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## EDUCATION OR DIPLOMA?

What is a diploma? How many of us really know what this bit of sheep skin that we're struggling for, that our mothers and fathers are paying for, is? Not many. Most of us have a hazy idea that when we walk upon the rostrum at Guion Hall and shake Prexy by the hand we have achieved our ultimate end. We think Prexy is handing us a "jiminy" to pry open the world's treasure house door.

Somehow or other it doesn't work that way. Men, business men, have different ideas on the subject. They expect us to work. Really they do. Why, some of them have been heard to say that college, our glorious institution, should be looked upon as a method of training young men to study and apply what they will learn in later life. Now doesn't that sound funny? To study and apply what we will learn in later life. Frankly, how many of us have the idea that we will be fully equipped with all necessary information for earning a livelyhood when we leave college? Have an idea that all we need to learn after graduation is the address of the bootlegger and some phone numbers? Too many of us blindly believe just that. There is a sad awakening coming to us and if we can just get this awakening over before cold experience knocks it into us we will be that much ahead of the mob. Come on and try it.

## POLITICS AND EDUCATION

The fact that three national associations composed from the leading colleges of the country have refused to recognize all Mississippi institutions under the jurisdiction of state officials emphasizes at least one truth. Education and partisan politics cannot successfully be mixed. This is no new revelation. It has been shown time after time.

It is indeed a hardship on the students attending these various colleges that selfish politicians have so interfered with their inalienable rights to good education and the natural benefits thereof. Mississippi has probably made more progress in establishing and improving its educational system over its former status in the last five years than any other state. Thus for a few apparently unscrupulous state officials to do so much damage in such a short time is no less than a tragedy.

However, the national bodies that officially reprimanded the action of our sister state's political overseers have indicated their willingness to reestablish all Mississippi colleges in good standing as soon as they regain their former places and show themselves to be beyond the harm of uneducated job-seekers, prejudiced politicians and other incompetents.—Tulane Hullabaloo.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

This column is open to signed contributions from members of the student body and faculty at A & M. Contributions must be either typewritten or legibly written in ink, and The Battalion reserves the right to refuse publication of any contribution considered unfit.

Dr. T. O. Walton, President,  
Agricultural and Mechanical College,  
College Station, Texas.

Dear Doctor:—

I hasten to write you, as President of A. and M. College, to express to you the thanks of the citizens of Austin and the people

of Texas for the wonderful part played by A. and M. College and the Band in the program of the Inaugural ceremonies and Reception given Governor Sterling here yesterday.

Captain Harry and all the other officials and members of the A. and M. party contributed greatly to the success of the occasion, and all of us want to thank those who were in the party, as well as the student body at large, for their kind assistance given in this matter. The entire party displayed, as is very characteristic of the College and its training in the art of music, the refinement of their conduct and attentiveness to the duties assigned. Texas is proud of A. and M. College and we hope that you shall continue to advance in the wonderful achievements as you have in the past.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

CLAUDE D. TEER,  
Chairman, State Board of Control.

## PAYS TRIBUTE TO YOUTH

Paying tribute to youth by saying that the young were always hopeful and optimistic, Dr. F. S. Groner, president of the Marshall Junior College, delivered the chapel address Sunday, January 18. "Youth," said Dr. Groner, "is like Napoleon, who saw the world and dared to conquer it. The spirit of youth is to try until success is attained, failure not being in the vocabulary of the young. For this reason youth is the mainstay of armies and the accomplisners of the greatest achievements."

No one, it has been observed, is ever completely miserable while sucking a chocolate caramel.—Ivor Brown.

One man's meat being, as we know, another man's poison, it is foolish and presumptuous for a man to prescribe for other men, to tell other men what their way of life should be.—Robert Hichens.

## Erect Building For Demonstration Home

A model six room cottage, designed by Ernest Langford of the architectural department, which will be known as the Key Demonstration Farm Home, is now under construction on the southeast portion of the campus in the vicinity of the Consolidated School. The purpose of building the house is to show the farmer that it is possible for him to have a good home architecturally regardless of its smallness. Lumber used in the building of the cottage has been donated by the Texas Lumbermen Association and the entire house-hold nated by the Texas Lumbermen's Assi-ous manufacturers. The architectural design follows the colonial style in its adaption to small cottages.

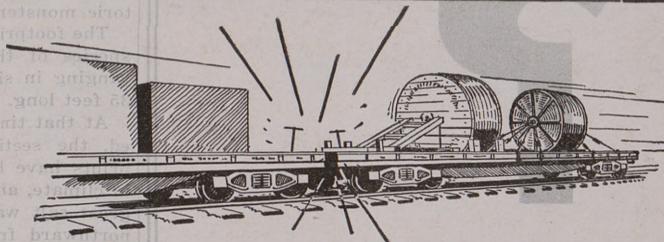
The home will be used for demonstration purposes by the Extension Service.

## UNIFORM TAILOR SHOP

Tailor Made

Shirts and Breeches  
Blouses and Slacks

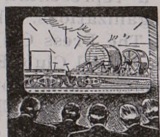
MENDL & HORNAK, Props.



## The cars that collided

on purpose—

for a laboratory test!



Slow movies of the test caught what no eye could.

Crash! A flat car loaded with reels of cable slams into a standing

freight train. A movie camera grinds away. Watching intently is a

group of men — Western Electric engineers . . . What did such a test

show? Just this — that the new steel reel for telephone cable does not

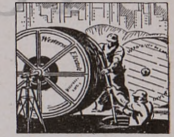
break under severe impacts — and the old style reel may . . . The stag-

ing of this collision is just one more evidence of Western Electric's

never-ending quest for certainty . . . It is a part, too, of a policy

of giving new ideas a thorough trial — a policy which enables Western

Electric to meet its ever growing responsibilities in the Bell System.



Changing a familiar scene. Steel reels replace wood.



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