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The World Turns On

By DR. C. C. DOAK
 Discipline Under Aggie Democracy—There is nothing that Aggies as a group hate more than a "Boot-licking, Apple-polisher." One who gets or asks for advantages without earning them merits all the slobbering contempt expressed in that noise which disgusted Aggies often make in imitation of young calves at their dinner. Man is a gregarious animal, and as such the approval of others within his group is so important to him that no amount of physical pain will hurt quite so much as social disapproval. Proof of this comes from the widespread preference of "The Board" to the "Bleed Session." When analyzed in terms of the corps, or any other social group, this means that man has at his command two means of enforcing discipline: The first or physical method is represented by "The Board," "The Water Cure," "Knee Bends," "Bread and Water," "Kush Stuffing," "The Bull Ring," "The Guillotine," and "The Firing Squad." These methods are cruel, and often ineffective. They are the instruments of young, ignorant, and primitive peoples. The second method is social. It consists of "A lifted eyebrow," "A resolution of condemnation," "A Bleed Session," "Ex-communication," or any of the other expressions of disapproval. Since, in a democracy, social pressures exercised by the majority are used to restrain minorities, any Aggie who wants to make the corps more democratic will, at every opportunity, place his voice and his vote on the side which to him seems right.

Corps Morale in a Changed Aggeland—Last week this column pointed out that both the Corps and the Army have some beneficial shaping influences upon individuals. Both organizations are doing some magnificent work in spite of handicaps. Both seek to reduce physical punishments to a minimum. Both are trying to build unified working groups by bringing social punishments under the control of mature and experienced persons with some understanding of the relations of individuals to groups, and of groups to nations, and of nations to human successes in both war and peace. It is not for us as Aggies to say what we would do if hazing could be legalized, or if freshmen were older, or if dormitories were less crowded, or if our cadet officers were more mature men, or if we had more and better teachers, or if any or all of the impediments to progress could be removed. It is rather for us to take things as they are and make the most of our individual and collective opportunities. If Aggie morale has been dragging bottom of late, it can be attributed to but one cause. Some among us have not yet realized that conditions beyond our control have changed the picture at Aggeland. Sulk-ing and complaining are signs of maladjustment and weakness. They are signs of a poor loser who, when beaten once, will not try again. Be a sport. Admit and welcome change, for it is often a sign of progress. Like it or not the ole school "Ain't what she used to be" and there's little we can do about it except either to try to wreck the remnant or make it better than before. Let us either join hands with other good Aggies and pull at the oars, or get out of the boat. The Aggie Corps at war has no place for dead weight.

With the military end of this place loosening up and doing away with ties for the most part, this classic tale comes to light about Ace Hudson, captain of E battery F. A. Ace was standing in the hall of Ross Hall when Alex Wallace, who works there, came out of Col. Welty's office with the freshly signed no-tie order. He handed it to Ace, who read it with one hand, and tore off his tie with the other, then handed the order back to Alex. Just about that time a well-known officer approached and demanded of Ace why he was so non-reg in Ross Hall. Ace said no word, but took the order from by-stander Alex's hand and offered it to a good lieutenant. Words can not express the embarrassment of said b., nor the extreme pleasure of said Ace!

Last week the Batt carried an article pulling for more blood donors to be tested and typed at the hospital. When the story appeared, the hospital informed Dr. Potter, head of the blood committee, that the testing nurse was ill. Now we

Free France is our ally and will exist so long as there are writers and aviators of the calibre of St-Exupery, whose Flight to Arras stirringly describes the suicidal flights over roads jammed with refugees after France's defeat was certain.

We have allies, but this is Your War, says Marquis W. Childs as he answers practical questions about income tax and gas and sugar rationing. He says, too, "It is not written in a book that we shall win this war." Mr. Childs could not have read Major De Seversky's Victory Through Air Power, where it is written in a book that we shall win and how it is to be done. This is the most effective work we have had on individual fighting forces. Major De Seversky is a brilliant aviation technician, and in an extremely dark time his book is one of hope.

