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If...

If American armies decided to "put off" fighting for a week; if our naval forces determined to hunt for enemy submarines until next month—how long would America remain free?

If the producers of armament "just forgot" to turn out guns and tanks and planes; if American generals "didn't have time" to map out campaigns—how long would America remain an independent democracy?

This is a war of minutes; wasting time has become synonymous with treason. And yet...

While we can't think of one person who hasn't commented favorably on United States Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps, and who hasn't said "I'm going to start buying Defense Stamps without fail!"—we can think of several people who have "delayed their purchasing," who "won't start buying for a few days," or who had "just forgotten" to buy a stamp.

We're not writing this because we feel that the students of Texas A.&M. believe that V stands for Vaccination. Rather, we want to make plain our assurance that it is vitally important for students to invest their dimes and quarters in the United States as wholeheartedly, as regularly, and as systematically as their parents invest their pay-day dollars.

Wholeheartedly, regularly, and systematically... just as our war is more than one isolated infantry attack; just as it requires much more than one concerted naval drive; and just as it necessitates infinitely more than a single bombing flight—everything we do must be continuous, unflinching, and constant.

There is more to this war than victory; America is fighting not only for today, but for tomorrow... for future peace and for the future good of all peoples. The Bonds and Stamps we buy are not only fighting the war, but fighting for the peace.

Aggies are thinking about this world to come; many of them are fighting for it. We who are still here are talking about it, reading about it, planning for it. We must also help pay for it, just as all Americans must help.

The dimes and quarters we set aside are important to the war effort, yes; but only if they are put aside regularly and systematically. Only if they reflect both the urgency of paying for this war, and the continuous dynamic philosophy behind it.

Make a pledge to yourself. Remembering that our search in the seas and the sky is continuous, that the flow of machines and munitions is never-ending, pledge yourself to fall in line with America...

Start buying Defense Stamps today. Start buying them regularly. And do not waver from your course.

This Collegiate World

Forty thousand club women have united to demand that the Minnesota legislature provide a new mechanical and aeronautical engineering building for the University of Minnesota.

Cornell University is cooperating with the army in experiments with vaccination to combat influenza.

The University of Texas student employment bureau last year found part-time work for 2,155 students paying them a total of \$140,000.

A University of Kentucky student news paper survey concludes that women students are "exhibiting more spunk, courage and bravado than the manly male" under war conditions.

Pomona College will train 200 high school graduates, 18 to 21, for the army air corps in a basic pre-meteorological course.

Wesleyan University has recently added a navy pre-flight school.

Having outgrown its office space occupied since 1922, headquarters for the University of Michigan ROTC is now housed in a former fraternity house.

Wayne University recently received a gift of \$500 to aid in development of a branch of the Hooker Scientific library.

Providence (R.I.) College recently conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on President Quezon of the Philippines.

Postwar Platforms

Viewing the vast postwar problems of employment and education, Dr. Edwin A Lee, dean of the school of education on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, offers a platform in behalf of the practical needs of the period ahead. Its eight planks are:

OPPORTUNITY for every able-bodied youth to work at something which needs to be done and from which a reasonable income may be derived.

PROVISION in public schools for vocational guidance by trained personnel.

PROGRAMS of vocational education over as wide a range as can be financed, from semi-skilled work to the professions.

PROVISION for employment of all trained workers, preferably under private auspices, but, if necessary, upon publicly supported projects.

MAJOR attention to reestablishing the dignity of all work—white collar, blue collar or no collar.

PROVISION for workers' security, such as unemployment, accident and old-age insurance.

"A good poem goes about the world offering itself to reasonable men, who read it with joy and carry it to their reasonable neighbors."—Emerson

As the World Turns

By "Count" V. K. Sugareff

Washington is what we make it. Our national capital symbolizes our national unity and there is every evidence that the country as a whole is united on winning the war. Yet, there are influential individuals and groups of individuals that differ over methods of an ultimate victory. The differences have become so acute that the press writes of them as the "Battle of Washington," and "feuds" for power in high places of our government.

The causes for such differences arise from many sources. Some people foolishly think that Hitler has lost the war and there is no need for the United States to exert itself too much for the victory which is already ours. The leaders of our armed forces are determined to make all efforts, both for material and manpower, to end the war sooner than most of us anticipate. Grant that this is a war of production, the question has been asked, "Who should control production?" The military leaders who are fighting the war or the civilian experts who seem to understand our national needs better?

