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Sound Leadership...

The armed services are under obligation to do but one thing—to win the war as quickly as possible. The responsibility of promoting broad educational and cultural objectives...

A leader with sound judgment cannot be produced in eighteen years. Trained minds and ability must come into the armed services constantly if we are to cope successfully with the enemy.

Only by doing our best and exerting our energies to their capacity can we make ourselves worthy of the additional training we are receiving. If going to college and playing around becomes a means of escaping the horrors of war...

The truth of the matter is that, whether he realizes it or not, the man who is allowed to remain in college is preparing himself for a much more dangerous mission than if he were placed among the fighting men at once.

"A man's dying is more the survivor's affair than his own."—Thomas Mann

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."—The Bible

Editorial...

There's much less rubber for you and me, And much less gas to spill out, And much less sugar to sweeten tea— But many more forms to fill out:

Forms that ask for your last name first, Forms that beg for your names reversed, Forms with pages of printed doze You couldn't read with a microscope, Forms to plead for defense priorities, Forms to mail to the wrong authorities, Green forms, yellow forms, sky-blue-pink forms, PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY and PLEASE USE INK forms, Single forms, double forms, triplicate forms, Half of them probably out-of-date forms — FORMS!

There's much less traffic to make us worth, And much less time to take out, And much less wool for the haggard moth— But many more blanks to make out:

Blanks with spaces you just put x in, Blanks with your age, height, weight and sex in, Blanks to swear to and blanks to swear at, With dotted lines that you doesn't tear at, Blanks with blocks that you mustn't write in Spacious enough to fly a kite in And a spot the size of a pygmy flea For a resume of your history! Gas blanks, draft blanks, tax blanks, bank blanks, And just plain blankety-blank-blank-blank-blanks—BLANKS! —W. W. WATT.

Dr. Walter C. Goffey, president of the University of Minnesota, has been named to receive the American Farm Bureau federations annual award for distinguished service to agriculture.

Winthrop college girls from education, sociology and physical education classes recently helped gather in the bumper crop of cotton.

Registration of B.B.G. at Tufts College is one of the largest in the institution's long history.

As the World Turns

Dr. Al B. Nelson

The French naval governor of Martinique, a Vichy appointee, has steadily refused to allow the aircraft carrier and two cruisers there to be used by the allies, and has refused to deal with the Fighting French organization or with the government of General Giraud.

Rumors indicate that Mexico may send a small expeditionary force overseas as soon as men can be adequately armed and equipped. There is great demand in Mexico for such an expedition because of its moral effect and for the advantage it might give the nation at the peace conference when the war ends.



According to the latest information, Rommel's attack in Tunisia was merely a raid in force, having as its object the destruction of supplies and the disorganization of Allied plans.

Chile, in common with most other South American governments, is faced with an operating deficit of nearly one hundred million dollars for the past year, bringing the total deficit to nearly a half billion dollars.

The majority of United States troops in North Africa are still being held in French Morocco to guard against a sudden thrust from Spanish Morocco by Franco's pro-Axis troops.

Many representatives in Congress are now urging that the AAA ban an additional cotton planting be lifted in order that the current supplies of much needed vegetable oils and cotton seed meal should be increased.

Joe Stalin is continuing his demand that a second front be opened, claiming that the Russians are doing all the work. The fact of the matter is that if the shipping and supplies sent to Russia in the last twelve months had been retained by England and the United States...

Latin-America

At a Glance By Guillermo Moncada, Jr.

Have you ever taken the trouble to find out what the Latin American nations are doing for the war effort? If you stop to consider what contributions they are making to pave the road to final victory and the peace of tomorrow...

The great country south of the Rio Grande has awakened from its siesta and this awakening took place way before war was declared by Mexico against Germany and Italy.

In a recent interview published in one of the capital's leading newspapers, President Avila Camacho emphasized that the country was now in a position to send soldiers outside the national territory and was ready to render military assistance to any nation of the Eastern Hemisphere that might ask for help.

By the end of this year, Mexico will have well over eighty-five per cent of its able-bodied male population so trained that any man entering the armed forces will be able to go into active duty at once.

Every man is supplied with his equipment in order to acquaint him with what he is expected to carry the day he is

AMERICAN HEROES



Maj. John L. Smith of the U. S. Marines has 19 Jap planes to his credit—Have you as many War Bonds? Show all our American boys that you're doing your part on the home front to win the war. You've done your bit; now do your best—Buy more War Bonds.

BACKWASH Tommy Gould

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

Moo-o-o...

