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So You're Going to Be An Aggie

You are now a member of the greatest brotherhood of men in the world. Over thousands of miles of land and sea, where ever you may go, whatever you may do, you will find men wearing the ring of A. & M. But you cannot call yourself a true Aggie until you have undergone the ritual of your "Fish" year, for it is in that year that you will be taught the meaning of Aggie Spirit. Either you will grow to love A. & M., or if you are not willing to accept the role of a freshman, you will grow to dislike the college and will leave.

The purpose of fish duties is not to haze nor to hurt you. Nor is the purpose to relieve upperclassmen of undesirable tasks or responsibilities. The purpose of serving as a fish is to teach you discipline. Within a short time most of you will be taking your places in the armed forces of the United States as leaders of troops engaged in battle. Unless you know and thoroughly understand what discipline is, unless you are the master of self discipline, you cannot be a successful leader.

It may seem to some that the Aggie system tends to destroy initiative. On the contrary, by removing all previously established ideas of superior abilities and by reducing rich and poor alike to a common status, your superior officers are able to ascertain your individual worth on the basis of results, not reputation.

You now stand at the doorstep to the proving grounds of man's ability, common sense, willingness and eagerness to learn. Before you is the opportunity to carry on a great tradition. On the road ahead lie many pitfalls and heartaches. If you will conquer them, you may proudly call yourself an Aggie.

No other weapons are needed to win this trolled. battle than a firm heart and a determination and willingness to be an Aggie in the full-est sense of the word. Remember, 50,000 other men have preceded you in the path you are now walking. They are Aggies! Will you be one?

Open Forum

16 Harding Place, Danbury, Conn. May 13th, 1942.

Commander Corps of Cadets, Texas Aggies,

Dear Sir:

It was my pleasure on Monday, May 11th, to listen to the radio program from 11th, to listen to the radio prog your campus and given by Vox Pop and "fishermen" and try to make cus- goes," but she stops for no man among as many students as possi- Associate Editor Longhorn Mr. Johnson. As far as radio programs go, I tomers out of them. believe it was one of the best of such so far. To the newcomers: Backwash 15 seniors will graduate in January, any one student from being en- President Sophomore Class .

when they played your college salute to those graduates who have died in the cause of today, Taps.

I cannot find words that would express to you and your great college, the feeling that came over me all through that sacred few minutes. I know how you feel, because I went through the last war. I know how your hearts are saddened when you hear another of your great men has passed to the great beyond, and, with this in mind,

souls rest in Peace.

Sincerely yours, William P. Adams.

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HIGH PRICES CHECKED

WASHINGTON.-(ACP)-College stu-"fixed"-should benefit more than the averistration's over-all ceiling order on prices.

buyers.

The ceiling on retail goods goes into effect no time getting into the second I'd sure like to have a little sixitems in the student budget:

rental area room and board will be controlled. Some two-thirds of the Nation's population is included in these areas.

Restaurant meals-No price control. Clothing-Both men's and women's con-

Movies and entertainment-No ceilings.

Carfare-No ceilings.

Cigarettes, cosmetics, toothpaste, aspirin—Just a few thousands of "processed commodities" on the controlled list.

Laundry, dry cleaning, shoe repairing, etc.—Controlled.

Beauty and barber shop services-No control. The government does not recognize beauty as a "commodity," and only services involving commodities are controlled.

Climbing

rolled around for our seniors . . . the corps are limited as a result carry the following weight: Back in the saddle again . . . but the 564 who got commissions of the point system which has we thought about starting this didn't get a breathing spell—they been adopted by the Student Ac-67th year with the usual Backwash were ordered to active duty two tivities Committee. come-back-did-you-have - a - good- frying pan, into the fire).

vacation" bull . . . but this was ...

Towards the end, in fact the end, I was the Aggies' column dealing with so the football season, the dance gaged in more activities than time President Freshman Class

held in my chair by your silvery trumpets, the lighter side of Aggie life. (This season, etc., will have to be jammed would permit. is one thing you together . . . it should be far from The basis for this limitation, as Senior Yell Leaders

or editorials; but good bands on the dotted line this

Hood ment, humor (or may I present to you and your great college call it worse), campus small talk, Francklow, secretary in the Stumy Taps to these noble lives. May their miscellaneous . . . and this year dent Activities office, was worrywe hope to uncover interesting ing over the problem of identifylines on Aggie-Exes in the service. ing about 300 students who had Once in a while we have to put lost the fiscal receipt with which in our two pennies worth in the they were supposed to get their (Editor's note: The poem is printed on the front form of a little editorializing, but Longhorns. One day a little fella we try to shy away from that— came into the office . . . he was

Last Year

Started as usual . . . close to the young man returned, "Please, 7,000 registered . . . our football I'd like to get my mail. I'm Boyd team was the fall attraction-they Raeburn."

