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NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH

DR. AL B. NELSON



The world is in a whirl this week—England and France have set their faces sternly against appeasement in Europe but are "negotiating" the Tientsin issue with Japan. The probabilities are that the British will give up their shirts and then get their pants taken from them for good measure unless Chamberlain's representatives fill their hands with more than umbrellas and polite, brotherly speeches. Russia and Japan are still fighting in Mongolia but their main weapon still seems to be hot air. Take your choice of their reports, for each says the other was licked with heavy losses to the enemy and few or none to themselves. Britain and France are giving Franco the gold which the Loyalists deposited with them, in return for his promise to remain neutral in the event of war. The U. S. need not get snooty and think she is the only one who knows how to trade gold for promises. The difference is that we have not been giving away the other fellow's gold (one reason is that the other fellow has never trusted us enough to let us hold his coat while he fought). Mexico, on the other hand, is using the Loyalist gold in their hands to care for colonies of Spanish Loyalists in their country. Germany has caused Europe to resemble one vast armed camp this week. Hitler's spokesmen tell Danzig to be ready, the day of annexation is at hand; others tell England, France and Poland that there is positively nothing to the rumors. The world speculates as to whether Germany means it and whether England believes it, and then worries over the question of when the fighting will start. The situation is rapidly approaching the point where even the confirmed pacifist longs so for the suspense to end that even war would almost be welcome.

Special interests occupy the news space and run the government these days (and not thinking of the capitalists and Wall Street, either). Of course, the Democratic and Republican Parties still nominate the presidents and tack party labels on the congressmen but special interests, and not parties, determine measures and policies. The Silver Bloc in Congress has for the past few years forced the government to purchase silver from the miners at about double its real value, or 64.64 cents per ounce, and it is now in a fair way to raise the subsidy to 77.57 cents per ounce. The Gold Bloc has forced the purchase of gold at about \$10 per ounce above its value; and the pension interests are already getting more than one-quarter of the income of the state from taxation. Others in the week's news are too many to mention.

Great Triumph—The economy forces in Congress did not appropriate as much money for relief as the extreme spenders desired, but there is a catch in the triumph for economy. The states or the local sponsors will have to match the Federal funds with one quarter or more of the total cost of the projects. No one yet knows whether this is a triumph for economy or more spending. If the sponsors match with their share it is a triumph for heavy spending under the guise of Federal economy. If Federal money is not matched, the projects fold up and the entire cost of relief is passed back to the local governments, where it really belongs.

FOUR BIG CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE GATHERINGS were scheduled to attract the interest and attendance of Texas Baptist College young people during the summer months.

Summer Reading

By Dr. T. F. Mayo, Librarian

"Inside Europe", by John Gunther. (The most popular book about the dictators and such.)

"My New World", by the Abbe Ernest Dimmet (The latest book by the gentle French philosopher for the ordinary man.)

"Seedless Growth of Plants", by Ellis. (Probably all that you and I need to know about it.)

"The Golden Boy", by Clifford Odets. (A fine play about a prize-fighter, by the brilliant and radical author of "Waiting for Lefty.")

"The Evolution of Physics", by Einstein himself. (In simple language, the greatest of all physicists gives us the essence of physics—straight from the horse's mouth, as it were.)

"Divided We Stand: The Crisis of a Frontierless Democracy", by Webb. (Written by one of our neighbors at Austin, this book has stirred up a whirlwind of comment and controversy.)

"New Ways in Photography", by Deschin. (Said to be a good book. I wouldn't know!)

"It Is Later Than You Think", by Lerner. (This gentleman thinks that democracy is decidedly in danger—right here at home. His book is disturbing and stimulating also.)

Summer Library Attendance Grows

By Delbert Whitaker

Dr. T. F. Mayo, librarian, has announced that on an average the summer students visit the library more than the long-term students.

During the last regular session, ending in June, there were on an average 10,500 students per week entering the library from the student body of 5,907, and for the first summer term 3,851 students per week from the present student body of 1,357. This is close to two visits a week for each long-term student, and three for each summer-term student.

Could it be that the students visit the library more often during the summer in getting away from the heat and noise of the dormitories—or could it be that they really use the library books more?

Perhaps summer school students learn more than long session students, because reading is one of the greatest forms of increasing knowledge.

Most summer school students have pointed out, however, that the summer school profs are the cause of the increased library attendance—the work is extra "heavy."

