

"VISITORS WELCOME"

Today College Station's doors will start swinging open to greet the football fans of South Texas as well as the student body of Rice Institute.

By tomorrow around 12,000 visitors will be here. To these 12,000 visitors we bid a hearty welcome and express a hope that they will find their stay here very pleasant.

We believe they will like A. & M. and Aggies, and we hope this is the case.

To those unfamiliar with the campus, we suggest that they ask students for directions. We are sure they will find Aggies more than glad to help them in every way possible.

MARCHING AHEAD

The Board of Directors of A. & M. has shown itself to be composed of a group of progressive men who are deeply concerned with advancing the school in every way possible. Most recent achievement of these gentlemen is the awarding of contracts for the construction of new dormitories for the college.

Taking advantage of the possibility of a loan from one of the Roosevelt Administration's most praiseworthy agencies, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the only important attempt made by the Republicans to combat the depression and which was wisely continued by FDR—the board, after considerable time and trouble, secured \$2,000,000 for the erection of 12 new dormitories.

For at least two years the housing of students has been A. & M.'s number one problem. Now, because of the timely action of the Board, that problem has been overcome. By the beginning of the 1938-40 session, the dorms will be ready to use, contracts signed by the Board stipulate.

Knowing of the sense of responsibility which the Board feels, The Battalion is certain that these men will next bend their efforts to the solution of problem number two—classrooms.

A. & M. can expect no money from the legislature for construction of classroom buildings because of the fact that one-third of the oil lands funds of the University of Texas come to it. The College cannot very well construct additional classroom buildings immediately because of the fact that income from the lands will be needed for several more years to pay off bonds issued for the 1933 construction program. When this debt is finally paid off, then A. & M. can expect more classroom buildings of the type of the Geology-Petroleum, Animal Industries, and Agricultural Engineering Building, but not before.

So problem number two becomes a matter of arranging for temporary classrooms. We feel confident that the Board will find a solution.

The students of A. & M. have great respect for F. M. Law, Walter G. Lacy, G. R. White, R. W. Briggs, H. C. Schuhmacher, Edwin J. Kiest, Joseph Utay, Elliott Roosevelt, and R. B. Robinson. They are justly proud of their Board.

"The so-called social sciences are not sciences at all in any manner analogous to the natural sciences," Dr. Harold W. Doods, president of Princeton University, adds that science has helped the man in the street but little in deciding how he should vote.

If the University of Texas sent mail to former students; not a few of the letters would be addressed to Hollywood, for some of the best-known film actors and actresses once attended the U. of Texas.

John Boles, screen lover, who was born at Greenville, was graduated from the University in 1917 and studied in New York and Europe before beginning his screen career.

When John Arledge came to the university from Crockett in 1925-26, he was known as Johnson L.

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DALLAS COMMENTS

Youth has its fling, so to speak, when the cadets of Texas A. & M. College come to Dallas for the annual football game between their school and S. M. U.

But the way the youngsters behave on this noble occasion is highly creditable to the younger generation. Dallas looks forward with pleasure to the visit of the cadets.

The visit of the A. & M. boys Saturday was no exception to the rule. Festivities continued until a late hour at the downtown hotels, but order prevailed and the cadets and their S. M. U. hosts set grown-up a fine example in behavior, proving that they know how to have a good time without excessive hilarity.

The young crowds were orderly before the game, at the stadium, and throughout the day. Even at points of traffic congestion, they created no special problems for the police.

Modern youth is sometimes criticized, but it was evident in Dallas Saturday that we have abundant cause to be proud of our younger generation. A visit from A. & M. cadets gives us renewed confidence of the future of America.

—Dallas Times Herald, Nov. 8, 1938

Mr. T. O. Walton, President
Texas A. & M. College
College Station, Texas
Dear Mr. Walton:

We feel that we should acknowledge our appreciation of having had as guests so many of your cadets during the past two or three days, and to tell you, at the same time, that they were the most representative, best-mannered and intelligent group of young men that it has been our privilege to serve.

There was absolutely no rowdiness, and every one was good-natured and obliging in spite of the fact that crowded conditions made it impossible to give all of our guests the individual attention that we try to render. There was no more noise than was justified by the occasion of a football game and the attendant outing, and there was a notable absence of the liquor drinking that sometimes accompanies these events.

