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An Aggie Privilege

A necessary part of the carrying on of a war is the agricultural program which a nation must follow in order to supply the necessary food and raw materials for its citizens and its war machine. And if the present war is to be won agriculture in the United States must be kept at the same high level it has maintained in the past.

Today farmers in certain parts of the country are affected by a shortage in the supply of labor. Because many farm laborers are now engaged in industrial plants and some are in the armed forces, farmers are finding it hard to carry on their normal activities which are necessary for the cultivation of crops. This shortage is serious, and there is a definite emergency that exists.

On the campus here there are a number of cadets who might find time to aid the farm work-for-freedom effort. It is an opportunity for Aggies to help in the defense effort of our country, and also to gain valuable experience. A definite program has been set-up for the area around College Station and cadets now have the opportunity to help the farmers in this vicinity.

If cadets will help farmers, they will be paid and at the same time contribute to the war effort. Transportation to and from places of work will be furnished and prevailing wage rates will be paid. This not only will be an opportunity to aid the defense effort but also an opportunity to keep physically fit.

The vanity of being known to be trusted with a secret is generally one of the chief motives to disclose it.—Dr. Johnson.

At Alaska College

Burners of midnight oil would find their fuel bill terrific . . . playboys who gad all night and sleep all day would get practically no rest at all . . . owls would have to call on the WPA for more workers . . . at Alaska College in the winter, when the days are short and the nights are long.

And when Alaska goes in for short days, there are really curtailed. On December 21, the shortest day of the year, the sun shines for just three hours and 42 minutes. But the moon . . . ah, there's a different story! What a location of Ed's! The moon shines for almost 24 hours every day.

But along in the spring it wouldn't be such a good place for students who are not immune to spring fever, for that old pendulum, average, swings back, and on June 21, the sun shines for 21 hours and 54 minutes. Alaska College should be a great market for flashlights and sun glasses.

Some people are so cross-eyed that when they are looking at their principles they are really looking at their prejudices.

From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

WASHINGTON—(ACP)—Government war agencies are worried sick about the growing shortage of college-trained physicists, chemists, engineers and other technicians. As quickly as experts in these fields are hired by some eager government department, Selective Service steps in to divert them to one of the military branches.

The problem of shortages in critical occupations is two-headed. At the same time that war agencies find themselves unable to hang on to what men they are able to hire in scientific and engineering fields, young college men are apathetic about applying for such jobs because they figure they soon will be drafted anyway.

The new War Manpower Commission, headed by Paul V. McNutt, probably will soon take a crack at solving the dilemma. Look for the Commission to attempt to work out with Selective Service an improved system of occupational deferments in fields where the most pressing needs occur.

A total of 28,000 college people filed to take the Junior Professional Assistant examination, filings for which closed April 27. Here is what will happen to the examination results:

The list of "eligibles" will be sorted into occupational fields, and Civil Service will

Penny's Serenade

By W. L. Penberthy

Several years ago we had a guard on our Varsity Football Team by the name of A. A. (Bus) Moore. "Bus", who was about in practice as in an actual contest. One afternoon "Bus" was hurrying down to the field and as he passed me I asked, "What's the hurry, Bus?", to which he replied, "Coach is having the first scrimmage this afternoon—he is going to separate the men from the boys." It occurs to me that our speed-up program is going to do just that thing—separate the men from the boys.

It is generally conceded that the age of twenty-one is where a male starts being a man and stops being a boy, but it has been my observation that age doesn't have much to do with whether or not one is a man, but more on what his attitude toward life and his fellow man happens to be and how he can take reverses. I have seen youngsters in their pre-adolescent years who had many more manly qualities than others many years their senior.

I am sure that a great many of us are not satisfied with our contribution to the war effort, but in my opinion, we can all make our greatest contribution by living every day the best we know how and by doing the best possible job with the task at hand.

Conditions are not going to be ideal, but they never are. We are going to be wishing for some of the days we had last January and next January we are going to be wishing for some of the nice warm days we are now having. We are going to have good days and bad days, pleasant surprises and disappointments, but that is life.

