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## The Maroon-White Game

A week from today, Aggies will again be called on to contribute to a worthy charity. In the past, when such a call has been placed before us, we have come through willingly and gladly.

Next week, Aggies all over the campus will get a chance to contribute to the Army-Navy Relief Fund by buying a ticket to the Maroon and White football game on Kyle Field. The price is but twenty-five cents, and all of that quarter over and above the cost of putting the game on, will go into the Army-Navy Relief Fund for the building of recreation halls, athletic fields and other such things.

You all have a quarter for a good football game, and not only enjoy yourself, but perhaps help some Aggie somewhere in the world fighting for victory and freedom.

## This Collegiate World

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The Military Training Camps association has recommended Colgate university's new compulsory 10-hour-a-week military drill and physical conditioning program for adoption by other colleges and universities.

Adopted at the request of the university's 873 students, most of whom are looking forward to military service in the near future, the program calls for an hour of military drill every morning before classes and five afternoon hours a week of boxing, fencing, stick-work, bayonet, hiking, basketball, swimming and improved Commando work.

President Everett Case also announced the university is spending more than \$500 to purchase 150 bolt-action wooden guns with which students will be taught the manual of arms. Seniors will receive first instructions in the manual since nearly all of them expect to go directly into service after first semester commencement.

Specialized instruction to prepare men and women for service interiors likely to be occupied or in need of assistance as a result of the war is now being offered by the University of Michigan graduate school.

Details of the program have been announced by Dr. Howard B. Calderwood, chairman of a committee which has completed arrangements. For the present, instruction will be limited to Germany, the Lowlands and countries bordering Germany on the east. When the spring term opens, a more comprehensive program, including the Far East, will be presented. Since a part of the training will be adapted to fit each student's needs, resources of all the university's schools and colleges will be utilized in presenting the program.

Each student will be intensively trained for a particular area through a study of the language, resources, customs, institutions and history of that area.

The programs have been designed. One will cover approximately eight months and is designed for mature persons with adequate training or experience in eight law, industry, finance, public utilities, education, public health, social welfare or engineering. The second program is for persons lacking such specialization and will include basic preparation in some one of the fields.

Wartime living, as it's now lived, is going to result in fewer babies—too few, Dr. Constantine Panunzio, sociologist at University of California warns.

"Our situation is serious," Panunzio declared, because of two major factors:

1. So many of the armed forces stationed far away from home.
2. So many women employed in war industries.

Unless something is done now about the nation's slowing birth rate, the educator says, Japan's population probably will increase twice as much as the United States' during the next generation.

Panunzio urges that:  
1. The government take into consideration the present birth decline in preparing conscription orders for men between 22 and 36 and particularly married men between 22 and 26.

2. The government provide "generous" family allowances for men who marry after enlistment and "similar" allowances for each child.

## Open Forum

(Editor's Note: The following poem was received by Dean Gibb Gilchrist from Dr. J. T. McCamant of El Paso, Texas)

### I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this old world be better,  
If folks we meet would say,  
"I know something good about you!"  
And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,  
If each hand clasp warm and true  
Carried with it this assurance,  
"I know something good about you!"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the only thing about us  
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If we praised the good we see?  
For there's such a lot of goodness  
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
That fine way of thinking, too?  
You know something good about me!  
"I know something good about you!"

## From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

Main provisions of the plans, as they affect both Army and Navy, are these:

Army men 21 years old and under, and Navy men 22 and under, may apply for the college work.

Nothing in the new plans will affect existing contracts of Army or Navy with colleges.

Men selected for college training will wear uniforms, be on active duty and receive service pay. Soldiers will go to school as privates, seventh grade; sailors as apprentice seamen.

Civilian professors will do most of the teaching.

Main provisions of the Army plan, known as the "Army Specialized Training Program":

Men chosen for college training will be drawn from enlisted men who are taking, or have finished, basic training. Exceptions are medical, dentistry and veterinary students in the enlisted reserves who will continue their studies under the new program in an active duty status.

Medical, dental and veterinary students not in the reserves may finish another semester of college. After that, they apparently will be subject to selective service and will have to qualify for training under the new program in order to continue their education.

Pre-medical and pre-dental students and junior and senior engineers, whether or not they are in the reserves, also may finish another semester in college.

Fourth-year ROTC students may finish another semester of college.

All other students in the reserves may expect to be put on active duty soon.

All other students not in the reserves are subject to the draft—now.

The Navy's side of the new program is known as the "Navy College Training Program."

Normally, students in this program will be picked during their senior year in high school.