literally fought and tore their way Most everybody heard Dub Sibfrom the underdog position to the ley talk to Ann Sheridan via long top . . . then, December 7th-and distance telephone on the Vox Pop dents-because their "income" is relatively the fun started. Many changes program a few weeks ago ... but quickly changed Aggie College not all of it. Dub Sibley said a few age person from the Office of Price Admin- days to Aggie Red, White, and words to Ann over the air waves, Blue days . . . some of our prized but he talked to her a good while The inflationary spiral has sent retail traditions got the ax, but it was after leaving the stage at Guion prices up 19 per cent the last year. Were the all for Uncle Sammy. Shortly be- Hall ... something like this: "Say, spiral to continue, students would find it fore mid-term we began to really Ann (Honey), I got a girl out at tougher and tougher to compete for goods taste the war-even outside the U.C.L.A., and I wish you'd wire her and services in a market glutted with eager mess halls . . . the semester was for me and tell her to saddle her shortened a week, and we wasted horse and come to Texas . . . and

May 18, while that on services becomes ef- semester. The Board announced by-eight foot snapshot of you." fective July 1. Retailers then must charge a 12-months school year, with no We swiped this for the fish: "Beno more than their highest March price. finals. The last go-around seemed lieve it or not, your handshake re-Here is what will happen to some important short . . . dances were crowded flects your personality" . . . "The into the scarce week-ends, but shortest distance between dates is Room and board-If you live in a war- bands (like sugar and rubber) were a good line" ...

.... everything is speedier. The '43 ble, and, at the same time, prevent President Junior Class

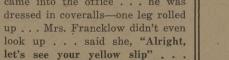
don't have to pay dull. The new open-air dance pa- recommended by the committee, President of student clubs for, or stand in vilion will be used for regimental would be a point system whereby Managing Editor Battalion line to get . . . dances, as well as informal shin- each job would be judged by the Junior Yell Leaders . our job isn't front digs . . . and Social Secretary importance it carries and weighed Vice-president student clubs page blab, sports, Bobby Stevens hopes to get more accordingly.

usually falls in summer. several depart-...

ments: Human in-terest, entertain- Left-overs

And was her face red: Mrs. the editor can do the bleeding. dressed in coveralls-one leg rolled . . .

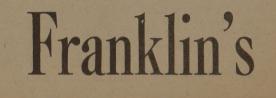
up . . . Mrs. Francklow didn't even



to be allowed a single student Advertising Manager Battalion 8



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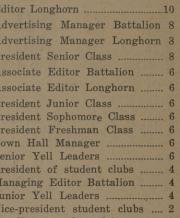
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THE BATTALION -

BACKWASH Jack Hood

Welcome New Students

This week some 1200 boys from all parts of Texas and the United States will be introduced to Aggieland. They will be taking one of the biggest steps in their lives. The returning Aggies know that they have come in the right direction—to the greatest school in the country. Each old student welcomes the new Aggies heartily.

Here at Aggieland there will be many new things to you new students, and some of these you will not like. But it has been proven time and again that the best man grins and meets his obstacle with vim and vigor. In many cases help will be offered; take it, for experience, you'll find, counts.

Your stay here at Aggieland will be what you make it and what you want it to be. A student gets back what he puts into his work, and this is true here as well as elsewhere.

Welcome to Aggieland and good luck while you are here.

Quotable Quotes

"Victory will be in two fields, combat and recovery. The impoverished nations of Europe have not the force to handle victory alone or recovery alone. America will lead the way in organization; in answering the tormenting question, how do we want to live; in the just care of our soldiers; in the fair distribution of the national income; in attempting to reduce unemployment; and in world co-operation. Only a trained people, trained in leadership, trained in analysis, trained in agreement, can win these great objects. To them our colleges can and will be dedicated, for they are among the highest objects to which the civilization that we cherish is dedicated, our colleges with all the rest."—From an address by Isaiah Bowman, president, Johns Hopkins University.

Robert C. Yates of the Louisiana State university mathematics faculty is the author of a new volume, "The Trisection Problem." Sixteen Iowa State College women are now qualified to drive ambulances in the services of the United States.

You might remember, when the ceilings go into effect, the order does not wipe out price differences between stores. If a merchant under-sold his competitors last March, he may still do so. On about 100 important cost-of-living items retailers must post signs signs informing purchasers of the maximum legal price. Also, merchants must give you a sales slip if you request one.

WAR . . .

Quisling's order sending 500 Norwegian teachers off to Finnish labor camps in the cramped hold of the S. S. Skjerstad has aroused storms of protest throughout Norway. The 500 were among thousands who refused to join Norway's Nazi Teachers Union, Norges Laerersamband.

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When the "Nazi slave ship" docked in Tronheim, it was reported that all the teachers were sick and two of them had gone mad. Even Quisling satellites protested against resumption of the trip. Provincial Governor Prytz wired Quisling:

"Hygienic conditions on board are extraordinarily bad . . . Many will not be able to lie down at night . . . Many of the teachers are ill . . . The water supply is insufficient. Suggest medical examination for all teachers.

The ship was sent on its way after a Quisling physician treated some 100 of the sick.

Iowa State college spring quarter reg-istration is 5,211, a drop of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent from the 1941 spring quarter.

Foster hall is to be the name of the new girls' dormitory at Texas Christian university, which is nearing completion.

University of Michigan faculty members have undertaken 31 war research projects for the federal government.

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