

YOU CAN'T LOSE

If you have heard the one about honesty being the best policy, don't stop us. We have a case to plead. It all hinges around the recent picture made by W. C. Fields, "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man." This title isn't nearly as funny as it sounds. Surprisingly enough the thing has a theme behind it, Honesty, if you will forgive the bromide, says. Remember the bright lad who was sold a sure-fire machine, guaranteed to roll out dollar bills by the thousands? He ran screaming to the authorities, shortly after, hollering that he had been swindled. He, an honest man, had been taken in by a bunch of crooks. Then there was a recent newspaper case in which a prominent politician had been sold the crown jewels of Russia. Naturally, he kept the deal a deep, dark secret, inasmuch as the chap who was selling the jewels had stolen them. When an expert scrutinized the baubles, and declared them to be paste, the politician swept into police headquarters, demanding that the crook who had sold them be apprehended. So it is in case after case. When you read of someone being cheated, you are pretty certain that it was the person's streak of larceny which led him to the point where he became easy fleecing. It is a by-word among professional thieves which no one is as ripe for the plucking as amateur crooks. Strict honesty has never gotten anyone into trouble. Faltering honesty has very often cost many people their shirts, figuratively and literally. Now here is the idea. All this honesty-is-the-best-policy business which we have drummed into our skulls day after day, in one way or another, is not the hokum which our pseudo-cynical minds imagine it to be. There lies a wealth of experience behind those dull honesty-pays platitudes which we hear in the classrooms. Principles such as these have basis for fact. Keep to the straight and narrow. You'll never lose a thing by it. —THE DEPAULLA

PROBLEM OBSCURED

Much of the argument for and against large relief appropriations appears irrelevant and time-wasting when the fundamental problem, unemployment, is restored to its proper place of emphasis, as suggested by such comments as recently were made by the London Observer: "It is difficult to read debates on unemployment without irritation at their defects of spirit and outlook," said the British newspaper. "If popular self-government can not evolve a constructive power sufficient to put willing workers to waiting work and to heal the canker of an enforced parasitism, its repute as a political system must be rapidly on the wane. We may have to overhaul our financial philosophy to uproot this scandal. The needs of national defense are driving us to a new setting for the common life. It will certainly require us to discard old shibboleths and move upon fresh lines of thought if we are to expel the evils that economic pedantry has engendered in the body social. 'Youth on the dole' is a parasitic debasement. The evil must cease and the work must be found." The London paper's comment was, of course, directed at the unemployment situation in Great Britain. It might as well have been pointed at the United States, where jockeying for political advantage as well as economic pedantry, gnawing the bone of relief costs, push into the background the major problem of joblessness. —FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM

The name of Columbia College in Dubuque, Iowa, has been changed to Loras College in honor of the pioneer bishop and founder of Catholic higher education in the northwest.

Eighty per cent of the Harvard University student body claims affiliation with some religious organization.

There wasn't any booing and there wasn't any cheering when Carnegie Tech played Penn State in basketball—in fact there wasn't any crowd.

This most unusual of conference basketball tilts was crowd-less because Carnegie Tech officials barred all spectators to prevent further spread of a recent flu outbreak. Only players, scorers, floor officials and reporters were admitted.

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Parade of Opinion

Always interested in questions of war and peace, college students today are debating vigorously the proposed constitutional amendment which would require a national referendum for the declaration of a war which would be fought outside our own hemisphere or which would be a war of aggression. Collegiate opinion is about evenly divided on the measure.

For the "pros", the Spectator of Eau Claire (Wis.) Teachers College says: "This amendment is a reasonable demand on the part of American citizens and is consistent with the rights and obligations of intelligent and responsible citizenship. Certainly it should not be thought foolish or un-American to have a referendum on the spending of lives and blood."

For the "cons", the University of Michigan Daily says: "To weaken President Roosevelt is far more the aim of the senators than any philanthropic extension of the democratic process. There is no guarantee that a vote of the people would insure a sane and cool-headed consideration of war."

Loudly though they condemned Hitler's grab of Czechoslovakia, collegians throughout the U. S. during the past week have been more concerned over the future than they have been over the latest step in Der Fuehrer's march to the east.

Along with their condemnations of the move, they were quick to point out that their predictions of the futility of the "peace" of Munich had come true. The college press could not say too much against the appeasement policies of the democracies.

The following quotations neatly summarize the collegiate attitude on the Hitler coup:

"This new aggrandizement of Nazi territory points the finger of condemnation at the 'peace by agreement' policies of France and England, makes them seem more short-sighted and futile than ever. Pretty soon it may be too late for democracy to take a firm stand." —University of Wisconsin Daily Cardinal.

