

EDITORIAL

VISITORS OVER THE WEEKEND

With the T. C. U. football team this weekend will come many members of the T. C. U. student body as well as a greater number of other visitors from Texas towns and cities. They will arrive on the campus with the expectation of having an enjoyable time, and we should do everything possible to keep them from going home disappointed.

At the same time Aggie manners, something seldom discussed by the students on our own campus, will undergo a rigid inspection. From their own experience in college and from being around other young men, the visitors will judge our school by the conduct of the stu-

dents. The poise and conduct of the corps reflect the training received here at A. & M. as well as the training each individual has received before entering this school. Many people have the idea that a good education not only covers the learning a student receives from his books, but some of the better things of life, which includes good manners.

We want no adverse publicity for the college from impressions outsiders form by the display of ill manners. Our school will be on inspection this weekend. Let's show the visitors the true Aggie spirit and also a good time which they will always associate with A. & M.

GAMBLING ON GRID GAMES

Within the past week representatives of a national gambling syndicate have been making the rounds of the A. & M. dormitories to receive contributions—not bets—for their football pool.

The scheme on which the gamblers work is very simple. The agent gives a card to the prospect on which are listed seven major-football games for the coming Saturday. These games are picked out of the entire nation because they are the most likely to be toss-ups. To win a person has to take four, five, six or all seven games and have all the teams that he selects win, with ties counting as losses.

This type of gambling has been existing in the large cities for several years, but is just now being practiced in A. & M. The reason for its profitable operation by professional gamblers is that the odds paid to the bettors are from one-half to one-fifth in proportion to the risks he takes.

If we examine the proposition closely we will see that when picking all the winners of toss-up games the odds increase as a geometric progression to the number of games. That is, when picking four winners out of four games the odds are 16 to 1 against you, for five games 32 to 1, for six games 64 to 1, and for seven games 128 to 1. So when one sees the measly odds of 7 to 1, 12 to 1, 16 to 1, and 30 to 1 that the professional gamblers give it is very easy to understand why they make money from the football pool operation. This does not take into account the mathematical likelihood of ties, which would further increase the odds against the bettor's winning. Some may claim that in some of

the seven games one team has a greater probability of winning than the others, but the likelihood of a tie, in which everyone loses, nullifies this advantage.

Would you be willing to match coins with another, with you paying him a dime every time you lost, and him paying you a nickel when he lost? Certainly not. Yet this is the same proposition that is being offered and accepted by A. & M. students. When you try to pick four winners out of four games the professional gamblers have twice as much chance of winning as you do, and when you try to pick seven winners the gamblers have an advantage of five times your chances.

We hope this explanation will awaken our students to the chances they are taking on this type of gambling. Surely, after reading this article, no one will risk his money on such a proposition.

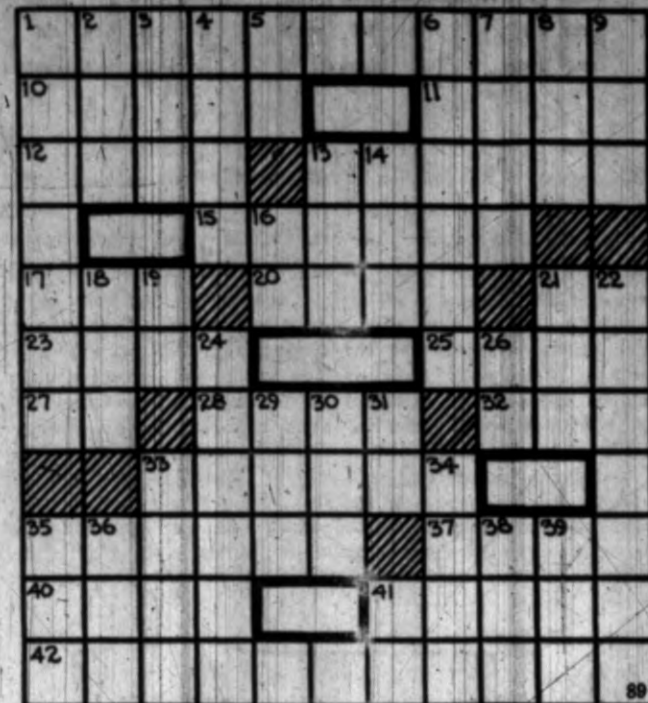
DR. MAYO'S COLUMN

ELEVEN PROPHETS OF MODERNITY

V. Charles Beard: Realist in History

Most of us, I imagine, have grown up believing that American history was made by spotless old fellows who founded colonies, wrote constitutions, fought wars, and built a nation from the most exalted and unpractical motives. Charles and Mary Beard ended this illusion for thousands of Americans when they wrote "The Rise of American Civilization." They depicted history as a practical workaday process kept in motion largely by millions of ordinary men and women just trying to get along. The big shots, the full-dress boys, the generals and presidents and such, have been mostly like chips that got carried places on top of the vast and irresistible current of homeless human being rushing more or less blindly toward where they thought the good things of life were to be found in greater abundance.