It has been my experience that the best cure for most ailments of this nature is to stay busy. I don't mean that we should work all the time, but we should work hard while we are working, but arrange our schedule so as to have time for a little vacation each and every day in some form of wholesale recreation. I am confident that this schedule will prove very desirable and beneficial to all of us.

We have an opportunity to do a fine piece of work for our country, our college, and ourselves if we adopt the proper attitude, which I am sure we will, and we can have a whale of a time doing it.

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

There is now much speculation as to the possibility of the opening of a second front by America and Britain. Both countries are growing rapidly in military might, and it is believed in both countries that it is bad for large armies to remain idle. These facts plus the necessity of relieving Russia and winning the war as quickly as possible argue for a second front. There are, of course, certain difficulties. This time there must be no failure, and the leaders of the Allied countries will want to be sure that there is ample air power to protect their invasion forces and that there are plenty of ships to keep them well supplied.

Frequent consultations between American and British leaders indicate that plans are being made. Meanwhile the British are doing what they can to establish a second front by means of devastating air attacks. The British have made two raids recently in which German cities were visited by more than 1,000 bombing planes. They insist that they are making plans to send more than 30,000 bombers per month over Germany. The American air force is planning to cooperate, and it may be possible for the two forces combined to send as many as 50,000 planes per month on raids into Germany.

Wew observers believe that such raids will be enough to win the war, but all are convinced that they will greatly weaken German morale and greatly reduce the materials to be used by the German army. Certainly they will do much to pave the way for the force that is being made ready for invasion.

The Japanese are thrusting at various points in the Pacific. They are concentrating, however, in their attack on China. One of the problems faced by America and Britain now is that of finding a way to keep China supplied with the materials she needs in order to carry on the fight against the Japanese.

A liar begins with making falsehood appear like truth, and ends with making truth itself appear like falsehood.

draw on the list as needs occur in various branches of the government.

Students who passed a similar examination given last January will get first chance at jobs; consequently, the April applicants cannot expect lightning action.

Junior Professional Assistant jobs pay \$2,000 unless an applicant indicates he's willing to take less.

WAR . . . The Office of Price Administration's Consumer Division wishes the country at large had the enthusiasm of college students for conservation—i. e. saving.

For example, the University of Wisconsin has a "repair clinic" where students may swap knowledge of fix-it techniques . . . At another school, dining room sugar bowls suddenly blossomed American flags to give students a means of measuring how fast sugar bowls were being emptied . . . At still another, the dormitory superintendent who fed a litter of pigs dining room waste had to change the porkers' diet, so small had become the amount of garbage.

COVERING campus distractions

By JACK KEITH

Aggies will have their first opportunity of the summer tonight to try out the famed "Juke Box Proms" which summer school students in the past have found so entertaining. The dance will be held in the annex of Sigma Hall.

As in the past, the Juke Box Prom tonight will be strictly an informal affair, with blouses and coats considered absolutely non-reg in the minds of the dancers even if not considered so by the O. D.'s on duty. Admission price has been kept at a minimum for this first dance so that every Aggie who wants to can attend the dance and find out for himself what a Juke Box Prom is like.

The dance starts at 9 p.m. and the admission price is only 25

cents, couple or stag. No limit will be placed on the number of stags who may attend tonight, but it is expected that in the future some method of limiting the "bird-dogs" will have to be put into effect. Seniors wear "civies," other classes wear No. 2 uniform and freshmen, don't come without a date.

Musicals showing at the Campus for the last times today is entitled "WHAT'S COOKING." The cast includes The Andrews Sisters, Jane Frazee, Robert Paige, Leo Carillo and Grace McDonald.

"What's Cooking" is essentially a picture of music and light comedy with very little of what might be considered a plot. Comedy is supplied by the old favorites,

BACKWASH

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

Burr Vogue

... spreading over the campus like news of a cutie standing at the corner of Dorm 19, is the burr-head fever. Only, this time, it's not only freshmen . . . naw, Seniors are the sickest of the lot.