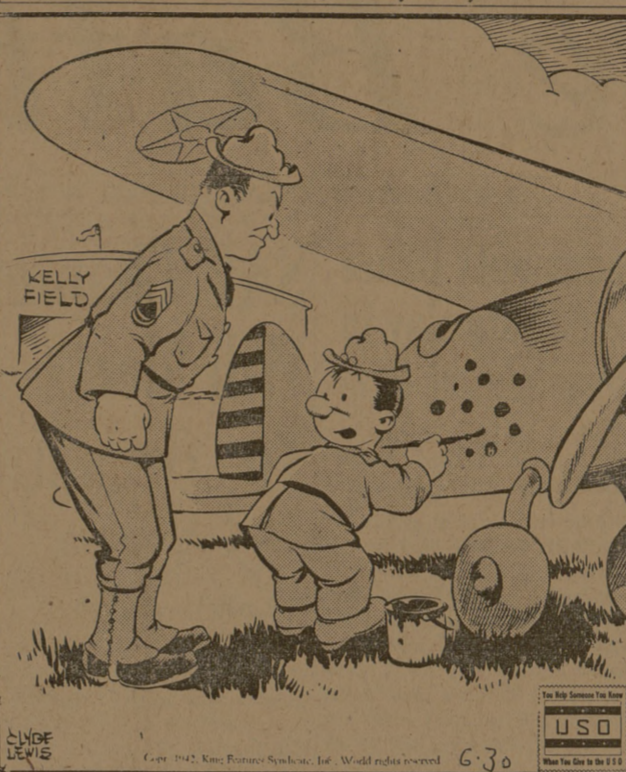
yet undisclosed. The money will partly be used for highway construction, particularly on the unfinished 90 miles Honduras section of the Pan American Highway, which at present is only one-third all-weather surface.

By a smashing vote of 52 to 18, the Chilean Chamber of Deputies decided on May 27 to set up a committee to investigate Nazi activities.

A decree of May 20 in Brazil, prohibiting further trade in dollar currency, was designed to impede the functioning of Axis propagandist, operating with funds filched from invaded European Countries.

South America, it is said by many, hasn't felt the war yet—but, have we? The Latin countries are trying to do their part in the defense of the hemisphere which is as much theirs as ours.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Don't ask me what the idea is. The Lieutenant told me from now on I'm to be an airplane-spotter!"

BACKWASH By Jack Hood

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

By John Holman
 September graduates with contracts had better start packing. 'tis told that next Thursday is their last day here. Camp classes can't wait on college classes. . . and it seems that not many of the fifth year vet students will be around much longer either.

Burt Parker, Ordnance, has the best tale of hitch-hiking heard around here in a long time. . . Seems as though Burt had been up in Missouri. On his trip back, he'd gotten as far as Oklahoma City when an Air Corps Lieutenant asked Burt if he wanted a lift to Dallas—a lift in an Army plane. Burt accepted, flew to Dallas with the kind Louie, and had him write him a letter so he could prove his tale to his roommate! What won't happen next!

Members of a University of Akron sorority, hearing that girls were buying more defense stamps than boys, offered a kiss with each stamp sold on "bargain day". Sales jumped 400%. . . while the boys of some frat at Purdue, not to be outdone, sold tickets to a charity banquet. When the guests arrived for a feed, they were informed that the money to be spent for food had been donated to the Red Cross!

Madisonville citizens will soon be playing host to a host of the governments interned aliens. Concentration camps will be constructed at Madisonville, Hearne, and Buffalo (54 miles northeast of Hearne). With the Navy, Marines, and Aggies here, along with the R. A. F. boys expected when the bomber school is finished, all we would need is some interned Japs—but don't laugh, they're considering the beautiful banks of the Brazos according to the latest wash-house gazette.