This, I take it, is roughly what is meant by "the economic interpretation of history." Does such an interpretation, you think, make our respected ancestors seem like a lot of soulless pigs? Does it "debase" American history in our eyes and make us love our country less? Speaking personally, I must say that it certainly does not. It simply means, to me at any rate, that the economic motive, the desire, that is, for a satisfactory amount of shelter, comfort, and leisure, is the one motive that we all have in common all the time. It may not be the dominant motive in any one of us at any given moment. It may be less important to you today than the hope of getting that letter (addressed in a round, graceful hand); it may seem less vital next January than the urge to pass off that calculus course that you are taking for the third time. But not everybody is after that same girl, though at Corps Dances it may seem that way to you. And only a certain number of people are thirsting for a knowledge of calculus. Even you,



- ACROSS**
- 1—The largest existing sea turtle
 - 10—On fire
 - 11—A molding with an S-shaped profile
 - 12—Girl's name
 - 13—Invisible
 - 15—A marah
 - 17—Kind of cap
 - 20—Leg joint
 - 21—Personal pronoun
 - 22—Egress
 - 25—A disk preferred Zoology
 - 27—Southeast (abbr.)
 - 28—Exceedingly uncommon
 - 32—The ocean
 - 33—A sea between Aleutian islands and Bering strait
 - 35—Oozed
 - 37—Spoken
 - 40—Part of the iris of the eye
 - 41—Degrade
 - 42—1/20 of an ounce
- DOWN**
- 1—Brother of Ophelia—"Hamlet"
 - 2—A newt
 - 3—An islet in a river
 - 4—A passenger car (Brit.)
 - 5—Fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 - 6—Directed of
 - 7—Grows old
 - 8—Letter C
 - 9—Know (Scottish)
 - 13—A vase with a pedestal
 - 14—No—(dialect variant)
 - 16—All correct
 - 18—Chopping tool
 - 19—Third note of the scale
 - 21—Employ
 - 22—A reddish color
 - 24—A crown saw for perforating the skull (surg.)
 - 26—Form of the verb "to be"
 - 29—Land measure
 - 30—Free of
 - 31—Letter N
 - 33—Past part. of "be"
 - 34—A desert in central Asia
 - 35—To eat the evening meal
 - 36—Evening before a holiday
 - 38—A shred
 - 39—Residue from burned matter
 - 41—A symbol used in Lloyd's "Register"

Answer to previous puzzle



perhaps, won't be pursuing either of these "goods" very long. But the "economic goods" you will want always, and so will everybody else. So, say the "economic interpreters of history" like Charles Beard, in the long run it is the economic motive that shapes history, because it's universal and "so darned regular."

When, then, should anybody be shocked to learn that our gloriously fought Civil War (and I do mean gloriously) was not fundamentally an affair of plumed and knightly "Southern" defending a lofty principle, or of big hearted Yankees freeing slaves? What if Beard does show it as a collision between two crowds of Toms, Dicks, and Harrys like you and me, one crowd rushing hopefully toward food, etc., by the business and manufacturing road, and the others by the plantation path. It's perfectly true that a lot of the individual Toms, Dicks, and Harrys were led to war and kept courageously at it by a variety of other less material motives. But in these other motives they differed endlessly among themselves. The economic motive was common to enough people on each side to get the two crowds in motion on converging lines. So they collided, and the collision struck out flaming sparks of heroism and unselfish devotion and plain human decency and steadfastness under strain. And of these sparks we have every right to be proud.

Realism applied to history, then, is what "The Rise of American Civilization" has contributed to the "modern" attitude. And in this connection it is well to remember that to be a realist does not mean to be a cynic.

Members of the San Saba County Club held their first meeting last Friday night. Refreshments were served, and afterward coming activities were discussed and a number of objectives were set up. The next meeting date was set at November 7.

Tryouts for the A. & M. debate team will be held in Room 320 of the Academic building Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. All students from freshmen to seniors will compete. The speakers in this tryout may discuss either side of the question, Resolved: "That Texas should adopt a retail sales tax." Any student interested in debating is eligible to compete. Speeches will be limited to seven minutes.

School's and Exes' Directors To Lunch Together Saturday

This Saturday afternoon the encounter between the fighting Texas Aggies and the T.C.U. Horned Frogs, will be the occasion for the assembling on this campus of hundreds of former students and graduates of the college.

