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## Rumors Versus Books

In these days of confusion and rumor, it's hard to get those old books out at night and hit them in the way they should be hit. No one knows just exactly what will happen around here between now and February 1, but everyone knows, or should know, one thing.

There are still three more weeks of regular classwork, besides another go-around of quizzes between now and then, and the results of those class periods and those quizzes may well spell the difference between a successful and an unsuccessful semester.

It's a dead cinch that you will need every available grade point and hour to get the most out of what the army wants you to do—and they may mean the difference between doing and not doing.

Three weeks is a very short time, and means but eight or nine more class periods in most courses. The Commandant and the college authorities aren't just "shooting hot air" when they urge you to keep up your studying and working. Everything is very indefinite now, and all you can do is wait. While you're waiting, you may as well keep up your work—it will mean more to you and to the Army when they get you for you to have all the education and knowledge you can.

Buck down, boys, keep balling the jack, and you and Uncle Sam will both profit.

## This Collegiate World

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Coincidence continues to rule the lives of two "fighting friends," both radio graduates of Washington State College. Stanley Warwick and Ed Watson first became acquainted by trading black eyes in grade school. They became firm friends, each with a thorough respect for the physical prowess of the other. Six years later Warwick was teaching Watson the ropes around the studios of KWSC, college station. Both made great successes, particularly with the same early morning program, the Coffee Pot Parade.

Finishing in 1940, Warwick worked in Spokane radio circles and last year joined KOIN in Portland, while Watson went to KWIL, Albany, Ore., for his first commercial job after graduation in '41.

Last March a chance street encounter in Portland, Ore., revealed that they were both married, working in Portland radio and furthermore that they were both living in the same block. Recently, Watson went down to enlist in the Maritime Service. Who would you guess signed him up? Yes, Stanley Warwick was his recruiting officer. Indiana University, less than 100 miles from Abraham Lincoln's boyhood home, has bought the last big privately owned library of material on the Civil War president.

The Oakleaf Lincoln collection, which historians place among the country's five outstanding Lincoln libraries, was purchased from a corporate trust of heirs of Judge Joseph B. Oakleaf of Moline, Ill. He died in 1930. The collection consists of some 8,000 volumes, many photographs, etchings and busts.

## From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

Which brings us to some significant post-war implications of the 'teen age draft bill. As he signed the bill, the President announced that a committee of educators is making a study looking toward measures "to enable the young men whose education has been interrupted to resume their schooling and afford equal opportunity for the training and education of other young men of ability after their service in the armed services has come to an end."

Although educators and officials here are chary about interpreting that statement, it is evident that there are high hopes it may mean post-war democratization of the American educational system. Or, in basic English, college education for all whose minds deserve it, regardless of ability to pay for it. Presumably, this would mean vastly ex-

## Something to Read

Opportunities in the Armed Forces, Maxwell Lehman and Morton Larson, Kiking Press, New York, \$2.95.

Opportunities in the Armed Forces is a comprehensive handbook of military information for the guidance of civilians, enlisted men, and officers.

A few of the interesting points covered in this volume are:

1. How and where you can obtain the military job for which you are best fitted, as an officer or an enlisted man.
2. How to advance in the ranks—how to become an officer—how to advance as an officer.
3. The tests you must take—physical and mental, documents required—for all branches of the armed forces.
4. Basic salaries—maintenance pay—extra earnings—special privileges and guarantees.
5. Opportunities for women in the armed forces.
6. Special opportunities available for men now in high school and college.
7. Special opportunities open to men in various age and physical condition (limited service) groups.

Opportunities in the Armed Forces also gives the complete addresses of all recruiting and officer procurement centers; lists and indexes all trades, skills, and professions recognized by the armed forces; and offers a special supplement service free to the purchasers of this book, guaranteeing up-to-date information.

Written with the aid of over 100 officers of the Army, Navy, Marine, Merchant Marine, and Coast Guard by two experts in the field of government employment, this book explains the broad policies of enlistment and advancement set up by the armed forces and answers the specific questions you might ask about the Armed Forces of the United States.

