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Maroon and White . . . Clear Through

"Stand united, that's the Aggie theme. We're the twelfth man on the team."

Last Saturday night several hundred Aggies and other spectators witnessed one of the most stout hearted, never say die fights of any Aggie team in a long time. A. & M. lost to a vastly superior basketball team from Rice Institute but the Aggies as Coach Manning Smith said, "Never did quit. They were fighting all the way, and had plenty of that hustle." That is the kind of team that A. & M. likes.

Although no one expected A. & M. to win neither did they expect to see an exhibition of courage and fair play equalling that of the Aggies. They may not win a basketball game this season but they will provide plenty of thrills.

The A. & M. student body has never been very enthusiastic about basketball and it's not the Battalion's place to boost one particular sport, but as long as A. & M. is scheduling basketball games the corps should support the team. Those boys playing basketball are wearing maroon and white uniforms and they are Aggies clear through. Every one of them. They want to know that the corps is for them and the only way that the corps can show that they are backing their basketball team is for them to attend the games.

DeWare Field House has plenty of seats for every Aggie at basketball games and until the student body manifests an interest in basketball the team cannot perform with the full confidence necessary to do their best.

A. & M. has never let a football team down. Is there any reason why A. & M. should let their basketball team play by themselves?

Not Since 1923 . . . A Championship

A. & M. is in somewhat the same situation as was Texas university a few years ago until they hired D. X. Bible to coach football except that A. & M. needs a basketball team.

In football, baseball, track, swimming, tennis, rifle teams, pistol teams, polo, and all other sports in which the Aggies participate they win their share of games and championships. Not since 1923 has A. & M. won a basketball championship and there are some Aggies on the campus that cannot remember when A. & M. won a conference basketball game.

When A. & M. has had some good basketball players other schools in the conference have had so many better players that A. & M.'s looked bad. What is the solution to the problem?

Basketball teams are made and built in the same way that football, baseball, or track teams are built. First requisite of a good basketball team is a coach that has the ability and the time to devote to the game. Men that devote their time to football largely do not have the pre-season time to round a basketball team into shape for strong competition. Neither should A. & M. depend upon football athletes for basketball material.

Some football players make good in the cage game but here again is the problem of time and practice. The only good source of basketball talent is the high schools of Texas. Every year Aggie exes persuade football talent to attend A. & M. with the result that the Aggies usually have a football team which wins its share of the games.

There is no effort being made to advocate that A. & M. hire basketball players because the student body feels that this would be a violation of Aggie tradition and the Aggie conception of collegiate competition.

Graduates and ex-students of A. & M. can do a great service for their school if they will report basketball talent as diligently as they do football talent. High school boys are usually uncertain as to what school they wish to attend and if exes and other persons interested in A. & M. would only point out A. & M.'s advantages to basketball talent, then A. & M. would have the material for a winning cage team.

Postwar is given as a time for many reforms and improvements. Postwar is also used as an excuse for putting off things that should be done now. Now is the time to start building the basketball teams of the future. Get A. & M. out of the loss column.

WHOOPIING COUGH IS ON INCREASE STATES HEALTH OFFICER

Inasmuch as the incidence of whooping cough in Texas has shown an increase during the past two months, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, released a statement urging that strenuous efforts be made to control the spread of this debilitating childhood disease.

"Whooping cough can only be contracted by direct exposure to the disease, and isolation of cases must be universally practiced if

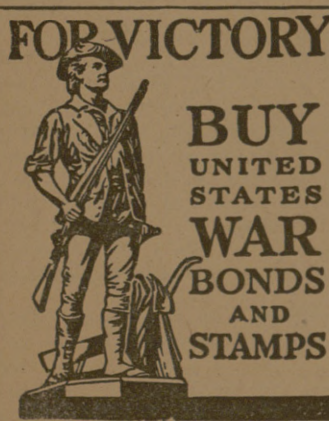
the incidence is to be controlled," Dr. Cox stated.

"The infectious agent or germ of whooping cough is transmitted by droplets expelled in coughing, sneezing, or speaking," Dr. Cox said. "The discharges from the nose and throat are dangerous to susceptible persons; the need for early recognition and careful isolation of whooping cough is obvious."

