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## Something to Read

In the dozens of interested new books and articles about the sort of post-war world which we are to work for four words recur again and again; Reactionary, Conservative, Liberal (or Progressive), and Radical. Perhaps it may be useful for you to read one man's rough-and-ready definition of each of these attitudes. You may like to examine your own opinions and determine which of these labels fits you.

A Reactionary, I take it, desires a return to some former state of affairs. In economics, he wants to get rid of much of the government control of business which has increased recently. I should say, off-hand, that Mr. Hoover would welcome such a movement. His book, *Of Freedom*, certainly seems to say so.

A Conservative opposes any fundamental changes in either direction, either forward or backward. Mr. Wendell Willkie, perhaps, would answer this description—that is, as he appears in his more recent speeches.

A Liberal, or Progressive, desires fundamental changes, but insists that they be made peacefully, gradually, legally. If he is a "right-wing" liberal, he emphasizes the gradualness and bit-by-bitness. If he inclines toward the "left," the changes he advocates are very important in method—but he still insists on legality of method. If he doesn't, he ceases to be a Liberal and becomes a Radical, who believes in fundamental changes, and thinks that they can not be made except by illegal, if necessary forcible methods. The Communists are Radicals, frankly.

Now, it goes without saying that a man may be a Conservative as to religion, say, but a liberal or a Radical as to economics. William Jennings Bryan used to be just that. Most Aggies, I have observed, are Conservatives in economics and politics, though I have noticed a drift toward the "left" in the last few years. Fascism is definitely reactionary, for all its talk of a "New Order." If Hitler and Mussolini had their way, feudalism would return to the world, and much of the social evolution of the last three centuries would be abolished. Ordinary Socialism is "left-wing liberalism." Its program recommends fundamental changes by gradual, legal methods. The New Deal on the whole represents liberalism of the Center. I should say—especially the views of Vice-President Wallace.

Which are you?

Linfield College (McMinnville, Ore.) is in its fifty-eighth year.

## Fightin' Aggie Exes

Shown here are two Exes who have just been commissioned Naval ensigns at Corpus They are Edwin L. Byrd, '43, Houston, formerly in Hdq. Signal Corps, and George D. Carns, Jr., also of Houston, formerly of E Engineers and the Class of '44. They will now enter active duty and be assigned to a post with the fleet or as an instructor at one of the Navy's preliminary flying bases.



News of ex-Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis and his roommate Leroy Brown appears in Backwash. Lt. Brown says that he counted ten of his classmates (1942) at a Fort Bliss dance the other night. Brown is from Waco; Gillis from Fort Worth.

A few of those now at Bliss that he listed are Bill Becker, cadet colonel in '41, of Kaufman and C Field; Tom Ritchey, '41 (president of the senior class) of San Benito and D Troop Cavalry; Tommy Hill, '41, Dallas and E Coast; Louis Byrd, '42; Loyal (Deacon) Evans, '42, C Coast and Dallas; La Vere Brooks, '42, C CAC and Somerville, Texas; himself and Gillis, all officers.

James Scott Adams, '44, formerly in E Infantry (home in Smithville, Texas) has been appointed Aviation Cadet Captain and Squadron Commander in the cadet corps of the Army pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama. He left here to join the army and went from there to the Air Corps.

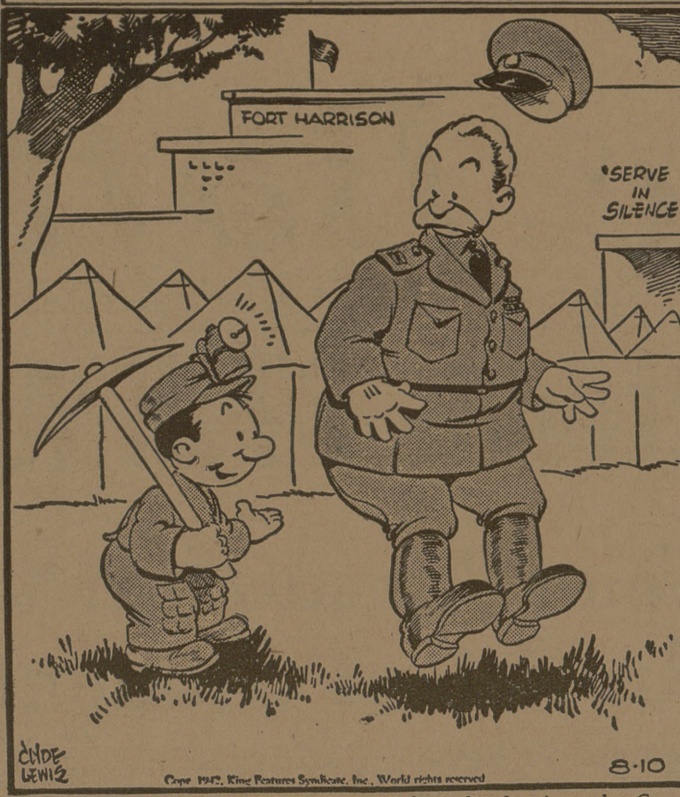
tion of the Brown and White, campus newspaper, to his collection. Student journalists ran an article about it. In the article, the B & W spelled it "neucleus."

