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Think!

Through the heat and strife of a thousand battles, when men's minds follow the course that seems the easiest and most logical at the time, this order has always been issued—keep calm and do the right thing, and every time it has been disregarded by a few individuals who thought only of themselves and the present, forgetting others and the future.

We can apply this to events happening on this campus right now. Recently, a number of cadets received their call to the service and lost their heads in the turmoil that followed, and followed the course that was the first thought in their minds. They forgot that their record is being written and preserved for a future date when it may turn against them.

Besides this, lots of rumors still seem to float around the campus and under the circumstances appear to wield more influence than the correct advice of someone who knows. Take such bits of falacy with a grain of salt; for as one appears, there a dozen other contradicting it but influencing about the same number of people.

The times in which we are living now are critical, and decisions we make now can lift us to the highest heights or plunge us to the depths of ruin. It is necessary in making decisions, to think them over several times, to talk to someone whose advice can be trusted, before any action should be taken. And remember the old battle order, "Keep calm, think, then go ahead."

Fightin' Aggie Exes

More word of exes in the armed forces has come in from the various public relations offices. Others will be listed here as soon as they are received.

Navy
Recently commissioned as ensigns in the Naval reserve were William Hartman, Cleburn, Texas; and Henry Buford Hales, Amarillo, Texas. They will be assigned as instructors or sent out for active duty with the fleet.



WILLIAM F. HARTMAN
Ensign, USNR
James B. Eldridge, Fort Worth.
Jeff C. Blair, New Haven, Conn.

All of these ex-Aggies completed their rigorous pre-flight training at the University of Georgia Pre-Flight School, Athens, Georgia.

Army
Aviation Cadet Perrin N. Scudder, Dallas, is now at the Basic Flying School at Pecos, Texas, training for combat duty.

Pvt. Robert L. Doss, Whitewright, Texas (editor of the Battalion 1939-49), is now on duty at Tinker Field, Oklahoma.

The following Aviation Cadets have just begun their basic training at Randolph Field. All are exes:

- John D. McBride, Jr., Corpus Christi, 37-40.
- 2nd Lt. Ralph Criswell, Calvert, B.S., '42.
- Troy C. Simpson, Colesand, 35-37.
- 2nd Lt. Tom D. Hooten, Dangerfield, B.S., '40.
- 2nd Lt. William C. Jenn, Houston, B.S., '42.
- Jack W. Rollins, Houston, 37.
- Herbert C. Wilson, Mexia, B.S., '38.
- William B. Pierce, Mt. Vernon, 37-40.
- Harold Scott, Murchison, 35-36.
- Weldon C. Haynes, Raymondville, 38-39.
- 2nd Lt. Sam E. Brown, New Braunfels, B.S., '42.
- Ben L. Peek, Robstown, 38-39.
- Jack T. Slater, San Antonio, 37-40.

After completion of their basic work, they will be sent to advanced schools for fighter-pilot or bomber training.

Open Forum

Ole' Army, have we turned Tea-hound? You true Aggies out there, few and far between, stop and think. What has happened to that ole' spirit that used to run up and down your spine and bring tears to your eyes.

We are just a bunch of sophomores that came up last June; maybe we haven't much right to say this but we feel that something should be said. Sure! there is a war going on; O.K., we're all for it. If the present military program will help win it, far be it from us to resist. But Army, just get along with your thoughts, and hum "The Spirit of Aggeland," and then think back and remember the tears you shed and after that Ole' Army, try to figure out how the campus will be after the war—only memories—or will Aggeland be waiting? Let's leave something to come back to.

It used to be, "Freshman, don't you speak anymore?" Army, let's change that to, "Aggie, don't you speak anymore?"

Well, men, there it is, don't just read and forget; let's get together and bring that wandering spirit back to its home, the campus.

- B. M. Magee
- M. A. Frenkel
- Jim Kelly
- Ray Stotzer
- Donald Woods
- J. Whittington
- Jack Davis
- L. C. Keaton

Post-War Schooling...

The committee charged with returning students to their colleges and universities after the war will meet for the first time January 18. The group of army officers and educators was appointed by President Roosevelt on November 19—two days after he signed the teen-age draft bill—to assure students who are called into the armed services a chance to finish their training after the war.

At that time the President set up the Armed Forces Committee on Education, headed by Brigadier General Frederick H. Osborn, director of the Special Services Division, Services of Supply. In his letter establishing the little-publicized committee, the President ordered its members "to make a study for the taking of steps" to enable the young men whose education has been interrupted "to resume their schooling and afford equal opportunity for training and education of other young men of ability after their service in the armed forces has come to an end."

