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## Open Forum

It has been my displeasure, as well as several of yours also, I'm sure, to go to some Dean's or Professor's office for a short visit. Perhaps after waiting in line a few or even several minutes for the students who are ahead in line, in walks some outsider who also desires to see the same person on whom you have been waiting to see for several minutes. And who gets to see the Dean or Professor next? The student does, of course, after the outsider has already been granted permission first. Maybe that is the way it should be done, but it doesn't seem fair to we students.

Why can't certain hours be arranged for students and certain hours for outsiders if such conditions as these continue to exist? L. B. Tennison, Jr., '43

## This Collegiate World

Herbs and medicinal plants, including belladonna, hennane, digitalis, and many others which contain drugs and medicines essential to the war effort, are being produced on the Montana State University campus. This project being carried on by the School of Pharmacy of the university is the only one of its kind in the northwest.

Using WPA and university funds, Professor C. E. Mollett, dean of the school of pharmacy, and other members of the pharmacy school staff began last summer the cultivation of many native and foreign plants which produce vital medicinal extracts. The plants are being developed in the pharmacy drug garden which Dean Mollett started in 1914 in forestry school nursery plots.

Purposes of the project are to ascertain whether such drugs can be produced in commercial quantities in this area, to estimate the drug-content of cultivated plants and to produce seed which will be available to Montana farmers for such cultivation.

A program to "scrap out" idle scientific ability and put it to work directing segments of war research problems in laboratories of smaller colleges has been initiated by the American Chemical Society, which comprises 32,000 members, it is announced by Dr. Charles L. Parsons, secretary of the society.

Unused talents of retired directors of research from the universities and industry will be meshed with departments of chemistry in institutions where staffs are not sufficiently large or well equipped to carry on research alone. The plan will be executed under direction of a committee headed by Dr. J. Sam Guy, chairman of the chemistry department at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

On the committee are Dr. William Lloyd Evans, Ohio State University; Dr. Samuel C. Lind, University of Minnesota; Dr. Howard H. Willard, University of Michigan; Dr. E. Emmett Reid, professor emeritus, John Hopkins University; Dr. B. Smith Hopkins, professor emeritus, University of Illinois and discoverer of the element inilium; and Dr. Stuart R. Brinkley, Yale University.

"This is no time for any idle "scrap" in chemical research ability to be sitting around," Dr. Guy declares. "Every man able to direct research in chemistry should be up and at it. Every college teacher, every able college student can do his bit. It is the function of our committee to get these forces together.

"Many universities and industries . . . have a definite policy of retiring employes at an age of approximately 65 years. These emeritus chemists have a vast store of information and inspiration which should not be lost at a time when the nation requires scientific research almost more than anything else.

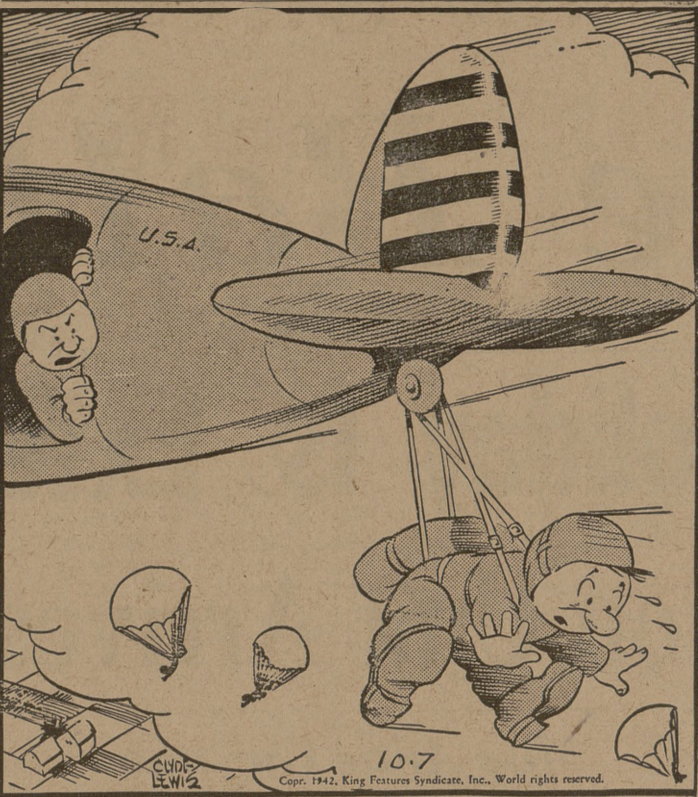
"There are also active directors of research who are eger to spread their influence beyond their individual laboratories. These men have numbers of problems, all a part of one large scheme of research, which they would be glad to farm out to colleges where some wide-awake student of the upper classes would be interested. The problems are not quite large enough for a doctor's thesis but still offer a challenge to men in their senior year."

## Quotable Quotations

"Our enemies are attacking us with two types of weapon—on the one hand, with guns and tanks, with planes and ships; on the other, with the no less powerful weapon of propaganda. Goebbels, the Nazi minister of propaganda, has contributed as much to German victories as have the planes of Goering . . . Without propaganda Hitler could never have come to power; without it he could never have created the most powerful army the world has ever known; without it this army could never have won its most spectacular victories."—Dr. Theodore M. Greene, professor of philosophy and chairman of the divisional program in the humanities at Princeton University, believes that to defeat Hitler America must discover and use the democratic equivalent of Nazi propaganda.

"Education must support democracy, and at the same time democracy must continue to maintain education. Our first task is to win the war, but the maintaining of educational facilities, while secondary to victory, is secondary to nothing else."—Dr. B. F. Pettinger, education dean at the University of Texas, cautions against relegating education to the background because of war.

## PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"How many times have I told you not to wear suspenders when you jump?"

