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## Our Neighbors to the South

Quite frequently these days, one hears the following questions with reference to Argentina: What's the matter with Argentina? Why doesn't Argentina take a definite stand and declare her intentions? The following information was released from Washington, D. C. early in the spring of this year.

At the last Pan-American Conference, these United States agreed to make certain concessions to the Latin nations in return for their pledge for hemispheric solidarity. We would have had the pledge but for one fateful speech of a member of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee a few nights before the signing of the pact. The speech displayed a lack of sympathetic understanding of the problems of Argentina and the South American Republics in general and thereby acted like a typical American citizen of the past 20 years or so. The speech asserted that Argentina's role in the Western Hemisphere was like that of a gambler "attempting to play both the red and the black at the same time." This probably is the thought of most Americans, but it is against the present policy of the United States to antagonize its Hemisphere neighbors.

It is believed, and it probably is true, that Argentina remained on the fence for two purposes: first, because she had to continue her export business with our enemies; and secondly, because she had to protect her 2,500 mile coast line on which are located her big cities and her industries; in the Buenos Aires region alone there is eight percent of Argentinas population. A mere glance at a map of Argentina and Chili will convince the most skeptical of the dangerous location of their industrial cities.

It seems plausible that the action taken by Argentina and Chile sometime ago was logical, they were stalling for time until we could insure the military and naval protection. At that time I didn't believe the two neutral countries were sitting on the fence waiting for the winner to roll by, but Argentinas recent actions have convinced me that she is of the gambler type the senator spoke of. The "Rio Tercero" incident is final proof of that country's intentions.

In Germany's reply to her message of explanation, she said, that the submarine did not recognize the nationality of the ship, which is absurd, because the captain of the ship was received on the submarine before the two torpedoes were released; Germany also told Argentina that this would not happen again—unless her ships were spotted on the Atlantic seaboard of the United States, along which she says she has a submarine blockade. Argentina informed the United States that she would only trade with the Gulf ports!

Argentina is a proud nation. It is my belief that these results have occurred from the resignation of Ortiz and the accession of the pro-axis president, Castillo. This isn't true Argentinian feeling; this isn't the true soul of Argentina assuming the vision of a coward; this is the work of pro-axis workers in the government which are the cause of her present location on the proverbial fence. The army was trained by German soldiers; the big business was owned by Germans; their big markets are with Germany. But her people are too strong to let their country ally with the axis, yet too weak to make it severe complete relations—and the government is too strong to sever relations with the axis and too weak to ally their country with the axis.

Students of Queens college, New York, have found in a survey that "the man in the street is both realistic and intelligent, and his morale is good."

A research project to deal with public opinion and international relations in the period between the two world wars has been undertaken by the history department of Bryn Mawr college.

## This Collegiate World

Association of College Press

Addition of five new courses useful to students in the war effort is announced by Dr. Charles E. Friley, president of Iowa State college.

Three of the courses will be immediately useful to students called for service in the armed forces.

Mathematical theory of ballistics will familiarize students with the theory of forces that have an effect upon computation of ranges and trajectory of shells fired from guns. Mathematics of navigation will cover methods of determining latitude and longitude and nautical astronomy and navigation. Chemistry of explosives and other war materials will deal with composition, preparation, testing, inspection and analysis.

The other two courses are electronics and ultra-high frequencies.

This largely right-handed world should make more provisions for the well-being of the left-handed minority, Neil W. Lamb, graduate student at the University of California, asserted after an exhaustive study.

Left-handedness, Lamb stated, is a definite physiological characteristic.

No attempts should be made to have left-handed persons write or do other tasks with their right hands, he declared. The result may be far less desirable psychological conditions, such as eyestrain and stuttering.

"Left-handedness is not inherently a handicap, defect or deficiency any more than blue eyes, brown eyes or red hair can be called such," Lamb stated.

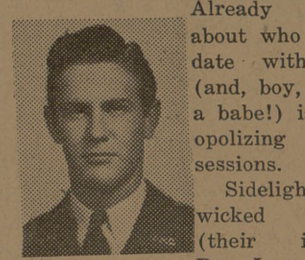
## BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

### The Big Night . . .

is going to be August 1, when the new dance slab will be christened with one of the summer's best stomps . . . music by the improving-all-the-time Aggieland.



Hood

Already talk about who has a date with who (and, boy, is she a babe!) is monopolizing bull sessions. Sidelight: Four wicked boys (their initials: Ray Loomis, Albert Ricks, Kenneth Stallings and Bill Dreiss) ganged up on one lass, Ruth McCullough of SHSTC and College Station, and all asked her via the mails for a date for the August 1 dance . . . just to see what would happen. A few days later all four men got cards notifying each that it's a date . . . a combination sandwich date, you might say.

### The Knock . . .

. . . of opportunity is heard for both the brass hat AND the "little guy" on the campus. The Longhorn Snapshot Contest is judged not by the number of diamonds, buttons, or grade points the contestant has—(or the number of d's, b's, or g's that show in the photo). It is judged by the originality and suitability of the snapshots turned in.

