

TOP EDUCATOR

An A. & M. man stepped into one of the biggest jobs that can be given to a teacher last week. This big job is president of the Texas State Teachers Association and will be filled next year by George B. Wilcox of the A. & M. faculty, who was elected at a convention at Dallas attended by approximately 10,000 teachers from all over the state.

Mr. Wilcox is an outstanding Texas educator and his advice is sought by many superintendents of Texas schools. He has been a leading figure in the organization for many years and last year served as its vice-president. Another member of the A. & M. faculty, Prof. W. L. Hughes, served as president of the association several years ago.

Mr. Wilcox worked his way through high school and college. His career as a school teacher began in 1911 after attending Sam Houston State Teachers College and he later served as superintendent of two different high schools. In 1917 he joined the American forces and for two years served in the army during the world war, afterwards coming to A. & M. He attended school for four and then joined the teaching staff, and has been here ever since, only taking leaves of absence during the summers, during which he worked on master of arts degree at Columbia University.

Mr. Wilcox will have a big job. The Texas school problems are so many in number and large in scope that many of us would run from such a job. There is need for reorganization of the whole Texas school system in the interest of effectiveness, according to the meeting of the supervisors of Texas education held here last summer. Also at this meeting it was said that 37 states spend more school money per child than Texas does. At least on the score of educational expenditures, Texas still ranks as one of the relatively backward states in public education. These and other problems will have to be dealt with to improve our educational system. Mr. Wilcox will probably be the busiest of all Texas educators. We hope he has a good year and we believe he will.

FIRECRACKER WOES

Back in the dear old days when the present students of A. & M. were in grammar school and rode bicycles and had rubber-gun battles it was a natural tendency to shoot firecrackers at Christmas time for the enjoyment of having produced a loud explosion. But as the playmates of the opposite sex began to wear their dresses below their knees and to use a little lipstick the pleasures of a majority of us began to take on a more dignified atmosphere, and our activity along the firecracker line was camouflaged by instructing the little tots on the proper methods of procedure.

Now, there are a great many young men here who, although engaged in the process of obtaining a higher education, still get the "little boy" thrill of producing a loud explosion. As the diversions around A. & M. are so few, we certainly do not object to boys having fun. But for the benefit of those whose conduct has improved along with their education we would like to ask the firecracker shooters to confine their activity to daylight hours and to discharge their missiles outside the dormitories.

But firecracker-shooting has possibilities. Because of the large number of participants a club could be organized with ease and perhaps some time could be set aside before the holidays when all practitioners of this art could gather on the drill field for contests of some sort. The contests are unlimited in number; there could be accurate throwing contests, tin-can-blowing contests, and bottle-breaking contests. But until that time, let us urge the fun lovers to confine their play to the open and during daylight.

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WHAT NEXT?

With work actually under way upon the new dormitories, the thoughts of friends and authorities of the College turn to the next steps in the development of the physical plant of the institution. Without question additional classroom facilities must be next provided. Close upon the heels of that need is the need of a student union building, or some center around which the social life of the college community can revolve. Perhaps a first class hotel would solve both the social center need as well as the need for such accommodations.

Fully as important as these physical improvements are the need for additional library facilities, particularly in the field of books and reference works. Additional scientific equipment is badly needed by many departments, as well as additional teaching forces to handle the present huge enrollment. Most needed, of course, are additional funds to pay teachers, in order that the college may hold its best men and hire other outstanding men to teach the sons of Texas.

—The Texas Aggie

Dr. T. F. Mayo's Column

Though there probably ought to be a law against large vague questions like this, they nevertheless have their uses if you ask them of yourself occasionally. This column would like to suggest a key to one aspect of the answer to this one.

Our key is this: Do you find yourself becoming, with each year at A. & M., intelligently interested in more and more things? If your answer is "yes," then I should say that you are "getting educated"—on the right road, sayhow. If in honesty you must say "no," I'm afraid that no matter how skillful you are becoming in some profitable technique, you are not moving toward a satisfactory education.

