

TRANSPORTATION IS BIG LOCAL PROBLEM

The city government of College Station is faced now with a big problem—that of working out transportation problems between here and Bryan. For years, while the regulation of such business was under the direct supervision of Bryan the situation at times has been deplorable. Now that transportation has become an inter-city affair, the College government should act.

It cannot be denied by anyone acquainted with the facts that transportation facilities are sorely lacking. The Bryan-College Transportation Company's bus schedule is inadequate to care for 6,000 students and even with a revision of its schedule, there could not be enough flexibility to give students the service they want and are entitled to.

This leaves only one alternative—more taxicabs must be allowed. The Bryan government, instead of approaching the question from the standpoint of student welfare, approached it merely by limiting to six the number of cabs which could operate. Six taxicabs and an hourly bus to take care of all of College Station and of Bryan was their solution.

It seems to us that the proper way to solve the problem is to allow more taxicabs—allow at least 12—and regulate the operation of taxicab companies.

CHECKS—GOOD, BAD

In a recent issue, The Bryan News carried an editorial which leaves the impression that officials of A. & M. allow students to "run wild" insofar as writing checks is concerned. Such is not the case.

Any student who writes a check with dishonest intentions is "subject to disciplinary action by the authorities," according to Commandant Moore.

The editorial is concluded with the sentence, "A step in this direction is now being considered by officials of A. & M. College in the issuance of student identification cards, but even this will not go far to correct the present situation." As far as The Battalion can learn, no such step is being considered at present. Several years ago student identification cards were issued, but since they were not anywhere near enough to justify the trouble and expense, they were discontinued.

Obviously the line of action proposed would transform the officials of A. & M. into collection agents for Bryan merchants. The Battalion does not view with any great enthusiasm this proposal. Aggies are not cheats or grafters, and anyone who fits into one of those classifications does not last long here for two good reasons. The student body won't put up with him and the officials won't put up with him.

A Bryan firm which advertises quite a bit in The Battalion, J. C. Penney and Co., uses as one of its slogans, "We Cash Cadet Checks." A checkup there reveals that they have had "very satisfactory results" in almost all instances. Their only trouble comes, it is reported, from boys who have dropped out of school.

Obviously, the high state of The News' alarm is unfounded.

Possibly The Battalion is creating a little friction here which otherwise would not exist—since most Aggies never see a Bryan newspaper—but we believe that, in all fairness, this side should be presented.

Bryan merchants are coming more and more to realize that Aggies are, after all, fair, decent, honest, law-abiding fellows and are entitled to be treated as such. The News editorial only sets back the development of this attitude.

Any merchant, either at College Station or Bryan who has trouble with student checks has two courses of action open to him—he can appeal to the authorities, who will aid him all they can if the student has acted in bad faith, or he can appeal to the law for protection.

WAR LORD'S PRAYER

Looking through The Battalion files the other day, we came across an editorial which carried some words by America's immortal Mark Twain. These words, if they should be carefully considered, might do a great deal to stop some of the slaughter which goes on in different corners of the world today.

The words are those of "The War Lord's Prayer," which follows:

"O Lord, our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriotic dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the groans of the wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble

We suggest the following points as a solution to our transportation problem:

1. Allow at least 12 taxicabs to operate, with the addition of more as the need for them becomes evident.
2. Never allow a taxicab company to carry more than five passengers, in addition to the driver, at any time.
3. Require that rates be posted conspicuously.
4. Require that drivers of good character and standing be employed.
5. Require that periodic mechanical inspection of all operating cabs be made.

We hope and believe that the officials of College Station understand the importance of this problem to the student body and that they will do all in their power to effect a speedy realization of a logical solution to the problem.

homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of the unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended through wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sport of the sun flames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it—for our sakes, who adore Thee, Lord, blast their hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their steps, water their way with their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet! We ask of One who is the spirit of love and who is the ever-faithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset, and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts. Grant our prayer, O Lord! and Thine shall be the praise and honor and glory, now and forever. Amen."

