

ARMY DAY

Twenty-two years ago the United States entered the World War, on April 6, 1917. That event will be commemorated by Army Day next Thursday.

When war was declared, A. & M. sent her men. Our memory needs no yearly reminder because every day an Aggie can see the tributes paid to A. & M.'s soldier dead.

The grey marble monument, draped with a stone flag, bears a bronze plate listed with the names of A. & M.'s World War dead.

While on the subject of flags, one flag that has an interesting story behind it is the flag hanging in the library.

On the subject of soldiers and officers from A. & M.; the New York Times shortly after the World War carried an article about the men furnished to the army by military schools.

—Louis Chevallier

Student Politics

The time of year when politics takes the saddle is here, and while it may be entered into somewhat lightheartedly, students should remember that their votes in all elections is really an important matter.

In the general student body election of Chief Yell Leader, Battalion Editor-in-Chief, and Senior and Junior Representatives on the Publications Board; in the junior class election of a social secretary, an Entertainment Series head, and a Longhorn editor; and in the sophomore class election of Junior Yell Leaders, the way you vote is an important matter.

The Battalion will not support any candidate in its news or editorial columns, of course, but we feel that the importance of these elections to the student life of 1939-40 should be considered.

One plea The Battalion makes is that students be careful about the possibility of a political "coup d'etat" by members of secret fraternities—those men who like to refer to themselves in guarded moments as members of "controlling groups".

Let's not let them "control". When you cast your ballot, be sure it's for a man qualified in every respect to handle the work involved in the office for which he is running.

If we elect competent, anti-frat men to campus positions, next year's student body will be well off. Start looking up your fiscal office receipt for this term; you'll need it in the general election and juniors will need theirs in their class election.

THE UNWELCOME GUEST



PREVIEWS and REVIEWS

RAY TREADWELL

"Oklahoma Kid," a Warner Bros. picture directed by Lloyd Bacon with the screen play from an original story by Edward Paramore and Wally Klein. Showing Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Palace.

The cast of characters: James Cagney... Jim Kincaid Humphrey Bogart... Whip McCord Rosemary Lane... Jane Hardwick Donald Crisp... Judge Hardwick Harvey Stephens... Ned Kincaid Hugh Sothern... John Kincaid The picture is another one glorifying the old West in which James Cagney is cast as the "Oklahoma Kid," a rough tough outlaw of the land-rush days of Oklahoma, who is the bandit hero of that time.

brothers so that it would be different from the ordinary run of "shoot-em-ups" in some respects at least in addition to having a slightly more appealing cast. With the rage for Western films of a better nature than the usual film by the general public during the last few months the picture studios have been able to turn out some top-notch shows of that class due to years of experience in that type of show.

The show is good as far as Westerns go and even has more shooting than the average show but there is nothing in it to set it above "Jesse James," "Stagecoach," "Dodge City" or any of the other recent glorified shows of that class. It is according to how your tastes run as to whether or not you will like this show but if you can stand the type it is good for some entertainment as there is nothing deep and dramatic about the show but there is enough action to keep you busy and prevent you from being bored.

Don't forget a handkerchief for the powder burns when you see this one.

Parade of Opinion

Always a sure-fire publicity measure for attention seeking politicians, calling U. S. colleges and universities "red" and "communistic" is again fast assuming an important role in state legislative councils. Investigations have already been proposed in Oklahoma and Colorado, and one is brewing in Ohio under the sponsorship of the American Legion.

Though most institutions admit that their students learn about isms in the classroom so that they can know what is going on in the world, most of them vociferously deny that these isms are advocated as a form of government better than U. S. democracy. The polls of student opinion and the views of student writers and speakers certainly prove that the great majority have no faith in isms of any kind. On the other hand they actively defend one ism—Americanism—and they do it with strong words and clear-cut actions.

Here's what representative students have to say about the "red" inquiries:

"Democracy has nothing to fear by comparison. Only when we have no contrasting government do we become unmindful of the advantages of our own system. Free speech is the safety valve which allows for the dissipation of anarchistic energy and gives us that change to compare our own country with more restricted ideologies. It is the safety valve that would be destroyed if the Legion succeeds in its attempt to destroy the harmless pink shadow."—Miami University "Student"

"Every year or so some of what William Allen White calls 'hard-boiled young guys who like swash-buckling around in Sam Browne belts at the state meetings' take it upon themselves to save America for democracy. Last year, the stigma of communistic sentiment was on Kansas University. Now the smoke has blown away and we hardly remember the fire. Predictions are that the same thing will happen in the case of the Oklahoma purge."—Southern Illinois Teachers College "Egyptian"

"There is little which can do more to harm the teaching profession than such recurrent campaigns. Not only do they destroy the faith which the general public must have in its teachers, but they also provoke the over-zealous watch-dogs of legislative chambers to blows at academic freedom. There is but one word for the whole episode: regrettable."—Harvard University "Crimson"

The sale of U. S. war materials to foreign nations brought out into public debate by the crash of a plane being tested before sale to France, has the nation's collegians divided in opinion on foreign policy as clearly as it has the rest of the U. S. public. However, most collegians feel that if the move will bring the U. S. into an alliance that will eventually force us into a war, they are against the sale of war supplies. They do feel that such sales should not be kept secret.

Benjamin Bucklin, Harvard University freshman, has a new way of dealing with his competitors in affairs of the heart. When one suitor after his girl-friend's heart became a bit too aggressive, Bucklin got aggressive himself, placed Samuel Worthen in handcuffs, threw the key that would open them under a subway train.

