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Balance and the Boys . . .

In the last few days, the War Department not only informed the boys of the Enlisted Reserve that they will be called, but has already taken the Air Corps reservists out of school for active duty. Some one hundred and fifty have left us on a moment's notice during the last two days. Now the Navy is expected to do the same.

All of this helter-skelter "moment's notice" business, coupled with the definite knowledge that all contract men will be called out after the end of the semester, is just so much more raw material for one of Aggie's most productive centers of activity—the infamous Aggie Rumor Mill.

The Aggie Rumor Mill is quite an affair. Situated on a site of several thousand acres, housed in eighty-five buildings, it employs, and exploits, the efforts of some 4,000 persons. As all other factories in the nation sped up when the war came, so did the A. R. M., and although it has no Army-Navy "E," it has well-earned the name of the most amusing, yet confusing, thing on the campus. Every unit it produces gets a number sooner or later, and every unit is one of those "add-a-room-later" things, that builds up with age.

One of Hitler's most powerful weapons is propaganda—the spreading of rumors throughout cities, states, and schools such as ours. We throw a shoulder to Hitler's dragging wheel when those rumors are repeated for the truth.

Let's do this: When you hear a tall one, and want to repeat it, tack "Aggie Rumor number 1345649" onto the front of it, then the person to whom it is told won't write home to Mamma or Dad that he is leaving school today or next Tuesday, or that WAACs will soon be here.

As the World Turns

By "Count" V. K. Sugareff

The tenth anniversary of Hitler's accession to power in Germany was not celebrated with the usual Nazi fanfare. Instead, the German people were advised to receive the reverses of the German armed forces with stoic calmness and were urged to make greater sacrifices. The war has blasted many of Hitler's shibboleths with which he used to regale his cohorts on such occasions.

The war of movements is no longer a German monopoly. The United Nations have equipped themselves with technical war implements and are making effective use of mobile tactics against him. The invincibility of the German army has been destroyed on the African and the Russian front. Hitler has not been able to exterminate the Jews and other enemies of Nazism. His efforts to purify the German race and thus bolster up the myth of German super-race has failed miserably.

In fact, Germany has been "de-Germanized" by the infiltration of three to four millions of alien peoples as workers in Germany. The United Nations' planes have poured thousands of bombs in Germany—something which the Nazis promised would never happen. Hitler has found unconquerable enemies are not only fighting him with all sorts of subterfuges, but they are even willing to die in their adamant opposition of Hitlerism. Recently some ninety young Jewish women committed suicide in Poland rather than be subservient to Nazism. One of the wrote, "It is good to live for God, but it is better to die for Him." Hitler is no longer the chief actor in international affairs. The world has forgotten Hitler-Mussolini meetings somewhere near the Brenner Pass. The world's attention is now turned to somewhere in the North Atlantic, Washington, Moscow and lately to Casablanca.

The Casablanca Conference came as a surprise to the world, but its consequences might bring greater surprises. It was a conference for a global war strategy and its unfolding might follow several possible moves in the coming months. It is apparent that the air war would be more intense and systematic. Key cities, great railroad cen-

The KNOWN Soldier . . .

I have watched him on the gridiron and on the track field; he was calm in the face of opposition, clear-headed under the stress of circumstances. I have listened to him in the classroom explaining with a halting eloquence the beneficence of democratic government, the necessity of liberty, the honor of freedom, the justice of equality.

He was born at the close of the first World War; he grew to manhood in a virile, growing America; he had just reached his majority, to citizen's estate, when his nation called him to his first service. Having been reared under the parental protection of his country in peace, he would now become its defender in war.

Willingly, American that he was, he have what he had to offer: the vigor of his youth, the courage of his soul, the strength of his will to victory. All that he asked in return was security, safety, peace for freedom loving peoples the universe over.

And, as if to show that his concern was not alone with the welfare of America, he sailed overseas the better to stay the coming aggression. Because peace is international, he did not question the locale of the conflict, but assumed his place among the legions striving for a peace above nationality, one that would be for all men. To him, peace was so vital to the common weal of the human race, that he would war to win it. If needs be, he himself would die that others might live under its salutary influence.