The committee is composed of Brig. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, director; Capt. C. C. Baughman, representing the Navy; Dr. Dexter Keezer, president of Reed College, Portland, Ore., now serving in the Office of Price Administration; Dr. R. G. Harris, president of Tulane University, New Orleans; and Dr. John W. Studebaker, director of the Office of Education.

Although no action has been taken yet, a spokesman for Gen. Osborn reports that the committee will concentrate primarily on returning 18 and 19 year old student draftees to their colleges and universities when the war is over.

"Quotable Quotes" ACP

"American higher education is about to undergo a drastic upheaval. The liberal arts are about to yield much of their ground to the quick training of technicians for the armed services. The war and navy departments plan to train from 150,000 to 250,000 men in the colleges; and the war manpower commission is developing a separate program for training specialists for private industry and government. The depletion of undergraduate bodies is unavoidable in time of war, and it was bound to reach disrupting proportions when the draft age was dropped to 18.

Although generally willing to collaborate, many educators are deeply concerned about the suspension of liberal arts training. They feel that it is a bad mistake to hustle into the services or to confine to technical training all the able-bodied young men of 18 or older. They argue, first, that some of the most promising of these young men would be more valuable, even to the armed services, two or three years later if allowed to mature in college. And they argue, secondly, that if the war lasts several years, the suspension of liberal arts studies will create a serious hiatus.

Doubtless many of these young men would be more useful as officers a few years later, after receiving a general education. But they are useful now and, in many ways, will mature more rapidly in the army than in the war. They should be encouraged and enabled to do so by the government. Funds can be provided to support the best of them, chosen strictly on a merit basis. If the war does not last too long, such an arrangement will help to bridge the hiatus feared by college educators.—Ernest Lindley, Washington commentator, summarizes the situation of colleges-at-war.

Dr. Hu Shih, former Chinese ambassador to the United States, has accepted appointment as research associate and consultant of the American Council of Learned Societies.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Faso and Buck haven't missed a high fly all season!"

BACKWASH John Holman Battalion Editor

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

Ads...

Adorning the bulletin board of the Academic building this past week proved to be something for people to laugh at rather than something to get something else out of somebody with. Two of them were especially comical and ironic. One said: "For Sale—New Pair Ice-Cream Slacks, Reason: New Regime!" The other was apparently posted by a veterinary student. It read: "Wanted—complete horse skeleton." Some bright child added to the sheet: "See Hotard at the Mess Hall!"



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Mistake...

The Houston Post made quite an error the other day in a headline at the top of a story on the amusement page. The story concerned the Lucky Strike Hit Parade—the headline had two "T"s and no "H" in the word "hit."

Rationing...

A Wisconsin editor's definition of rationing: "Less and less of more and more, oftener and oftener!" ... That editor still is not as bad off as the soldier, stationed in Australia, that ended his love letter, "Oceans of love, and a kiss on every wave."

Children... My, My!

The nine-year-old son of the Commander of the Nantucket American Legion Post listened open-eyed to his Sunday school teacher as she vividly described the nailing of Christ to the Cross. In the ensuing pause, with flushed face and clenched fists he shouted, "Where in hell were the Marines?" ... Which reminds me of the tale told on a nineteen-year-old child classified as a junior down here. They say he's in the field, but anyway, when he overheard the remark on the radio that the Marines "had the situation in hand," he asked his roommate where Hand was!

Fable...

One of our exchange papers tells this story about Red Riding Hood. You know the real story—well, when Red Riding Hood approached her grandmother's bedside with her food-basket, and saw the wolf was there instead of Granny, she whipped a .45 automatic out of the basket and plugged the wolf. Moral: It isn't as easy to fool little girls nowadays as it used to be.

Sunday Sing...

Dick Jenkins, director of the Singing Cadets, comes up with the idea of having an old-fashioned hymn singing session every Sunday night in the Assembly Hall—the purpose of which is to provide a relaxing get-together for those boys who do not attend church on Sunday night. Feature of the idea is that only the old favorites, which boys of all denominations know and love, will be sung—session to last 45 minutes or an hour, as the boys desire it.

Soap Opera...

... Is, believe it or not, the richest form of radio advertising. Pioneer of the field is Gertrude Berg, who for 14 years has written, directed and acted, "The Goldbergs," the simple story of a Jewish family in New York ... her salary is \$5,000 a week.

Sweepings...

One unfortunate critter that was caught in the draft told a fellow b.a.p. that he entered the army through the CCC. The other b.a.p. told him that CCC didn't go directly into the army, he replied, "Well, I did. I was caught, conscripted, and carried!"

Discovered in an EE's room: the following sign on an ageless bottle that at one time contained high quality '26 vintage Champagne: "Midnight Oil. To be used only in cases of extreme E-emergencies ... Blackouts, Fuse failures, etc."