Cordially yours,
Fenton J. Baker
President Baker Hotel

ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

BY DR. R. P. LUDLUM
RADICALISM

The word "radical" is extensively misused all over the United States, and probably as much so on our campus as anywhere in the country. Deviations from the normal, or I might say from the average, are described as "radical", even when the deviations are of the mildest sort.

Strictly speaking, what is radicalism? It must include three things: (1) an emotional tone of moral indignation against an existing, powerful institutional arrangement; (2) a program designed to destroy that institutional arrangement; (3) a definition of its aims in humanitarian terms. Unless these three features are present, we may have all sorts of complaints against the status quo, but we have not radicalism.

According to that definition, what would one have to attack in this country in order truly to merit the application of the term "radicalism"? One must be opposed to a genuinely powerful institutional arrangement, something, that is, like capitalism, or democracy, or marriage. It is at this, the starting point, that most casual labelling of people as "radicals" goes wrong. It isn't necessary to go on the other two features of the definition, in most cases. The label "radical" is attached to people who are not radicals because they are not opposed to any powerful institution. It is attached to people who really are, no more than mild reformers, who want only to make some comparatively minor changes within the framework of existing institutions. A prime example of attaching the wrong label these days, for instance, is calling Mr. Roosevelt "radical". To what powerful institution is he opposed? Capitalism? No, for all he wants to do is to correct abuses within the system. Democracy? Certainly not. Marriage? No. And so we could go down the list of existing institutions.

Now it is certainly true that radicals, correctly so called, usually are not congenial companions for anyone who is not radical. Radicals are persistent in the prosecution of their crusades, never willingly giving rest to the complacent. They are outspoken, and their language is colorful if not cutting. They never question the absolute rightness of their own ideals, although they are quick to suspect the motives of their opponents. Radicals with lively senses of humor are rare. They are often harsh, and more oftent contentions—and as quick to quarrel with their own associates as with what would seem to be more natural foes. They certainly are courageous, however, and often they seem to seek martyrdom for their causes. People who possess such a combination of qualities prick the tender skins of the majority of us too often, and therefore, quite humanly, we dislike them.

Nevertheless, radicals have a function in the world. They stand far off, as it were, and pull the world in their direction. Usually they do not move the world all the way over to their position, but they move it a little way. Other radicals succeed them, and stand still farther off, and keep tugging at the world, and it moves a short distance again. This keeps up until, sometimes after many years and the disappearance of many successive sets of radicals, the world finds itself exactly in the position the original radicals recommend. The position by that time is not radical, of course, but only commonplace. Indeed, mankind in general looks back at its original position and remarks how far it has "progressed" since it occupied it. But was it not the radicals who gave the world its impetus in the direction of that "progress"?

We have come full circle. Most Americans do not think of radicals and radicalism in the way I have just suggested. "Radical" is commonly a word of opprobrium. Perhaps it should not be. But so long as it is, I think it should be reserved for those who have good title to it, and not applied indiscriminately to reformers and liberals of all types and varieties.

NEW SONG WILL MAKE INITIAL APPEARANCE ON TSN BROADCAST

Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Dunn, A. & M. Bandmaster and professor of music, has announced that Friday night (tonight) on the Texas State Network broadcast of the Aggie Band and Corps from Guion Hall, the Band will play, for the first time the piece has ever been presented to the public, the new song written for Texas A. & M. College and entitled "The Texas A.M.C. War Song," music for which was written by George E. Perfect.

The new song was arranged for the band by Mark E. Phillips. It has been suggested to Mr. Perfect that he have the words to the song printed on cards for distribution to the entire Aggie Corps.

Colonel Dunn wrote originally "The Spirit of Aggieland" and "There Shall Be No Regrets", and arranged the "War March of the Texas Aggies" (better known as just "Texas Aggies"), the three songs which have been used by A. & M. for many years. In much the same way as Mr. Perfect's new song written for the school will be first presented to the public Friday night, the three above-mentioned songs which have been in use here in past years presented unexpectedly by the Band to the Corps, meeting with high approval. The new song might repeat the success of the first three. It is not intended as a substitute for any one of those we now have, but rather as an addition to our list of school songs.

