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Term's End---Where Are You

The end of this semester is just about in sight now; another four months of the academic grind is about behind you. Sit down and think about that semester a moment.

Where are you? Does your passing every hour this semester mean anything to you as far as classifying or graduation is concerned? Have you really accomplished anything in the way of an education this semester?

This issue of the Battalion carries the glaring news that no more contracts will be issued. That means that the Army will just about run things around here for a while, and the army will listen to your college record just about as much as it will listen to you when they start picking officer candidates.

Just three weeks off is the end of old A.&M. Don't stop studying and attending classes now just because Uncle Sam's heavy wind is hanging over your head. Finish this semester and plan on the next just as you have always done.

Remember, the game isn't over until the final gun.

This Collegiate World

ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS
The United States is at war today primarily because American history books have deceived young people about the nation's past. Col. William A. Canoe, head of the University of Michigan department of military science and tactics, contends. Lack of truth about the price the nation has paid repeatedly for being unprepared for war, Canoe says, caused a false sense of security to arise.

In his book, "The History of the United States Army," Canoe seeks to rectify misconceptions about the nation's history. He has just revised the book, first published in 1924, to bring the army's history up to date. Written in a popular vein, the history now covers the period from 1775 to the spring of 1942.

Inadequate sight-testing methods are responsible for a large number of rejections for service in the navy and army, states Dr. Robert D. Loken, psychologist at the University of California.

"Much of the present 15 per cent total loss of the navy and the 12 per cent loss of the army through rejections could be obviated by junking the defective Stilling and Ishihara tests for color blindness. The German and Japanese charts have been responsible for letting in many men of defective vision and barring as many more who should be inducted into the nation's service. "The Ishihara test, for example, detects small defects in color vision and totally overlooks many serious ones."

Dr. Loken has been engaged in experiments with vitamin A to relieve color blindness, in association with Dr. Knight Dunlap, professor of psychology. He states experiments show that beneficial results accrue in more than 80 per cent of the cases.

"Those who improve rapidly as a rule retain their improvement," says Dr. Loken. "The slow ones are not so apt to hold their gain. These apparently have some definite lack of vitamin efficiency." Approximately 100 cases have been followed by Dr. Loken. He believes examiners of the army and navy still consider color vision a constant factor.

Students of Fairleigh Dickinson Junior College will have the opportunity to study Spanish and Latin-American business methods in Mexico City (it is announced today by President Peter Sammartino. Under this plan there will be an exchange of Fairleigh Dickinson and Mexico City students.

Arrangements are being made by Henry E. Bolton, general manager and vice-president of Ingersoll-Rand, Mexico, and Dr. Sammartino. Wherever possible, exchanges will be effected with Mexican families who have sons or daughters wishing to study at Fairleigh Dickinson. In some cases the respective families will provide room and board for the students.

Previous arrangements had been made for Fairleigh Dickinson students to gain work experience in Venezuela.

Something to Read

By DR. T. F. MAYO
How the War Is Being Fought
Even though the war can hardly be directed from the back seat, it does behoove the ordinary citizen to know something about strategy and tactics. An alert and enlightened public opinion is a firm basis for military operations.

The following books have been selected for their brevity, clearness, and authenticity. We particularly recommend the "Headline Books," which you will find in the Asbury Browsing Room.

Battles Without Bullets; the story of economic warfare, by Thomas Brockway. (Headline Book No. 18.)

This aspect of war, above all, should be understood by the people at home.

The War, First Year. Second Year. Third year. By Edgar McInnis. Oxford University Press. 1940-42.

The only "play-by-play" account of the war.

Russia at War, by Vera M. Dean. (Headline Book No. 34.)

Behind the scenes with our Red Ally.

War on the Short Wave, by H. N. Graves. (Headline Book No. 35.)

The part which radio plays.

War Atlas; a handbook of maps and facts, by Varian Fry. (Headline Book No. 23.)

Know Your Enemy: Japan! by Anthony Jenkinson. (Pamphlet, American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, New York, 1942.)

Answers to ten vital questions about Japanese strength.

China: America's Ally, by Robert W. Barnett. (American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, New York, 1942.)

Germany at War; twenty easy questions and answers, by Joseph C. Harsch. (Headline Book No. 33.)

Concentrated information by one of our very best journalistic observers.

Overseas America; our territorial outposts, by Charles F. Reid. (Headline Book No. 35.)

Background for heading war communique.

Machinery of Collaboration Between the United Nations, by P. S. Wild, Jr. (Foreign Policy Reports, July 1, 1942.)

