencer TRACY
Katherine HEPBURN
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

A GEORGE STEVENS PRODUCTION
 with FAY BAINTER • REGINALD OWEN
 Original Screen Play by Ring Lardner, Jr. and Michael Kazin • Directed by George Stevens
 Produced by Joseph L. Mankiewicz

SWC Texas
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