The world he would win would be one wherein authority would be rightly administered; wherein laws would be enacted and judgments decreed in wisdom and in justice; wherein government, executed in righteousness, would be eminently useful to the people. The world he would win would be one wherein harmony would be preserved, human happiness promoted, knowledge increased, and equal liberty perpetuated.

To him is entrusted the winning of the world security, the victory of peace over war. He is prepared to die that what he would live for may be preserved inviolable. Yet, he was not even captain of his college team; he is "private first class" now. He never established a national record for the high hurdles; but he is surmounting international tyranny today. He will not be graduated this spring with his college class, for his personal ambition has been deferred to support his country under arms. He may not become President of the United States, but he is fighting to keep the fact of the presidency a reality.

He is ready to give his life as the price of peace if his own youth's ambition may be fulfilled by others in the security he shall win. He could take defeat, but he is "all out for victory" in the defense of freedom—He is the known soldier.—CAP.

This Collegiate World

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The treasury's campaign to put idle coins into circulation is coming along nicely, and with some astonishing results.

The record to date for turning in the largest number is held by a University of Pittsburgh professor, J. Ellwood Amos, who, with the aid of his economics students, gathered up 1,000,000 pennies, the entire "harvest" weighing three-quarters of a ton.

Amos proudly reported to Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the mint, that one freshman class at the university counted 500,000 of the coins "without losing a penny."

ters, shipbuilding establishments and submarine bases will become the chief targets of the United Nations air forces. The aim of this phase of the war is to break down the morale of the German and Italian people, to cripple Axis transportation facilities and to reduce their productive ability.

The Tunisian front assumes greater importance in the new strategy than it did at first. The United Nations plans seem to call for a thorough job in liquidating this front as the first step toward the occupation of the Italian islands in the Mediterranean Sea. These islands in turn could be used as the bases of operation against Italy. An increased air, naval, and military activity along the Italian littoral would tend to break Mussolini's grip on the Italian people and possibly lead to a revolt against his regime.

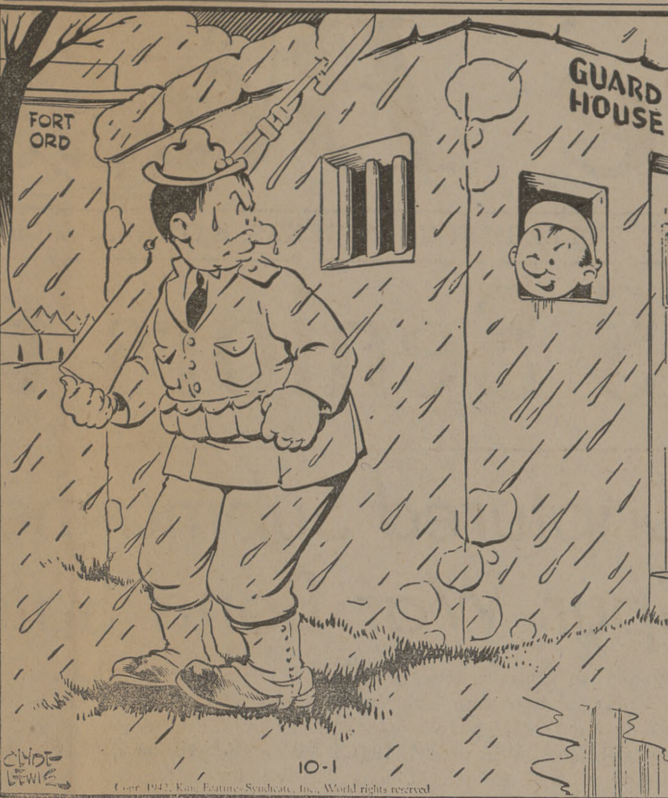
Churchill's visit to Turkey and Egypt indicates a renewed interest in the Eastern Mediterranean basin and the Middle East. Iraq has just declared war on the Axis powers. The defection of Bulgaria from the Axis which appears a possibility, together with the Greek and Yugoslav chetniks, would open a wide field for an operation against the Axis powers. Even a junction of the Russian and the United Nations armies appears as a reasonable possibility should Hitler decide to attack Turkey.