So here's a chance for the little guy to be able, twenty years from now, to show his granchillun some of his snapshots in the 1943 Longhorn . . . all photos submitted have a chance of making the Longhorn, with a \$ prize for the best of the week, published in the Batt.

### We Like . . .

. . . Henry McLemore's newest reason for buying War Bonds & Stamps . . . his syndicated column runs in major papers over the U. S. . .

McLemore 'lows as how it will be awful nice to cash in your bonds after the war and travel in foreign countries . . . especially Japan. In that country, if it's still there, he expects to find Hirohito pulling a ricksha, and he's just aching to yell, "Giddap, you son of heaven. Whoa, you ancestor-infested jerk!" . . . amen.

### Up Denton Way . . .

. . . at NTSTC a new "cut" system will greet the returning students in September . . . The new system provides unlimited cuts for juniors and seniors with a B average, with no grade below a C (a full load for the NTSTCites is 14 hours, and a C is a lousy grade there). Other juniors and seniors lose a grade point for each cut in excess of the number of hours carried, which applies for all fish and sophs.

## War Comments

By Walter F. Goodman, Jr.

### Arm Chair Strategy

The U. S. has never lost a war. The British are famous for losing every battle but the last one. The Chinese are incomparable for patience, tenacity, and the remarkable feat of fighting a modern war for five full years with little more than their bare hands. But today all three of these groups are in desperate straits and their situations are getting no better fast. The heart of every American and probably every member of the allied cause feels deeply and strongly that no matter how severe or how hopeless our lot may eventually become, we won't be conquered, we won't be beaten!

However, let's take a look at the European developments and see what is what and how developments may progress and what significance they will hold. If Rommel, an extremely brilliant tactician and desert strategist, should in time cause the North African forces to retreat, where would they go? Undoubtedly from Cairo they would choose a direct route eastward across the Suez Canal, demolishing it of course, and into Northern Arabia. Any retreat along this route though, would not be overnight such as the retreat from Tobruk towards El Alamein for the natural conditions and terrain would serve as a brake and permit a relatively slow running battle by the British. From this position, then, they could move in two directions—north to the Caucasus region, if assistance could be given Russian troops or

### Sweepings . . .

Out of the blue: Flash Gordon, clad in shorts, was walking to the gym one Sunday morn when, for no reason at all, a pretty young thing stuck her head out of a parked car and observed loudly that he sure has pretty legs . . . Show-goers at Guion Hall, Thursday night, were treated to good band music—The Aggie Show, broadcasted over Texas Quality Network . . . Cadet Colonel Walter Cardwell, while being interviewed, was asked, "Would you advise a high school graduate to come to A. & M.?" The audience beat him to the punch with a loud "No!"

### Hats Off Dept . . .

Hats off to Curley Brient, the lad who swings the baton for the Aggieland, for a remarkable job. Overheard them practicing the other day, and boy, were they plowing a furrow! Which goes to show you there are more ways than one to cook on the front burner!

### Speaking of Butane . . .

The man who uttered the now-immortal "sighted sub—sank same," Ensign Donald F. Mason, is an ex-Aggie according to the July 15 Houston Chronicle. That's not true, but you can't blame him for trying! . . . Present records show that there are 6,027 men from A. & M. now in all branches of Uncle Sammy's fighting forces, and of that number 5,592 are officers. Last count of the Aggie dead was forty-four, with no telling how many captured! . . . Look out for a big cut in the military staff of the college. Wash-house rumor (and other things more certain) has it that nearly one-half of the present officers will be moved!

### Here'n There . . .

The latest out on the Walter Wanger production about Aggie-land is that Lana Turner will be asked to play the part of a certain young lady popular with the boys and whose initials are J. A. Buzz me, Miss Blue, I'm burning! . . . Then there's the rare-pavilion fact that the new dance pavilion being "poured" for those with shuffling feet is officially known as a "tennis court"—at least that's what the blueprint says.

'Tis rumored that the "join the Army and help the Aggies win the war" sign in California is the work of an Ex of '41 who happens to be in charge of the place . . . wonder who Surber is going to chase when everyone's tires wear out . . . which reminds me of the war, and that Brazos County's first casualty in World Mess II was 2nd Lt. A. L. Tobias, Jr., of the Steep Hollow community. He graduated from guess where in '41, and was killed in an airplane crash in Australia.

## COVERING campus distractions

By JACK KEITH

Those who attended last week's Juke Box Prom pronounced it a success as to comfort and coolness. The prom was held in the main dining room of Sbisas, and the cooling breezes make dancing very enjoyable. The prom tonight will be a similar one, with the cool winds and good recordings of last week still prevailing. Uniform is No. 2 and scrip is 35 cents.

The attraction today at the Campus Theatre is "BROADWAY," with George Raft, Pat O'Brien, Janet Blair and Broderick Crawford. This is the story, told by means of flash-back sequences, of a movie actor in the days when he was hoofing it on Broadway.

