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## "Bad Manners"

A few things for the high school students who staged a riot downtown the other night to think about:

Not long ago, several thousand students from A. & M. College and Texas State College for Women were in town for a football game. They went to the game, they celebrated, they had a good time. Yet their conduct was such that Police Chief Howard later wrote a letter to the A. & M. commandant praising the behavior of the visiting students.

If some poor, ragged youth had gone into a store, as the high school students did, and stolen merchandise—as they did—he probably would have been arrested, tried and sent to the reformatory for an advanced course in crime.

The actions of the students who engaged in vandalism was a reflection on themselves, on their school, and on the homes in which they are raised.

—Excerpt from Ft. Worth Press

## American Solidification

The war has brought one boon to this hemisphere—it has immensely solidified the American republics, all the way from the Great Lakes to Cape Horn.

The Latin-American countries, like their big brother, the United States, are extremely eager not only to keep out of war, but to take any and all steps which might help prevent the war from disintegrating their economies more than is necessary. In this endeavor, they naturally look to us, the principal military and economic power in the hemisphere. When Under-Secretary of State Welles went to the Pan-American parley at Panama, he was given an extremely enthusiastic welcome by Latin-American statesmen.

Biggest thing to come out of the parley was the "safety zone," which completely surrounds North and South America (with the natural exception of Canada) for a width of about three hundred miles. The warring powers were requested to do their fighting outside of that tremendous area.

As Life put it, "This bold extension of the Monroe Doctrine far beyond the traditional three-mile limit left the world gasping." And, once the gasps were over, protests began pouring in. Biggest and most aggressive protest came from Britain. The London Times went so far as to say that the zone has no standing in international law, and that any attempt to enforce the declaration, by the United States or another participating country, would be an act of war. So the future of the safety zone remains in doubt.—The Daily Texan.

## Democracy at Dartmouth

For the first time in the long history of Dartmouth College, undergraduates there this fall are actively participating in the determination of the institution's academic policies.

For the purpose of giving students a greater interest in their own education, juniors and seniors will work on committees with their instructors to decide the requirements, curricula and departmental mechanics of their courses. The academic experiment will be tried first in the economics, sociology and political science departments.

The administration at Dartmouth took this step because it felt that students would take a greater interest in their courses should they be allowed to work with faculty members in formulating them.

It is gratifying to see that an institution ivy-bound in tradition is yet not so entwined in it as to mar its vision toward new fields in education. Other universities will watch the experiment with interest and incorporate those phases that prove their worth.

## A Tribute to Journalism

"All I know," said the late Will Rogers, "is what I read in the newspapers." But he knew enough to command a fabulous salary and to win his way into the hearts of the American public as no other man has done.

This statement, which he made frequently, was not only the modest ejection of a great man, but a tribute to American journalism as a whole.

When we consider that the American press is still in its infancy, we may point with pride to the

cardinal journalistic achievement—the enlightenment of the public.

Though the press is young, it is lusty infant. Its power is growing steadily from day to day. Any person who reads the newspapers and keeps abreast of the times may carry on an intelligent conversation, though he seldom enters a library.

It takes only from three to five hours for thousands of copies to roll from the presses, yet a whole book could be written describing the procedure.

It might be well to remind you again of the eleven words in our constitution that afford you the privilege of reading "anything that is fit to print."

## "Man, Your Manners--"

Now that we have two "Thanksgivings" before us, let's polish up our table manners, for their greatest test will come in the way we behave when in personal contact with food. Business prospects might be lost, or our whole social standing altered, by a "slip between the cup and the lip."

An invitation to dinner must be answered promptly. At dinner, if the hostess does not have place-cards, she will indicate where each guest will sit. Stand by your chair until the hostess is seated. A man draws back the chair for the lady at his right, pushes it forward for her, then seats himself from the left of his chair.

At a small dinner, wait until the hostess begins to eat. At a large dinner or banquet, wait until those beside you have been served.

It is not necessary to unfold a large dinner napkin all the way; leave it folded once in half, turning the two edges toward you; you will have the top half to wipe your fingers and your lips and the bottom half to protect your clothing.