The human mind seems to live in a sort of round-house, with dozens of windows on every side. Unfortunately, these windows are, to begin with, opaque, requiring a lot of scrubbing to enable the mind to see out of them. The courses that you take, the books and articles that you read, the people that you meet, ought each to contribute a certain amount of window-cleaning, so that one window after another may be changed from a blank segment of wall to the view of an interesting and stimulating scene outside.

As a matter of fact, there is a whole world to be viewed from each window. I remember a very superficial course in entomology into which I stumbled in my haphazard undergraduate days (it was supposed to be a crisp course, as a matter of fact) and which has made me for the rest of my life notice insects with curiosity and pleasure. Before that, they were to me merely things to be slapped or squashed. My biological window is still, I am sorry to say, pretty thickly encrusted with ignorance and indifference. But even at that it affords me enough glimpses of its particular world: (1) to give me some notion of what the life process is all about; (2) to keep off a good deal of boredom; (3) to make me respect biologists. I may add, by the way, that if I had, during my college days, seen Thomason's "Outline of Science," I would have lapped it up and would no doubt have today a much clearer biological outlook.

Since this communication has already become personal, I may as well record the beginning of the intense interest with which for twenty-odd years I have followed economic, political, and social trends. In 1917, I believe it was, I read a small book by Bertrand Russell, called "Political Ideals," which immediately cleared a pane of my sociological window, and at least showed me enough of that world to keep me scrubbing away at it for dear life ever since. Many of my best friends insist, somewhat rudely, that my view of this particular window (i.e., my economic, social, and political opinions) is hopelessly dim and distorted. But I must say first, that I don't admit this, and second, that in my simple way I enjoy my view, right or wrong.

I've noted that a good many Aggies have found Stuart Chase a useful window-scrubber on this social side of their minds—and D. C. Coyle, and Walter Lippman (I abhor his views, but that's neither here nor there), and H. G. Moulton's "Income and Economic Progress."

While I'm still confessing, I must admit that on its mechanical, chemical, and technical sides generally, my mind is shut in and darkened by what is apparently an impenetrable blank wall. So much the worse for my education. But history has cleared up a few windows, and some reading about music and some careful listening to it have disclosed a world which I should have hated to miss. And then there is psychology, a window, only very partially transparent, which opens on a tangled and terrifying but highly impressive jungle—human nature. James Truslow Adams' historical books, if you are interested, will open you up to history, Sigmund Spaeth's to music, and H. A. Overstreet's and Alfred Adler's to psychology.

Obviously, according to this conception the perfectly educated mind would be intelligently interested in just about everything. Whatever may be said of a man with such a mind, you must admit that he would not lead a dull life. Furthermore, I think, he could be trusted to plan his life better than most people, and to be more tolerant and understanding.

It might be an interesting exercise for my Aggie readers (if any) to do a little figuring on just how many things they are intelligently interested in. If, as I hope, you find that the number and the intensity of your interests are increasing with each year at A. & M., you may conclude, I think, that the college is giving you your money's worth, and that you are in truth "getting educated."

Well, at least that's not as bad as this one, overheard at Gustavus Adolphus College: "Is it hard to sip soup with your new mustache?" "Yes, it is rather a strain."

A Wheaton collegian wanted to check out the ten-sided dictionary overnight, but the librarian said, "Sorry, we don't let magazines go out overnight." "But," persisted the student, "this is just a pamphlet." "We don't know whether he won the argument, so we'll leave you until next week with this poser:

How many bricks 2" by 3" by 8" needed to make a stone wall 3' by 5' by 20'?

OUR UNION SUIT



PREVIEWS and REVIEWS

"Brother Rat." At the Palace. Screen play by Richard Macaulay and Jerry Wald. Produced by Warner Brothers from the play by John Monk Jr. and Fred F. Finklehoffa.

