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Hospital Substation Increasingly Needed

In an earlier editorial, The Battalion pointed out the need for a hospital substation at the new dormitories.

We wish to re-emphasize that need. Around 2,600 students—more than half of the student body residing on the campus—are now living in the new halls. They need medical service which is easily and quickly available. A hospital fifteen minutes' walk away isn't.

As we said before, if a boy is very sick, he won't be able to walk that distance. If he isn't, he won't anyhow, just to get simple treatment for a cold or cough.

The first part of that statement was borne out last weekend, when a boy living in dormitory 7 became so ill that a taxi had to be employed to get him to the hospital—no ambulance or other conveyance being kept by the hospital.

Colds, coughs, and similar ailments are frequent among the student body at any time during the winter—and they are especially so now while we are having to wait for heat and hot water in the halls. Colds and coughs easily develop into serious illnesses. And unfortunate though it may be, most boys simply won't traverse a long distance just to get a cold or cough treated. Frequently they haven't time to. If they can't or won't go to the hospital for treatment when it is so far away, then the treatment should be made more easily accessible to them.

We have a fine hospital, true enough. The Battalion thinks very highly of the college medical staff. The equipment is excellent. All that we've admitted before.

But that shouldn't becloud the issue, which is that we need medical treatment for the commonest ailments—mainly those of the eye, ear, nose, and throat—more easily available than it is now.

The new dormitories are served by a confectionery, a barber shop, a post office substation which will soon be open, and other facilities nearby. Taxis come up to the new dorms, and practically every kind of service except medical service is available—or soon will be—right at the new dorms.

And rightly so. By the same token, we need a medical substation nearby.

The argument may be put up that such would involve too great trouble or expense. We don't believe that it would cost much or take much trouble—and what it would involve is certainly justified.

We feel sure that the authorities of the college can have it done if they will. We urge, as strongly as it is possible for us to urge anything, that they attend to this need as quickly as possible.

German Science Has a "Black-Out"

It is well known that Germany has made some of the most valuable contributions to modern science in many fields, but under the Hitler regime it is fast losing this respect, according to a recent report by an American scientific association.

The report states that German universities have lost more than half their students in the last five years. In a year since the German occupation of Austria the University of Vienna lost 48 percent of its teaching staff, including some of its most eminent educators.

It is asserted that about 1,500 scientific workers in universities in "greater" Germany have been forced from their positions because they were Jewish, or otherwise came under the displeasure of the Nazi party. What is even more important to the world at large is the fact that the findings of German research workers no longer inspire confidence, being considered unreliable because of governmental propaganda pervading everything that comes out of that country.

This is but another phase of the degradation being suffered by the people of Germany under the rule of the mad-man of Europe, Adolph Hitler.

SAYS A FAMED LONDON PHYSICIAN, "Only the anticipation of the joys of summer keeps mankind going through the winter." And don't forget vice versa, doc.

Aggies, Ask Yourselves—

Would Lawrence Sullivan Ross be proud of being an Aggie if he could hear some of the language coming from around his statues these Sunday evenings?

Parade Of Opinion

NEUTRALITY: U. S. college students—some 1,400,000-strong—returned to classrooms and campuses last month amid a loud chorus of warnings and implorings. They were warned by the press and the presidents to maintain an open and thinking attitude on the present European war. They were implored to use their every influence to keep the U. S. out of the war and to bend every energy to a sincere study of the world's problems and how they can be met.

From the surveys that have appeared to date, it appears that the average collegian has heeded these warnings and these commands. He maintains that he does not want to go to war, that he wants the U. S. to remain neutral. But he seems to have no objection to the U. S. selling goods of all kinds to the warring nations, so long as it is on a cash-and-carry basis. First real objection to the President's proposed neutrality act changes was made at St. John's University, where 650 students signed a letter to the Chief Executive protesting "a new partisan neutrality act without first consulting the people through the medium of a referendum." This movement has not yet gained much headway.

College newspaper editorial opinion, though about evenly divided, seems leaning toward the President's proposal that the neutrality act be changed to provide for sale of materials to belligerents that can pay for it and transport it from our shores.

