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## Earnest Appreciation and Consideration . . .

Today, and for many days to come, servicemen will be returning to the United States and home after many long weeks and months of overseas duty. Some come back in large transports, while others, too impatient to endure the slow voyage by sea, fly home in giant fortresses, gaining the quickest passage home. On their journey homeward, they think, in deep silence. Yes, they think a great deal, not caring to talk or divulge their thoughts to anyone. Their minds are filled with last impressions and pictures of home, their loved ones and friends. The faces of their dear ones pass by in front of them as they meditate and dream of home. Home, only a four letter word among the thousands to be found in the dictionaries; but to the returning servicemen, it has a million dollar sound and it's the only word they know. Home, with its own quaint little oddities, and simple design. Only a mass of wood and nails, but to the returning serviceman every splinter of wood in that home is sacred to him, something for which he spent countless days and nights in cold, chilly foxholes. Something for which he offered his life time and again in battle; the supreme sacrifice.

He remembers these times for a brief moment but then quickly changes his thoughts again to home, and those who are waiting for him. Is home still the same? Have any new buildings been built? Does Tony still have his ice cream parlor at the end of the block? I wonder if they still have the open-air band concerts every Thursday night in the park. I sure hope they're still playing football games every Friday night at the high school stadium. I won't mind much if all the fellows I graduated with from high school are gone. I'd sure like to see and talk to everyone of them, but I know they can't be there. I just want to see once again the places which gave me one of the happiest and fullest child-hoods a boy could hope for. The old swimming hole, the fields where I used to hunt, and the old vacant lot where our neighborhood had its big football game every Saturday. Just let me be by myself that I may view these holy places once again in silence. These are only a few of the thoughts racing through the mind of the war veteran as he speeds homeward, —oblivious of the world about him. He doesn't look forward to a fast, exciting life when he gets home. He just wants to "stay around the house awhile" and listen to the radio and just sleep and take it easy.

Does the returning servicemen want sympathy and pity? Many returning veterans are bitter and take hostile attitudes toward civilians, scorning them for their happy-go-lucky routine of life. They have just returned from distant battlefields where the ultimate was expected of a man at every moment to a life with people who do not know and understand what a booming or a strafing or an artillery barrage can mean. Some may call it pity and sympathy which the veteran desires but isn't there a more rightful term for it—just earnest appreciation and consideration. Earnest appreciation and consideration for men, some who are coming back to a land they haven't seen for two years with only one arm or one eye, or with artificial legs providing their only mobile means. Some who still retain memories of faithful buddies being blown to bits by land mines or shot in the back by a hidden sniper.

Some will offer temporary condolence to the maimed servicemen, but years later, when fleeting expressions of sympathy have long past, that shirt sleeve or pant leg will still be hollow. These men don't ask for pity or sympathy. They will be competing with college graduates and men whose minds have not been scarred by the memories of dead comrades and nights of hell and torture on the battlefronts. But they ask no favors. They were men enough to take all that the horrors of war could offer without losing their determination or initiative; will a missing arm or leg stop these kind of men? They don't ask that they be treated with particular fineness and care. They ask only that they receive rights and privileges accorded any citizen of this free country; the rights and privileges which we never stop, and give any deep thought to; the rights and privileges for which they offered their lives in battle time and again. Men do not ask for consideration and appreciation for services rendered but an act of gratitude or an earnest thought of appreciation is never to be forgotten and it is sometimes the helping hand which instills in a man the self-confidence needed to lift him over the barriers which may have previously barred his path to happiness and success.

On the A. & M. campus today are men who have seen and experienced the ravages of war in the fullest sense. They are adjusting themselves once more to the life of a college student; once again enjoying regulated hours of sleep, study, and relaxation. Gone are the many tiresome, sleepless nights spent in the open, facing death in its every form. Yes, at the age of 19, 20, and 21, they are war veterans. They have done their part in this war and they are now working to lift themselves over any barriers which might confront them on their road to a successful, happy, and normal life. It has always been the unwritten law at Aggieland that members of the Corps show due consideration and appreciation for fellow Aggies. An earnest act or display of consideration and appreciation is never to be forgotten and its value is priceless. The war veterans on this campus are Aggies in the truest sense.

## Texas Game to Be Restored by Lay

A graduate of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, Daniel W. Lay, will administer the second largest appropriation in the United States under the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid to Game Restoration Act during the present year. Under this act, Texas has been given \$41,692.55, an allotment exceeded by only one other State in the Union namely, Michigan, with a \$47,000.00 allotment. The allotments are made in

accordance with the size of each State and the number of hunting licenses sold in the State.

The work in Texas has been devoted mainly to the restoration of bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, wild turkeys, antelope, and white-tailed deer. Some attention has also been given to various fur animals, including the beaver, raccoon, and muskrat.

Lay, now Director of Restoration, Texas Game Fish and Oyster Commission, graduated from the Agricultural and Mechanical College in the Department of Poultry Husbandry in the year 1936. Graduate work in the Department of

# BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis  
Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence.— Webster.

## No Meatballs ????

The following poem was brought to the Batt Office by a certain individual who requested that his name not be mentioned. All he had to do with this masterpiece was write it.