Mr. Donald M. Nelson occupies a difficult position of maintaining a reasonable balance between our civilian and military needs. It is his duty to procure the raw materials, to allocate them to proper parties, and to produce the finished products, both for civilian and military use. Military events often disturb this balance and trouble is brewing somewhere. Our military leaders want an army of eleven million men to win the victory and maintain the peace. An army of such size appears unnecessary to many civilian officials. It will divert large quantities of materials from civilian officials. It will divert large quantities of materials from civilian needs to military necessities. The eleven million man army program has evoked a wide discussion in Congress, the press and among our civilian population.

There are too many arm-chair generals and admirals for the comfort of our army-navy leaders. Arguments will continue to rage on both sides, but our military leaders will have their way. Some people, in the nature of things, will keep on talking.

The small plant battle has been in progress since our national defense program was inaugurated in 1940. Some hundred large corporations handle seventy per cent of all war contracts. Mr. Lou Holland, the chairman of the Small Plants Corporation resigned from the said corporation because he was severely criticized by members of Congress and small business for having failed to secure contracts to small plants. Col. Robert Johnson succeeded him, and between twenty-five and thirty-five billion dollars has been set aside for small plants. And it is hoped that much can be accomplished by redistributing some of the existing contracts and placing new ones in the small plants.

Congress, having a large number of Republicans and many anti-New Deal Democrats, has started battles and feuds with the President, members of his cabinet, leaders of our armed forces, and other high government officials since the opening of the 78th Congress. The House and the Senate have appointed investigating committees to investigate individual officials, government departments, and agencies which they have created but which initiate policies not within their spheres.

Investigation is one of the well established powers of Congress and often produces worthwhile results. However, in a time of an emergency, Congress should devote more time to the prosecution of the war rather than indulging in petty party politics. Other battles and feuds either in progress or brewing in Washington are \$25,000 salary limit, labor and industry, allocation of materials and manpower to proper activities, price ceiling regulations, rationing, farm prices and control of inflation. "Battles" and "feuds," when examined closely, simmer down to mere quarrels. And we shall "muddle through" to victory.

"We join ourselves to no party that does not carry the flag and keep step to the music of the Union."—Rufus Choate, VRE

PRIVATE BUCK .: By Clyde Lewis



"Release him immediately, Buck! After all our pains to cultivate their friendship, you want to start a ten-cent sideshow!"

BACKWASH Tommy Gould

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

Aggieland...

Is not the only place where rumors run rampant. In a recent issue of the Dallas Morning News, there appeared an article about a rumor which was rather disastrous in its results.

It seems that a certain saleslady in a certain department store in Big D quietly passed the word along that clothing was to be rationed. It so happened that she dropped her remark in a crowded street car, and naturally, quite a number of people picked it up.

This rumor covered the entire town in a few hours. It grew and grew until finally it said that persons were going to be limited to \$45 worth of clothing annually.

Then the fun started. That is, it would have been funny, had it not been so pathetic. One woman immediately rushed down and purchased 800 yards of piece goods. One bought \$1600 worth of wearing apparel for her family, and another purchased \$236 worth of undergarments. One woman, who evidently thought more of her physical figure than she did of the monetary one, bought \$500 worth of girdles!

Aggies are good at spreading rumors, but it seems that Dallasites are better.

Evidently...

Mess hall fare is not so bad compared to that obtained at some of

TSCW Math Prof Discredits "Superiority of Men" Idea

(Editor's Note: The following feature story appeared in last week's edition of the Texas State College for Women newspaper, The Lass-O.)

By Drudella Williams
"This theory that boys are more adept in mathematics than are girls is pure propaganda," insists Miss Harlan C. Miller, recent addition to the math department. Miss Miller is in a position to know, for she has taught both boys and girls, and points out that she has found girls work harder.

All-girl classes are no novelty to her. She has taught at Hockaday School for Girls and at South Carolina State College for Women, that state's synonym for TSCW. She possesses a B.A. degree from Wellesley College, an M.A. degree from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas. In addition to those positions held in all-girl schools, she has taught math in the University of Texas and in NTSTC.

Miss Miller began grammar school with the idea that she would like mathematics, she relates. "My parents told me before I began the first grade that I was good in mathematics. Don't ask me how they knew, but I believed them."