"The stronger and more successful the dictatorships become, the more they are likely to want and demand. Therefore, if the policies of the democracies and dictatorships are carried to their logical conclusions, a world war in the near future seems inevitable." —University of Iowa Daily.

What will Hitler's next move be? That is the question that most are seeking to answer. The majority of the collegians believe that he is headed for the Ukraine and its vast wealth of raw materials of one kind or another. And in that move they see many complications:

"Hitler has much more than mere prestige staked on his drive to the east, and little Hungary sitting up on its legs and barking at the master is very likely to find itself slapped down for its impertinence." —University of Michigan Daily.

"Hitler has proved himself a strategist superior even to Napoleon, for he has already conquered 16,000,000 people without firing a shot. The rest of Europe still lies before him, with freedom of speech and press, the guns of liberty being spiked as he advances. Can Hitler become another Napoleon?" —Cornell University Sun.

Meanwhile the University of Chicago has become the center of the movement which protests the death of Czecho-Slovakia, for on its campus as a visiting lecturer is Dr. Eduard Benes, former president of the war-born republic. Just what Dr. Benes' plans are have not been announced, but rumor has it that he will form a strong organization to fight for the re-birth of his country.

The victory in New York of famed racket-buster Thomas E. Dewey in the spectacular trial of James J. Hines, Tammany Hall politician, has made the former the number one candidate of Republican collegians for the G. O. P. nomination for the presidency in 1940.

While congratulating Mr. Dewey for gaining another victory in his long fight for clean government in what was once one of the most crime-ridden cities in the U. S., college commentators predicted that he would add great strength to any ticket the Republicans could devise to head the smash-Roosevelt drive.

Typical of the comment by collegians is this statement from the University of Minnesota "Daily": "This last conviction seems to have won him almost complete support of the New York Republicans and likely has added many new backers in Republican ranks throughout the nation. If the Republican party is convinced that New York is the key state for 1940 it will probably realize that the best way to win it would be to nominate Mr. Dewey. Without doubt, he will be given increasing consideration for the nomination."

The recent announcement that Phi Beta Kappa, oldest and most prominent of the honorary fraternities, has organized a campaign for the preservation of intellectual freedom drew nothing but praise from U. S. collegians.

Many saw in this program of most worthwhile activity a suggestion to other honorary groups, traditionally inactive, to join in a movement that promises to be a most potent force in public thought and action.

Said the University of Pittsburg "News" in this respect: "We're glad to see the honorable members of this most honorable of American honoraries branch out from their key-swinging activities to something really vital. It seems to us that other comparatively dormant honorary groups might well awake from their lethargy and pitch in to help Phi Beta Kappa in its 'defense of intellectual freedom'—especially freedom on our college campuses—about which Phi Beta Kappa seems to be most worried and about which it certainly has a right to worry."

Today's college youth, active searchers for a better world in which to live, see in the election of Pope Pius XII the creation of a new force for good in a universe that is strife-torn and war weary.



Representatives to Oratorical Contest For A. & M. Selected

James Shoults, band junior, and Mayo Thompson, coast artillery sophomore were selected Friday night to represent A. & M. in the Battle of Flowers Oratorical Contest to be held in San Antonio on April 21, according to an announcement made today by C. O. Spriggs of the English department. Shoults and Thompson will compete with representatives from other colleges in the final contest

which will be held at the San Pedro Play House next month during the Battle of Flowers Festival in San Antonio.

The speeches are of a 15 minute duration and must deal with topics related to the early history of Texas.

DR. JOHN ASHTON, Professor of Agricultural Journalism was notified yesterday that his poem, "This Day in Bethlehem Was Born," is to be published in the Poetry Digest Annual Anthology of Verse, 1939 Edition.

PREVIEWS and REVIEWS

BY RAY TREADWELL "The Citadel," an M-G-M picture produced in England by its British unit with King Vidor directing, Victor Saville in charge of production and from an American novel of the same name by Dr. A. J. Cronin. Showing Tuesday and Wednesday at the Assembly Hall.

CAST: Andrew Christine Denny Owen Robert Donat Rosalind Russell Ralph Richardson Enlyn Williams

This picture presents a jumble of an international aspect in that it is a British film made by an American company from a book laid in Wales, written by an American doctor with a cast of English and American stars in the production end of the deal. However, contrary to its name and appearance, it does not deal with world politics but with the medical profession instead. The picture is one of a long chain of highly dramatic pictures concerning the medical profession that have been turned out in the last two years since "The Green Light" and a couple of other similar pictures started the fad. It seems that the present belief is that you can't make a medical picture unless its the height of melodrama and that all dramatic pictures have to have at least a doctor or a nurse to supply the plot. In brief, this picture is another out of the same old mold.

