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## Class of '42 Exits

Mothers and Dads, sweethearts and visitors will gather at Aggeland this week-end to witness another graduation of a senior class. Today the class of '42 will begin the final step of their career at Aggeland. The last official functions of the class will take place with the annual Senior Ring Dance and later the graduation exercises and the final review.

Looking back, some two thousand boys entered A. & M. four years ago as freshmen. The number decreased the next year and the following two years. But a total of some 725 will graduate in the next few days, and go out from Aggeland as exes.

Many of these graduates will go into the army as second lieutenants. They will join a large list of Aggies who are already serving their country. Some will enter defense industries and help fight the war here in the United States. Everyone will be taking a definite place in the society of America.

As these Aggies leave college they will take with them a spirit which no other school in the country can equal. Each and every one of them will have a part to play in the upholding of the record which A. & M. men have set up in the past. No doubt these graduates will continue to reach the level of past graduates, for this year's class has been one of the most outstanding in the school's history.

And as the seniors leave the burden falls on the shoulders of the junior class to maintain the tradition and the spirit of the school. In the present crisis this job will be harder than ever. Full cooperation from every member of the class will be needed in order to work for the improvement of Aggeland.

Saturday morning will be the last review for the present seniors, and also marks the official transfer of command of the corps. All Aggeland pays its final respects to those seniors who have so faithfully labored for the interests of Aggeland and the cadet corps.

To the second war class of the present conflict, Aggies in school and out wish you all the good luck in the world. Slap those Japs with that Ole Army hell, but leave some of them for us Aggies who are also itching for the opportunity.

## Silver Taps

One of Aggeland's greatest traditions should never end. That tradition is Silver Taps. Monday night people all over the country heard an Aggie's tribute to his lost brother. Vox Pop set aside a portion of its program to pay Aggeland's last respect to those Aggies who have given their lives in the present world war. Thirty-three exes and former students have been killed in action since the war started, and it was to these Aggies that Silver Taps was played.

A definite part of the Aggie spirit is the relation to one another that all men at Aggeland have. The loss of one hurts each man of the corp. Whether he was known by that cadet or not, still he wore the uniform and was a member of the Aggie brotherhood.

It's something you don't want to talk about, but it's customs such as Silver Taps which make Aggeland what it is today. To observe these traditions should be the purpose of every Aggie, and to disgrace any such observance would be looked down upon.

The National Education Association's educational policies commission (President Conant of Harvard is a member) is recommending a plan to anticipate Selective Service by two to three years—catch promising boys as they leave high school, steer them into fields where they will be of most use in the war effort.

A "reserved category" of most promising boys 17 through 19 would be allocated to schools and colleges for training. The "reserved category" would be picked "absolutely irrespective" of financial status of their parents, with Uncle Sam financing the advanced education.

## Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

The tire shortage has compelled many persons to take to train travel for short as well as long trips. Some of our younger generation may find themselves on a train literally for the first time in their lives; they will want to brush up on train manners.

**Special directions**—Whether you are going on a long or short trip, luggage should be chosen to look nice—nothing makes a worse impression upon fellow travelers than broken-down luggage and oddly shaped bundles or bundles at all, for that matter. To do nothing that can offend the sensibilities of others, is the principal rule for conduct under all circumstances.

**Train Manners**—In the dining-car on a day's journey you do not usually speak to a stranger that happens to be seated at your table, beyond a possible request for something that may not be within your reach. To be polite to people transiently placed next to you does not obligate you to continue the acquaintance.

If your pullman reservation is for a lower berth, you are entitled to the seat that faces forward; if you have the upper one, your seat faces backward.

The observation or lounge car is available to pullman passengers but not to day-coach passengers.

Whether you have a drawing room, compartment or berth you ring for the porter when you are ready to retire for the night. In every variety of room, facilities are included, so that you do not go to the public dressing room at all. If, however, you have a berth, you dress in the dressing room with others; if you wish privacy you will be compelled to do as much dressing and undressing as possible in your berth.

Tippling is important in train travel if you wish service and more than the usual ten per cent is expected in the diner. The porter expects from twenty-five to fifty cents for an overnight trip. Longer trips more than that.

## Capital to Campus

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### JOBS . . .

WASHINGTON—(ACP)—The weatherman is likely to be a weatherwoman for the duration. Civil Service is looking for college women to fill vacancies at weather stations west of the Mississippi.

If you're interested, go to the weather station where you would like a job and ask for blanks. (Incidentally, some stations are still averse to hiring women—which is something you may want to know in advance.)

At least two years of college work is required, with emphasis on mathematics and physics. The salary is \$135 a month—\$120 or \$105 if you are willing to take less. You'll have to take a written examination.

Reports filtering into the Capitol from "the field" indicate that farmers generally are reacting favorably to the student farm-work plan of McNutt's Manpower Commission. The newly-created Commission is going to enlist college and high school students to work on farms in areas where shortage of help threatens.

Of course, the Department of Agriculture here had already advised its field personnel to use students. And many students and farmers have been planning ahead of any Washington agency. For example, in Eastern truck gardening areas students and farmers have been working together more than two months.

The Manpower Commission will obtain students through Employment Service offices.

The Navy needs about 50 girls for technical and scientific aides. They'll take almost anyone who has had one or two years of chemistry or physics. The openings are in arsenals and ordnance plants at Dover, N. J.; Watertown, Mass.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Rock Island, Ill.; Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Louis, Mo., and Birmingham, Ala. The salary is about \$1600.

### WAR . . .

It is unlikely, according to national Selective Service headquarters, that any student in the 20-year-old draft age group will be called up before June. The lottery was held in March. New draft registrants won't be completely classified until some time in May.

General Hershey's office has cleared up the confusion on how new lists will be integrated with the old. The answer is, they won't. Not exactly.