Spare time is hard to find in her routine, she says, but when, and if, she can discover some between housework in her small apartment, visiting with friends and family, and daily school work, she would like to continue research in what the layman would call "rubber geometry." It is a system of mathematics in which distance has little influence. Incidentally, she comments that the leading men in this field of research were Poles, and, as far as she knows, only one has been known to escape from the German-occupied nation.

the nation's air bases. At least, that is what the new air corps men seem to think. One of them walked out of the mess hall with a heavenly gleam in his eye, and said, "They even have music with it."

Poetry...

Jack had money—Jill had nil, Jill married Jack—so Jack had Jill.

Jill went to Reno—now she's back; Jack has nothing—Jill has Jack. And then there was the little moron who forgot to open the screen door and strained himself.

More Poetry... Those Pilgrim maids were just as hot As the ones we date today. Woman alters not a jot; She behaves the self-same way. It's true that lack of clothes will give A wholly new sensation— The Pilgrim maids were just as hot, But had more insulation!

Hitler Hiking... Some stuck and weary boys got out of Madisonville by hoisting this sign: "HITLER RIDES IN YOUR EMPTY SEAT". They were gone in 15 minutes. I think I'll try it.

The Lowdown on... Campus Distractions

By Tom Journey

Showing for the first time at the midnight preview (which is not held at midnight at all—it just sounds better to call it midnight!) It starts in time for a complete show to be seen before call to quarters at 12.) is THE REMARKABLE ANDREW with Brian Donlevy, William Holden and Ellen Drew.

This is one of those "spirit" shows—you know, where the main character is a spirit come to life—this time as the title implies, the spirit is the ghost of Andrew Jack-

son who comes back to help Andrew Long out of a jam involving municipal accounts which fail to balance because the city government is corrupt, and Andrew knows it.

What, with General Jackson's prodigious consumption of Maryland rye plus the fact that the visitor is invisible to all but the modern Andrew, he manages to get himself into a very neat mess, the interesting and humorous conclusion we'll leave to you.

The Lowdown—Different.

Tonight at Sbsa Hall the first Corps Dance of the semester will be held. The starting times appear on the front page of this issue, also the uniform requirements. Jack McGregor and his newly styled Aggieland Orchestra will furnish the rhythms to dance by. Get that local girl from the big metropolis 5 miles due north (if you can't get the cutie from the home town) and swing out tonight at Sbsa. It'll be over in time to make Dear Old CQ, Rod Brauchle says.

Lt Beasley Gets Bars; Air Cadets Report for Duty

Lt. James O. Beasley was among the graduates who received first lieutenant bars from the 3rd Chemical Warfare Service Command on the night of February 20. Lt. Beasley did agricultural research work at A. & M. Experiment Station before taking this advanced study of Chemical Warfare general tactics.

Aviation Cadet F. L. Danner of Amarillo and a former student of A. & M. is to be stationed at Perrin Field, Texas, for the next nine weeks for his basic flying training. Col. Robert W. Warren is commanding officer of the post.

Warren J. Sailor, a '39 graduate of Pampa high school and a former student of A. & M., has reported to the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi for training which will lead to a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve or in the Marine Corps Reserve. Sailor reported from the Navy's Pre-flight School at Athens, Georgia, with fifty-one other cadets.

Ex-Aggies Receive Naval Commissions From Columbia U.

Seven Aggie-exes received their commissions as Ensign, U. S. N. R. from the Naval Training School at Columbia University, New York on February 17. They have completed a four month intensive training program and are now en route to their new assignments.

The Aggies are L. M. Duhon, Jr., '40, Kingsville; Jack W. Adair, '41, Dallas; Joel Karin, '41, San Antonio; Henry C. Stokes, '42, Beaumont; George L. Stanford, '42, Linden; Ernest W. Pannel, '41, Waco; and Charles R. Richardson, '42, Trenton.

Duhon had been employed as Petroleum Engineer with the Humble Oil Co. Adair left a job with the Soil Conservation Service. Stokes was a construction draftsman and Stanford had just completed a course in Ag. Engineering. Pannel was playing pro football before volunteering.

ity in wartime will be lost somewhat during peacetime.

"Naturally, a majority of girls will want nothing more than to marry and settle down, which is a logical view to take. Their wartime jobs must be returned to the ex-soldiers," she says.

Notwithstanding the average girl's ambition to have a home, she says she believes an education to be the foundation for building a secure one.

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