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Confusing, Isn't It?

This issue of the Battalion carries the somewhat doleful news that a new order has been received by the Commandant's office, issued the same day as the previous directive, but which is exactly the converse of the first. This mixes up again the scene which was apparently beginning to be clarified.

Now, all we can do is wait without hope or comment for definite, official, no-doubt-about-it orders from the big boys in Washington whose efficiency lies far below their intelligence, we hope.

The Commandant, Military Department, and officials of the College are as much in the dark as the Corps is, and urge you to go on with your work, planning for the new semester as you normally would.

The way things stand now, no real, official change has been made in the status of juniors, or for that matter, freshmen and sophomores, so the thing to do is proceed with your studying, get the most out of this semester, plan for the new one, and then accept whatever happens, if anything does.

Quotable Quotes

"We who believe in education have a charge to keep and a future to guard. This is, of all times, one in which we must see to it that 'the light does not go out.' We are the eternal optimists and idealists. In spite of discouragement let us continue to have faith in education as our one great hope. Let us discover that kind of form of education which will serve the kind of world which we hope is in the making. That will be our contribution to the world of the-ought-to-be. We cannot strive for less."—President C. A. Dykstra of the University of Wisconsin charts a war-time course for education.

This Collegiate World

War brings many songs. Some of them survive; others do not. Not a new song, but a new tune cooked up by students at Chicago Teachers College parodies the popular "Blues in the Night." The new version, called "Blues in Berlin" was printed in the Chicago newspaper, the Tempo.

My fuehrer done tol' me,
 When I was in Munich,
 My fuehrer done tol' me,
 Hans—
 A Russian will fall back, and give you
 the east front,
 But when the winter snows come,
 A Russian's a two-face,
 A worrisome thing, who leaves you to
 sing
 The blues in Berlin.

See the bombs a-fallin'
 Hear the blitzes callin'
 Goering! Oh, where is the luftwaffe?
 We ain't got no booties,
 All we got is cooties.
 Goebbels! Oh, typhus and black plague.
 Die wehrmacht! Die wehrmacht!
 A clickity-clack, and soon we'll be back.
 With the blues in Berlin.

From Smolensk to Mozhaisk,
 From Kiev to Lubin,
 Wherever the panzers go,
 I've taken some big towns,
 And made me some big talk,
 But there's one thing I know,
 A Russian's a two-face,
 A worrisome thing, who leaves you to
 sing
 The blues in Berlin.

Intensive instruction in Japanese is being offered by the University of Michigan and more than 20 Michigan students already have been placed in government service. Dr. Fred Pierce Orson, president of Dickinson college, says the government probably will "ration" higher education before June.

From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

Telephone lines to the Washington Office of Defense Transportation are glutted with calls from students who ask whether there will be a government order limiting their holiday travel.

The answer is "No." You'll get home for vacation all right, assuming you aren't smothered by competition for fares.

In some areas where schools are close together, college and university authorities have voluntarily staggered vacation periods so that all students won't be leaving on the same trains.

College and university enrollment has dropped about 14 per cent in the last year, according to latest figures from the Office of Education. That figure will become more imposing as 18 and 19 year olds—who make up one-third of the country's total male collegiate population—ars absorbed by the army.

Colleges interested in getting "contracts" to train soldiers for technical duties are advised by the American Council of Education to take a thorough-going inventory of their physical plants. Once the so-called "Army Specialized Training Program" is announced, that information may come in handy. Among other things, the government may want to know how many additional students could be housed on or near the campus, how many more than this number could be housed if 50 per cent of the college's physically fit young men were drafted, etc.

It is under the "Army Specialized Training Program" that a selected group of 18-19 year old draftees (and perhaps soldiers in other categories as well) will be sent to college for technical training. Details of the plan, long awaited by educators in Washington and elsewhere, are still a secret among members of the Joint Army-Navy Personnel Board, charged with the responsibility of drawing up the plan.

Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard has made it clear that we cannot possibly produce more food and fiber next year than the United Nations can use, even if America's six million farmers meet the record goals they are now setting themselves for next season.