There appeared in a recent issue of Newsweek the following descriptions of a cow, one a British version and a German version. I quote: "The cow is a mammal. It has six sides, right and left and upper and below. At the back it has a tail on which hangs a brush.

At the same time, however, that schools are unable to fulfill vacancies in the technical fields, other schools have chemistry, engineering, and physics staff members who are idle because of sharply whittled-down enrollment in their colleges.

In all there are about 90 idle teachers in the strictly technical fields, a surplus of over 100 in the professional fields, and about 270 extra instructors in the liberal arts fields.

Because of the tremendous number of doctors who have joined the armed forces, medicine is the most seriously understaffed field. Office of Education statisticians show, with 575 vacancies and only 7 trained men available for release. At the same time there are more idle teachers in the dental field than there are positions for them to fill.

Many of the colleges and universities who were asked about their teacher problem offered to cooperate with the government by releasing staff members if necessary.

Good luck has a habit of always butting in while a man is hard at work. Buy War Bonds and Stamps. Keep always with you, wherever your course may lie, the company of great thoughts.—H. H. Asquith.

Are nothing unusual on the campus. However, recently, there have been some new ones added. Khaki ties with O. D. uniforms form a combination that Aggies aren't used to.

Aggies got quite a kick out of saluting a female lieutenant in the Nurses' Corps and comment-

called to the colors. Last week, in one of his speeches in a tour he made of the Pacific Coast states, the president said that "if the problem of the supply of war materials to the Allied Nations becomes a secondary cause to the manpower supply, Mexico will be able to cope with it in the same way and traditions that the warriors of the republic have always done true to the traditions of the unconquerable Aztec descendants."

To bring home to twenty million people the fact that the republic has taken up arms against the Huns, the government is pushing a propaganda campaign with posters, radio programs, movie shorts, and even Indian minstrel bands.

ing on the rather sloppy way in which she returned it. I'm not one to comment on the actions of any lady, much less those of a lady lieutenant. But her salute was sloppy, and if she is going to wear those bars, she should learn to return a salute properly.

Cracked ice will emit flashes of light and glows if it is cold enough.

American Colleges Lack Teachers For War Essential Fields

American colleges are suffering from a shortage of teachers in war-essential subjects and a surplus of teachers in the liberal arts field, according to a recent survey made by the Office of Education.

Replies received from 1,060 out of the 1717 institutions of higher learning in the United States showed 1,660 teaching vacancies. All but 435 of these unfilled positions are in fields directly connected with the war effort.

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Britain Aids US by Sending Vital Machinery Unavailable Here

How Great Britain came to the assistance of an American factory with much needed manufacturing equipment, which could not be secured in this country in time to meet production schedules, has been revealed by General Electric.

The Company had received early in 1942 five huge English metal working machines for the production of essential cargo ship propulsion equipment.

Ironically the move not only aided U. S. production but also cheated the Axis of a chance of destroying some of the tools inasmuch as the points at which they had been installed or were to be installed in Britain were subsequently bombed.

Of the five giant machines installed in a New England plant two are planers used to remove large quantities of metal from flat surfaces of gear casings weighing up to 20 tons each.

Shipments of the five mammoth machines from Britain was accomplished under a cloak of great secrecy. The machines were placed in separate vessels at different dates to preclude the possibility of damage or loss to the entire group of German submarines.

Professor of cardiovascularrenal diseases is the title of many professor in American medical schools.

A. & M. first opened with six students in 1876. By the end of the term there were 106 enrolled. The average age of cadets in A. & M. in 1903 was 18 years. In 1941 it was 17 1/2 years.

Food Hoarders Warned Against Rationing Evasion

Canned Foods Must Not Be Reprocessed in Glass Jars to Evade Rationing

Hoarders who try to evade the intention of the point rationing system by transferring commercially canned food into glass jars are running a risk of fatal food poisoning.

Winifred Jones, specialist in food preservation for the A. and M. College Extension Service quotes a warning against this practice from Dr. Russell M. Wilder, physician and nutritionist with the Food Distribution Administration.

Reprocessing of foods removed from cans is unsatisfactory for homemakers to undertake and may be dangerous, Dr. Wilder says. "Not only does the product become a soupy mass with decreased food value, but it may be unsafe to eat."

Prospects for jars for home canning indicate that an adequate supply will be available, the specialist says. This is because production of glass jars is not restricted, and there should be enough lids to go around.

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Aggie Ex Enrolled In Army Air Forces Pre-Flight Training

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