The story is that of a young physician working in the Welsh coal mines who after marriage gives up his high ideals with which he started out and moves into the city and develops a paying practice in the social set. He is brought to his senses and a come-back by the influence of his wife, Rosalind Russell, following a faulty operation on his best friend. The picture does produce some highly emotional scenes and as a whole is very good entertainment but it is so very similar to many other pictures the entertainment sometimes becomes hard to find.

What's Showing

ASSEMBLY HALL: Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:30, 8:30—"The Citadel," an M-G-M picture starring Robert Donat and Rosalind Russell. Thursday and Friday, 6:30—"The Great Waltz," an M-G-M picture starring Fernand Gravet, Louise Rainer and Miliza Korjus. PALACE: Tuesday and Wednesday—"The Young in Heart" starring Janet Gaynor, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and Paulette Goddard. Thursday, Friday and Saturday—"The Cowboy and the Lady," with Gary Cooper and Merle O'Brien.

Glee Club to Present Light Opera in May Consolidated School

A Gilbert and Sullivan light opera will be presented by the A. & M. Glee Club around the first of May with boys playing all parts, according to plans announced this week by the club. J. J. Woolket, director of the Glee Club, stated that the club will make this concert an annual production if it meets with favor by the students of the college.

Advertisement for 'Candid-Camera Romance' featuring a photo of a couple. Text: 'Enjoy this week's Post', 'They developed a supersensitive CANDID-CAMERA ROMANCE', 'It was love at first sight—the perfect mating of a Rocoflex f.2.8 and a Statzer f.3.5. She snapped him. He snapped her. Then she snapped him snapping her. It made a beautiful picture—until a photographer's model stepped in. A short story.', 'Photo Finish by DOUG WELCH'

Advertisement for 'Meet Henny Penny' featuring a photo of a man on a horse. Text: 'Meet "Henny Penny" The farmer who runs the U.S. Treasury', 'DO YOU KNOW the happenings behind these headlines? F. D. R. DEVALUATES DOLLAR TO 59 CENTS TREASURY TO FLOAT \$241,000,000 BOND ISSUE U.S. LENDS CHANG KAI-SHEK \$25,000,000 Behind such news stands the tall, nervous gentleman-farmer Mr. Roosevelt calls "Henny Penny." Closer to F. D. R. than any man but Hopkins, Henry Morgenthau, Jr. worships his chief, likes to tell associates, "Gad, I had him laughing today." "What's Morgenthau like? How does he handle his job? Why do New Deal advisers hate him? In the Post this week, two noted Washington correspondents turn their spotlight on the nation's money master. First of Three Articles.', 'by JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER'

Advertisement for 'My boy friends... SWING-CRAZED HOODLUMS?' featuring a photo of a man. Text: 'My boy friends... SWING-CRAZED HOODLUMS?', '"Why, daddy! How ridiculous! We drove your car straight home from the hospital, and you can settle the damage later, and suppose the intern was a little cild and changed his bell—"... Here's a story for all the family! Now, Ripley, Please!... by BOOTH TARKINGTON'

Advertisement for 'ODDEST GUY IN BASEBALL' and 'HOUND VS. BEAR'. Text: 'ODDEST GUY IN BASEBALL. He slumped with a good team—but won 20 games last year for the 7th-place Browns! Bob Considine reports on the eccentric ballplayer who keeps rabbits in his hotel room, likes rival teams better than his own, and admits, "They Need Me Something Terrible." Fans—turn to page 15. HOUND VS. BEAR. Spadefoot, 500 pounds of fighting black bear, and Musheteer, the best bear dog in the Black Mountains, meet in an exciting animal story by Herbert Ravenel Sasa. You'll find it on page 16. RACING HORSES is a bread-and-butter business to the wandering trackman, whose oat-eaters run for the prize money. A. J. Lieblich tells you how precarious life can be when Horsemen Race to Eat. IS THE NEW DEAL SCALPING THE NAVAHO? See this week's Post for news of Thunder Over the Southwest. WHERE DO OLD FOLKS GO TO CUT UP? Color photographs by Ivan Dmitri show you around "St. Pete," Florida's hot spot for oldsters. Turn to Sitting in the Sun, pages 18 and 19...short stories, editorials, fun and cartoons.'