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## Dean Kyle . . . A Great Aggie

Dean E. J. Kyle's resignation as Dean of the School of Agriculture leaves a vacancy in the administrative departments of Texas A. & M. which will be hard to fill; but his resignation also means that students at A. & M. will have lost the best friend they have ever had on the faculty.

Dean Kyle has spent more than 42 years devoting his entire energies to Texas A. & M., its student body, to the people of Texas and to the agricultural interests of the entire western hemisphere. Although his work in agriculture and its related sciences will be longer remembered than the beloved Dean himself, the hundreds of students that he has helped remember Dean Kyle for his friendliness and interest in the Aggies as a whole and the individual Aggie. Dean Kyle was more of a father to lonely Aggies than any other member of the faculty. Any problem no matter how large or trivial received the Dean's instant attention.

National recognition has been given Dean Kyle in hundreds of ways and by leading authorities all over the world. An Editorial in the Country Gentleman said, "While most of our agricultural colleges have been losing students, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College has been gaining. There is a reason—a good reason. Texas Agricultural College has recognized the fact that farming is no longer merely growing things, that knowledge to produce is no longer enough. The economical financing and successful marketing of farm products are now equally important. There is something else in this new Texas idea—a clear-cut recognition of the mutuality of interests between small-town business men and the farmers."

This is an outstanding tribute to Dean Kyle for it was under his direction and leadership that A. & M. made this recognized development.

History will have a prominent place reserved for E. J. Kyle but there will be a warmer place reserved for him in the hearts and thoughts of the thousands who have known and learned from the great educator and thinker.

Even though one of the greatest of the great, Kyle never lost the human touch that endeared him to the Aggies. Never has A. & M. had a more ardent football supporter. Last Tuesday night at the bonfire before the Texas university game old Dean Kyle climbed up on the yell leader stands, pulled off his raincoat and hat and in the rain talked to the corps with sincerity and fire in his voice. He stood there and shouted with clinched fist, "Beat the hell oughta Texas."

Good-bye Dean. We hate to see you leave but we know that you deserve a few years of leisure after almost a half century of life devoted to others. Visit us often Dean. You are forever welcome at A. & M.

## Buy War Bonds . . . Three Reasons Why

Very few days remain to put the sixth war loan drive over the top. Patriotic citizens all over the country are reaching deep into their pockets and taking large slices of their pay checks to buy bonds and stamps for the boys over there.

On the A. & M. campus and in the A. & M. student body there is a movement to buy bonds and stamps in the Colleges at War Program. This was started during the early part of November and as yet there has been no report as to whether or not the goal of \$1,000 was reached for November. If and when 90% of the Cadet Corps buys 10¢ in stamps each month A. & M. will be privileged to fly the College at War Flag.

Many things have been said about the advantages and patriotic appeal of buying bonds and it is unnecessary to repeat them. Everyone remembers that bonds pay a relatively high rate of interest and are the safest investment in the world. Every bond bought means another bullet or a warm shirt or other things needed by those boys giving man's dearest possession for those at home. Even if there were no return on the money lent to the government all patriotic minded citizens would willingly give their money to help keep this country free and fight its battles.

No one is fooled any longer as to the real reason for buying war bonds. Although the money collected is useful in financing the war there is an even more important reason. The war bond money is such a small amount and the war costs so much that it is of small use in paying the cost of war materials and lend-lease.

The real pertinent reason behind the government plea to buy war bonds and stamps is that they can and must be used as a hedge against inflation. They will cushion the effect and help prevent a post war boom in two ways. First, they curb inflation now because every ten cents placed in war stamps or bonds drains that much buying power from the market. Already there is a greater demand for goods than civilian production can possibly satisfy for many months and perhaps years to come. By placing their surplus funds in war bonds and other savings the demand for goods is lessened and provides a partial check to the spiral of inflation.

After the war is over and conversion from war industry to peace time production is under way there will result unemployment, the extent of which cannot be accurately estimated. When this displacement occurs and until all war workers are rehabilitated there will be many people without sources of income and these people will be forced to rely on their savings. War bonds will be maturing about that time and here again is a cushion against any depression that might follow the war.

Frequently workers and other patriotic citizens buy bonds but cash them in at the earliest possible time. Little do they realize that by burning the backlog which is easily accumulated during periods of prosperity they are destroying their protection against post war unemployment.

There is still another reason why students and other young persons should buy bonds and stamps. Perhaps it is the most important reason of all. By buying regularly a habit of saving will be instilled which will be of unestimable importance during later life. It matters not how much is saved. The habit is the important thing. Now is the time to start. Not tomorrow but today.

What reasons can be offered in rebuttal? None. It may take a little self-sacrifice. It may require some self-denial.

# BACKWASH

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

Back from nearly a week of weekend are nearly 2,000 weak and weary Aggies. All started out in Austin. Some stayed but more went to the outlying spokes of the big wheel. Experiences were so prolific it would take three bottles of ink to write them all down.

## Chimes for Aggies

Last Tuesday night two Aggies started for Austin with the avowed purpose of playing the Aggie War Hymn on the chimes in the Texas university tower. Shortly after one o'clock the notes of the War Hymn infuriated to Teasippers all over their campus.