How the allies coordinate their efforts.

Replacement of Strategic Material Lost in Asia, by E. Frechtling. (Foreign Policy Report, June 15, 1942.)

Nazi Exploitation of Occupied Europe, by Ernest R. Hediger. (Foreign Policy Report, June 1, 1942.)

Nazi Economic Imperialism, by Ernest S. Hediger. (Foreign Policy Reports, August 15, 1942.)

Behind the scenes in Hitler's Europe.

Strategic Materials and National Strength, by Harry N. Holmes.

100 pages of bare facts, clearly presented.

War in Our Time, edited by Hans Speier and Alfred Kahler.

Short, solid discussions of all phases of modern war.

The Great Offensive, by Max Werner.

The most successful military analyst (so far!)

Because of anticipated heavy use of transportation facilities, Christmas vacation at St. Olaf College will last from Dec. 15 to Jan. 8.

War Comments

The survey of handicapped persons also includes provision for study of the use of women in industry. It was found that—with proper training—they could perform the duties of a majority of industrial jobs. One ordinance plant already has hired women for 50 per cent of its jobs. Their work is high grade and sometimes superior to that of men.

Speaking of women, the Civil Service Commission is seeking Junior Chemists and is particularly interested in co-eds who have had four years of college, with 30 semester hours of chemistry. Pay, \$2,000 annually; no written test. Also sought are Chemical Aids who need only three years of college, with 24 semester hours of chemistry. Pay, \$1,800; no test. Expanded research in synthetic rubber may double the demand for chemists during the coming months.

Rare books dealing with early Mayan civilization have been given the library of Washington State College by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Merritt.

Aggie Cryptogram

(The following cryptogram was enciphered by taking a plain-text quotation dealing with Aggie and dividing it into groups of five letters, then arranging each of these groups alphabetically.)

Today's Aggie Cryptogram
EPRXY BILLW EHOST ELLOT EINOS
MNORS ADEVY EGINN—B. H. Luther.
Tuesday's Solution
NO SPIRIT EQUALS THAT OF THE
AGGIES.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Okay, go ahead and laugh, but remember, Napoleon was a little guy, too!"

BACKWASH

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

By Bill Murphy
Popping up again to the headlines after many weeks of turning down jobs, the Aggieband Orchestra rolls into the Plantation Club in Houston Saturday night to play a two day stand.

The whole thing started when Curly Brient was recuperating from a major operation in a downtown Houston hospital last week. The owner, whose name is withheld for obvious reasons, walked into Curly's room, offered him the job, and walked out five minutes later with a contract, which promised the services of the orchestra for Saturday night, the Sunday afternoon matinee dance, and the dance that night; however, since then the Sunday night dance has been called off.

All year long the Aggieband has had a lucky streak in getting engagements that most professional bands would give a year's salary to have, and certainly this is no time to stop.

Thursday night the orchestra plays a one nighter in Taylor for a private party, and Friday the boys journey all the way to the Bryan Country Club to play for the Bryan "400", as well as most of the Corps it seems.

Saturday, of course, finds the orchestra playing to a crowd of college kids who will be saying goodbye to the holidays, and as ever the crowd will be made up of many Aggies.

It will be interesting to watch the reaction with which the Aggieband will have on the crowd at Della Parker's formal dance Friday night. This will mark the first time in over two months the orchestra has appeared in this vicinity

War Production Board Curtails Ice Cream So Needs of Armies Can Be Met

L. E. Hertz, President of the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, made the following statement:

"This new regulation means further tightening-our belts but we will gladly do it to help conserve dairy foods for this Nation and our Allies. The requirements of our armed forces, abroad and here in camps and lend-lease commitments, must first be met from the nation's milk and butterfat supply. What is left over, will be utilized to best advantage by the ice cream industry and the various other branches of the dairy industry."

"Food for armies and for civilians is vital to victory and ice cream is one of the dairy foods especially important these days in promoting and maintaining health and morale both among our armed forces and on the 'home front'."

"The 1,500,000,000 quarts of ice cream now being eaten annually by the people of the United States, are a contribution to the health of the nation. Ice cream contains 20 to 22% of milk solids from the cream and milk used, and about 15% sweeteners. Millions have depended on ice cream for their milk nutrients and will continue to eat this fine dairy food with enjoyment and profit, and obtain satisfaction along with sound nourishment, even though the amount of ice cream they may have is slightly reduced."