Over in the Coast, a new club (or something) has been created—"The Black Hand." Sole objective of members is to set ultimatum on unshorn candidates . . . they dictate Saturday as the last day to have the barber trim your locks . . . after that, they're not responsible if you look like somebody stuck your head in a meat grinder.

Holding down executive positions in the organization are Austin Nance, Jack McMahon and Joe Stewart (seniors)—all of the Coast. Their policy: "a clear road to crew-cut coolness for the summer months—to the devil with

the women think!" One thing certain: the barbers will get fat this week, but then they can have the summer off.

Sweepings

Foreword: He was the son of an India-rubber man, so they sent him up for a stretch . . . After the boys in the new-new area were AWOL at formation a couple know we have an electric refrigerator, why the tracks on the back porch floor? looks . . . The fella wondered why she slapped the day-lights out of him. He was telling her a story about Ross Hall, and happened to refer to it as the "bat roost" (as it was called several years ago when it sheltered only bats). But he later discovered she works there . . . Definition of a torch singer: A singer who torches people for small loans between songs—boy, that was torch and go for awhile! . . . a tip (unauthorized, very) says sugar rationing has a very good chance of times, a bugler was assigned to fall them out . . . now we have (See BACKWASH, Page 4)

ANIMAL ODDITIES

By Tex Lynn

Man in his conquest and explorations has blazed paths through practically every region of this ever-shrinking globe. Few animals have escaped the alert eye of scientists and hunters—indeed when a new animal is discovered these days it is front page news—but the little-known and less understood denizens of the ocean depths are almost as great a mystery today as they were to the ancients.

Thirty thousand feet below the surface of the sea, at a depth greater than the height of Mt. Everest's towering peak, we find life—life under pressure of 12,000 lbs. to every square inch, a pressure great enough to flatten a sub marine like an egg shell. Weird, martian-like, fish live and die in these abyssal depths in total darkness, a darkness caused by the light-filtering action of the inconceivably great mass of water overhead.

Such depths have, through countless ages, adapted these fish to this peculiar life. Grotesquely shaped monsters are the rule rather than the exception in this "land" that time forgot. An example of such creatures is the Pelican-Fish with head one-sixth cranium and five-sixths jaws, and with a mouth capable of engulfing a fish many times its own size. Were we to stick a minnow's body on to the head of an eyeglass bass, we would have some idea of the appearance of this marine curiosity.

Like ancient Diogenes the Lantern-Fish carries its own torch, but instead of looking for the non-existent honest man, it searches the dark depths for tasty fish to satiate its voracious appetite. The lantern-like affair is carried out in front of its mouth on a thin fishing pole-like stalk, and functions in luring inquisitive fish within reach of the cruel jaws.

These varied, misshapen oddities are comparatively new to the realm of science, and have been brought up from great depths with the advent of new and specialized methods of ultra deep sea fishing.

The probing of man into na-

Charlie Butterworth and Billie Burke. Musical interludes are furnished by Woody Herman and his orchestra, The Jivin' Jacks and Jills, The Andrews Sisters and by Gloria Jean.

The story is the time-worn one about a group of young musicians trying to fulfill their ambitions to appear on a radio program. As a musical comedy, it rates considerably higher than most similar pictures. Gloria Jean and her remarkable singing highlight the show.

The Lowdown: sweet spring, to hot jive in one package.

WHAT'S SHOWING

At the Campus
Saturday—What's Cooking with the Andrews Sisters, Jane Frazee and Leo Carillo.
Midnight—Fawn of the Island.
At Guion Hall
Saturday—Gambling Lady with Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea and Pat O'Brien.

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PREVUE TONIGHT
Sunday, Monday

BETTY GRABLE
VICTOR MATURE
JACK OAKIE
SONG of the ISLANDS
in Technicolor

Also
Picture People—News—Cartoon

MOVIE

Guion Hall

Saturday, June 6
1-7-8:30 P. M.

"GAMBLING LADY"

with

BARBARA STANWYCK — JOEL MCCREA

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Orchestra

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