Should these campaigns prove measurably successful, next move might be attempted along the littoral of France, Belgium, Holland or Norway. This attempt might be made even before the attacks are made in the Mediterranean basin. It would be a good strategy to strike somewhere in this area as a means of distracting the Nazis from other fronts.

The Pacific front was no doubt considered at Casablanca. The war with Japan still is chiefly a United States problem. Should Germany be forced within her European fortress, British planes, warships and materials could be released for services in the Pacific. The United Nations could use China as a base to attack the Japanese mainland.

There is every indication that the United Nations have taken the initiative in the prosecution of the global war. The ultimate victory is a matter of time.

PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



"Hey, Guard! I wish you'd get this window fixed. It's getting a bit damp in here!"

BACKWASH John Holman Battalion Editor

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

Short Shorters . . .

That unique little organization of the fleece, the dog, and the dollar bill that seems to be making headway among the students around here almost crashed the upper brackets Thursday morning and afternoon when Charlie Stevens, Aggie baseballer,



took Maj. R. L. Roberts for a fleecing, then caught Lt. Col. L. W. Marshall off guard at a rest period during the drill. The Colonel's face was red!

Senior Rings . . .

You four-year boys who are now worried about getting your rings March 4, because you aren't quite classified or are far from being able to get that ring because under present orders you will not be able to classify before the rings get here.

Plans are being considered to let you get your rings anyway, when they come, and even under consideration is a plan allowing the present juniors to order their right away. Nothing official yet, however.

Don't Forget . . .

That students of the dear University sold \$107,000 worth of war bonds and stamps to see the Japanese submarine that will cruise in here late Monday afternoon. It won't cost you anything but you should at least buy a stamp from the booth beside the submarine—after all, that's why they're bringing it down here.

Turbosupercharger Engineer Urges Integral Power Units for Airplanes

Manufacture of airplane engines and accessories as standard, integral units which could be shifted quickly from one plane to another is urged by Dr. Sanford A. Moss of Lynn, Mass.

Dr. Moss, a 70-year-old General Electric engineer famous as father of the turbosupercharger which gives American war planes speed and power at high altitudes, discussed aviation power plants in an address prepared for the war engineering meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit.

"One might even dare to hope for a British-American standard, so that an American integral power plant would fit a British plane and conversely," said Dr. Moss.

While there has been some standardization of this kind in England and Germany and a beginning has been made in America, the engineer said that the full possibilities are yet to be realized.

"The integral power plant will enable improvements to be made with greater ease," explained Dr. Moss. "A redesigned power plant section can be used with an existing plane design or a redesigned plane with an existing power plant. And there will be redesigns."

As urged by Dr. Moss, aviation power plants would be built to

Air Corps, Minus Plus!

Those romantic, dashing young men who just didn't think the ERC was good enough for them are now laughing on the other side of their faces. Dorm 16 could appropriately be called the Ghost Town of Aggie, because where three days ago they had a company of three platoons—each platoon larger than other Aggie companies, batteries or troops—they now have but about one good, full-strength squad.

And hinted by the newscasters of this nation—and printed in yesterday morning's city papers—was word that all reservists, air corps, navy, and marine, would be taken almost immediately. ERC advanced military students were specifically exempt because they are dealt with in the recent War Department order covered in last Saturday's Batt.

Sweepings . . .

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey's tents will be pitched across the nation as usual this year, despite the war . . . Russian generals can outdrink those of any other nation, Joe Stalin says . . . Pipe that little story on the front page about Wanger's letters. A CWS really whipped out. Winstead, the college minister of propaganda who has been with the producer in Hollywood for some time, says the Aggies don't have anything to worry about—the flicker is Aggie and through and through.

Napoleon . . .

Once said, "Go, sir, gallop, and don't forget that the world was made in six days. You can ask me for anything except time!" That might be attributed to the masters of the ERC!

The Lowdown on . . . Campus Distractions

By Tom Journey

Guion Hall offers comedy high-lighting the weekend playbill at that theater. Comedy presented by several who have already proven their worth in previous pictures.

There's not much to the plot of SHIP AHOY but there is plenty to laugh about. Red (I Dood It) Skelton and Bert Lahr shine with the comedy sequences which are scattered liberally throughout 93 minutes of film.