Desides food demands of gigantic proportions, we face the necessity of building stockpiles for post-war feeding of ill-nourished Europeans and hunger-worn Asiatics. If these peoples hear our promises of Freedom from Want, they probably envision a global war against starvation. That vision must develop into something more than a mirage.

Lack of manpower is the No. 1 obstruction in the way of successful food and fiber production next year. Secretary Wickard has already congratulated college men and women throughout the nation, as well as others who helped bring in the 1942 harvest, the most bountiful in our history. Accompanying his congratulatory message is a call for even greater effort in 1943. His plea is echoed by Washington officialdom generally.

No war-time job takes priority over food production.

One of three of the nation's largest aeronautical firms is at work on a womanpower plan that makes good sense. By way of the American Council of Education, the firm sent questionnaires to college deans of women to discover whether co-eds would be interested in continuing their education for a year as "engineering cadettes" on the company payroll—then take a regular job with the firm.

The response from deans has been terrific.

Altogether, the firm wants 1,000 women. They must have had two years of college, including some mathematics. Now the company is getting in direct touch with the colleges.

The stocking salvage program will be in high gear by February. Here are a few things co-eds might remember if they aren't already aware of them:

"Useable stockings" include silk, nylon, mixtures of silk and rayon, silk and nylon, nylon and rayon, silk and cotton, and nylon and cotton. . . Don't contribute other silk or nylon garments. . . Don't expect to be paid for your contributions—it's strictly a proposition for patriots. . . Hosiery collection depots are set up at hosiery counters in retail stores. . . Stores will continue to sell the few new stocks of silk and nylon hose that are left. . . If you want to contribute your time as well as your stockings, get in touch with your local salvage chairmen. . . And on the final point, Capital to Campus is cautious enough to quote the government: "Be sure all salvage hose are washed."

You cannot be both fashionable and first-rate.—Logan Pearsall Smith.

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:

DGLOO CCKOU ELLNO BELOS ACDNS
 ACIRR AOOUY AEERR AGGL ES—B. H. Luther.

Saturday's Solution:

AGGIELAND ORCHESTRA TO HAVE
 A FULL WEEK END.

PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



"The boys over at the barracks told me I should wear this on dress parade, Sarge!"

BACKWASH

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

We Are Seeing . . .

We are seeing in this issue of the Battalion something to back up all of the sensational ERC stories that have appeared lately and been taken with a grain of salt. Still a matter for discussion is just exactly how the new system will be run, and what uniform will be worn. Officials hope to clear this up shortly.

Cold Night . . .

Sunday afternoon's cold turn was cause for a bet to be made in D Infantry, in dorm 9 Sunday night. Somebody bet Jimmy Sinex a couple of bucks that he wouldn't sleep on top of the dorm all night. Jimmy took the bet, rounded up about five blankets, and adorned in his shorts, went to bet on the asphalt about 12:30. By 3:30, Jimmy was convinced that it just wasn't worth it, so he came in. He was still shivering at 9 yesterday morning. Barnum was right, there's a sucker born every minute.

From Paris Island . . .

From Pfc. Alex Warren, '41, in the Marine Corps training base at Parris Island, South Carolina, comes the following letter by way of Professor D. H. Reid, poultry husbandry department: "Dear Prof and Gang: . . . They gave us various tests last week, and today I was called in and told that I made one of the highest grades ever made by a member of the armed forces on the intelligence test. . . The boys think it strange that a poultry student from Texas would make the best grade on an I.Q. test. I tell them that shows what a good poultry dept. we have. . . I can't say much about the training, but I can assure you they don't leave out much. . . Everyone here calls me 'Private Texas.' They can't begin to fit me in a hat! Tell all my friends hello. Yours, Alex."

More About That Crew Boy . . .

Henry Crew, '43, lately of Orange and D Troop Cavalry (and big-game hunter deluxe), woke up "polluted" (or promoted) Monday morning. Said Mr. Crew appeared in bulltext class with corporal stripes on his sleeves and senior boots on his feet.