Harry Culver, B, Signal, one of those guys that causes the Guion Hall flickers to flick, was busily engrossed rethreading the projection machines between the free shows, Sunday, when a very light knock was heard on the projection booth door. Harry at that time was playing records waiting for the crowds to change between shows.

He opened the door and was accosted by a charming little blond, brown-eyed potential Miss America of 1953 evidently about 6 years old. She expounded, "Why don't you start the pikshow show! I came here to see a show and I'm going to see one!" Harry said that he thought he'd better wait until the crowd got in so everybody could see the movie and asked her what her name was. To this inquiry, perty shrugging her shoulders, and rolling her big brown eyes with a technique that belied her age, she replied with a certain amount of childish arrogance (inherited from whom we can't imagine), "I'm Sally Elizabeth Welty Howard, and I'm Colonel Welty's grandchild!!!"

Oh, Yes, the second free show started immediately!

Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Will Get Plenty of Ice Cream

You can have all the ice cream you want Mr. Soldier, Sailor and Marine, says Uncle Sam in the new ice cream order which curtails civilian consumption of this important dairy product. The civilian curtailment was necessary due to the shortage of dairy products because of lend-lease commitments to our friendly nations, but the armed forces are exempted from the order and the ice cream industry can furnish frozen dairy foods to the men in uniform to the full extent of their demand.

No food is more popular with our armed forces than ice cream. To provide them with an adequate supply is important in maintaining morale and in helping make their diet nutritionally complete, as well as satisfactory from the standpoint of their tastes and preferences, according to the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers.

The provision in this order, which exempts deliveries of frozen dairy food to military forces and post exchanges, is a recognition

The Lowdown on...

Campus Distractions

By Tom Journey

Wednesday night late Call to Quarters will find we predict quite a few late comers hustling back from the campus theatre's showing of MY FAVORITE SPY, one of the funniest comedies that have hit Sing Sing on the Brazos for several moons.

Kay Kyser, ye olde professor of musical knowledge is starred with his hand helping out every now and then with some good solid stuff. The main attraction, though, is Kay's comedy role as a counter espionage agent unknown to his wife, Ellen Drew.

It all happens this way. Kay is called into army service on his wedding day before he can start his honeymoon and turns out to be a flop as a line officer. Consequently he is detailed to counter espionage service, assigned to his old job of leading a band in a night spot, the manager of which is suspected of being an integral part of a dangerous spy ring.

Just one or two of the many complications resulting, is Ellen's ignorance of his FBI affiliation, so when Kay is jailed with beautiful Jane Wyman, another secret agent, wifey suspects the worst. Kay's band is in there pitching some good hot notes every now and then.

The Lowdown—Does your funny-bone good.

We can't have good shows every time, so I guess this is one time when the Guion flicker bill will have to suffer. The title of the

non-descript 66 minutes of celluloid shamefully appearing there today is PIERRE OF THE PLAINS, a bad plotted, miscast outdoor drama with a phony finish.

John Carrol, Ruth Hussey and Bruce Cabot, much to their detriment are starred in this distraction that we believed could better be completely left out. It's roughly about a devil-may-care French Canadian accused of murder, but too busy helping a friend escape another murder indictment to care much. The Lowdown—Not so hot.

qualify without further training, as may also graduates or senior students in astronomy, chemistry, geology, physics, mathematics, and engineering sciences who can show 6 semester hours in strictly engineering subjects. In lieu of these 6 semester hours in engineering subjects, the completion of any ESMWT course in engineering will be accepted.

Engineering, Science, and Management War Training courses are tuition-free, sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education, offered at about 200 colleges throughout the country.

Countless new people are urgently needed in the engineering field in the Federal service because of the induction of Federal employees into the armed forces and the growth of engineering problems in the conduct of war. Besides offering a certain amount of prestige, the work is performed in Federal agencies throughout the country under conditions that are pleasant and attractive. Opportunity for advancement in engineering in the Federal service is good, depending upon the abilities of the individual.

WHAT'S SHOWING
At the Campus
Today and tomorrow—"My Favorite Spy," with Kay Kyser, Ellen Drew, and Jane Wyman.
At Guion Hall
Today and tomorrow, "Pierre of the Plains," with John Carrol, Ruth Hussey and Bruce Cabot.

Guion Hall
Phone 4-1168
TODAY - WEDNESDAY
"PIERRE OF THE PLAINS"
With JOHN CARROLL RUTH HUSSEY Also
"BUGS BUNNY GETS THE BOLD"
News — Short

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4-1181
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TODAY - TOMORROW
KAY KAYSER and
Orchestra
Ellen Drew
Jane Wyman
in
"MY FAVORITE SPY"
Also
Cartoon — Short