The arguments of those who oppose the change are neatly summarized by the St. John's University Record: "If the embargo were lifted business would undoubtedly flourish in America—for a while, that is as long as Britain and France could pay cash. Britain and France, because Germany would never be allowed to purchase here. After England and France could not pay cash, our loans to the democracies would almost inevitably begin again. And there is the danger! That is how we started last time."

For the affirmative, the University of Iowa Daily Iowan states the case: "Congress has two facts to go by. (1) We want peace. (2) We'd fight—or a substantial minority of us would—if defeat began for the democracies. The logical conclusion to this line of reasoning is lifting the arms embargo now."

Whatever their position, most editorialists implore the issue to be divorced of politics, and ask that the legislators think calmly and sanely on the issue that may decide the future of our democracy.

Most strongly do all editorials affirm the fact that U. S. collegians do not want to fight on a foreign soil, but they will bear arms if our land is threatened. Just how strongly entrenched this belief is will be determined in the dark days of propaganda that lie ahead.

COLLEGIATE REVIEW

(By Associated Collegiate Press)

Salaries of Barnard College graduates and undergraduates who were given positions through the college occupation bureau last year totaled \$173,443.

The University of Illinois is constructing new campus buildings at a cost of \$3,400,000.

Portuguese has been added to the long list of foreign languages taught at the University of Texas.

The Ohio University football team was undefeated in a home game from 1927 to 1937.

A special course in the Russian language and literature has been added to the Cornell University curriculum.

As the World Turns...

By DR. AL B. NELSON

British soldiers in France now number over 150,000 men, almost fully mechanized. Their fire power is several times that of the same number of men in the 1914 army.

The late news broadcasts make a further significant announcement to the effect that their posts in the Mediterranean and the Near East have been greatly reinforced. This is no doubt in recognition of the uncertainty of the situation with regard to Italy and Turkey.

The National Labor Relations Board issued an order back in September, requiring that the Waumbec Mills, of Manchester, New Hampshire, put two men on their payroll with two years' back pay because the firm had refused to hire them.

The Army and Navy require many manufacturers filling their orders to guard against foreign spies and sabotage. However, the N.L.R.B. refuses to allow them to hire detectives on the ground that it is an unfair labor practice. Of course Hitler and Communists in the C.I.O. thoroughly agree with them.

South American orders are coming to the U. S. at an increasing rate now. Brazil has just ordered about \$12,000,000 worth of ships and railroad equipment here, has placed a \$500,000 order for tank cars from Argentina, and a loan to Bolivia is in the making to be repaid with Bolivian tin. (According to recent dispatches Bolivia is now going democratic, the dictator idea having recently lost favor in South America.)

Finland is the only European country which has kept up its debt payments to the U. S., and now the U. S. has made a vigorous protest to Russia against any attempt at aggression against the Finns. The Finns are a vigorous, progressive nationality and deserve every support we can give them.

England is now manufacturing six times as many munitions than she was at the height of the World War of 1914-18, according to the Associated Press.

Hitler scornfully refused to even answer some of President Roosevelt's pleas for peace and allowed his newspapers to publish insulting remarks about the U. S. President. Now Hitler wants peace to prevent having to give up his loot, so he is exceedingly anxious for our President to pull his chestnuts out of the fire for him. It only remains for the Germans to nominate Hitler for the Nobel Peace Prize—or for Hitler to nominate himself!



"Dad, will you sign my report card now?"



"CAPTAIN FURY," showing Saturday night at the Assembly Hall, is by far the best picture playing this weekend. The cast isn't packed full with names too billed before the title, but several good players are in it. They read as follows:

Captain Fury.....Brian Aherne
Blackie.....Victor McLaglen
Francois Dupre.....Paul Lukas
Jeanette Dupre.....June Lang
Coughy.....John Carradine

The best part of this show is the swiftness with which the plot moves. Captain Fury is brought to Australia as a convict to be sold to some plantation owner who pays the highest price. A ruthless tyrant of the brush country in the vicinity of Sydney purchases Fury's services, but Fury almost immediately escapes. Learning of the oppression of nearby settlers, Fury bargains for their help in releasing his comrades from the plantation prison, and in turn offers to lead them in protecting themselves from the raids upon their homesteads. His little band makes plenty of trouble for the tyrant, Tryst, and the news reaches the ears of the Governor. This all-wise man soon gets to the seat of the trouble, but not before lots of things happen.