Other sticklers for college students, according to Anderson, include: separate, dissolve, precipitate, soluble, and molecule.

Columbia University is opening up a new field for women by offering ten-week courses in electronics and in metals. The requirements are a high school diploma, mathematics and trigonometry and one year of college physics or its equivalent.

Women specialists in these subjects are needed by the Naval Ordnance Laboratory the Army Signal Corps, the Tennessee Valley Authority and some private corporations.

## PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"I'm all set, Sir. Now, where are these land mines the Sergeant said I was to work at today?"

## BACKWASH

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

By John Holman

### Tom Gillis . . .

Ex-Cadet Colonel, ex-Battalion Editor, ex-everything else around here that counts, Tom Gillis, '42, has recently lost two fingers from his left hand in an explosion. However, the accident hasn't slowed him down much and he is now 1st Lt. (maybe a captain by now), executive officer of a Coast Artillery battery (AA) in Seattle, Washington. His address is 212th CAC (AA), Seattle, Washington, and would like to hear from some of his old buddies. All this comes in a letter from Leroy Brown, Tom's former roommate, now at Ft. Bliss.

### OCS' "90 Day Wonders" . . .

In the same letter Leroy tells of some of the OCS officers that are arriving out there. According to him, some of them know less about the Army than Aggie fish. "Being an Aggie I stick my chest out with pride these days with so damn many 'odds and ends' of officers in the Army." He says that most of the OCS grads are "strictly quantity" except those from A. & M.

### Texas U. vs. Draft . . .

According to a recent Daily Texas, the good University's enrollment totalled only slightly over 8,000 last semester. They are in the habit of attracting over 10,000 per term. 7.9% of the student body "dropped" out last term as compared with some 5 something per cent last year.

### Bleeding . . .

Has been hot and far-fetched about the "new plan" for next semester, although it is hard to see why everyone was hollering so when no one knew a great deal about it until last night.

### 1944 Longhorns . . .

Marvin McMillan, editor of the 1944 Longhorn if the corps want one, has a plug or two in this paper pulling for some backing. Every class wants a Longhorn, as it is the personal history of that class, and although there was no Longhorn in 1918, we can have one if we'll get behind Marvin and buy your ticket. 1500 must be sold before work can begin on the book. Naturally, if that many can't be sold (and I shudder to think we've lost that much spirit) you'll get your money back. Price is \$4, I believe.

### This Freeze . . .

Has frozen the hottest thing on the Aggie campus—namely, the

More of the peanuts produced in the United States are used for making peanut butter than for any other single purpose. Next largest use is as salted peanuts and peanut candy is the third largest outlet. Less than 10 percent of the commercial crop reaches the public as peanuts roasted in the shell.

Research specialists in Brazil have analyzed the composition of the tomato seed and found the oil content of a great edible value. The oil has a high vitamin content and has the further possible use as a drying agent and in manufacture of varnish, according to the USDA.



By Tom Journey

The Campus brings a Universal picture to the screen today through Saturday with none other than Anne Gwynne in it. Of course Constance Bennett and Brod Crawford are there too, but we would like to see just for the curiosity of the whole thing, Miss Gwynne—just as a preview perhaps of what we'll see come March when that company stamps finis on "We've Never Been Licked".

That picture is "SIN TOWN", a saga all about racketeers and villains out where the west begins. Bunco artists, Crawford and Bennett find themselves out on the little end of a deal, so they promptly pack up their troubles in their old kit bag, and head out for a little westerly noil town looking for easy money.

Crawford finds it when he saves a saloon owner from a lynching and is made partner in said saloon. Soon, however, residents rebel to the unlawful antics of the saloon owners and send them to greener pastures.

Anne Gwynne and Patrick Knowles provide that certain romantic interest, and Leo Carrillo and Andy Devine provide most of the humor.

The Lowdown—Typical plot, but Anne is there.

Up on the campus, Guion hall will close its stately portals for a few days after the current showings of Bette Davis in "THE LITTLE FOXES" and Regis Toomey

Calcium and phosphorus are the two most important minerals needed by dairy cows. Sources are ground limestone, oystershell flour and legume roughages grown on soils rich in calcium.

For roughage in feeding lambs, allow one half alfalfa and one half Johnson grass or Sudan hay. They should be green in color, well cured and free from mould.