The cast itself is quite enough reason for seeing this picture. It is an array of young talent that would be hard to beat. The pranks of Wayne Morris and Eddie Albert liven the picture considerably, at least enough to keep the picture moving. There are no slow spots and this is something. Priscilla Lane keeps up the feminine lead in very good style. Her acting is improving with each picture and before long she will be the most famous of the three Lane sisters.

The play is laid on the V.M.I. campus, that is where the title is derived. Contrary to opinion that this is a gangster picture, because of the title, the picture deals with the happenings to three college boys. There are many scenes that will be very interesting to the cadets of A. & M. due to the fact that V. M. I. is also a military school.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, IS one of the few cities in the world where the birth rate among persons of the wealthy class exceed that of the poor.

THE UNITED STATES CONSUMER paid \$960,720,397.99 out of his pocket in processing taxes on agricultural products, including wheat, corn, rye, rice, hogs, sugar, peanuts, tobacco and cotton for the period beginning July, 1933, through the complete calendar year 1936, says the federal government.

What's Showing

PALACE — Thursday, Friday and Saturday. "Brother Rat" with Wayne Morris, Johnny "Scat" Davis, and Priscilla Lane. Feature begins at 1:00.

ASSEMBLY HALL — Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Sing You Sinners" with Bing Crosby, Fred McMurtry, Donald O'Connor and Eileen Drew. Feature begins at 6:45 p. m.

WASHINGTON HAPPENINGS

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, already has mentioned that he intends to reopen the subject of reorganization of the executive end of the government at the next session of Congress. Senator Byrd is an ardent reorganizationist but the kind of reorganization he advocates is quite different from President Roosevelt's idea of what reorganization ought to be. A Congressional reorganization committee, of which the Virginian was chairman, was functioning at the time a presidential reorganization commission was created, back in the early days of the last session on Capitol Hill. I surmise that the presidential commission was put into action because the administration didn't like the direction that the Byrd committee seemed to be taking. Anyway, the two outfits were entirely distinct from one another. They also were mutually

antagonistic.
Dominated by Brownlow

Senator Byrd, as chairman, was the committee's principal personality. The commission was dominated by Louis Brownlow, no legislator at all, but a celebrated city manager and once a member of the District of Columbia's municipal governing body.

The Brownlow commission, backed by the president, sucked most of the wind out from behind the Byrd committee's sails, and got the commission's plan into the form of proposed legislation, which was fought for in Congress notably by Senator James P. Byrnes of South Carolina. For a while the commission's scheme looked like being adopted, too, though finally it was chloroformed in the House of Representatives, mainly by Chairman John O'Connor of the rules committee, since purged out of a Democratic re-nomination in the 16th New York Congressional district.

COLLEGIATE REVIEW

BY J. A. STANSELL

A University of Minnesota survey indicates that college graduates may expect to be earning between \$2,000 and \$3,000 annually eight years after commencement. Seniors can begin to look forward to graduation now without going to the W.P.A. or the C.C.A. anyway.

The University of Southern California has established a new course to teach women their legal rights under the laws of the state.

A new kind of nut cracker is the latest research development of a University of California scientist. It explodes the shell from the inside.

Texas Christian University statisticians have figured out that the Horned Frogs' game average 140 plays each.

Storage and warehousing is a new course being offered in the University of Texas school of business administration.

The American Co-Ed Protective League has been formed by the University of Oklahoma women to insure members from being stood up on a date.

Exactly 3,288 organized events were held in the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union building last year.

New Records

"MINUET IN JAZZ" and "WAB DANCE FOR WOODEN INDIAN" by Richard Himber and his Rhythmic Pyramids Orchestra are both a new angle in dance music. Richard Himber's orchestra lends a novel interpretation to both of these tunes.

"FROM NOW ON" and "GET OUT OF TOWN" are two more excellent samples of Sammy Kaye's swing and sway rhythm. These tunes were written by Cole Porter for the new show "Leave It To Me" which is making a great hit in New York City. Tommy Ryan and Charlie Wilson give the vocal touch.

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