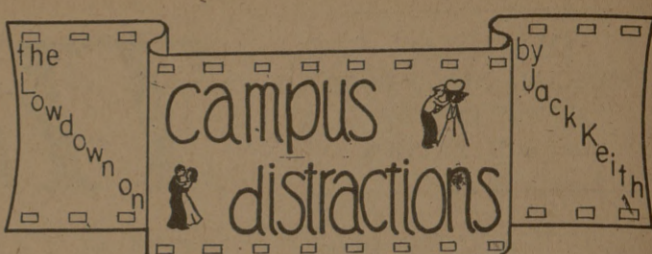
Henry Scott, the highly versatile and entertaining young pianist who recently appeared on Town Hall, is now making audiences happy at Michigan State College.

Today's orchids go to Captain Hunter, who let the O. Ds. at the Juke Box Saturday night take off their Sam Brownes and enjoy the evening. . . which brings to mind that the swing last Saturday night was undoubtedly the best Juke Box this summer. For some reason, there was not a heavy stag line, and there were plenty of girls. Cool and cheap, anyone there will tell you it was swell.

Then there is this tale told by Shelby Howell, a senior last year in D Coast, now a second-louie in the Ordnance. Seems Shelby is a gold-barred company commander, and one night while a private was on guard duty at his outfit, a general approached and asked to see the commanding officer. The private blinked, but replied, "Sir, we have no commanding officer, a second lieutenant is in charge!"

The word "ain't" is American and marks a distinct contribution to the English language, says Prof. E. C. Beck of Central (Mich.) State Teachers College. Dr. Beck insists it ain't too bad to use "ain't," because the word is being accepted by more and more people. He believes it gradually will come to be considered correct usage. "If the American people have contributed anything to the English language," says Dr. Beck, "it is the quality of terseness and vividness represented by 'ain't.'" Dr. Beck believes the word developed in the days when pioneers spoke sparingly and constantly sought short, simple terms. "And while men might not speak sparingly today," he says, "there nevertheless is still a tendency to streamline language by using 'ain't.'"

Keep LOUPOTS An Aggie Tradition



A flavor of American tradition and a warm atmosphere of family life are in "THE VANISHING VIRGINIAN" now showing at Guion Hall. It's the story of Captain Bob Yancey and his wife and five children—their trials, tribulations, and their good times.

Cap'n Yancey is a blustering and lovable old Virginian who, for as the townfolk can remember, has been elected City Attorney. His kids have their troubles too, with their finances' fathers having disputes with their own fathers on legal matters, and with the unapproved desire of Margaret to become a woman lawyer.

Frank Morgan appears in the title role as Cap'n Bob. He is completely in command of the fiery character he impersonates. Spring Byington is Mrs. Yancey and the parts of the children are played by Kathryn Grayson, Natalie Thompson, Juanita Quigley, Dickie Jones and Scotty Beckett. Miss Grayson sings three songs in the movie, "The World Was Made for You," "Steal Away," a negro spiritual, and the formerly popular number "Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey."

The Lowdown—typical American home lift.

Here's a far-fetched one that's hard to believe even with a vivid imagination. First they bury the corpse out in the woods and then they get shot at by this same corpse. Detective Michael Shayne steps in and solves the mystery after the family physician gets bumped off. The plot is almost as unbelievable as the title, "THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T DIE."

The lowdown—why not let it die, it stinks already.

Cost of Milk To Rise Because of Present Shortages

Elimination of some milk routes and delivery of larger quantities of milk at stations offer about the only possibilities for decreasing the cost of milk to consumers.

E. R. Eudaly, dairyman for the A. & M. College Extension Service, points out that the cost and scarcity of labor, high cost of feed, and transportation difficulties mean the dairy farmer must get relatively high prices for milk if he is to stay in business. Much the same problems confront distributors. Some plants are having difficulty in obtaining parts for keeping machinery in repair.

One contribution the dairy industry might make to better diets of the nation is selling bottled skimmed milk. It is a valuable food and in some seasons goes to waste in Texas plants, Eudaly says. The difficulty is that it costs the distributor as much to bottle and deliver skimmed milk as whole milk, for which he can get a much higher price.