It seems that these lads had succeeded in talking a T. U. boy into mounting the steps or elevator and playing for them. He was a bit reluctant at first but soon agreed that it was a swell idea.

## Of Loving Cups, etc.

To the fraternity which brings the most orange crates to the bonfire we will give this most beautiful and imposing cup. So ran the inducement for the inhabitants of the "Forty Acres" to gather wood for their bonfire and "pep rally."

Naturally the best wood gatherers got the cup. It wasn't exactly presented but the boys who gather the timber for bonfires and such have the cup safely tucked away. Maybe it would make a good contribution to the scrap drive.

## Secret Passion

There must be fifth columnist working through the musty wood of the land of tea and crumpets. Over there they have the most beautiful fountain in front of every thing. And on this fountain or on the junior columns in front of it were painted 6 little letters.

Texas u. has six letters in it but they are always orange. What other word has six letters and frequently appears in maroon?

## Could Be Typical?

It could be but it isn't typical. Most blank story of the trip to Austin is that of the senior who found himself lucky enough to have a ride to the Capitol city in the turtle back of a car. Now the day was cold and the turtle back even colder. What was more natural than to build a fire or a reasonable substitute with something not so likely to burn the car.

The upshot is that one Aggie didn't know when he arrived in Austin nor did he know when Thanksgiving arrived. But he was there in the parade. Yep, this senior went right down the street. Such stamina.

## Thanks to Somebody

Thanks from all the Aggies to someone who was responsible for

## :: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

The C.I.O., in its convention, has voted unanimously that the work of its Political Action Committee (which it calls non-partisan) be continued during the coming four years. In spite of its official non-partisan attitude the convention has none but New Dealers on its program, among them Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry A. Wallace and Harold Ickes, the latter exhorting the C. I. O. that it continue the fight against everyone who opposes the New Deal political and economic philosophy.

A full hour program of the March of Time, covering Texas, Brazil, Canada, and Portugal, will be sponsored by the Department of History for its classes about the twelfth of the month.

Upton Close will no longer be the commentator for the Sheaffer Pen Company on its Sunday afternoon program over N.B.C. He has been stepping on the toes of the communists by pointing out that Russia will not permit pictures or news of the American way of life to be circulated in Russia, but that we allow free circulation of communist propaganda for the overthrow of our form of government.

Tokyo is now being bombed regularly by B-29 bombers from the Saipan base. This means that the big bombers have to make a three thousand mile trip all because Russia will not grant bases for an attack on Japan. All classes of four motored bombers could be bombing the Japanese homeland completely around the clock if we had bases in Russia. The Russians can no longer even claim that the German menace prevents their going to war with Japan. Every day of delay in obtaining Russian bases means hundreds and possibly thousands of American lives lost unnecessarily.

Col. Elliot Roosevelt, son of the president, married his third wife the other day. She was a minor Hollywood actress.

Fires drive away the game. A person who thinks won't burn the woods.

We need fire protection to build up the carrying capacity of the fall and winter range.

But each of these is good for a person. Character is strengthened by each. Why not buy war bonds and stamps? Do not delay. Go out today and buy a share in the future. It is a great and happy future. Why miss out on it?

## Former Aggie, Holder Of D.F.C., Air Medal Promoted To 1st Lt.

Second Lieutenant Francis E. Boyd, son of John A. Boyd, Mertz, Texas, was recently promoted to first lieutenant at Carlsbad (New Mexico) Army Air Field, according to an announcement by Colonel Milton M. Murphy, commanding officer.

Lt. Boyd has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three clusters for his achievements as a combat bombardier in the European Theater of Operations. He is now instructing future bombardiers at CAAF, the site of the largest bombardier school in the world.

Lt. Boyd is a former student of Texas A. & M. College, College Station, Texas. He is married to the former Oleta Inez Martin of Mertz.

## Former Student Here At Bombardier School

Pvt. Henry G. Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Butler, 1110 Marshall, Houston, Texas, is now stationed at Carlsbad (N.M.) Army Air Field, the world's largest bombardier school, where he is gaining valuable experience as an on-the-line trainee.

Qualified for flight training in the Army Air Forces, he is now awaiting his appointment to aviation cadet status. With several hundred other on-the-line trainees, he is learning the mechanical side of flying in preparation for the vigorous cadet course.

Half of each day is taken up with formal schooling in aviation mechanics, radio code, war information discussions, and in pulling pre-flight inspections on heavy bombers brought back from combat for this purpose. The remainder of the day is spent in actual maintenance work, helping to keep AT-11's in top shape to fly simulated combat bombing missions.

He is a former student of Texas A. & M. College, College Station, Texas.

## Jasper County Farmer Gives Cork Oaks Show

W. E. Horn, Jasper County farmer, is in the initial stage of a demonstration in growing cork oaks. Last winter he planted acorns of the variety grown in Spain where cork growing is an old established industry. He now has 150 healthy seedlings which County Agricultural Agent S. W. Monroe says resemble some native Texas oaks.