At a "date to be announced," all V-1, V-5, and V-7 reservists in college will be placed on active duty as apprentice seamen, and V-1's and V-7's then may continue their studies under the new plan at least through their junior year. Those who qualify as medical, dental, engineering and theological students may complete their professional studies.

V-5's may complete the year "current at the time of their enlistment or transfer to V-5."

Students now holding probationary commissions may resign "at a date to be announced," enter the new college program, and be commissioned again later.

Manpower Plan  
Now that general outlines are drawn for the Army-Navy college program, the War Manpower Commission is working on a similar plan which would provide college training for prospective civilian war workers, including both men and women.

Plan should take up some of the slack in college enrollment, which has dropped about 14 per cent in the last year. That's assuming the government finances such education. Extent of financing depends upon how much money congress will appropriate.

Principal courses of study probably would be medicine, chemistry and engineering, although McNutt has said liberal arts will not be overlooked.

## 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  
EHMT AINTU EINRR EGISV  
ARSWY KNY.—B. H. Luther.

Thursday's Solution  
LET'S TAKE THE HORNED FROGS  
SATURDAY NIGHT.

## PRIVATE BUCK .. By Clyde Lewis



"It's not a shell crater, Sir. That's where Private Buck was practicing mashie shots!"

## BACKWASH

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

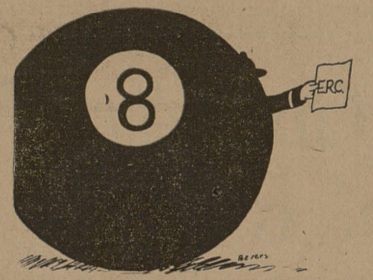
By John Holman

### Honesty . . .

Sometime Thursday Dr. V. K. Sugareff, history prof, was grading papers. He ran across one that frankly read, "I can't know this because I slept through your lecture." The next morning, after reading the amusing quiz paper to the class, he was told by some bright boy that he should have given him something for his honesty. Dr. Sugareff replied, "I did —zero!"

### Fate Unknown . . .

... Still in the dark are the boys in the "Enreco," as some smiling contract boy put it, and apparently they shall worry and worry and worry without making the slightest impression on the government. Indications still seem



to favor the "call out" story, but that is just opinion and absolutely cannot be relied on. Things looked pretty set there for awhile, until that contradictory order hit us—dated the same day as the "call out" one. Backwash says however, that Dean Bolton's sojourn in the city of Washington is the thing to watch.

### Jingle Bells—1943 . . .

... This is the modern way college youths look at the favorite of all Christmas songs. Credit to the Colorado Dodo:

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the day.  
What's the use of studying when the Army's on its way.  
Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle, snort and peep.  
It's awfully cold a-ridin' in an open, bouncing jeep!  
And he ain't kiddin'!

### Prisoners of War . . .

The latest issue of the Texas Aggie carries the "prisoner of war" notice for eleven ex-Aggies, all in the Philippines. According to the Aggie, regulations prohibit the printing of a direct list of the prisoners, but may list them separately.

### A.P.O. 834 Club . . .

... Also from the Aggie

comes the news that the newest organized A. & M. Club is composed of about 40 exes somewhere outside the continental United States. As they can't tell where they are, they just call themselves the A. & M. A.P.O. 834 Club—that is their address. Ringleaders of the club are thought to be Major Jack A. Reynolds, '32, Major Raymond Sartain, '33, J. C. "Bill" Francis, Jr., '29; and Lt. Alton W. Bryant, '30. You just can't keep a good thing down.

### Finale—You Said It!

This classic little gem of the realm of poetry just drifted in through the window:

I wish I were a Kangaroo.  
Despite his funny stances.  
I'd have a place to put the junk  
My girl brings to the dances.

### About That Feature . . .

That feature that appears on the front page today and buzzes along at a very feminine clip was, believe it or not, actually written by five beautiful girls from Randolph-Macon Women's College in the equally beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The girls? Oh yes. They were Laetitia Cofer, Joy King Smith, Ann Rogers, Margaret Holman. I don't know what they mean, but boy, I'm sho' for it!

### Speaking of Prisoners

Speaking of prisoners, the best one Backwash has heard concerns the Aggie fighting in the Philippines when those islands fell to the Japanese. A Jap soldier was marching the slightly-anxious Aggie off to a prison camp when the Jap said to him "Don't worry, I'll personally see that you are treated right." "Why? You don't know me from any other of these Americans," the Ex replied. The Jap grinned, "Oh, yes I do, once an Aggie always an Aggie, and you lived up on the next stoop from me when we were Fish at A. & M. in '39!" The story's said to be true.