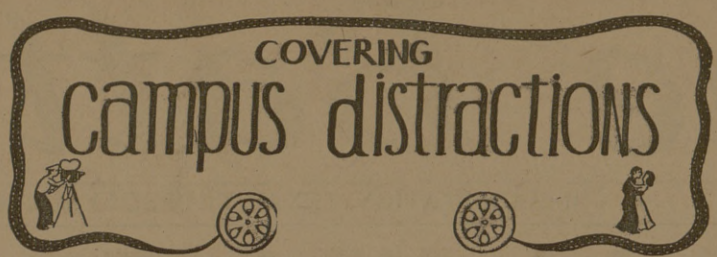
Instead the war department will begin an entirely new plan, about June 1, of specifying not only quota numbers but also the age group from which quotas are to be filled. Thus, if the army says it wants men 21 to 35, the old list will be used; if it wants men below 21 or above 35, the new list will be used.

The latest advice to collegians from Selective Service is still, "stick to your college work until you're called." Patriotic fervor has its place, but a wild rush of volunteers will only serve to complicate planning.

Co-eds are in for careers, with or without husbands to manage. For "the ultimate" is 9,000,000 more women workers.

### GLAMOR . . .

Jane Seaver, 22, an acquaintance of Mrs. Roosevelt, has the title of "co-director of youth activities" in OCD. She's listed on the payroll at \$2,600. A year ago she was a Mount Holyoke college senior.



By Jack Keith

Seniors will hold their traditional Ring Ceremonies and dance to-night to the music of Boyd Raeburn. The rest of the corps will swing out to the "Rhythms by Raeburn" tomorrow night at the Final Ball. Civilian clothes will be "reg" that night and the scrip is \$2.00.

Jack "Jello" Benny and the late Carole Lombard star in the movie Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Campus Theater. The picture, "TO BE OR NOT TO BE," answers its own interesting title—it's definitely To Be.

"To Be Or Not To Be" combines humor, melodrama and romance in a plot which is outstanding in its complications yet hilarious enough to leave the audience in a gay mood. At times the suspense reaches large heights only to be cleverly turned aside with some of Benny's noted wise-cracks.

The scene of the film is Warsaw, Poland, shortly after the German invasion of that country. The actors in the troupe of which Benny and Carole Lombard are a part are involved in an attempt to foil the German Gestapo. The manner in which they befuddle the Germans combined with the quips of the famed radio comedian and his jealousies over his wife, Miss Lombard, combine to make "To Be or Not to Be" a show not to be missed.

Last show at Guion Hall before the holidays is "BLOSSOMS IN THE DUST," with Greer Garson

and Walter Pidgeon in a story about Mrs. Edna Gladney of Ft. Worth. Mrs. Gladney was the founder of the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society and by her influence many of our state laws concerning social welfare were passed.

Greer Garson is a beauty in any man's language, and in the technicolor of "Blossoms in the Dust," she is outstanding. As Mrs. Gladney, she catches perfectly the deep emotionalism of a woman who has lost her own child and strives to take as many homeless children into her nursery as she possibly can. Through a brilliant speech to the state legislature, she succeeds in erasing the word "illegitimacy" from their records.

Walter Pidgeon plays the part of the man who woos and wins Miss Garson. Other players in the show are Marsha Hunt as Mrs. Gladney's best friend and Felix Bressart as the doctor.

## Major Steel Leaves A&M for Active Duty

Major Ernest W. Steel, present senior instructor for the Engineer regiment, has received his orders to report to the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs at Washington, D. C. Major Steel was formerly head of the department of Municipal and Sanitary Engineering before he was called to active duty this spring.

Tulane university has its beginning in the Medical college of Louisiana, organized in 1834.

## —AGGIES—

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Cliff Haggerman of S.M.U., a dangerous hitter and a great ball hawk. Rogers and Haggerman are the leftfielder and centerfielder, respectively. For the other garden spot, it was a slugging battle between Frito Gonzales of S.M.U., Leo Daniels of A. & M., Jimmy Sheehan of Rice, and Bruce Alford of T.C.U. However, after due deliberation I award the spot to Gonzales of S.M.U., a very dangerous hitter, and a speedster who can really cover that ground. So there's the outfield—Rogers (A. & M.) left field, Haggerman (S.M.U.) centerfield, and Gonzales (S.M.U.) rightfield.

Catchers—John Scoggin (A. & M.) and Dub Barrow (Rice)—There was no question as to who were the two best backstops in the conference. Scoggin, one of the greatest players in the history of the SWC, was the league's leading slugger and showed up well behind the plate. Barrow played on a very weak club but still had the best arm in the league.

### Pitchers

Pitchers—Charlie Stevenson (A. & M.), Manuel Garcia (Baylor), and Bill Dumke (Texas)—Here again was an easy assignment. In fact if one should decide to pick four hurlers he would be in a tough fix for there just weren't any more pitchers that merited all-conference mention. Charlie

won 10 games for the Aggies and was undoubtedly the outstanding hurler of the league. Garcia was the hard workhorse of the Baylor Bears and was one of the two pitchers to handcuff the mighty Aggies. Dumke was a constant threat and almost pitched Texas to a championship. Yeh! I said almost.

Well, fans, that winds it all up. Wait a second, I did forget a coach and even an all-conference team needs a coach. So without hesitation we give you Libburn J. (L) Dimmitt and if you find a better manager than the above-mentioned I'll gladly give this game of baseball back to the Indians. And just to make it unanimous I'll insert Jim (Frog) Montgomery as the manager and if you don't think that's enough I'll put in the rest of the Aggie team just for good measure.

Sigma Xi, scientific research society, has granted a charter for establishment of a chapter at Louisiana State university.

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