What's Showing

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Saturday—"Up the River," with Preston Foster, Tony Martin, and Phyllis Brooks.
Tuesday—no show.
Thursday—"Midnight," with Claudette Colbert, Don Ameche, and John Barrymore.

McQuillen Attends Meet, Visits Schools

E. E. McQuillen, secretary of the Former Students' Association, has been attending a meeting of the American Alumni Council at Swampscott, Massachusetts, held June 26-30. He is director of district 10 of the Council.

Following the meet he is visiting Cornell University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Iowa State University, where he is studying alumni work and placement bureaus. He will be gone for a two-week period.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

Tonight's Summer Pasture Prom should be an event at which everyone has a good time. With a keynote of informality and an "anything goes" attitude as far as clothes are concerned, blue overalls, calico dresses and bare feet will probably be the order of the day.

The widely held attitude that Aggies are bound by tradition because A. & M. is a military school has recently been shattered by at least three persons. Bob Robbins and V. B. Stubbs are reported as eating apple pie with mustard on it. And, as if this wasn't enough, H. H. Hamner recently breakfasted on a pimento cheese sandwich and a vanilla milkshake.

Probably the highest honor this column will ever receive was bestowed upon it last week when no less an animal than a dog was made its namesake. The Battalion editor recently acquired one of D. B. Cofer's Boston terrier pups and has christened the canine "Backwash Charlie." It's too early to tell whether or not the title will prove fatal.

Ross Cox, referring to an attractive girl: "She looks a little overfed in places."

Aggieland's two greatest fishermen, "Doc" Russell and Dean Kyle couldn't understand why they had so much trouble rowing across a lake one recent Saturday after-

noon until, after reaching the opposite side with much sweating, straining and hard work, they discovered that they had neglected to pull the anchor up!

Dr. S. H. Whitley, President of the East Texas State Teachers College, has quite an idea—from a student's viewpoint, at least. He recently advocated, in a campus address, that students occasionally be allowed to take charge at teachers' meetings.

Signs of progress—the new signal light at North Gate; the addition of six new cottages to the Blue Top group at the East Gate; the new college laundry building which will soon be constructed; the fact that The Summer Battalion will be increased in size, the last six weeks, to that of the long-session Battalion; the arrival, finally, of miniature golf in Bryan—a course has been laid out just off of College Avenue and, thus far, is proving to be popular.

Ken Mills, one of A. & M.'s grid greats year before last, is attending the current session of summer school. Ken, who was to be an important figure on last year's A. & M. football team, broke his back in an unfortunate accident last summer and thus was forced to give up his gridiron career.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bubba" Garnand are also here this summer. "Bubba" is the gentleman who dealt the Aggie grid team misery year before last as a Baylor halfback.



Movie Review

By Bob Nisbet



Because the Assembly Hall is to be used for the Farmers' Short Course Tuesday night, there will be only two shows this week. "Up the River," and "Midnight" are the ones left.

"Up the River" is a comedy based upon the football team of the Rockwell Penitentiary. The prison turns out to welcome back to the fold Preston Foster and Arthur Treacher, who picked on a detective to pull a card trick. The reason for the jubilation is that they are the only cogs needed to complete the lineup for the prison football team. A new recruit is signed when Tony Martin arrives. He is jailed as an innocent victim of a pair of pension racketeers. On the day before the annual football game with a neighboring prison, Tony learns through his sweetheart, Phyllis Brooks, that the racketeers plan an even bigger raid, and he plans to escape and stop them. The catch is that his sentence is only a month longer, and a break would mean more time. If his pals left, there would be

no one to play in the football game. It's a screwy show.

In "Midnight," the Thursday show, Claudette Colbert plays the part of a chorus girl in Paris, broke and hungry. While still broke, she meets a taxidriver, Don Ameche, with whom she falls in love (and vice-versa). But she realizes that on his salary he could not support a wife, so she runs away. Ameche, who wants to try, organizes all the taxidrivers in Paris to search for her. Claudette then meets John Barrymore, who is having trouble keeping a playboy away from his wife. He hires Claudette to entice the villain away from his door. In doing so Claudette winds up in a French court of justice involved in a divorce where there never was a marriage. To complicate things further, Don Ameche arrives upon the scene to clear his "near-wife."

Thirty-five American commonwealths and Puerto Rico are participating as exhibitors in the New York World's Fair. Several other states, also, will be represented.

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