It comprehensively covers all phases of the Navy, Army, Marines, Merchant Marine, Coast Guard, Women's Auxiliary Corps, and Civil Aviation.—JH

## Quotable Quotes

"The increasing need for the services of women with young children in industry may result in delinquency, health break-down and emotional break-up in children not only today but for many years after the war. The relation between the mother, who leaves her children with just anyone who will take care of them, and the children; and between the children, the parents, and the parent and the care-taker are usually bad. In the United States, private nursery schools are attempting to solve our problems. These cannot begin to meet the need of all the women in industry who have young children. This need must be met by good all-day nursery schools."—Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, University of Cincinnati authority on child psychology, urges that this country emulate Britain by widespread adoption of the day nursery school plan.—ACP

"The challenge of the new day for American colleges is very great. All our energies at the present must be devoted to winning the war. Yet winning the war will be futile if we do not throughout the period of its winning keep our people prepared to make a lasting worthy peace. This time the peace must be global the same as the war has become global. Around the peace table the voice of the United States will have great weight. It is of tremendous importance that that voice shall represent the aspirations of a people determined that mankind everywhere shall go forward to its destiny. The soul of that destiny is maximum freedom of the human spirit."—President Roosevelt, in a letter to Everett Case upon the latter's inauguration as ninth president of Colgate University.—ACP

tended government financing of higher education.

Even though the President's statement appears to apply only to veterans-to-be, it carries greater promise of post-war educational opportunity than that enjoyed by veterans of the last war.

As the president pointed out, "Some useful action along this line was improvised at the end of the last war. This time we are planning in advance." After the last war only men who suffered a certain degree of disability as a result of their service were provided post-war educational aid by the government.

College and university enrollment during the years immediately following this war will be doubled that of pre-war days, according to some Washington educators.

## 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  
AEGGI ADLNO CEHRS AORRT  
AAEHV FLLUW EEEKN D—B. H. Luther

Thursday's Solution

PREXY WILL BE HOST TO ALL SENIORS  
MONDAY EVENING.

## PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"What a life! No rest, no cigarettes, no nothing! If we didn't keep so cheerful, I don't know what would pull us through!"

## BACKWASH

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

By John Holman

## Aggies vs. Army . . .

Recent news about the Aggies and the Army have the place in quite a furor. . . . Most notable is the revival of the Aggie Rumor Mill, which, fortunately, seemed to die over the holidays. . . . It's running three eight-hour shifts now to keep up with the world.

"Rhythms by Rapp" will be the thing of the hour when the Seniors are walking through the traditional ring and osculating that traditional bit of osculation. Incidentally, Barney is one of the old timers who have stayed up there. . . . He ranks in the musical world with Fred Waring, Ted Lewis, Guy Lombardo, Jan Garber, and Horace Heidt. His place today is perhaps due to his showmanship—which is the reason his Cincinnati nightery is so popular. Take it from me, he won't disappoint the Seniors. He definitely has a good band and a swell bunch of entertainers.

## New Year (Shh-h-h)

Quietest New Year's this place has seen—although most previous ones have been celebrated by the Aggies scattered all over the country—still home for the Christmas holidays. We weren't, but just think, if we had two weeks, they would just about be gone, now, and we'd be coming back for five months of solid (spelled s-o-l-i-d) work. As it is, we have been home, seen our girls, and now can look forward to another week between semesters—the Army permitting.

## Christmas, 1942 . . .

Speaking of Christmas, here are a few well-known facts that you might just think about.

## Pilot at American Aero Laboratory With Tunnels Supplant Famed Test

Wind tunnels at American aerodynamic laboratories often test Army and Navy planes more quickly, better and more easily than human test pilots, Dr. Everett W. Thatcher, co-ordinator of civilian pilot training at Union College, Schenectady, declared in a General Electric Science Forum address in collaboration with the U. S. Army Air Forces.

Dr. Thatcher paid tribute to the fine work being done by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which last year received appropriations of more than eleven million dollars from Congress. The NACA maintains a big research laboratory at Langley Field, Va., another one at Moffett Field, Calif., and one at Cleveland, Ohio. Ather wind tunnel laboratories are maintained by the Army Air Force near Dayton, Ohio; by the Navy, and by some of the large aircraft manufacturers. A few universities and technical schools also have them, according to Dr. Thatcher.