Eleanor Powell will delight dance fans with at least one good hot jive routine and a special Spanish dance with a Matador theme usually brings the house down. Then, too, deadpan Virginia O'Brien, the singer that has the unusual voice quality on songs during which her facial expression changes not one iota whether she's singing "Der Fuehrer's Face" or Tschaikowski's Fifth.

Then to top all these, TD is on hand with his old band (the picture was released about a year ago). Dorsey has several tunes which turn out pretty fair.

The plot hinges around a spy ring that uses Miss Powell, a star of the Tommy Dorsey orchestra, to deliver a secret magnetic mine to enemy hands. Skelton, with Lahr as his man Friday, are on the same boat with the band en route to Puerto Rico and discover the plot. From that point on out, it's a riot.

The Lowdown—Old but mighty funny.

The Campus midnight fare tonight and over the weekend contains 90 minutes of film not too interesting or entertaining, in your distractions reporter's opinion. It's called A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, co-starring Loretta Young and Brian Aherne.

This little opus is an attempt at a comedy romance that seems to drag along entirely too long, but you may as well go see it, since this is the weekend and there's nothing else to do. In a nutshell, it's a yarn about an unsuccessful writer of mystery yarns that moves to Greenwich Village with his wife, with the belief that the atmosphere there will supply him with the needed material to write a humdinger of a yarn that'll bring him fame and fortune. It turns out that his insistence at helping the police "solve" crimes, gets him into a bad spot and a mystery develops right under his own nose.

The Lowdown—Too much of not-too-good comedy and melodrama.

Civil Service Jobs Open to Men With Experience

The tenth civil service region of New Orleans has announced a region-wide examination for men who have had experience in special types of work pertaining to shipyards, machinery, electrical equipment and joinery. According to information received by the local civil service secretary, salaries will range from \$2300 to \$3500 a year.

Applicants will be rated on the basis of their experience rather than upon any written examination. He also emphasized the fact that no age limits were set for this examination.

Men who can fill these jobs will serve with U. S. Maritime Commission in the Gulf coast region which is comprised of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, and the west coast of Florida.

Qualified persons who are not engaged in war work of equal skill, are urged to secure an application from the local civil service secretary at any first or second class post office and file it with the Tenth Civil Service Region, Customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana.

WHAT'S SHOWING

At the Campus

Midnight tonight, tomorrow and Monday, A Night to Remember, with Loretta Young and Brian Aherne.

At Guion Hall

Today and Monday, Ship Ahoy, with Eleanor Powell and Red Skelton.

Campus

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Box Office Opens 1 P. M.

LAST DAY

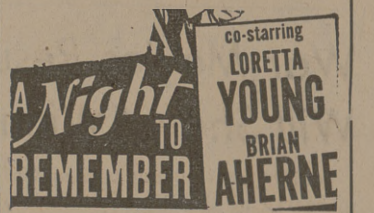
Gene Tierney

George Montgomery

in

"CHINA GIRL"

SAT. - SUN. - MON.



Go in for midnight show about 9:45; show starts at 10:00 and over at 11:50.



demonstrated during the preceding year, was given jointly last year to Dr. Moss and the Army Air Forces for development over many years of the turbosupercharger. In this device, flaming hot exhaust gases from the engine drive a turbine which in turn drives a compressor for supplying air to the engine. Without appreciable drain on its power, the engine is thus enabled to "breathe" normally in the thin air of high altitudes.

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"It is to be expected that there might be achieved a standardized arrangement," said Dr. Moss, "so that any plane might take any integral power plant of a certain specification.

"Many plane designs exist in which it is not now feasible to execute the integral power plant plan but, if the plan is good, the time may come when this situation will change. To American manufacturers, who have brought standardization to such a high pitch, the advantages seem obvious.

"Ease of replacement is a major advantage both in war and peace. Rapidity of production so much needed in war time is now being helped by manufacture of various components in parallel as independent groups, later assembled to give a complete apparatus. The integral power plant helps this nicely."

The Collier Trophy, awarded for the greatest achievement in aviation in America which has been