Little Napoleon of Co. C  
If ever you see in Co. C  
A fat little man named Tony,  
If he's short and plump, and really quite dumb,  
That is our hunk of baloney.

If his red hair glows like mad in the dark,  
And he yells like some mad Turk,  
If he's just plain silly and sings hillbilly  
That is our little fat jerk.

If his nose is red, the color of his hair,  
And when he talks he needs a filter.  
If his voice cracks, and that's no joke,  
Then we jump and say "Hiel Hitler"

But you must believe the general he says,  
Little Napoleon is really quite big.  
If he sounds awful tough and thinks he's quite rough,  
That's our overstuffed pig.  
If I tell you the rest about this lad  
T'would be sort of overdonea,  
But before I go, I want you all to know,  
Our General, TONY BARCELONA.

## Big Week-end

Old Canis really got an eye-ful this week-end, had most of the women down and he was scared to do much bird-dogging. The dance Friday night was a big success, but the Aggie defeat took some of the life out of the Corps Ball the following night. However there are two more big week-ends coming up and gay times are ahead. . . . Just to make sure nothing will go wrong in these next two games, yours truly has figured out a plan to make the Aggies sure winners. Just let Slim Inzer pick the opponents to win and the Aggies can't lose. He hasn't guessed one game right all season.

## :: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

Nine billion dollars or more will be the annual interest charge on the United States public debt at the conclusion of the war if the interest rate does not go up AND if the debt itself does not exceed present estimates. This interest charge alone will be more than the entire yearly cost of the United States government before the Roosevelt era. Another interesting bit of information is that two and a half years of war have cost the United States about three times as much as the British have paid for five years of all out war. Why?

The blame for Pearl Harbor has at last been fixed by the official naval investigating board, but the report has not been made public for the navy department says it is highly secret. The only possible damage present publication could do would be to ruin certain reputations in Washington political circles. Charges are being openly made that if the report were made public it would ruin any chance of the present administration being re-elected. If this is not true the administration

could easily refute the charge by publishing the full facts as to the political, military, and naval background of the Pearl Harbor disaster. The American public is entitled to know the facts in order that they may vote with full understanding.

Carol, former King of Roumania, has been living in Mexico for the past three years, and is now on his way to Brazil (his lady friend still with him). It is rumored that Brazil is intended to be only a stop on his way back home where he hopes to once again supplant his son on the throne. Carol's party took with them forty trucks, sixty-seven suitcases, two automobiles, six dogs, and two golden crowns studded with diamonds and emeralds. He seems to have brought plenty of money with him when he was kicked out this last time.

There seems to be a shortage of Democrats in Colorado. A Republican lady was hired for four weeks to operate the telephone switchboard at the state Democratic headquarters. The job was then filled by a deserving Democrat.

The office of Surplus War Property has released one million two hundred thousand capspudors for use by civilians as stewpots. The office girls in the War Department must not be chewing tobacco, or are they using the floor?

Burleigh B. Gardner, and Mary R. Gardner.  
The Menace of the Herd, by F. S. Campbell.  
American Constitutional Development, by Carl Brent Swisher.  
What Marx really Meant, by G. D. H. Cole.  
The Small Community; foundation of democratic life, by Arthur E. Morgan.  
Mexico Reborn, by Verna Carleton Millan.  
Escape to Life, by Erika and Klaus Mann.  
History of the N. Y. Fire Department, by Lowell M. Limpus.  
The Time for Decision, by Sumner Welles.  
Shake Hands with the Dragon, by Carl Glick.  
The Age of Reform, 1815-1870, by E. L. Woodward.  
Memoirs of the Crusades, by Vilhardouin and De Joinville.  
The Universities of Europe in the Middle Ages, by the late Hastings Rashdall; a new edition in three volumes edited by F. M. Powicke and A. B. Emden: Volumes I and III.  
The Russian Enigma; an interpretation by William Henry Chamberlain.  
England, 1870-1914, by R. C. K. Ensor.  
Stars and Sand, edited by Joseph L. Baron.

— BEAT N. T. A. C. —  
Forest Service representatives are urging the "home folk" to keep the forest green for our homecoming heroes. It is pointed out that the returning Service man will want to forget destruction and devastation. He will expect to find the forest lands undamaged by fire.

— BEAT N. T. A. C. —  
DO YOUR PART—BUY BONDS

**LOUPOT'S**  
A Little Place . . .  
— — — A Big Saving!

# OPEN FORUM

Editor's note—The Open Forum is open to anyone who wishes to contribute. All letters will be published on either side of any subject provided these letters are not libelous. It is not the policy of the Battalion to suppress any opinion and it is the belief of the Battalion that every one has a right to express that belief.

Ole Army:  
The pot has boiled over once more and conditions seem to be returning to those of two semesters ago when the corps was forced to arise in defense of their rights. Army, we do not wish to rebel again but we must preserve the few rights we have.

We have organizations, of course, and we are certainly grateful for that gesture. However, what do we have in them? The cadet officers have no authority except the title of their office. They are supposedly placed in the dorms to supervise the discipline of the freshman; but as soon as one looks cross-eyed at a fish, he is slapped before the D. C. An example of this is presented this week.