Saturday noon the Board of Directors of Texas A. & M. College and the Board of Directors of the Former Students Association will lunch together in Shisa Hall. Following this meeting, all will attend the big game.

The Oil Belt club met for the first time this year last Monday night in B ramp of Hart Hall, when officers were elected. Rex Goldston was elected president; vice president, Raymond Pipkin; secretary and treasurer, Ben Everidge; and reporters, Joe Slicker and Fred Clark.

Everyone in Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Stephens, Erath, Coleman, and Callahan counties are being invited to attend the next meeting Monday.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

CLASS SECTION DEADLINE OFFICIAL

Seniors are reminded that October 26 is the deadline for seniors to have their pictures entered in the class section of the Longhorn. This is the deadline, so please have them made. Editor.

MARKETING AND FINANCE

The first meeting of the Marketing and Finance Club will be Wednesday night at 7:15 in the Assembly room of the Library.

ENTOMOLOGY CLUB

There will be a regular meeting of the Entomology Club Wednesday night after yell practice. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

I have at my office a notice of the Julius Rosenwald Fund fellowships for 1939. Candidates must be between 22 and 35 years of age and are offered to those who wish to work on some problem distinctive to the South and who expect to make their careers in the South. Any members of the teaching staff, or graduate students, who are interested may get further information at my office. F. C. Bolton, DEAN

LOST: Thursday, Oct. 6, between Mitchell Hall and the M. E. Building, one dental appliance. If found, please return to James Borden, 82 Mitchell, for REWARD.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

The attention of student officers and organizations is called to paragraphs 44, 45, 46, and 47 of College Regulations. These paragraphs have reference to the making of contracts and regulations covering organizations, dances, benefit picture shows, etc. The names of the officers of the various organizations should be filed in the Commandant's Office. Constitutions and by-laws for the various organizations should also be on file.

It is highly important that requests for dances and benefit shows be made at once as the calendar of events will soon be compiled. Forms for these applications may be secured from the Commandant's Office. A meeting of the Student Activities Committee will be held about October 15 and formal action will be taken on these requests at that time.

D. W. Williams, Chairman
Student Activities Committee

BENEFIT SHOWS:

Due to the fact that there are so many groups requesting benefit shows, it has been decided to increase the number allowed this year. The limit will be approximately 27, which is the number of Friday nights in the school year.

In order to make it possible to have this large number of benefit movies, these rules will apply:

1. If the organization so desires, it may show the movie on Thursday and Friday nights.
2. The organization showing the movie will take care of all expenses incurred, as they have done in the past, and split the first hundred dollars above this amount on a fifty-fifty basis with the Y.M.C.A.
3. All money taken in above these two items of expenses will belong to the organization sponsoring the benefit movie.

Approval of requests for shows will be based largely upon the purpose for which funds are to be used and the number of students involved.

This agreement was worked out and agreed to by the Student Activities Committee and the Y.M.C.A. Board.

CAMPUS RESIDENTS

It has been deemed advisable for the safety of school children that Lubbock Street be closed to traffic at the intersection of Tirockmorton leading to the Consolidated School during the noon hour.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- & Sirlin Club, Assembly Hall.
- October 14--Benefit Show, Polo Association, Assembly Hall, 6:45 P. M.
- October 15--Football game, A. & M. vs. T. C. U.
- October 15--Corps Dance, Mess Hall, 9 P. M. to 12 midnight.

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The Battalion,
Campus.

I (favor, do not favor) installing telephone connections in each dormitory.

I (would, would not) be willing to contribute a nominal sum to the upkeep of a phone in case the College itself will not bear the cost.

(Name) _____

(Year at A. & M.) _____

(Organization) _____

STUDENT WELFARE COMMITTEE TO MEET

The first meeting of the Student Welfare Committee will be held Wednesday night in the banquet room of the mess hall, Dean Bolton announced today.

The senior members of the Student Welfare Committee were appointed, as agreed upon during the senior class meeting, by the seniors of each battalion. The seniors appointed were Fred Parrott, Dave Goodstein, Pete Connas, Robert Rhea, Paul Anderson, Clifton Armstrong, H. P. Aston, R. L. Dye, Earl Kennerly, Kenneth K. Knapp, A. P. Rollins, and Charles Hudson. They serve along with Cadet Colonel David Thrift, Bob Adams, president of the senior class, and R. L. Doss, Battalion editor.

Those juniors elected in their last class meeting to be representatives were Ed Dreiss, Thomas Balmer, and John C. Bibbs. The sophomores have as their representatives Lewis Nelson and Preston Bolton. As yet the Freshmen have not elected officers and representatives.

Seventeen faculty members will be on the committee to advise and give aid to the committee.

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