### Uniform Allowances Available Next Week

Juniors and seniors taking advanced military science will receive checks for their uniform allowance sometime next week, the adjutant's office asserts. The regular junior check will be for \$29 and the senior check will be for \$7. The payroll has been turned in and the checks were expected back this week but were held up because of the large number of irregular students whose enlistments must be checked before the money is paid.

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FOUNTAIN SERVICE  
DELICIOUS SANDWICHES

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GEORGE'S

Across from New "Y"



By Tom Journey  
That Rita Hayworth-Fred Astaire combination is here again at the Campus in YOU WERE NEVER LOVLIER, a danceable musical comedy for the midnight preview tonight after the fish ball and for regular showings tomorrow and Monday.

An amusing situation arises as Hayworth, daughter of a wealthy Brazilian hotel owner, seems cold toward Astaire a visiting dancer from the states, much to the annoyance of her two sisters since an old Brazilian custom forbids younger sisters marrying until their older sister takes the "I do" trail.

In an attempt to defrost Miss Hayworth, her dad (Adolphe Menjou) devises an imaginary suitor ablaze with passion to do the job, but the trick backfires as Hayworth falls for Astaire, who is not liked by the old man. After many amusing incidents, a happy ending is achieved for all concerned after everything has been explained to the satisfaction of everyone.

The Lowdown—Lotsa music and Lotsa Rita.

Guion hall brings a spinach and celery saga by the name of JUKE GIRL to the silver screen, with Ann Sheridan, Ronald Reagan, and racketeering produce magnate Gene Lockhart doing the honors.

Appalled by conditions Reagan sides with a Greek farmer (George Tobias) a victim of Lockhart's greed. Reagan is backed up in his ideals by Sheridan, traveling Juke girl, who feels herself unworthy of his offer of marriage and, although she really loves him, leaves him.

Richard Whorf, Reagan's friend decides to throw his lot on the side of the money changers until Reagan and Ann find themselves accused of murder. It's then Whorf

proves his worth.  
The Lowdown— Well, you can always watch Sheridan.

Tonight's the one night that the freshmen and frogs have their chance to revel unmolested by anything under the sun. Curley Brient's Aggieband, of Bandwagon fame, will stand forth and some good solid dancing is promised all who attend.

One closing remark might be directed toward Guion Hall's stage organ broadcast that was presented at 4:30 yesterday p.m. Johnny Clark frog from Sguin in E battery Coast turned out a stellar job on the first of a regular series of popular organ programs every Friday from Guion.

## Regan Elected President of ASCE

Charles W. Regan was elected president of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers at the annual banquet held last night in the banquet room of Sbisla hall. John Pittman was elected to the office of junior representative on the Engineering Council for the coming year at this meeting. Pittman will be the A. S. C. E. representative of the council.

Distinguished guests present at the combined banquet of the A. S. C. E. and the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences were Dean Dexter S. Kimball, dean emeritus of Cornell university T. R. Spence, director of the Engineering Experiment Station, and Colonel Willard Chevalier, publisher of Business Week and vice-president of McGraw-Hill Publishing Company. Colonel Chevalier will make a series of talks during the coming week to engineering groups

## CUT OUT AND HANG UP SHOW CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

BOTH BOX OFFICES OPEN 2-10 P. M.

Guion Hall  
4-1168

TODAY and MONDAY  
Jan. 9 and 11



TUE. and WED.  
Jan. 12 and 13  
DOUBLE FEATURE

William Powell  
Mary Astor  
in  
"Kennel Murder Case"  
Feature No. 2

"Blues in the Night"  
Priscilla Lane  
Richard Whorf  
Plus  
Merrie Melody

THURSDAY - FRIDAY  
Jan. 14 and 15

MICKY ROONEY  
in  
"YANK AT ETON"

Cartoon — Sports — News  
SATURDAY - MONDAY  
Jan. 16 and 18



Also  
Merrie Melody  
Community Singing

Campus  
4-1181

LAST DAY  
"TALES OF

MANHATTAN"  
PREVIEW TONIGHT  
SUNDAY - MONDAY



XAVIER CUGAT and HIS ORCHESTRA  
Cartoon — News  
TUES. - WED.  
Jan. 12 and 13  
DOUBLE FEATURE

Ida Lupino  
Louis Hayward  
"LADIES IN RETIREMENT"  
Feature No. 2

"Sailors on Leave"  
Shirley Ross  
William Lundigan  
Plus  
Bugs Bunny

THURS. - FRI. - SAT.  
Jan. 14, 15, and 16



Also  
Henry Busse and Orchestra  
Porky Pig — News