The cork is derived from the bark. Maturity of the trees in Texas still is an unknown quantity. Monroe says that Mr. Horn's variety is in step with 20 years' experience in forestry conservation. In the two decades he has sold \$1,900 worth of timber from a 14-acre plot on his farm about two miles west of Jasper. The sales were made at intervals of four years, the last made recently brought \$500. This was more than the total of the first sale.

Mr. Horn told Monroe that the secret of his success was selective cutting. By following this practice a stand of growing timber always was left for future harvesting. By his adhering to this method, the timber has become a farm crop along with row crops, corn and cotton. Between cuttings the farm timber plot is used for grazing three or more animal units.

The county agricultural agent says that Mr. Horn is interested in other phases of timber growing. He believes that Jasper County farmers have an excellent opportunity to grow their fence posts at home. Substantiating his belief that the county is adapted to growing durable wood for such use, he exhibits two catalpa posts which have been in constant use on his place for 35 years. Monroe says that the posts are well preserved and capable of many more years of service.

## Influenza Cause Of Widespread Sickness

Reports from widely separated parts of Texas to the Texas State Department of Health show that influenza is widespread throughout the State. During the past month over 3170 cases have been reported.

Colds, grippe, and influenza are spread from person to person through discharges from the nose and throat. Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, says that in order to protect yourself and others from such diseases here are some things to be remembered and some precautions to be observed.

Influenza is highly infectious. Practically everybody is susceptible to it. No matter how many times you may have had the disease, you may contract it again. Therefore,

## The Lowdown On Campus Distractions

By Dick Osterholm

Showing in Bryan until Wednesday is the musical light drama of a soldier boy and his girl, two of them we mean. "The Very Thought of You" with Dennis Morgan, Eleanor Barker and Dane Clark. Here is the heart throbbing story of a soldier who meets the girl and they fall in love. Her family tries to interfere with her marriage but their attempts are foiled when the blessed event occurs. The husband comes back from overseas, wounded, and finds her waiting for him. Happy ending for all.

The Lowdown: A good picture. You'll like it because of the ending.

Starting Wednesday and showing through Saturday is the excellent drama, "The White Cliffs of Dover" with Irene Dunne, Alan Marshall, Roddy McDowell, and a fine supporting cast of others. Here is one of the best pictures of the year, a blue ribbon winner. It is the story of an American girl who marries an English nobleman prior to World War I and is left a widow with a small son. She is still in England at the death of her son in World War II. Fine acting all the way through with an excellent plot.

The Lowdown: One of the best pictures to come here in a long time. Suitable for both young and old and an enjoyable show.

On the billing at the Guion Hall

keep away from people who are sneezing, coughing, or sniffing, or who are actively ill with colds, influenza, or pneumonia. Keep away from crowded places. Have your own towel and drinking cup and always wash your hands before eating.

Keep yourself fit as possible by drinking plenty of water, by eating simple, nourishing food, by some exercise out of doors every day, by dressing according to the weather, by having plenty of sleep in a well-ventilated room, and by keeping the bowels regulated.

If you feel an attack of grippe or influenza—or even of what you may think an ordinary cold—coming on, go to bed, consult your physician, and follow his directions implicitly.

## —AGGIES—

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folks in their families. The Bryan ticket sale committee is composed of John Lawrence, W. J. Couter, Ivan Langford, Sankey Park, Horace Dansby; and the College Station ticket sellers are C. H. McDowell, J. D. Prewit, P. C. Colgin, J. S. Mogford, C. W. Crawford, George McCullough, S. A. Lipscomb, J. E. Loupot, Dr. R. D. Turk, with P. L. Downs chairman of the ticket committee.

Mr. Downs also announced Monday that the 15 lounging robes had arrived and the Mothers Club members are sewing the Aggie shields on the lapels of the beautiful warm robes which will be presented for Christmas to wounded Aggies in McCloskey hospital.

Since the original order four more Aggies have arrived at the hospital, and more funds are needed in order to insure that no Aggie is overlooked, Mr. Downs said. The robes for the new arrivals have been ordered, and it is in order for donations to the fund to be mailed to Elmer Smith, Physics Department at the College. About \$40 is needed.

## Campus

Opens 1 P.M. — 4-1181

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

Victor McLaglin

— in —

"SOUTH OF PAGO PAGO"

Also Color Cartoon

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Gary Cooper

George Raft

— in —

"SOULS AT SEA"

Plus News - Merrie Melody

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— with —  
Van Johnson  
Jimmy Durante

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

MEET THE PEOPLE

Heaps of fun!  
Scores of songs!  
Lots of laughs!  
A scoreful of stars—and a heartful of romance!

starring  
LUCILLE BALL  
DICK POWELL

Also Bugs Bunny Cartoon

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Double Feature

Richard Tregaskis'

GUADALCANAL DIARY

Preston FOSTER - Lloyd NOLAN

William BENDIX - Richard CONTE

Anthony QUINN

Directed by LEWIS SEILER - Produced by BERTAN POT

American Pictures 1294 AGSTER

Shown May 24 under title - Adapted by Jerry Cady