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Will You Register?

Cottontail College is now ready to begin its second semester. Classes will begin after a two-week registration period and will be held at the new location.

Registration will commence on the 2nd of April and continue through the 13th. In the meanwhile the classroom is to be furnished, books obtained, and instructors secured.

Twenty subjects, ranging from Harmony to Business Law will be offered. Credits are obtainable for these courses at both high school and college levels.

I and E Bulletin Boards

Situation boards have been erected in the I & E Office, Officer's Club, and all five squadrons. These boards feature pictures, map displays, and current news dispatches. The pictures will be rotated every three days, and the news and maps will be changed daily.

In addition to world news the boards will carry statements regarding classroom activities. This will become more evident as the registration for the second semester in Cottontail College gets started.

"Why do men men prefer women over forty?"
"I give up."
"They won't tell, they don't swell, and they are grateful as hell."

Business Is Business

Abraham was a total flop as a rookie. Efforts to teach him anything about the army were in vain. However, he was taken along when his outfit went overseas and the first day of action he was the most outstanding soldier in the entire company, wiping out six machine gun-nests single-handed. The commanding officer was amazed and asked his top sergeant for a possible explanation.

"Just what did you do to make Abraham change so quickly from a total flop to a good soldier," he asked the sergeant.

"All I did, Sir," replied the sergeant "was to stick a machine gun in his hands just before the battle and say: 'Abe, from now on you are in business for yourself'."

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
Crazy ain't it? When the "Doc" tells you you're marked "quarters" don't complain, cause he knows what's what. Besides, your stay will be pleasant. First off, upon entering the ward, the nice thick mattresses will greet your eyes. Next you'll be handed a clean pair of pajamas that probably won't fit. (The trousers issued to me were size 49W x 45L) Upon exchanging your clothes for the pajamas, the next and most luxurious move will be to climb or crawl (anyway you want it) between the clean sheets on the assigned cot. Mighty comfortable! A few squeaks and squawks are followed by a hot band. Look over the back entrance—that's a speaker hooked up to the Cottontail Radio Station, continuous as long as the station operates. Chow time rolls around and if you're not able to go to the mess at all a ward attendant, or one of the more fortunate patients, will bring a tray to you. Just like the Waldorf-Astoria, music with your meals. The afternoon and evening passes quickly and it is 2200, time for lights out. Nope, they are not going out—someone is setting up a projector and here comes Dick Price with tonight's movie. Can't beat this, lying in bed and watching the show—the same one the rest of the Group saw earlier in the day! Don't make any difference about the hour—the movie is shown to the finish. Got to hand it to the Medics and Special Services for making the patients' stay so damned comfortable.

An Ex-Patient.

WANNA SWAP?

Do you have anything that you wish to swap, sell or trade? Do you want anything for which you have something to trade in return? Do you want to buy some article for cash? Convey your wants to the staff at Public Relations Office before Wednesday of any week and your ad will be published in this column.

Will sell an Evans lighter, 5.00 dollars. If interested contact Cpl. Carry Pruitt, 720th Communications. Will buy and pay best prices for Rolli-Flex, Iko-flex, or Rolli-cord camera. See S/Sgt. E. L. Staatsburg, Group Gunnery Office.

CHAPLAINS' CHAT

For Christian men, next week is fraught with holy and sacred significance. It begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter. It begins with acclamation and ends with resurrection. It shows the popular acclaim of the crowd turning to scornful ridicule; it shows a strong man boldly denouncing evil wherever he found it; it illustrates the willingness of Jesus to lose his earthly life rather than thwart what he considered to be the will of God; it contains betrayal and denial; it contains fellowship on its highest level—the fellowship of God translated into terms of human relationships; it depicts devastating defeat followed by supreme victory.

It is easy for Christians to approach Holy Week with an attitude of acclamation. It is expected of them. But let them examine their hearts carefully lest theirs be the fickle homage rendered Jesus by the crowd that gathered about him as he entered Jerusalem. Now, as never before in their lives, they must be sincere regarding their praise of him. For acclamation without depth of sincerity is hypocrisy of the worst sort.

It is easy for Christians to denounce evil in general terms. But if the world is to become more Christ-like, the time is at hand for those who would follow Jesus to combat evil as well as denounce it. And evil is not to be overcome by evil but by good. That is a Christian premise, the truth of which will be proved only when Christians are willing to go all the way with their leader and Master.

To go all the way with Jesus is no easy task, for in our own day there may be a contemporary Calvary waiting for us. Right is all too often found upon the scaffold, and wrong upon the throne. But, in the words of our American poet, James Russell Lowell, "that scaffold sways the future and behind the dim unknown standeth God within the shadows keeping watch above his own."

There is no fellowship greater than that which should prevail among Christian men. It is a society of unselfish, compassionate men who have seen into the mind and heart of God because they have chosen to follow a leader who was willing to endure the Cross rather than embrace evil.

Holy Week does not end on Friday. If it did, Jesus would represent nothing more than a disillusioned man who was the victim of more powerful men. He would have sacrificed his life for an ephemeral dream. But at the end, his faith did not turn to disillusionment nor his dreams to nothingness. He died

KEEPING UP WITH THE WORLD

In his inaugural address, President Roosevelt stated that during the first six months of the current year 900,000 men will be needed by the Armed Forces, and 700,000 more by the war industries, a total of 1,600,000 men in addition to the 12 million already in the services and the 53 million in war factories. He based his figures on estimates of the War Manpower Commission, and stated that work or fight legislation would have to be passed in order to get the necessary number of men.

Legislation Introduced

Late in January such legislation was introduced in Congress. There were two bills: one advocating that all able-bodied males be given the choice of working in essential industries, fighting, or going to jail; the other, containing no penalty clauses, stating that more intensive efforts be made to draw men into factories voluntarily. It added that more efficient use should be made of the men now engaged in the nation's war effort. Although neither bill has been passed, it is safe to say that the one leaning toward the voluntary system without penalty clauses seems to be favored.

Sentiment versus Practicality

There is a tendency on the part of some servicemen to think that since they are compelled to perform their military duties, men and women in war plants should also be coerced by some type of legislation, and further, that jail is the place for those who violate work or fight orders. That kind of reasoning is based mostly on sentiment, but is it practical? In rejecting the compulsory manpower bill, Congress was motivated by the consideration of the following facts: 1: In England, where compulsory work or fight legislation has been enforced for almost two years, labor has been less productive and has had a higher strike rate than voluntary labor in the United States. 2: Congressmen claim that present material and manpower shortages are mainly the result of the cancellation of war contracts by the Army and Navy purchasing boards during the months of August and September of last year when the Allied offensive in France was going so well. They disclaim any responsibility for pre-

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in the assurance that even death could not separate him from God. And Easter gives the same assurance to those who would follow him. The final victory belonged to Jesus rather than the men who thought they had destroyed him. For he, following the will of God as it was revealed to him, found himself being led through a transitory existence on earth to life everlasting.