"Prevention and control of whooping cough, especially among infants and small children, may be accomplished through use of approved vaccine and convalescent serum," Dr. Cox asserted, "and it is important that such measures be taken to protect them. Neglecting to do so, and allowing the young child to suffer an attack of this illness, may seriously impair his future health."

To protect it from light, which caused it to fade while it hung on the wall of the old Patent Office in Washington, D. C., the Declaration of Independence is now covered by amber colored plates of glass.

HELP BRING VICTORY—BUY MORE WAR BONDS



BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

Why Do They?

SHAME ON YOU for plagiarism of a sort. Yes, little Skiff (T. C. U.'s student newspaper), shame on you for calling your student body the twelfth man. Only one school in the world has a Twelfth Man and you know without being told that it is A. & M.

A. & M. doesn't if you call your student body the twelfth man but for you own sake why not be a little more original.

A Skiff Quote

RESIDENTS OF Goode Hall at T. C. U. have compiled a list of Sweetest Words and Saddest Words. Their list:

- Sweetest Words—
1. Here's that buck I owe you.
 2. Go on back to bed—you have that 8 o'clock class tomorrow.
 3. Fill 'er up!
 4. I love you.
- Saddest words—
1. "From the president of the United States, greetings."
 2. "For external use only."
 3. "No cigarettes."
 4. "Insufficient funds."

Weekend Meanderings

FIRST WEEKEND after Christmas and nearly everyone leaves for the regular subsequent checkup on how things are with



Renyard

the one left behind only a short time ago. . . . Sailors wandering around the campus looking for a way to get to the highway at the east gate. . . . Darkness just before basketball games when players are being introduced makes an Aggie wish for a minute that A. & M. was a coed school. . . . No one at breakfast Sunday morning. . . . Aggies in cafes groping blindly for breakfast at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. . . . Lining up to get in to see a movie and then lining up again to get a sack of popcorn. . . . Community sings at movies that everyone is bored with because no one has courage enough to sing above a whisper. . . . Guys guying at guys dating the College or Bryan 400

over the weekend. . . . Weekend consists of movies, pool until bored, sleep until tired, then nothing except a belated, "Why didn't I study this afternoon." . . . Weekend wanderers back Sunday night to entertain the stay at homes with stories adventure, intrigue, romance, and waiting on lonely corners for rides that never came.

Explaining

One Aggie came back last weekend holding his hand over his head. Between his hand and head there was a knot on his head. He had an explanation. It was like this "I ask a girl down for the Senior Ring Dance but before she answered she asked what we did at ring dances. Well, I told her that there would be a banquet for the seniors and then a dance at which we would go through the traditional ring ceremony. Nothing would do but I explain the ceremony.

"Hon, it's like this, I says as I slip my arm around her shoulders. There's a blown up replica of the senior ring big enough for couples to stand in. We walk into the ring and then you take my ring off my finger and turn it around (Hey leggo my finger! You turn the ring around, not my finger) and then replace it on the same finger. If you haven't twisted it off. Then, ah yes I said as I sighed and looked up at the cobwebs on the ceiling, you have to kiss me."

"Do I have to kiss you," she said with a whisper barely making her voice husky. "Why yes, you are privileged to kiss me."

"That is where I made my mistake. She reached for a bottle, not that she isn't always reaching for a bottle so I wasn't worried, and smacked me one. Over the head I mean with the catsup bottle."

Aggie Sweetheart

SOME BASHFUL LAD in D Troop Cavalry reports that he goes with the lass that was queen of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. She is Miss Mary Rutte.

This young fellow is a sophomore and is either modest or bashful. If he had been at A. & M. as long as Canis he would be shouting from the tables in the mess hall that his girl was the Queen. In the broadcast at which Miss Rutte spoke she mentioned A. & M. and the Aggies. All the world loves an Aggie.

LONGHORN TESSIE

MARC SMITH, Delbert Runyon, and Longhorn Staff have just returned from a short trip to TSCW and a rendezvous with the staff ladies of the Daedalian. Why yes, and a good time was had by all.

:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

A New Year begins for AS THE WORLD TURNS with this issue and in this first column to be written in 1945 it might be well to review some of the accomplishments, or rather some of the news, of the past year. As is usual, some of the news of 1944 was very good, some was very bad, and much must be left to the future for decision as to its ultimate effect because of insufficient information for present evaluation.

The Year 1944 began with good reason for the American peoples to believe that the war in Europe might end with the waning year and as "D" day came and the night of the allied armies rolled across France, Belgium, and parts of Holland, military leaders and politicians seeking a continuation in office began to confidently assert that the end was near for Germany and her murderous leaders.

As Election time began to draw near officials in power made the people of the nation happy and confident by relaxation of the rationing restrictions, liberal grants of extra sugar stamps for "canning" purposes were made, factories were released from war contracts for the purpose of resuming production of civilian supplies, and even the Russians were persuaded by some magical means to enter into the happy pre-election spirit and grant air bases for shuttle-

bombing of German factories and troops.

The Honeymoon was soon over. Hardly had the reverberations and recriminations of the election died down before a changed spirit began to be evident. The Germans began to show remarkable signs of life for a supposedly defeated and dying nation. The return of industry to civilian production was halted, rationing restrictions returned with full force and those who had cooperated by not cashing in their sugar stamps until actually needed found the stamps cancelled and valueless. The Russians once more entered into the spirit and promptly cancelled their permission for our planes to land at Russian bases and shuttle-bombing became a thing of the past. To what extent this cancellation was responsible for German ability to move in supplies for their great offensive movement it is impossible to guess at present but without much doubt it was a contributory factor.

The Atlantic Charter, which had been hailed by our government as well as all the other allies as a guarantee of justice and a charter of liberties for all nations, large and small, was revealed by the President to be nothing more than a few scraps of paper on which some abstract principles, with no binding force, had been scribbled at odd moments. The revelation was a sad disillusionment for those who looked forward to something more than the cynical reign of brute force in the future.

The opening days of 1945 have shown unmistakably that the free voters of the United States have

Books Received By College Library

General Reading:

- Finger Printing, by Charles Edward Chapel
- Howards End, by E. M. Forster
- The Longest Journey, by E. M. Forster
- A Room with a View, by E. M. Forster
- Where Angels Fear to Tread, by E. M. Forster
- Bicycling as a Hobby, by Roland C. Geist
- The Army Life, by Private E. J. Kahn, Jr.
- A Compend of Luther's Theology, edited by Hugh Thomson Kerr, Jr.
- Manners for Moderns, by Marjorie Ellis McCrady and Blanche Wheeler
- Joseph the Provider, by Thomas Mann
- A Doctor of the 1870's and 80's, by William Allen Pusey
- Chronicle of Dawn, by Ramon J. Sender
- Presidential Agent, by Upton Sinclair
- By Light of Sun, by Elsie Symington
- The Rainbow, by Wanda Wasilewski
- A Haunted House and Other Stories, by Virginia Woolf
- The World's Great Speeches, masterpieces of eloquence from earliest times to the present day, edited by Lewis Copeland.
- A Treasury of Great Russian Short Stories, edited by Avrahm Yarmolinsky

Social Sciences:

- The New Economic Warfare, by Antonin Basch
- The United States, an historical sketch, by E. A. Benians
- 'Meet' . . . the Common People . . ., by Edward Carrick and Gerry Bradley
- Moses and Monotheism, by Sigmund Freud
- Financing the War, a symposium
- Negro Youth at the Crossways, by E. Franklin Frazier
- How Came the Bible? by Edgar J. Goodspeed
- The American People, a popular history of the United States, by Walter S. Hayward and Dorothy Adams Hamilton
- Sharing Information with Employees, by Alexander R. Heron
- My Life in Industrial Relations, by Clarence J. Hicks
- The Army of Tennessee, by Stanley F. Horn
- Commercial Credit and Collection Practice, by Watrous H. Irons
- Growing up in the Black Belt, by Charles S. Johnson
- Governmental Adjustment of Labor Disputes, by Howard S. Kaltenborn
- What College Presidents Say, by Edgar W. Knight
- Religion and the Present Crisis, edited by John Knox
- The Netherlands, edited by Bartholomew Laandheer
- Fatal Partners, War and Disease, by Ralph H. Major, M. D.
- A Social Psychology of War and Peace, by Mark A. May
- How Criminals are Caught, by Arnold Miles
- Primitive Religion, by Paul Radin
- The Quest for Law, by William Seagle
- Engineering and Its Sciences: The Golden Flood, by Herbert Asbury
- Economic Mineral Deposits, by Alan M. Bateman
- Practical Emulsions, by H. Bennett
- Civil Airports and Airways, by A. Black
- The Milky Way, by Bart J. Bok and Priscilla F. Bok
- Quantum Chemistry, by Henry Eyring, John Walter, and George E. Kimball
- Magic Motorways, by Norman Bel Geddes
- Space, Time and Architecture, by S. Giedion
- Radio as a Career, by Julius L. Hornung
- The Engineering Profession, by

failed to make their intentions clear in the selection of their representatives to run the government in the immediate future. The newly elected Congress, which is the sole policy making body according to the constitution, is predominantly a conservative body opposed to the "new deal," while the creator of the New Deal was re-elected as the Chief Executive of the nation.

The New Congress promptly gave proof of its independence by recreating the "Dies Committee" over the objectives of the executive and went a great deal further by establishing it as a standing committee (permanent committee) thus taking the appointment of its members out of the hands of Speaker Sam Rayburn. In addition to this action congress acted to preserve the old records of the committee which the administration officials wanted destroyed.

The Lowdown On Campus Distractions

By Teddy Bernstein

Campus—Playing at the Campus Tuesday and Wednesday is "Jack London" starring Micheal O'Shea and Susan Hayworth. The picture tells the story of Jack London's life. Michael O'Shea plays the wandering lover, who is tempted by all the wiles of the other sex.

Lowdown: A good picture. Playing at the Campus Thursday and Friday is "Sarong Girl" with Ann Corio. This picture is something unusual and if you like the idea of a strip artist chasing you around go to this show.

Lowdown: A fair picture. Guion—"The White Cliffs of Dover" plays at the Guion Hall Tuesday with Irene Dunne, Alan Marshal, Roddy McDowall, Frank Morgan, and many others. The picture is about an American lady that marries an English lord. The lord goes off to war and is killed. His wife has a son that joins up in this war and goes off to the battle.

Lowdown: A very good picture. Wednesday and Thursday at the Guion Hall is a feature attraction. What A Woman with Rosalind Russell and Brian Aherne. Rosalind plays a big talent scout who is trying to get the author of a book for the part in a big movie but Brian Aherne doesn't like the idea and does his best to prevent it.

The Lowdown: Better than average. Friday and Saturday at Guion Hall is a double feature of The

Marine Lieutenant, Aggie-Ex, Joins Combat Unit

QUANTICO, VA.—Second Lieutenant Charles B. Pearson who was recently commissioned in the Marine Corps Reserve, has graduated from the Artillery Course, Marine Corps Schools and has been assigned duty with a combat organization.

Lieutenant Pearson attended Texas A. & M. College, College Station where he majored in Animal Husbandry.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pearson of Plano, Texas.

Theodore J. Hoover and John C. L. Fish. Modern Plywood, by Thomas D. Perry

Agriculture and Its Sciences: Wild Violets in North America, by Viola Brainerd Baird

Artificial Manures, or The conservation and use of organic matter for soil improvement, by Arthur B. Beaumont

Nut Growers Handbook, by Carroll D. Bush

Wake Up and Garden! by Ruth Cross

Some Edible Mushrooms and How to Know Them, by Nina Lane Faubion

Burning an Empire, by Stewart H. Holbrook

Chickens, by W. H. Kircher

Growing Trees and Small Fruits, by H. B. Knapp and E. C. Aucher

Animal Tracks, by George F. Mason

Field Book of Birds of the Panama Canal Zone, by Bertha Bement Sturgis

Improved Milk Goats, by Will L. TeWalt

Beekeeping for Profit and Pleasure, by Addison Webb.

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