"The new song really does have a nice march swing," comments Colonel Dunn, "and we do need one or more songs besides those few we now have. West Point and the University of Illinois each have about a dozen school songs, and we could use more. I do not wish to do away with any of those we now have, but I do want to give this new song a fair chance. If the yell leaders want it played at yell practice the Band will gladly oblige. We want to get the opinion of the whole Corps as to whether the new song should be adopted as a new one for the school."

The new song is introduced with the familiar bugle call, Assembly. Here and there throughout the song occur a couple of measures of "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie". The first musical sentence of the chorus is reminiscent of a popular song of the early twenties which has recently retained popularity, "Gee But It's Great to Meet a Friend".

The words to the song are printed below.

(First Verse)
"Away down South you hear about Aggies strong and true.
Maroon and white—and that means fight!—
We are all for you.
(Second Verse)
And when we're gone you'll hear our song,
Alma Mater true.
It is my will—I love you still—
I am all for you.
(Chorus)
Come on and fight—
And fight with all your might.
Get the score up high.
Aggies never will give up the fight.
For it's do or die!
You can win the game for A.M.C.
Come on, Aggies, win the game for me.
Come on and fight, we know that your are right
For Texas A. M. C.

MR. R. L. DENHARDT, Instructor in the Agricultural Economics Department, spoke at noon today to the Bryan Lions Club. His talk was on the history of the Spanish horse in America and was illustrated with lantern slides. Denhardt has written numerous

49 Per Cent Failing One or More Subjects

According to statistics compiled of November 1 grades by the Registrar's office the students this year are making the worst grades in the history of the school.

To date there are 5524 students registered in the college and of this number 2687, or 48.6%, are failing in one or more courses. Of this number of students, 49% of them are failing in two or more subjects.

Walton Speaks To Federation of Women

"Adult Education" was the topic of an address by President Walton as one of the principal speakers before the forty-first annual convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Club which is being held in Austin this week. President Walton gave his address Wednesday morning as one of the high lights of the club's program which includes a review of the work of the club and plans for the coming year.

DR. R. HUNT, AGRICULTURAL Department; Dr. E. P. Humbert, head of the Genetics Department; and Dr. F. E. Brison, Horticultural Department, acted as judges last Thursday and Friday at the South East Texas Fair at Beaumont, Texas.

Dr. Hunt judged the general appearance of the various educational contributions by the Future Farmer's Association. Dr. Humbert and Dr. Brison were engaged in more detailed work of classing. An exhibit of poultry was contributed by A. & M.

and popular articles on the subject of horses, and he has probably done more individual research in that field than anyone in the United States.

CHARITY BALL SET FOR FRIDAY

The second Charity Ball of 1938 will be given by the Assistance League of Bryan Friday, from 10 p. m. until 1 a. m. at the Maggie Parker Dining Room. Music will be furnished by the Aggieland Swing Band.

The Assistance League was started in the fall of 1933 under the auspices of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to furnish hospitalization for the underprivileged children of Brazos county. Since 1933, the membership has been increased from six to 20 and just lately the League has been made a non-denominational organization.

A few of the duties the League has taken upon itself includes the sponsorship of the Brazos county W. P. A. nursery for 40 children and monthly donations to the Federated Cafeteria which feeds 40 children daily and takes care of numerous emergencies.

The Assistance League has raised funds by cake sales, rummage sales, donations and dues, but the chief source of funds has been derived from the semi-annual dances.

A DARK PICTURE OF THE average college's chance of gaining grants from philanthropic institutions has been painted by Dr. E. V. Hollis, who has just completed an exhaustive study on the subject for a Columbia University doctor's degree.

There are at least 700 colleges who have little hope of ever getting aid from any of the big foundations, he has found.

For the first six months of 1938, gifts to educational institutions declined \$58,568,188 from the total of a similar period of last year.

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THE LONGHORN

IS BEING MADE UP

- Nov. 15th—Soph Class Picture Deadline.
- Nov. 30th—Fish Class Picture Deadline.
- All Clubs Should Make Reservations and Turn in Rosters Within the Next Month.
- All Vanity Fair and Senior Favorite Pictures Should Be Turned in to Paul W. Anderson.
- Anyone Who has Campus Snapshots Please Turn Them In for the Snapshot Section of the Longhorn.
- All Students Who Did Not Pay Activities Fee Should Make Reservation for Longhorns at Once.

W. D. BARTON
Editor