We do not want anything new for the corps, but just a restoration of the confidence in the cadet system and officers. Why do we have to feel like gold fish in a bowl just because we have the responsibility of living with the freshmen? Most of us are sacrificing time and grade points in an effort to keep A. & M. like the Aggie-exes wish it to be kept until they return. We are more than glad to make this small sacrifice as our part in keeping this institution as great as it has been in the past, but that is beside the point.

Instead of getting true cooperation from the authorities of the college the cadet officers realize their positions in being kept under constant surveillance and under the constant threat of being kicked out of college. If we could only have a true confidence established between the college and the students, we might feel free to carry on in this school to a higher standard of education in the future than we have ever had before.

A. J. Longley, Jr., '47  
Warren Brown, '47  
Lloyd D. Thornton, '47  
Anthony H. Flores, '47  
Thos. B. Roxburgh, '47  
Ernest Slaughter, '47  
Ernest A. Baetz, Jr., '47  
Howard Selby, '47  
James B. Striplin, '47  
Richard Hembree, '47  
Bob Seyle, '47  
C. N. Banker, '47

— BEAT N. T. A. C. —  
HELP BRING VICTORY . . . . .  
BUY WAR BONDS

— BEAT N. T. A. C. —

## Russian Autojector Pictures to Be Shown A.V.M.A. Students

Pictures will be shown Wednesday night at 7:30 of the Russian's new machine that brings dead dogs back to life. The animals are first given an anesthetic and when asleep the blood is drawn from the veins. The animal's heart stops beating and respiration ceases. After 10 or 15 minutes the blood is pumped back into the dead animal and the dog is restored to life. This feat is achieved by means of a machine called an autojector. The autojector re-establishes the circulation of the blood until the heart and lungs are revived and resume their normal functions.

These experiments were performed at the U. S. S. R. Institute of Experimental Physiology and Therapy at Voronezh, Russia. Not only have the experiments been successful in a number of cases but a normal living offspring has been raised by two of the dogs that were at one time dead.

Moving pictures were taken of several of the experiments and these pictures will be shown this Wednesday night at the Veterinary Hospital for the benefit of the members of the Junior Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association and for the benefit of their friends and other interested persons.

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**FOR VICTORY**  
BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

# The Lowdown On Campus Distractions

By Dick Osterholm

Entertainment billing at the Campus this week includes a pretty assortment of pictures. Pleading Tuesday and Wednesday is "Road To Morocco," with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Dorothy Lamour. That top comedy team of this amazing trio struts out again in a fine comedy of laughs and beautiful girls. The story takes us to the land of harems and Arabs, where Lamour plays the part of a beautiful princess. Badly in need of ready cash, Crosby auctions Hope as a slave, who meets the princess this way. Romance, laughs and crooning by Crosby fill the plot. Hope loses his head over the princess, and we nearly mean this literally.

The Lowdown: It's an old picture, but worth seeing. You will like it, if you like solid comedy, because Hope and Crosby are a good comedy team. By all means, try and see this one.

Showing Thursday and Friday, is a show that all men will enjoy. "Pin Up Girl," starring Betty Grable, John Harney, and a grand supporting cast. This is a 20th Century Fox musical hit. Beautifully done in technicolor, and filled with new song hits, and a practical plot, this picture will give you the entertainment you need to take your mind off anything. If you like Grable, and who doesn't, then see her, because the picture is definitely filmed for Grable.

The Lowdown: This show has everything the entertainment bill commands. Girls, music, laughs, and acting. It's one of Grable's latest hits, and she hits hard. Take my advice and don't miss this show.

Playing at the Palace in Bryan is the hit, "The Adventures of Mark Twain," with Frederick March and Alexis Smith. The life of Samuel Clemens could never have been more vividly portrayed than it is here. It's full of the light and heavy dramatic acting which go to make a picture a dramatic hit. It rates as one of the best movies of the year.

The Lowdown: Don't miss this picture. It's playing till Wednesday.

Starting Wednesday and playing through Saturday is the comedy hit of the Andy Hardy series, "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble," with the Hardy family, Bonita Granville, and two new stars, the Wilde Twins. This is the usual Hardy picture, only Andy's trouble this time is limited to the fairer sex. It has the usual punch along the familiar Rooney line, but the punch comes when you see the Wilde Twins. Brother, this is strictly blondes on the loose. Hardy gets tied up with too many girls but manages to get out as he always does.

The Lowdown: A good picture even if it has nearly the same plot as all the preceding Hardy pictures. You'll wish you were Andy when you see the girls in this picture. See this one and wish.

Playing for the last time today at Guion, is "Coney Island," starring Betty Grable and George Montgomery. This is a technicolor musical that you ought to see.

Starting Wednesday and playing

FRIDAY and SATURDAY Double Feature

"STAGE DOOR" — with —  
Ginger Rogers  
Katherine Hepburn  
Adolphe Menjou  
Ann Miller  
— and —

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY  
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— with —  
Dotty Lamour  
Bing Crosby  
Bob Hope  
— also —  
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