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A Call to Duty . . .

Less than two weeks separate today from the first football game of the season when the Aggies meet the Bryan Army Airfield Flyers on Kyle Field. The Flyers will undoubtedly offer the Aggies heavy early season competition but the circumstances of the game will present an even weightier problem for the Twelfth Man.

Coming as it does immediately after the close of the semester there will be a marked temptation confronting the Aggies to forsake the game for a few extra hours at home. It is regretably true that because of the speed up program every hour of vacation time is precious but it must be decided whether it is more important to support the Aggie team or leave early for home. The following weekend in San Antonio there is another game which will further shrink vacation time but again it is asked if it is worthwhile to let the team down to spend that other day at home.

If the Aggies are going to continue to call themselves the Twelfth Man they will have to be on hand for every game that is within travelling radius of College Station. Such game as that in Oklahoma and the one in Miami will have a very light attendance. That leaves only nine games at which the Twelfth Man can function in force. Is the corps going to let the team down or will it be standing there in the stands throughout the game?

Those students at A. & M. who think of themselves as Aggies will be at both games. There is very little excuse for absence. The week between semesters will separate the Aggies from the students at A. & M.

When the Yanks March In . . .

According to speculation Americans will be celebrating victory over Germany in the very near if not immediate future. Cities and organizations all over the nation are now laying plans for the celebration of V Day. Various educational institutions have announced holidays for that day. It must be that the directors of these institutions have realized that regardless of whether the holiday is official or not that the students will take the day off for the celebration.

As yet no plans have been announced for a celebration at A. & M., the greatest of all military colleges. If the Aggies of the present are in any way similar to those of the past there will be a wholesale movement away from classes whether authorized or not. If not controlled in some way a celebration of V Day is likely to get out of hand and could very likely cause unwarranted property damage.

Plans should be made and authorized for an official observance of victory over the European enemies. Perhaps a corps parade led by the band would be a fitting opener. It would not be necessary for a formal review or even a dress parade but what would be more fitting than a parade around the campus and then some sort of official ceremony.

A. & M. cannot afford to neglect the opportunity that will be offered to pay her respects to those Aggie dead who died fighting across the Atlantic. Proper activities will not be possible if the corps is asked to make classes on that day. Students and administration should get together and work out the plan for V Day.

SOMETHING TO READ

By T. F. Mayo

The very best American authority on Chinese affairs, Owen Lattimore, has now published an excellent little book, *The Making of Modern China*, which tells us exactly what we want to know about the history and present problems of China. It is so clear, entertaining, and short that anybody can read it easily in two evenings. It is so sensible and fair that nobody can read it without becoming more intelligent about a nation whose problems concern the whole world, especially us Americans.

Mr. Lattimore explains the recurrent "decay" of the great Chinese dynasties in this logical and commonsense manner: The survival of a Chinese regime depended upon its ability to collect, in taxes, a substantial part of the peasants' surplus product, which was also being sought by the landlords in the form of rents. But the government had to find its officials in the landlord class, for only their sons had enough wealth and leisure to enable them to pass the terrific civil service examinations. So the government was stopped by the very class who were competing it for the peasants' surplus product. Hence, under any given regime, the government officials were gradually influenced or corrupted by their own landlord class to allow more and more wealth to be deflected from taxes into rents. Thus the government became poorer and less able to protect the peasants from the rent-grabbing landlords. Finally the whole regime broke down in a welter of peasant revolts against intolerable squeezing. A "strong man" exploited these revolts to set up a new regime, and the whole cycle began all over again.

(Query! Any parallel in recent American history?)

The last third of this brief history is devoted entirely to the present problems of China. Mr. Lattimore is quite definite on one point: If China survives this war at all, the era of Western imperialism in Asia is over: "No longer will the destinies of Asia be dictated by imperial powers. Nor, on the other hand, is an Asiatic counter-imperialism to be expected. Japan tried that and failed. The truth is that we no longer live in a world of 'the European question,' 'the Balkan question,' 'the Russian question,' 'the Near Eastern question,' 'the Indian question,' 'the Far Eastern question.' That era is over. Henceforth we will live in a world where there are only local aspects of the world question. Whether we make a success of that new world will depend on the interaction of two things: the success or failure that each nation makes of its own affairs, and the success or failure of all nations in dealing with each other as neighbors in a world order."