THE STUDENT FORUM

TO THE BATTALION:

In re your Parade of Opinion anent fraternity "Hell Week," may I say you are looking for coal outside of Newcastle? You thought enough of the article to print it in the Battalion for all the Aggies to read. You must have thought well of the arguments put forth condemning "Hell Week"; do you realize that those selfsame arguments hold for the abolishment of the year-long hazing of Freshmen in this school?

"... chief contention... still is... that 'Hell Week' activities are antieducational and do not instill into neophytes true ideas of fraternalism." In most fraternities, "Hell Week" involves 3 or 4 days of running errands, being paddled and made to feel silly and small. At A. & M., "Fish" year involves nine months of the same thing which should be abolished. "Hell Week" in fraternities or upperclassmen vs. Fish at A. & M.?

What justification is there? The only one I have ever heard is "But you'll be able to be a boss for three years, so what's just one year of being bossed around?" Did someone say something about an "overgrown high-school boy"?

For fear of the horrible consequences of "true Aggie spirit" I shall not sign my name. Dare you print this?

Parade of Opinion

Sharply warning the nation that meetings such as the recent gala demonstration of the American Bund in New York City are the fore-runners of Hitlerism in the United States, the college press nevertheless believes that the Constitution should be upheld in allowing these groups to function.

The meeting of 22,000 members of the German-American Bund brought from the collegians a reaffirmation of the rights of freedom of speech, although some did take the position that this right should not be granted to those who would destroy our present form of government.

Best way to combat the minority evil, the Syracuse University "Daily Grange" claims, is to laugh off their antics. "Strongest defense which Americans can use against such un-American groups," it maintained, "is the slightly prosaic but effective weapon of ridicule. No one likes to be laughed at, and a ridiculed cause has little of the glamour of a suppressed one. The \$50,000 granted to Mr. Dies for further pursuing of un-American activities might profitably be devoted to a laughing campaign against all borers—from within and without, culminating on every Feb. 22 in a similar, but open, demonstration in the Garden in honor of the 'father of our country.'"

But, says the University of Iowa "Daily Iowan," we must combat nazism "through a widespread campaign of public education and enlightenment, especially through the medium of the newspaper and the radio, and perhaps the theater. Education is the antidote and the serum for subversive propaganda as propaganda can only thrive on ignorance and prejudice."

Falling in line with this view, the University of Michigan "Daily" said: "America is not immune to fascism. Democracy here is not peculiarly safe from the messianic threat, although it is undoubtedly better entrenched than it was in Germany or Italy. It must be safeguarded by action; the people must be made to feel that democracy is working to solve their problems."

Only note of discord in the chorus of those who upheld the right of the Bundsmen to meet was sounded by the West Virginia University "Daily Athenaeum": "The simplest thing to do would be to exercise rigid censorship of such demonstrations and so prevent useless trouble. It seems to us that freedom of speech should be construed to mean that speech which is constructive, and has no malicious intent towards existing government."

THE STRIKE HE REALLY FEARED



WASHINGTON HAPPENINGS

By CHARLES P. STEWART

The funniest feature of German and Italian reaction to speeches at our recent Sesquicentennial Congressional Celebration in Washington was embodied in the totalitarian governments' super resentment at the suggestion that Nazism and Fascism, far from being anything new, simply are reveries to the dark ages, or even the pre-dark ages. Berlin and Rome are prepared for attacks on their respective present systems; they take the position that said systems are so young and original as not yet to be understood here or in other democratic countries. But it makes 'em boil to have it intimated that they're mere copy-cats from the days of medieval despotism, the pharaohs and earlier.

Japan isn't so sore, for the Japanese never have pretended with any sincerity to have emerged yet from the Samurai era. The Germans and the Italians, however, are driven fairly wild at the suggestion that they've retrograded by a few centuries. To be sure, their governments have issued nothing official on the subject, but their press gives plenty of voice to their feelings—and everyone is well aware that their press is as official as their governments.

Once on a time, within my recollection, German newspapers were nearly as independent as our own. Occasionally an editor was overhauled on a "lese majeste" charge but that was for getting to personal relative to royalty—not on general political principles. And he had a semi-fair trial; he wasn't slammed into a concentration camp without a hearing. It was a moderately free press.