Raft, as the movie actor, returns to the scene of his first start in the show world and finds that the old night club is being transformed into a bowling alley. In conversation with the night watchman, he relates his trials and tribulations on Broadway. The story he relates is one about prohibition days, with gangsters, chorus girls and bootleggers predominating.

Janet Blair, as Raft's sweetheart, and Broderick Crawford as a local gangster, are good. In the chorus girl line-up are Anne Gwynne, Marie Wilson, Iris Adrian, Elaine Morey and Dorothy Moore—some real beauties.

The Lowdown: a gay meleé of Broadway life. Starting tonight at midnight and

Those who attended last week's showing Sunday and Monday at the Campus is "YOU BELONG TO ME" with the "Lady Eve" ness. The prom was held in the main dining room of Sbisas, and the cooling breezes make dancing very enjoyable. The prom tonight will be a similar one, with the cool winds and good recordings of last week still prevailing. Uniform is No. 2 and scrip is 35 cents.

Fonda, by pretending he has a serious injury in a skiing accident, sweeps the lady doctor, Miss Stanwyck, off her feet and marries her. Follows is the typical hectic life of a couple, one of whom is a doctor of medicine. Miss Stanwyck has lots of male customers and her erstwhile husband who, by the way, is a rich playboy and never has to work (sounds wonderful, doesn't it?), spends his time being jealous of his wife. He has the idea that every one of her masculine patients will try the same stunt he pulled to get the beautiful doctor's attention.

Finally "the Mrs." tells Fonda off for being a ne'er do well, and he goes out and finds himself a job selling clothes in a department store. He's quite a success, too. (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

**WHAT'S SHOWING**

At Guion Hall

Saturday—"Nazi Agent" with Conrad Veidt and Ann Ayars.

At the Campus

Saturday—"Broadway" with Pat O'Brien and George Raft and Janet Blair.

Midnight Preview—"You Belong to Me" starring Henry Fonda and Barbara Stanwyck.

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SATURDAY

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Conrad Veidt — Ann Ayars

in

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News - - Comedy

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## Lost - 5000 Aggie "Hello"s

LOST: Five thousand friendly Aggie "hello"s on this campus every day!

LOST is that old spirit of friendliness that Texas Aggies have been so proud of for all these years, and missing is that feeling of Aggie pride and brotherly love.

True, many things have changed here since the outbreak of the war, but nothing has happened that should keep all Aggies from being real Aggies. At the rate we are going now, in another year or two no one will say "hello" to you when you cross the campus. Not many things more dreadful could happen to A. & M.

The freshmen are the only ones here that don't know what our kind of friendliness is, and it is they who don't even look up when crossing the campus. Wake up, freshmen, you're at A. & M., and it's the A. & M. way to say "hello" to everyone you meet on this campus.

FIND that old spirit! Don't let anything kill the friendliness we are accustomed to around here. Let's ALL say "hello" to everyone we meet!

—JMH

## The World Turns On

By DR. R. W. STEEN

After more than a month of waiting the public has learned many details of the battle of Midway Island. The navy claims positively the sinking or damaging of twenty Japanese vessels, and implies that others may have been damaged. It is also stated that the Japanese lost, along with four aircraft carriers, at least 275 planes. The American loss is placed at one destroyer and perhaps fifty planes. In addition an aircraft carrier was badly damaged.

Much criticism has been offered because of the tardy release of battle reports by the navy. For example, the loss of the Lexington was not announced for almost two months, and it is just now announced that the Yorktown is undergoing repairs. There was doubtless good reason for keeping quiet the fact that the Yorktown was damaged, since the Japanese would like to have the information. It is probable, however, that they knew it anyway. There can be no point in holding information such as the loss of the Lexington for two months. The Japanese probably knew it long before the American public did, and it looked very much as if the navy waited for a new victory before releasing the bad news that accompanied the first one. Certainly no citizen wants the army or the navy to release information of value to the enemy, but the average citizen does want the government to play fair with him. The navy could afford to let the enemy know of the loss of a cruiser in order to keep public confidence. It is the lack of confidence that breeds whispering campaigns, and leads people to believe that conditions are worse than they really are.

The latest naval release, incidentally, indicates that the army and navy worked together in the victory off Midway, and it also proves a point that had been suspected but not known positively: that is, that the damage was all done by planes. Surface ships of the two fleets never came in sight of one another.

Some figures just released by the British indicate that they too have been winning some victories in the war of production. Much has been said about the number of American planes going to Britain. Figures just released state that the RAF is now made up 87% of British planes and 13% American planes, and that Britain has shipped out of England more planes than she has received from America.

Dr. Harold S. Diehl, dean of medical sciences at University of Minnesota, believes eventually there will be left only one doctor to serve each 1,500 to 2,000 civilians.

University of Wisconsin has discovered a method of extracting vanillin, a vegetable product and principal ingredient of vanilla, from certain trees.