What Is an Aggie? . . .

This poem was written by an Aggie's girl's mother:

To an Aggie

What is an Aggie? I'll tell you, folks,
 He's just some Mother's boy,
 Who dons his uniform with glee
 And is her pride and joy.

He's just a lad—yet is a man
 Who's striving for his goal.
 He'll give his all to reach his aim,
 Yes—his very life and soul.

He's pledged himself to his country, folks,
 To fight for you and me,

The term Greenhorn has all kinds of applications; to a cowboy it is someone who has never been on a ranch.



By Tom Journey
 Beyond the Blue Horizon serves to exhibit sarong-clad Dorothy Lamour amidst the usual jungle setting at Guion Hall today and tomorrow, with Rich Denning and Jack Haley adding the supporting acting to Miss Dottie.

The sarong girl plays the part in this Paramount production of a circus wild girl whose parents were killed in a stampede of elephants in the jungle. The goes back into the jungle to try uncovering the information that will establish her real identity and her place in society.

Aiding in her quest, Denning puts on the male version of Dottie's sarong and together they narrowly miss being killed by loads of things. Haley is along as the circus press agent to add the humor—with the help of Go-Go, a laugh-provoking ape.

The Lowdown—Tropically, a mad house.

Comedy reigns with some solid stuff thrown in by the Andrew Sisters, in half of the Campus double bill highlighted today and Wednesday for local flicker-lovers. Grace McDonald plays a young heissess gone jitterbug mad with three old maids trying to quell her

"Big Inch" Pipe Line Motors Delivered Five Weeks Ahead of Time

General Electric recently shipped, five weeks ahead of schedule, the first two of fifteen 1500-horsepower motors it is building for the new War Emergency Pipe Line now being rushed to completion to help alleviate the oil shortage in the east. Production is now being expedited on the other motors, and the company expects to beat the schedule dates on these as well.

Known to oil men as the "Big Inch" pipe line because of the 24-inch diameter pipe which makes it the largest oil trunk pipe line in the world, the new pipe line extends about 550 miles from Texas to Illinois.

The 1500-horsepower motors will be used to drive centrifugal pumps in booster stations at spaced points along the pipe line. These pumps will keep 1,330,000 barrels of oil flowing at a rate of 4 miles an hour or a delivery rate of 300,000 barrels a day.

In many cases the person who is worrying for fear he may lose his mind, won't miss it if he did. The total annual expenditure by the Texas government for educational purposes exceeds \$58,000,000.

Between Classes . . .

Get the boost that our modern soda fountain affords in "just-right snacks" and drinks

GEORGE'S

South Station

It's No Rumor

I have contacted all the large book houses over the country from New York, Ohio, California, and Texas, and now have a plan whereby selected books can be sold on the wholesale market. These houses buy books from businesses such as ours and resell to those of the same type at prices ranging from 25¢ per book to 55% off of original prices. It's cheap, but is at least a market. Bring your books on in and let us buy them; however this offer is good only until the time my quota is fulfilled.

LOUPOT'S Trading Post

J. E. Loupot, '32

North Gate

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 109 S. Main Bryan

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TODAY - TOMORROW
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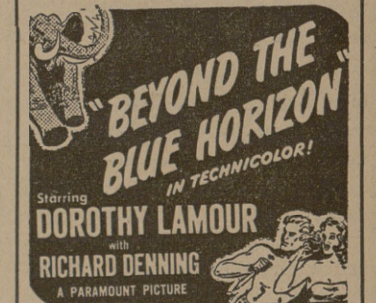
"Hurricane Smith"

With
 Ray Middleton
 Jane Wyatt
 2:14 - 4:42 - 7:10
 Also
 Disney Cartoon



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

TODAY & WEDNESDAY
 DOUBLE FEATURE



Feature No. 2

"Devil Pays Off"

Plus
 "Blitz Wolf" Cartoon
 Latest News

NO EARLY SHOW
 TONIGHT

due to Town Hall—
 but there will be a complete show starting a few minutes after Town Hall.