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Record Our School Songs

Here's a suggestion The Battalion has just heard that we think is really great.

It's the idea of Engineer seniors Ed Aldridge and yell-leader Bert Burns, who are starting to arouse action on their project.

Briefly their idea is to have recordings made of the Aggie War Hymn ("Goodby to Texas University") and the Spirit of Aggieland, the A. & M. school songs, played by the 210-piece Aggie Band with the A. & M. Glee Club singing the words.

The records might be made by the Decca or Victor record companies, and sold nationally, with a royalty going to the Band to help finance its trips. The Band, incidentally, is always in need of more funds for many purposes.

We think it's a great idea, not only because it will help the Band and give the Glee Club added prominence, but chiefly because it will help to make our school and its fine old songs better known throughout the nation.

Our congratulations to the originators of this idea. We certainly hope it can be worked out at an early date.

Driver Vs. Pedestrian

The Battalion believes it necessary at this time to make a few suggestions for the benefit of Aggie pedestrians.

Many complaints are always heard in regard to traffic problems on the campus, and they have been increasing of late. It's true that a good many drivers speed about the campus as if heedless of pedestrians' lives and limbs. A few are Aggies, and a few are people of College Station and vicinity; but most of these groups are aware of existing conditions and are comparatively careful with their driving. Most of the speedsters, we believe, are visitors or passers-through, who are either ignorant of conditions here or simply reckless. In regard to this, we can just make the general suggestion that a more stringent enforcement of rules and regulations and the putting up of signs to guide the drivers are needed.

The main trouble, however, seems to be the old habit of the Aggies of strolling in the streets. On a campus originally provided for just students, it was more or less natural for such a habit to grow up. But with more than 6,000 students and several thousands of residents and visitors traversing the campus, things are considerably different—so much so that it's surprising a good many Aggies haven't been run over or into.

That a great many haven't in the past is no indication that the pedestrians here will continue to have such good luck—especially with conditions growing continually more crowded. A careless pedestrian cannot stay lucky forever; sooner or later his carelessness may result in his acquiring a broken leg or arm, or worse.

Actually, it is not necessary for so great a number to walk in the streets. In most places the sidewalks or the spaces beside the street are wide enough. The streets leading to the new dormitories are generally thronged with Aggies; but they need not be if the boys in walking use the sidewalk on both sides. And after all, it's better to walk on the side than to lose a life or limb from walking the the street—isn't it?

A great deal too much "jay-walking" is done. Crossing at the corners only, and looking around in all directions before crossing, would prevent many accidents and near-accidents.

One dangerous street section is that block between the library corner and the Experiment Station. In this block cars have been parking along the side toward the Science Hall. At that corner and in that vicinity conditions are too crowded, and consequently hazardous for both drivers and pedestrians. The Battalion therefore urges the elimination of this trouble by not allowing cars any longer to park in that section.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the need for caution on the part of the students. And we hope it won't take a serious accident to drive home our point!

Kyle Field Seats

The Battalion would like to point out to those concerned the need for better markings on the seats on the west side of the Kyle Field football stadium. The numbers of the seats have in the course of time become quite dim, and in frequent cases almost or entirely obliterated. Noticeable at the Baylor game was the difficulty many visitors experienced in finding their right seats.

Renewing these markings should make seat finding easier for everyone. We suggest that this condition be remedied as early as possible.

The University of Chicago has offered full tuition scholarships to Rhodes scholars forced from England by the current war.

Twenty colleges are this year cooperating on a wide experiment to improve teacher education in the U. S.

A Catholic Labor College has been established in Buffalo, N. Y., to teach the "rightful position" of the working man.

University of New Hampshire students may now rent reproductions of fine pictures to decorate their rooms.

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As the World Turns...

By "COUNT V. K. SUGAREFF

Duff Cooper, Britain's ex-first Lord of the Admiralty, who resigned his post in protest against the Munich appeasement, is now in the United States. His opinions on the duration of the war are as vague as those of a child, but he said, "The French high command has decided to wage a defensive war. In the last war an offensive war was thought to be the best." Mr. Cooper thinks that a revolution is in the making in Germany. "It will be", he said, "a revolution from the right, a conservative revolution and very likely there will be a monarchial revival". On the same liner, the 'Manhattan', other British notables came also. They said that they were not sent to the United States by their government. They all came "on their own steam", and they are not going to talk to Americans about the war. Still some of them let it be known that they were going to speak before American audiences on such subjects as "The Survival of Liberty", "The World We Live In", and "Why Britain Went to War".

Sugareff

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The Slovak parliament has elected Father Joseph Tiso as the president of Slovakia, a protectorate of Hitler. The Vatican does not look with favor on ordinary priests, like Father Tiso, holding high political posts. The bishop of Bratislava diocese, a high-ranking official in the Catholic Church, would have to swear temporal allegience to an ordinary priest. Then too, Father Tiso as president of Slovakia would have to deal with Hitler and Stalin, both of whom are considered as persecutors of Catholics. Last Friday the Pope in an encyclical letter condemned the dictators in no vague terms. Father Tiso might soon find himself in conflict with the practices of the Mother Church.

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Well, congratulations are due Governor George D. Aiken of Vermont. The governor has announced that he will not issue "propaganda" proclamations in the future, designating special "days" and "weeks" for public observance. Yes, not even "days" and "weeks" for the justly famous Vermont Maple sugar and syrup, and Vermont turkeys. The governor thinks the practice has been overdone. "And how"!