The show was good all the way through, but the best part of all was Victor McLaglen bringing the village-bad-woman to a community get-together.

A balanced show is the ideal. This one has everything except swaying music, but maybe that is to its credit. For those who like fast action, this show is filled with it. For the more romantic type, there's a little smattering of that.

Two other pictures are showing this week-end.

"ESPIONAGE AGENT," a story of the foreign secret service, is showing Sunday and Monday at the Palace theater. Joel McCrea and Brenda Marshall, a newcomer, have the leading parts. The story involves Brenda Marshall as a homeless wanderer in Europe who meets and marries a member of the U. S. diplomatic service on her way home. Together they are assigned to a job of tracking down information in Europe, and they get what they go after.

"CALLING DR. KILDARE" is the second of the Dr. Kildare series. It is showing at noon Saturday at the Assembly Hall. Dr. Gillespie and Jimmy are still battling in the operating room. Lionel Barrymore and Lew Ayres hold down the leads.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Saturday, 12:45—"Calling Dr. Kildare," with Lionel Barrymore and Lew Ayres.
Saturday 6:30 and 8:30—"Captain Fury," with Brian Aherne, Victor McLaglen, and June Lang.

AT THE PALACE
Saturday night preview, Sunday and Monday—"Espionage Agent," with Joel McCrea and Brenda Marshall.

Musical Meanderings

By Murray Evans

This column goes in for "sweet bands". And for the layman again it will be well to explain that such orchestras, both as to their instruments used and to the type of music played, emphasizes harmony, finesse, (I looked it up, so why can't you?) tone effects, slower rhythms, and "sweet" ballad tunes of the day. Such organizations are better suited to play the better hotels and coffee shops because their music is soft and soothing, especially to the middle-aged group which frequents these places. In musical parlance soft, sweet music is called "creamy" because of the fact that all bands which play in coffee shops must tone down and play very softly. Coffee—cream—get it? Sweet bands seem to please more people, more often, in more ways than the razz-ma-tazz swing type. (And I don't like those boos from the gallery. Bet they are jitterbugs.) Soft, slow ballads are more pleasing to the ear, easier to dance, and more conducive to reminiscing than the average type of swing tune which always seems to call for buck-and-wing, swing your-lady style of footwork. What's the use of having a special girl back home, after all, if you can't listen to popular tunes (and they are nearly always the sweet, ballad type) that you and she have shared together, and get just a great big kick out of thinking of the circumstances and setting in which you and she heard them last!

This writer had the pleasure of visiting in Mr. George Perfect's studio in Dallas recently. (Mr. Perfect is a well-known music teacher, and is perhaps Dallas' foremost pipe organist.) While I was there, he played his new Aggie War Song, his own composition, and explained to me its different passages. Many Aggies will remember the tune being introduced last year, but

school was almost over at the time, so little attention was given it. The new War Song, Mr. Perfect explained, is in no way intended to replace "Goodbye, To Texas", but merely to supplement it. Some of the "bridge" and "turn-around" sequences are certainly admirably suited to the A. & M. military band, and especially those affecting the bass and trumpet sections. The march has a fine martial lift and zest which is instantly contagious. Frankly, this author was "sold" on the tune and hopes that the band will see fit to use it; in every one of its passages it seems to have literally captured the football spirit. It certainly has all the earmarks of a decided asset for a band such as ours.

Here is a good closing thought for the day: Remember the World War tune that was so popular called "Goodbye Broadway, Hello France!" Let's all hope that circumstances in our country won't lead up to this "farewell-to-America" ditty making the Hit Parade!!