"This new regulation means that

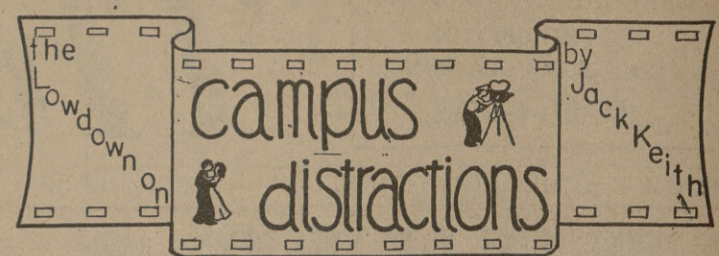
we will continue to produce a goodly amount of ice cream even though we cannot make enough to satisfy entirely America's appetite for this nutritious dairy food. Everyone, however, can have some ice cream.

"Ice cream is justly popular both because of its delightful taste appeal and its real nutritional value. For the large portion of our adult population who do not drink milk, ice cream may be their one source of supply of milk minerals and proteins and vitamins so essential to health."

"Even while we are working under war conditions we do not want to lose sight of the fact that post-war markets will be particularly important to the dairy farmer when 'extraordinary demands of war and lend-lease programs have subsided. The ice cream industry has become increasingly important in long-range dairy economy, with its peak demands coinciding with peak summer production of milk."

"Continued production of ice cream, and its use by the armed forces and home-folk, gives the dairy farmers assurance of the continuation of this favorable long-range market for part of his milk, and gives the consuming public a nourishing dairy food enjoyed as part of the American way of life."

Josephine Dillon, first wife of Clark Gable, is a dramatic coach at Stephens college, Columbia, Mo.



To help you bring in the new year today and tomorrow, Guion Hall offers "BIRTH OF THE BLUES," a comedy with music. Bing Crosby, Mary Martin, Rochester and Brian Donlevy are a few of the players in this not so new as it could be feature. Old favorites such as "Melancholy Baby," "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues" and "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" are brought back to life by Crosby and his orchestra which he has gathered up to play music of the deep South.

"The story has Bing, after many setbacks, rounding up his first white band to play Negro music, hot and wild. Through the aid of Mary Martin's singing, they get a hearing and prove to be sensational. And that's how blues music was born, or so the story goes.

Outstanding points of the show, besides the nostalgic tunes, are Rochester's explanation of how music is born, Crosby's version of "Melancholy Baby," and a warm and tingling feeling about the whole thing that will bring back memories of the past.

The Lowdown — good for the soul.

Informative, entertaining and colorful is "THUNDER BIRDS," showing at the Campus today and tomorrow. It's a tale of how our boys, as well as English and Chinese lads, are training for flying at a field in Arizona. The scenic effects are terrific and the story engrossing, dealing with the patience and understanding of an American flying instructor for an English student who suffers from the fear of falling.

The fact that the two are rivals for the affections of Gene Tierney, rancher's daughter, lends strength and a measure of sterling quality to the actions of the characters. Preston Foster is so so as the American instructor. John Sutton, who seems a bit too old for the young Englishman, is still most likeable.

Naturally, Miss Tierney is beautiful but her part does not give her enough to do. However, all the characters must take second place to the flying scenes. The cast is completed by Jack Holt, Dame Mae Whitty, Richard Haydn and George Barbier.

The Lowdown—Plenty of action here.

Contributions Needed For Chinese Students

The name of an American college can now be borne by a Student Service Center in China, announces the World Student Service Fund, the student war relief agency located at 8 West 40th Street, New York City. The Centers can be operated for approximately \$600 a year; and if an American college wishes to send that amount to China through the World Student Service Fund, the center can be named for the college here.

The plight of Chinese students is by now well known. Bombed from their universities on the east coast, they trekked across hundreds of miles of rough terrain to reach west China. There they set up new universities so that they could continue their education which is so essential to Chinese resistance, as well as to their future.

These refugee universities have been most inadequately equipped. In many cases the dormitories for students were make-shift affairs, set up in the space used for classrooms in the day time. There were no social rooms, libraries, etc.

One of the projects sponsored by the National Student Relief Committee in China, the administering body of the World Student Service Fund, has been the creation of student centers which would make up for some of the deficiencies in the universities' equipment. These centers have served as places where, among other things, students could take baths. This has been a service badly needed because of the inadequate dormitory facilities.

Another function for the student center has been to serve as a place where news could be received and read. Copies of the few newspapers available in west China are generally found in the student centers. There are also wall newspapers where a group of students can read at the same time. Furthermore, the National Student Relief Committee planned to buy a radio for each center, feeling it essential that students must be kept in touch with happenings in the outside world in these troublesome days.

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