"A wind tunnel is a tunnel, big enough to hold an airplane, in which a powerful wind is generated by propellers," Dr. Thatcher pointed out. "It is used for testing the flying characteristics of airplanes and models of planes. One of the new NACA installations has a wind tunnel that goes up to more than 500 miles an hour."

Most of the German children had to be satisfied with one toy and a pound of apples for Christmas. . . . A Washington news correspondent writes that the capitol city is just like a madhouse—he ought to stay down here awhile and wade through some of these rumors. . . . You probably noticed while you were home that most of the Christmas wreaths hanging in home windows were hanging beside service stars. . . . The best read books this day and time are those new editions edited by old-man Ration.

## More About War . . .

Speaking of the war, this gag listed in here all by itself the other day:

Visitor (in defense plant): "Look at that youngster, the one with the cropped hair, the cigarette and overalls on. It's hard to tell whether it's a boy or girl."

War Worker: "She's a girl and she's my daughter."

Visitor: "My dear sir, do forgive me. I would have never been so outspoken if I had known you were her father."

War Worker: "I'm not her father, I'm her mother."

## From Germany . . .

From Germany via CBS, comes word that Dr. Joseph Goebbels' latest line of propaganda to his woeriden people is an attempt to console German families who face extinction because all their male descendants have been killed in action. Saith the good Minister of Propoganda of the Third German Reich, "the gods let those die young whom they love particularly." Saith Backwash, "They must be mobilizing in some heaven somewhere and will attempt to take Stalingrad from the air."

## The Lowdown on campus distractions

Through a change in the original schedule, Guion Hall will show "BIRTH OF THE BLUES" today and Monday. This comedy with Bing Crosby, Mary Martin, Brian Donlevy and Rochester, is well worth seeing though it is over a year old.

Outstanding points of the show are the nostalgic tunes by Bing, including "Melancholy Baby," "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues," and by the Light of the Silvery Moon"; Rochester's explanation of how music is born; and a warm and tingling feeling about the whole thing that will bring back memories of the past.

The story has Bing, after many setbacks, rounding up his first

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. According to the story that's how blues music was born.

Bing, with his easy-going, lackadaisical way of doing things, is very good in all his songs, especially "Melancholy Baby." Mary Martin is easy to look at but her singing ability isn't anything to write home about.

The Lowdown—red, hot and blue.

Playing a return engagement at the Campus is "EAGLE SQUADRON" tonight at midnight, Sunday and Monday. A technically accurate portrayal of what goes on among those American men who flew and died for Britain, before American entered the war, "Eagle Squadron" is tops in the line of war dramas.

Robert Stack is the hero of the story, but our vote for top performance goes to Diana Barrymore. As the British equivalent of a WAAC, she's excellent. Others in the cast are Jon Hall, Nigel Bruce and Leif Erikson.

Through the use of official shots of the squadron in action, Producer Walter Wanger has given the picture an arresting air of spectacle. It goes far toward producing pictorialization of England at war, with air raids on London and a Commando raid on an enemy flying field.

## WHAT'S SHOWING

At the Campus

Saturday — "Thunderbirds", starring Gene Tierney and Preston Foster.

Midnight preview—"Eagle Squadron", with Robert Stack and Diana Barrymore.

At Guion Hall

Saturday, Monday — "Birth of the Blues" with Bing Crosby and Mary Martin.

## Guion Hall

Box Office Opens 2 P.M.  
Closes 10 P. M.

TODAY - MONDAY

## "BIRTH OF THE BLUES"

A Paramount Picture with BING CROSBY, MARY MARTIN, Brian Donlevy, Carolyn Lee

ROCHESTER I. CAROL NASH Directed by VICTOR SCHZTINGER

THEATRE

Also

Merrie Melody

"A Lotty Hooey"

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LAST DAY

## THUNDER BIRDS

Soldiers of the Air! starring GENE TIERNEY with PRESTON FOSTER JOHN SUTTON

PREVIEW TONIGHT

SUNDAY - MONDAY

BOSALIND RUSSELL

BRIAN AHERNE JANET BLAIR

MY SISTER EILEEN

A COLUMBIA PICTURE

Go In at 10:00 and See

Both Shows