\$25,000 Loaned Boys Through Ex-Students

Two hundred and forty-seven boys were extended a helping hand in financing their way through A. & M. this fall through the loan funds of the Former Students Association. When the smoke cleared away after the registration, nearly \$25,000 had been advanced to these boys.

Under present student loan rules all of these boys compiled satisfactory scholastic records during their previous years at A. & M. Approximately one half of the loans made were to seniors who will receive their degrees next spring.

No further loans will be made until second-term registration in February.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster.

Ramblin' . . . A tandem bicycle with a sidecar on each side is the goal of Woody Varner, Doug Miller, and Tommy McCord. This, so they can make classes on schedule without leaving dormitory twelve before class time . . . Colonel Moore points out that he learned more about daughter Annie's recent European tour by reading the Battalion than from Anne herself . . . An "all-right" fellow is Captain Phil Enslow if you listen to the story his M. S. juniors are telling. A special class meeting of Field Artillery of military juniors who regularly meet class on Saturday was called Thursday night to permit the cadets to attend to



Fuermann

Highlighting the football team's recent trip to San Francisco: The team stopped off in Los Angeles and visited the world famous Trocadero and Earl Carroll's Restaurant . . . While in the Trocadero the Cadets saw Delores Del Rio and Orsen Welles in person . . . More than 300 exes were on hand to witness the game . . . After the victory the Aggies visited the beautiful Sky Room atop San Francisco's Empire Hotel . . . The next day the gang saw the World Fair from one end to the other . . . The entire group seemed to have a wonderful time, but were glad to be back at Aggie land.

Now that women are again wearing suits, Harold Hausman has reminded us of an incident concerning a masculinist University of Texas girl who entered one of Austin's fashionable clothing stores to buy a suit. The clerk asked what style the up-to-date young co-ed wanted. Blushing, she answered, "Double-breasted, of course."

Rev' has a new blanket.

When next you see the famous Aggie mascot trot out on the gridiron, you'll also see her new Aggie blanket. One of the newer A. & M. traditions, started about three years ago, dictates that each year the new head yell-leader buy Rev's blanket; at the end of the year the yell leader keeps it for a souvenir. The new one was delivered to Bodie Pierce Thursday night and is practically the same as last year's blanket.

There is no single group of people who are finer to the Texas Aggies than Fort Worth people. Those who made the last Fort Worth corps trip in '37 well remember how much they did to make our stay there an enjoyable one. And now, once again, they are doing all in their power to provide a never-to-be-forgotten day in the lives of those Aggies making next Saturday's corps trip. Responsible, for the most part, are two outstanding A. & M. organizations: the Fort Worth Former Students Association and a splendid Fort Worth Mothers' Club.

Men of A. & S. Dept. Attend Convention

At the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants held in San Antonio, October 7, T. W. Leland, head of the Accounting and Statistics Department, was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the Texas Society. At the same convention H. A. Dulan, professor in Accounting and Statistics Department, was elected secretary and treasurer of the Texas Association of University Instructors. T. W. Leland was in charge of the program.

A. & M. was well represented at the convention. Those attending were W. M. Simpson, C. P. A.; O. A. Weinke, S. N. Stubbs, H. A. Dulan, and T. W. Leland, C. P. A. Simpson and Leland are members of the Texas Society.

The instructors' meeting, in which A. & M. participated, was given over to a discussion of accounting curricula offered at various colleges and universities. Over 156,000 square feet of 20-year bonded roofing was used for A. & M.'s 13 new buildings. Dixie Roofs, Incorporated, of Houston had the contract for the roofing. The same company has the contract for the waterproofing of the tunnels which carry the utility services to the new halls. These tunnels are 4,200 feet long and six feet square and are considerably larger than most of this type.

SUNDAY SPECIAL

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Fresh Shrimp Cocktail
Choice of

Fried Spring Chicken
Breaded Veal Cutlets with Tomato Sauce
Roast Pork Ham with Glazed Pineapple
Roast Sirloin of Beef with Brown's Sauce

Pear and Cheese Salad

Stuffed Baked Potatoes
Fresh Garden Peas
Whole Kernel Golden Bantam Corn

Banana Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee Tea Milk

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