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

On to Arkansas . . . Fred Waring recently announced that he will soon write and play on his nationwide Friday night radio broadcast a special song for T.S.C.W. . . . And speaking of our sister school, the Band's Max Melcher claims that somethnig should be done about that college's ruling which requires girls to be in from dates by 10 o'clock on week nights . . . **Coach Norton again proved that he is a "regular fellow" when he addressed the senior meeting last Tuesday night . . .** A motherly-looking woman approached Johnny Beville last Saturday while he was selling football programs at the Aggie-Baylor fracas and asked, "Do these programs have a picture of Bill Conatser in them? My little boy wants one very much." She wouldn't buy one, either, until Johnny showed her Bill's picture.

Fuermann

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How many of 'em have you got? Almost as bad as Old Gold's ancient advertising slogan "Keep Kissable" are some of the modern plagues invented by manufacturers during the past year. Among them are Acid Blues, Bird-Cage Mouth, Bridge-Table Slump, Floor Pox, Headline Jitters, Lobsteritis, Prairie Squint, Radiosis, Transportation Fatigue, Vacation Figure, and Five O'Clcok Shadow.

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Fort Worth bell-hops are really "down" on Aggies. During the last corps trip many T.S.C.W.-ites would offer the hotel boys large tips, but their Aggie dates refused to let the girls pay saying that men, and men only, should tip The result, as one man declared almost led the bell-hops into bankruptcy. One girl, for example, offered a bell-hop a 35c tip, her date intervened, and the hotel received **four cents.**

Movie Review

By Bob Nisbet

"THE OLD MAID" is the latest Bettie Davis picture. It plays at the Palace Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The cast contains several big names, but the show is all Bette Davis as usual.

Charlotte Lovell.....Bette Davis
Delia Lovell.....Miriam Hopkins
Clem Spender.....George Brent
Tina .....Jane Bryan
Dr. Lanskell .....Donald Crisp

Charlotte Lovell had promised to marry Clem Spender, but the war came. Clem volunteered and was killed at Vicksburg. Months later their baby was born without a legal father, so Charlotte's Delia offered to take the child into her home with her three children. As the baby, Tina, grew up, she was taught that Delia was her mother and Charlotte her old-maid aunt. All went smoothly until the time came when Tina was to be married. If Charlotte told her secret, it might cause complications with the boy's parents. If she didn't she would break her own heart.

Of such stuff is "The Old Maid" composed. Of such stuff are most Bette Davis pictures composed. Not tearing down Bette's acting ability any whatsoever, I'd say that she ought to get out of the rut she has been into by the studio. Her fine acting pulls the show into the top class, but "Dark Victory" was much better. **All I can give it is two grade-points.**

"SECOND FIDDLE" was selected by the Poultry Science Club as their benefit show. Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power are cast as the school teacher who was selected to play a leading role in a movie and the publicity man goes to find her. Although it is a little old, the movie is a good one. **In my estimation it is worth two grade-points even now.**

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Thursday and Friday—"SECOND FIDDLE," with Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power.

AT THE PALACE
Thursday and Friday, and Saturday — "THE OLD MAID," with Bette Davis, George Brent, and Miriam Hopkins.

★ Musical Meanderings ★

By Murray Evans

The schottische dance is becoming very popular at the faculty dances. No less than six schottische numbers were played by the Aggieland Orchestra Tuesday night at the Halloween faculty dance. The schottische is a kind of polka which involves a series of hops, skips, and jumps, but it is certainly a graceful form of the dance when done properly. One current number which lends itself to the schottische tempo is "Scatterbrain." Two other old-timers of this nature are "Rustic Folk Dance," and "Put Your Little Foot." . . . Sir Neville Chamberlain, as caricatured by one of the professors at the faculty dance, received first prize for his originality. Said professor really bore a close resemblance to Sir N., even to the drooping mustache and somber, loose-fitting suit. One would have noticed that his inevitable cane was missing, but this detail was accounted for by a large sign pinned to the back of his coat reading, "Lost my umbrella at Munich!" . . . Second prize went to one of the prof's wives who was a dead-ringer for Groucho Marx with the bushy eyebrows, horn-rimmed glasses, and cigar. . . . Jack Littlejohn, saxophonist for the Aggieland Orchestra, introduced for the first time Tuesday night his own composition, "I'd Rather Be An Aggie." Jack wrote both the words and music, and made a special arrangement of the number for the orchestra.

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Brazos County WPA Projects Authorized

Nov. 1.—Authorization to begin work on eleven WPA projects, involving expenditures of $227,960 in Work Projects Administration funds and $188,353 supplied by local governmental agencies, has been given Texas district directors, it was announced today by Stearns S. Tucker, deputy state administrator.

Authorized projects included the following for Brazos County:

Improving South Main Street and old Highway 6 in Bryan by surfacing, building a bridge, and constructing curbs and storm sewers: WPA funds, $24,114; funds supplied by the city, $59,723; number of workers, 121.

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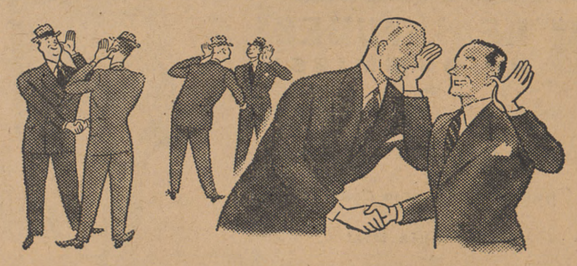

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