MOVIE

Guion Hall

Tuesday and Wednesday

Frank Morgan -- Kathryn Grayson

in

The Vanishing Virginian

Comedy — Cartoon

COMING

Thursday and Friday

Gary Cooper -- Merle Oberon

in

Cowboy And The Lady

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WHAT'S SHOWING

AT GUION HALL

Tuesday, Wednesday—"The Vanishing Virginian", with Frank Morgan and Kathryn Grayson.

AT THE CAMPUS

Tuesday, Wednesday — "The Man Who Wouldn't Die" with Lloyd Nolan and Marjorie Weaver. Also, "Miss Polly", starring ZaSu Pitts and Slim Summerville.

Campus

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Box Office Opens at 1:00 P. M.

TODAY -- TOMORROW

DOUBLE FEATURE

LLOYD NOLAN

THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T DIE

with MARJORIE WEAVER

1:00 - 3:04 - 5:08 - 7:12 - 9:16

"MISS POLLY"

2:05 - 4:09 - 6:13 - 8:17 - 10:21

Also

"The Rabbit Who Came to Supper"

No Ties

Saturday morning the cadet corps was greeted with a surprise which was welcomed by all concerned. In an order from the commandant's office ties were abolished for habitual wear on the campus except at special times as outlined by the order. Also at the same time student who resided in dormitories adjacent to the parking lot behind the Academic building would be allowed to use this lot.

Since the beginning of the summer term agitation concerning the uniform has been prevalent on the campus, and the only change that had been made was that at drill ties would not be worn. But a needed and welcomed change has been made. Summer heat will now not be so hard on Aggies who find it hard to sit through a long lecture in a hot building. The use of the parking lot behind the Academic building now makes it more convenient for the many students who have automobiles on the campus.

Without a doubt the corps appreciates these moves and changes in college regulations. These considerations all combine to make going to school an easier and a more enjoyable job.

Our Neighbors to the South

By HARRY A. CORDUA

James Irwin Miller, vice-president of the United Press, said in a recent speech: "The feeling manifested everywhere by the American public today is that South America has just been discovered, this feeling is brought about by newspaper correspondents and writers who are sent by newspaper syndicates for a two weeks trip to the continent south of the Rio Grande and return to the United States to tell all. They arrive in each of the great Latin cities as dusk falls, and leave the next day at dawn. Any articles written by such hasty observers contain unbelievable misstatements of facts." Mr. Miller continues to say: "but these reports have created in the United States, for the first time, a hungry interest in the South. A satisfaction for this hunger is the knowledge of the Spanish Language. Our educators must begin to teach Spanish in the grade schools, as a national second language. Of what use is a program to bring the Americas closer together if we can not understand each other? The sign language will not help."

The students of the South American countries are required to study English, so why can't the student of the North American country be required to learn Spanish? Its importance was demonstrated when the Army officials of Camp Wallace required that the men acquire a knowledge of Spanish.

After this war is over, the individual living in the era to follow the lacking an understanding of Spanish will be greatly handicapped. The United States is recognizing the importance of our Latin neighbors and trying to win their confidence, therefore it is the conscientious duty of the American public as individuals to aid in the furthering of this program.

Plans are being discussed for the industrial development of Mexico after the war.

The Pan American Exposition plans in Mexico (450th anniversary of the discovery of America) were abandoned last January because of the war.

Gasoline is being rationed in Mexico City, to taxis.

Guatemala City in mid-March indicated that U. S. Bombers were carrying out patrol operations from a base "somewhere in Guatemala."

President Somoza of Nicaragua met and conferred with President Caleron Guardia of Costa Rica at a town on the frontier during the second week in April—this could have something to do with the Nicaraguan Canal whose Caribbean entrance would touch the Costa Rican border for some three leagues.

After nearly ten years of aloofness, Honduras is reentering the U. S. capital market, making a loan, the amount of which is

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