## BACKWASH By Jack Hood

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

## About That Flag . . . By John Holman

The white flag that is so beautifully gracing the flagpole in front of the Administration building and which threw the fish into such a furor yesterday morning with its inscription, "Rice Owls," was placed there Thursday night about 7 o'clock by some Rice boys who left on the 7:54 Sunbeam . . . Rumor had it they also broke into the trophy case and took the dilapidated little white owl, but this isn't so. The case was neither broken, nor did the owl disappear permanently.

Although the fish and frogs were fightin' mad, they probably don't know what happened last year here and on the Rice campus. That year the case was broken, the owl stolen, and rice grains left in its place. Several brave Aggies got their heads shaved in an attempt to recover it, and the case became such that an official apology and return of the owl was made by Rice officials placed an Aggie sign on the Rice flagpole, cut the ropes and then greased the pole. All efforts to get rid of it failed—including those of a professional steeplejack. Finally, shotguns were employed and the flag was shot down off the pole . . . therefore we haven't got a great deal of kick coming.

Late Note—Fire Chief F. B. Brown took the Rice flag from the pole in front of the Administration building at exactly 4:25 yesterday afternoon. The flag was immediately taken into custody by the commandant's office to be examined for laundry-marks in an effort to trace the culprits responsible. Removal of the flag culminated a 7-hour attempt to climb the pole.

## Long, But Good Bull!

The Engineer—A Parable  
One day three men, a lawyer, a doctor and an engineer, appeared before St. Peter as he stood guarding the Pearly Gates.

The first man to step forward was the lawyer. With confidence and assurance, he proceeded to deliver an eloquent address which left St. Peter dazed and bewildered. Before the venerable Saint could recover, the lawyer quickly handed him a writ of mandamus, pushed him aside, and strode through the open Portals.

Next came the doctor. With impressive, dignified bearing, he introduced himself: "I am Dr. Brown." St. Peter received him cordially. "I feel I know you, Dr. Brown. Many who preceded you said you sent them here. Welcome to our city."

The engineer, modest and diffident, had been standing in the background. He now stepped forward. "I am looking for a job," he said. St. Peter wearily shook his head. "I am sorry," he replied; "we have no work here for you. If you want a job, you can go to Hell."

This response sounded familiar to the engineer, and made him feel more at home. "Very well," he said; "I have had Hell all my life and I guess I can stand it better than the others." St. Peter was puzzled. "Look here, young man, what are you?" "I am an engineer," was the reply. "Oh yes," said St. Peter;

## campus distractions by Jack Keith

Ordinarily, this column must be written at least sixteen hours before the paper is delivered, but a melodrama dealing with the escape to England of a crew of six RAF flyers from the Wellington bomber "Bertie," abandoned when disabled in a raid on Stuttgart. Landing in the Dutch countryside, they are fed, clothed and aided in escape by the natives. Cast includes Hugh Williams, Eric Portman and Googie Withers.

Beginning 'way down South Main and working up, there's the Plantation, with Bobby Peters and his band holding sway. This will probably be the main Aggie entertainment headquarters. Other Aggie favorites are the Ranch Club, the Cotton Club, the High Hat (we hear that this is where all the University of Houston Hi-Pockets hang out), Abe's and Pappy's and Hill's Night Spot. Up town, among others, there are the Rice Hotel Empire Room and the Aragon Club with music and song for your dancing pleasure.

If your date is too tired from standing up all afternoon at the game to dance all night, several good shows are playing. Loew's

## Hunting Season Brings Warning To Texas Nimrods

As the hunting season approaches, the Texas State Health Department urges caution in handling fire arms. More than 200 Texans were killed in 1941 as a result of carelessness in handling guns, and at this time when human lives are being snuffed out in the war that is enveloping the entire world, it is more than ever important that we should conserve human lives on the home front.

With the inauguration of meat rationing and the reduced supply of this particular food, there is a possibility of more hunters going into the field than has been the custom for many years. "It is not enough to deplore the waste of human lives caused by the careless handling of fire arms," asserts Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, "we should learn from the deaths of these victims the lessons of safety which will prevent this needless and shocking waste."

The State Department of Health suggests the following safety suggestions in handling guns: While hunting be sure that the loaded gun is on safety until ready to fire. Never shoot without seeing your target clearly. Never crawl through a fence carrying a loaded gun. If hunting with a companion stay close to him. Do not strike the ground or wounded game with the butt of a loaded gun. Never scuffle while holding a loaded gun or point it at a person "for fun." Always unload a gun before attempting to clean it. Always unload guns before taking them into the home. All guns should be carefully put away in the home out of the reach of small children.

WHAT'S SHOWING  
Saturday—"Take a Letter, Darling" with Rosalind Russell and Fred MacMurray.  
AT GUION HALL  
Saturday—"Adam Had Four Sons", starring Ingrid Bergman and Warner Baxter.

Campus  
Telephone 4-1181  
LAST DAY  
Also  
Cartoon — News — Musical Short  
Preview Tonight  
11 P. M.  
SUNDAY-MONDAY  
Go In 9:30—See Both Shows for Same Price  
Sonja HENIE John PAYNE  
ICELAND  
JACK OAKE, SAMMY KAYE AND HIS ORCHESTRA  
Also  
News — Cartoon  
Victory Short  
Screen Snapshots

MOVIE  
Guion Hall  
SATURDAY  
7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.  
ADAM HAD FOUR SONS  
Sing Song—Comedy—News—Cartoon  
COMING  
Monday — Tuesday — Wednesday  
Ball of Fire  
GARY COOPER  
BARBARA STANWYCK

Fools make the banquets and wise men enjoy them.—John Florio.  
Man wants but little, nor that little long.—Young.  
How that red rain hath made the harvest grow.—Byron.