Not only did he throw away the key, he made the rounds and "fixed" all of the Cambridge locksmiths so they wouldn't help Worthen escape from bondage. When last heard from, Worthen promised to give Bucklin a different kind of cuffing—after he escaped from the prisoner's bracelets.

But it's a good thing Harvardman Conrad Budny wasn't the object of Bucklin's disaffections, for Budny claims the unofficial milk-drinking championship of the world: he drinks seven glasses of milk per meal and has done so ever since he was a babe in arms. No sissy, he exercises with 50-pound weights, using a 200-pound weight for "special occasions."

While discussion of international topics seems to be the rule in college newspapers these days, a few are turning to the political situation within our own borders. Another college paper, the University of Baltimore "Baloo," has come out for Secretary of State Cordell Hull for President. However, Mr. Hull has written the Butler University "Collegian," first to nominate him for the high office, a polite refusal of the honor: "I should be frank to say that I have no personal political aspirations at all, either present or prospective." Which seems to us a lot

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Intercollegiate Committee to Aid Student Refugees.

COLLEGIATE REVIEW

With less than 5 per cent of advanced graduate studies in education in preparation of doctorates and masters' degrees concerned with the problems of some ten million American school-age children requiring special attention in their schooling, the United States is unprepared to face this situation.

Dr. Carter V. Good, professor of education in the Teachers College, University of Cincinnati, painted this picture of inadequate consideration for the nation's exceptional children in a report prepared for the International Council for Exceptional Children.

His survey traced the extent to which graduate students in education have covered this problem since 1929 and institutions active during the past four years in investigating problems of exceptional children.

Institutions stimulating graduate study and research in this field include Chicago, Columbia, Iowa, Michigan, New York, Ohio State, and Southern California universities, according to Prof. Good.

If American school systems in the next decade should decide to provide "reasonably adequate instructional facilities for the approximately 10,000,000 children who need special consideration in the solution of their educational problems," they would find research methods and investigational evidence wholly inadequate for a substantial basis for such a program, Prof. Good indicated.

"How and where could a quarter of a million teachers be trained in service and specially prepared new teachers be educated to cope with the situation?" he asked.

"If 1,000 colleges, universities, and teachers colleges should decide to organize courses calculated to assist teachers in dealing with problems of exceptional children from whence would the instructors come? Herein reside both a challenge and an opportunity."

Promotion of friendly relations between students and townspeople of the city in which the university is located has been made the duty of the special committee created by Cornell University authorities.

Unique in its objectives, the group works actively to bring into closer relationship students, faculty members and citizens of Ithaca. Chief aim of the committee is to prevent troubles arising between students and city administrative officials.

Functions of the new committee have been divided between two sub-committees, one to meet with city officials and the other to deal with merchants of the city. Prices charged students, the attitude of police officers toward students and of students toward the police, and city traffic problems have been the principal points reviewed by the committee.

Once a month the committee as a whole, comprising eight students appointed by the Cornell Student Council and a like number of Ithacans appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, meets to discuss the work of the subcommittees.

Although the plan has been in effect only a few months it already has justified its continuance and expansion.

PALACE LAST DAY - WED. "Let Us Live" THURS. - FRI. - SAT. CAGNEY THE OKLAHOMA KID

NEW DIXIE WED. - THURS. THE SAINY STRIKES BACK GEORGE SANDERS WENDY BARRIE

CARS ON CAMPUS

The big objective of the administrative offices of the college during the past two years has been the elimination of obsolete customs and rules, but during the campaign one of the greatest reforms needed by the college, especially the boys living in the dormitories, has been entirely overlooked.

Perhaps the chief purposes originally planned by the executives in passing the rule were for the benefit of the college and the students, but to all visible appearance that day has long passed and the point has been reached where, due to the increased size of the campus and the improvements in the auto, that the rule has become an obstacle to the students an dthe college in the maintenance of sufficient transportation facilities.

One of the chief arguments in the past against keeping cars on the campus proper was that their shabby appearance as a whole—championed by the collegiate Model T—would give the campus a bad appearance, but the T age is now a thing of the past and not only does the rule congest parking lots off the campus when plenty of room is available on the campus, but it has also been responsible for numerous thefts during the past year on cars which have been parked at North Gate, whereas if these same cars were kept on parking lots by the halls, the amount of burglary could be reduced.

A system of car registration by the students at the commandant's office much as is now in effect could be installed and the students could be allowed to keep their cars in parking lots near the halls, several of which are available in back of some of the halls. Under such a system an even closer supervision could be kept on the students' cars by the officials if they so desired.

With the enlargement of the campus next year by the opening of the new dormitory unit, the distance to classes and to parking lots off of the campus will be greatly increased and the problem will become so acute that a solution will be forced in a few weeks which could be much more easily worked out this term. The interest of the entire student body is tied up in this problem.

—Ray Treadwell —Roy Martin

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What's Showing New Records

ASSEMBLY HALL Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:45—"Men With Wings," a Paramount picture starring Fred MacMurray, Ray Milland, and Louise Campbell. Saturday, 7:00—"King Kong," starring Fay Wray, Robert Armstrong, and Bruce Cabot.

PALACE Tuesday and Wednesday—"Let Us Live," a Columbia picture with Maureen O'Sullivan, Henry Fonda and Ralph Bellamy. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—"The Oklahoma Kid," a Warner Bros. picture with James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart, Rosemary Lane, and Donald Crisp.

Hal Kemp and his orchestra introduce a new style of dance music in the record BLUE MOONLIGHT and HOI-POLLOI.

LONESOME-THAT'S ALL and TIL THE SANDS OF THE DESERT GROW OLD played in the characteristic slow waltz of Wayne King and his golden saxophone makes a record of distinction.

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