



Talk of the Town

By HARRIS HOLLIS

CLEMSON AND THE WAR

It was quiet and calm Sunday when Clemson students, listening over their radios in barracks, were suddenly brought to the realization that the international squabble with Japan, of which they had heard so much recently, had suddenly backfired, and that war was a reality. To say that they were surprised would not be entirely true. They were shocked, of course, as was the rest of the world, that the Japanese puppet of the Axis had struck while she was under the pretense of peaceful negotiations with the United States. But from the very first there was only the attitude that the time was right for the job that must be done if the democratic way of life was to stand.

Here at Clemson today, students being trained in military science and being just at the age for military service soon, have been vitally interested in daily international developments, and now since the war, tension has precipitated into actual war they cannot help considering their position as potential soldiers in the United States Army.

The general attitude is this: they didn't want the war, but now that it is a reality, they are eager to participate in seeing the thing to the finish. In a poll earlier this week, Clemson students termed the Japanese act as one of "foolish aggression"; they regard the move as one of "the dirtiest deals in history".

Favor Personal Participation

Of those cadets questioned one hundred per cent were in favor of personal participation as soon as possible.

Members of the senior class, some three hundred of whom will receive reserve commissions as second lieutenants, at graduation, are primarily interested in whether or not they will graduate ahead of schedule, in order that they may partially fill the need for officers by the army.

Early Graduation

There have been unconfirmed rumors that the war department would ask that they be graduated as early as possible. Some construe this to mean February, 1942, as will be the case with the naval academy. Some have suggested that the school be used as a center for training reserve officers, but this idea, in the thinking of a majority of students, is remote.

Optimism is the key-note, not over confidence or under estimation of the enemy—by sane reasoning Clemson students think that the war can be won, but only by

long concerted effort on the part of every American, can the task be done efficiently, and completely. Drill was called off Monday in order that the Student body might hear the president's war declaration.

Side Lights

Early after the first news of the conflict, a group of freshman appeared on Bowman field armed with rifles, sabers and packed suitcases. They were on their way to Japan, they said. And it was not until the officer of the day finally persuaded them to return to their quarters and wait their turn, that they reconsidered. (See picture elsewhere in paper). Of course, the stunt was of a humorous nature, but it typified the sentiment that exists here on the campus. Even the lowly oscar, famous for his policy of isolation, came out with this statement in a Wheeler-like change of pace: "Lets go lick hell out of them," he says.

Clemson's ROTC unit is an infantry unit, and many cadets have expressed their desire to transfer to the air corps immediately after graduation, because they feel that their services will be of more value in that branch of the service.

Sentiment

If there is any remorse here it is not over the United States' entrance into the conflict, but that there have been Lindberghs who have backslided, and John L. Lew-

ject?

AT LAST

Ever since the beginning of time man has labored to see the truth—to uncover the secrets that mother nature keeps locked so jealously in her bosom. The field of chemistry has made many wonderful discoveries. Elements have been isolated by the chemist, and now these chemists have emerged from their dens of experimentation to give to the world the chemical analysis of one of our most important elements—that of WOMAN. The discoverer of these facts is modest and did not disclose his name in his thesis, but does come from Harvard.

SYMBOL: Woe.

ATOMIC WEIGHT: 120 (Varies from meal to meal.)

OCCURRENCE:

1. Can be found wherever man exists.
 2. Seldom occurs in free or natural state.
- PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:**
1. All colors and sizes.
 2. Always appears in disguised conditions.
 3. Boils at nothing and freezes at any point.
 4. Melts when properly heated.
 5. Very bitter if not used properly.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

1. Extremely active in the presence of men.
2. Great affinity for gold, silver, etc.
3. Able to absorb expensive food at any time.
4. Not soluble in liquids but activity is increased when saturated with a spirit solution.
5. Sometimes yields to pressure.
6. Turns green in the presence of a more polished specimen.
7. Ages rapidly.
8. Highly dangerous and explosive in inexperienced hands.

Gad! Ain't science wonderful?

Well, the war is on! There is not much I can say that everybody else has not said. I do know, however, that we will all do our best to see that the land of the rising sun becomes the land of the setting sun. We are all on our toes and ready to go. I think that the entire country knows just how things stand and is looking at the situation with a clear mind. That is most important, for as Walter Winchell once said, "Ignorance is blitz."

ises, whose greed for money have been so dominant that they have seriously jeopardized our American defense effort with their greedy crys of collective bargaining and closed shops. . . . while the cream of American manhood is in the army making \$21 a month, gladly, and without complaint, because he realizes that it is his privilege and duty to defend his country.

But they are thankful that there are no more crys on the part of those in question and that a state of national unity now exists. They are confident that as the wheels of industry begin to turn in greater proportion the United States will produce the greatest fighting machine the world has ever known, and, no matter how long it may take, America and her allies will emerge victorious.

Such is the opinion of the average Clemson College cadet.

Tom Clemson