In a test of 308 days by the Department of Agriculture, pullets fed mash in pellet form each averaged 17 eggs more than those fed unpeletted mash. Feed consumption for each group was practically identical.

Feeder lambs should have a shed for shelter against wind and rain, allowing four square feet to each. A wet lamb in a muddy lot will not make good gain.

Keep 'em rolling. Your scrap metal is needed now.

in "BULLET SCARS" while the corps gets a much needed rest from this war-torn school work. We are informed that Guion will be fired up again however Thursday for regular showings when the corps comes back to register for another 16 weeks of edycashun.

### WHAT'S SHOWING

At Guion Hall

Last time today, "The Little Foxes" with Bette Davis and Herbert Marshall, and Bullet Scars with Regis Toomey.

At the Campus

Today, tomorrow and Saturday, "Sin Town" with Constance Bennett, Brod Crawford and Anne Gwynne.



Phone 4-1168  
Box Office Opens 2 P. M.  
Closes 10 P. M.

### LAST DAY DOUBLE FEATURE

A GREAT ACTRESS At her greatest!



Show Time: 2:10 - 5:29 - 8:48

Feature No. 2



Show Time: 4:30 - 7:49

Color Cortoon — News

Guion Hall will close beginning Friday & will re-open Thursday, Jan. 28th.



Thursday - Friday Saturday

### "Andy Hardy's Double Life"

With Mickey Rooney Ceelia Parker Lewis Stone Fay Holden

Preview Saturday Night 11 p.m.

### "The Crystal Ball"

With Paulette Goddard Ray Milland



TODAY - FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

### "SIN TOWN"

With Anne Gwynn Boyd Crawford Constance Bennett

Also March of Time

Sports — News — Cartoon

PREVIEW SAT. NIGHT SUNDAY - MONDAY

### "WAKE ISLAND"

With BRIAN DONLEVY PRESTON FOSTER

## To the Seniors

Friday another senior class leaves Aggieland to take its place side by side with all other ex-Aggies on the far flung battlefields of the war.

This will probably be the last regular graduating class to leave A.&M., and it is only fitting that the entire cadet corps bid them Godspeed wherever they might be going.

Five hundred and seventy strong, we who are left behind to fill their places as officers and men of the corps, will always remember them as our immediate predecessors and the boys on the good end of the hardwood when we were fish.

Now that they will be gone, we must pledge ourselves to enter into the new college plan for an all-out war effort, wholeheartedly, to do the job as they did—to the best of our ability.

You who are leaving, we salute you. Our hopes and our common bonds of friendship shall be with you forever more.

## 1944 Longhorn?

We of the Class of '44 want a Longhorn just as much as any class before us, and the only way we can have one is to buy it before it is begun.

Class annuals are the easiest, and the best way to keep a record of your years spent here at A.&M. Every class before us has had one—every class that claims to be real, old-fashioned Aggies. Well, we are real, old-fashioned Aggies, we of the Class of '44, and we want what they got if possible.

We are able to buy our Longhorns one dollar cheaper than any other class, if we buy as many as 1500 before actual work on the book is begun.

We can do that, Old Army, and we want to. When you register, have that four bucks ready, and let's have a Longhorn when we leave here.

## This Collegiate World

ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS

Collegiate globetrotters who have taken photographs, still or motion, in Europe, Asia or Africa are asked to lend them to the Pictorial Records Division of the Office of Strategic Services for use in mapping war plans.

The types of material wanted are: Aerial views, industrial installations, air fields, highways, docks, harbors, coastlines, beaches, canals, and rivers. Before sending in their pictures, persons in possession of this sort of material should apply for a questionnaire to Col. L. E. Norris, Strategic Photos, Box 46, Station "G," New York City.

Approximately 250 Princeton students have been giving up their Sundays to the task of keeping supplies moving through the Bello Mead Quartermaster Depot, ten miles from the University. They have been loading and unloading freight cars and storing Army supplies in warehouses. The Depot's commanding officer describes their spirit as "simply splendid."

The Treasury has asked undergrads to restore their idle change, especially nickles and pennies, to circulation. Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the Mint, says many tons of vital metals can be saved if the coins come out of hiding. They should be spent—turned into the Mint.

If you didn't have it in print before you, could you spell "nucleus"?

If not don't be disturbed because it is one of the most frequently misspelled words in the language, at least by college students, finds Harld V. Anderson, chemistry professor at Lehigh University.

For 15 years Anderson has listed every misspelling of the word discovered in written work of his students. He has found it incorrectly spelled hundreds of times, and spelled 61 different ways!

The professor found that the rank of the students seemingly had little to do with his ability to handle this word. Graduate students misspell it as often as freshmen.

Commonest among incorrect forms were such spellings as "nucleous," "nucleous," "neclueous," "nucleus," and even "neucleus." Some time ago Anderson called atten-