As for Italian journals—they were downright libelous. Illustratively, Benito Mussolini ran a daily in Milan, and he was so anti-governmental that, as we know, he argued the nation into a revolution. But now let an Italian paper say anything against Signor Mussolini—and watch what happens to its editor.

CONGRESSMAN SOL BLOOM

Congressman Sol Bloom of New York had more than any other single individual to do with arranging the national legislative chamber's sesquicentennial celebration. In fact, I think he inspired it. No earlier congressional anniversary ever was celebrated.

Congressman Bloom is a specialist on American history and its personalities—George Washington, adoption of the Constitution, congressional sesquicentennials. What next? He'll think of something, all right. Congressman Bloom, by the way, was one of Mussolini's first friends in this re-

public. He was acquainted with Benito when the latter still was a comparatively obscure Milan newspaperman, who called himself a very advanced liberal. Sol naturally doesn't like him so well any more.

Except among the "bund" folks, Herr Hitler never has had any admirers here, but Signor Mussolini had a good many for a while. He hasn't now, though.

There were three propositions embodied in the three essential speeches on congressional sesquicentennial day:

1—Chief Justice Hughes summarized what the U. S. got out of independence.

2—President Roosevelt summarized what, in particular, we've got to hang onto.

3—Speaker Bankhead warned us against Nazi-ism's and Fascism's internal "dirty work," in an effort, right in our own midst, to undermine democracy.

The Hughes and Roosevelt talks can call for no comment. What we get is OK and of course we want to hang onto it.

PREVIEWS and REVIEWS

BY RAY TREADWELL

"Out West with the Hardys," an M-G-M picture directed by George B. Seitz, screen play by Kay Van Riper, Agnes Johnston and William Ludwig, based upon the characters created by Auranja Rouverol. Showing Tuesday and Wednesday at the Assembly Hall.

Cast of characters:
Judge Hardy Lewis Stone
Andy Hardy Mickey Rooney
Marian Hardy Cecilia Parker
Mrs. Hardy Fay Holden
Polly Benedict Ann Rutherford

This picture is not a recent release and plays up the Hardy family that has become well known to the public through previous pictures, "A Family Affair," "You're Only Young Once," "Judge Hardy's Children," and "Love Finds Andy Hardy". If you have missed all of the other Hardy pictures you will like this one and may like it anyhow but otherwise it is likely to be boring to see the same actions all over again with a new coat of varnish.

Because of new contracts and the stardom of Mickey Rooney this picture promises to be the last of the Judge Hardy epochs for some time to come and as a result the public is in for a relief because too much of anything, no matter how good it is, ruins the whole affect and the box office appeal of this series has dropped decidedly with their last two pictures showing that even a family that rose to stardom from B class pictures is not good for ever.

The story deals with the family out West in which Judge Hardy saves a rancher friend from ruin by his legal knowledge of water rights with the help of an old Indian blanket which turns out to be a map of the river over which the dispute has developed. Mickey Rooney plays the part of Andy who in this chapter of the series is cast as a star high school basketball player with a big head but fortunately he gets it removed very neatly by the action of Virginia Weidler who plays the role of the earnest cowgirl in Arizona.

If you are one of the staunch Hardy family supporters you can have this one cheap because it is one of those pictures built to sell who is in the picture rather than

what the show has to offer in the way of novelty and entertainment. To put it briefly, it was made to sell the Hardy family rather than what it should have sold, "Out West with the Hardys".

What's Showing

PALACE

Tuesday only—"The Jitterbug Revue", a five-act stage show starring Barbara Kay, song stylist; Dorothy Murry, dancing comedienne; "The Southwest Champion Jitterbugs", and others. Also a feature show "Blondie" starring Panny Singleton, Larry Simms, and Arthur Lake.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—"Jesse James" a 20th Century-Fox picture starring Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda, Nancy Kelly, and Randolph Scott.

ASSEMBLY HALL

Tuesday and Wednesday—"Out West With the Hardys" an M-G-M picture with Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney, Cecilia Parker, and Fay Holden.

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