—Attend San Antonio Aggie Dance—

Grayson A. & M. Club Meets Wednesday

A reorganization of the Grayson County A. and M. Club will be held Wednesday night in Room 257, Bizzell Hall. All Aggies from Grayson County are urged to be present. Plans for activities between semesters will be discussed.

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

NEARLY EVERY organization now has a sign hanging on the dormitories keeping up the BEAT BRYAN FIELD spirit. It looks good ole army but how about some signs for the Texas Tech game? The week before the Tech game the corps will be gone and because of that it wouldn't be out of order to begin putting up some banners about the Tech Red Raiders.

And you Aggies from San Antonio won't go wrong if you get a few signs put up in the Alamo City to the effect that the Aggies are going to beat the Red Raiders. This could be done during the week between semesters.

Shortly before the restriction was placed upon football banners competition was keen for the best banner. A prize was offered each week to the company having the best sign. Such a competition judged upon basis of originality, cleverness, and general appearance would be a stimulation.

Gridiron Grind

SATURDAY was a good day for the football team. The intramural track meet drew a large crowd and most of them stayed for the intrasquad game between the A. B. and C teams.

It looked good to see so many out for football practice but the Corps still isn't behind that team as they should be. Where is that old fire that used to course through the veins of an Aggie? Is this school dead? Does the Twelfth Man function only on game days? The grid squad practices every day if it expects to spark that Aggie team to victory this fall. Yell practices aren't all that is needed. Active, positive support of the team is what is called for.

Blonde or Brunette

Some gentlemen prefer blondes and some prefer brunettes. Some prefer girls.

What are the relative merits of blondes or brunettes? Redheads can't be considered because they are too much in the minority. Sorry Red. How blonde does a girl have to be before she is a blonde? After considerable research

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a background for his present position as editor of the Longhorn. He was a distinguished student last semester and at present is president of the Ft. Worth Club.

Of the many traditions instilled into Smith during his stay here, he says a long, lean, well tapered instrument, usually made of Pine or Cedar has made the greatest impression on him thus far. He also regards Taps, blown after Aggie football games—in which the Maroon and White comes out on the short end of the score, as a stirring ritual never to be forgotten. Marc was referring to in particular the '42 Aggie-T. u. game

Backwash is still unable to decide which makes the best date. Backwash prefers the brunette type of beauty but always seems to end and begin with blondes.

Quoted Kissables

"The kiss you take is better than you give"—Shakespeare.

I couldn't stand it, sir, at all, But up and kissed her on the spot! I know—boo-hoo—I ought to not, But somehow, from her looks—boo-hoo—

I thought she kind o' wished me to! —Palmer.

An old spanish proverb says that "a kiss without a mustache is like an egg without salt." Heine cynically says, "Oh what lies there are in kisses!" Montague impatiently exclaims, "In short, my dear, kiss me and be quiet." Swift asks, "Lord! I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing." Is he kidding?

Astounding and astonishing

The world of the future will be entirely a woman's world. What a statement. Yet some enterprising young woman has gone on record with just such a proclamation. She went on to say that in the future men would be kept around the house for practically nothing but ornamental purposes. Kinda reversing things.

Time doesn't wait

SUDDENLY there are only two weeks of school left and what is worse only one more weekend before the end of this semester. Making a bad situation worse, there will likely be a considerably lot of studying to be done next weekend. What are these girls in the big four, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth and Austin to do that weekend?

Time is so short that an Aggie won't have time to take a long date over the weekend. The guys will have to be content with a short one in Bryan. Bryan prompts an observation. Are Tessies modeled after the Bryan 400 or is the Bryan gal-group patterned after the ladies (?) from TSCW? The least that can be said is that the lassies from Bryan have a big advantage when they go to TSCW. They are wise to the ways of the sweetheart school before their freshman year.

when the Aggies lost a heart-breaker to the Lonhorns.

In his spare time, Marc collects stamps, a practice he has maintained for several years. As to athletics, a good game of tennis or a dip in the Aggie pool is his answer to a first rate mode of recreation. An Agriculture Economics major, Marc plans to graduate in January of '46. Upon receipt of his sheepskin he plans to enter law school.

Time may be money, but we've never seen our clock grinding out any cold cash.

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