QUESTION: How does one know which silver to use?

ANSWER: If the table is properly set with the silver in the order of its use, you should have no trouble. Start on the outside and work in; the forks should be on the left and the knives and spoons on the right, in the order in which they are to be used.

QUESTION: What is the proper use of the soup spoon?

ANSWER: Dip the soup from you and sip from the side of the spoon, not the tip. Foods eaten from teaspoons such as desserts, cereals, etc. are taken from the tip end.

QUESTION: What is the difference between the American and European method of the use of the fork and knife?

ANSWER: With the American method, the fork is transferred to the right hand after cutting a bite of meat and carried to the mouth prongs up. With the European method, the fork is retained in the left hand after the bite is cut, and conveyed to the mouth prongs down. This method has become somewhat popular in America. Vegetables are lifted with the mouth prongs up. The rule "prongs down" to impale meat, and "prongs up" to lift vegetables, is a good one to remember. When finished with the knife and fork, they are placed side by side on the plate, handles on the right.

## As the World Turns...

By "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF

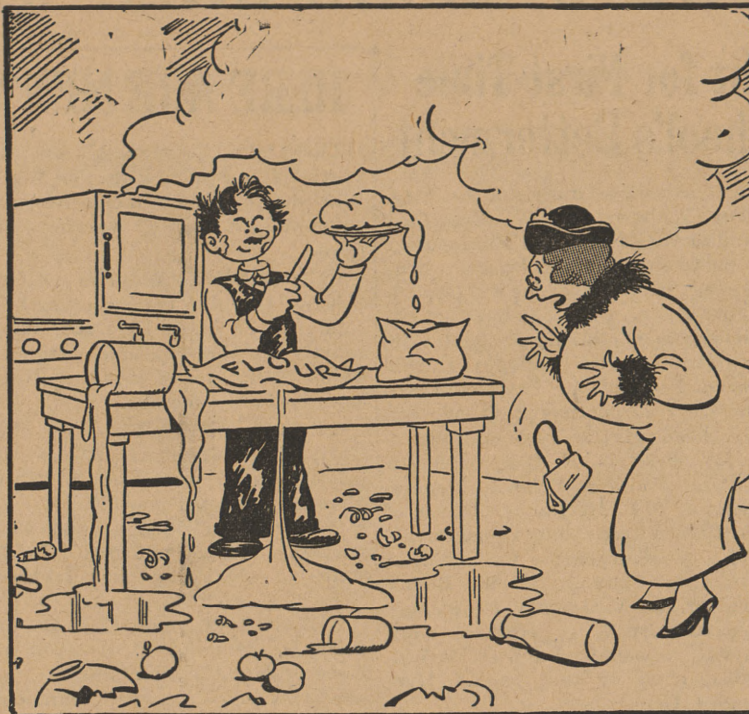
Something for nothing:—The country seems afflicted with "Townsenditis." Hardly any election is held nowadays without promising some sort of Utopia-supported with "ham and eggs," "\$30 every Thursday," "\$200 every month," or some such inducement—to beguile the voter. Ohio and California have just defeated the pension plans of the politicians. In New Jersey the railroads have pooled their forces together and are pushing a plan whereby their \$50,000,000 deficient taxes would be reduced to \$14,000,000. Here in Texas we find ourselves in a financial jam. The state is around \$20,000,000 in the red with no prospects for an immediate relief. Over \$100,000,000 of property taxes remain uncollected. Over a billion cubic feet of gas are taken from our gas wells with hardly any tax on it, nor does the original owner get much for it—around three cents per cubic foot. Texas is rich in sulphur deposits which are exploited to the limit by eastern capital. The immense profits from it go to eastern interests. Sulphur can be produced for around \$6 per ton and it sells around \$18 per ton. Tolerance has its limits!

The Balkan states are again the bone of contention among the European powers. The area is a great prize if it can be secured. At the start of the present war, experts were telling the world that Hitler after conquering Poland, would strike through Hungary and Rumania and find himself a master of the Black Sea. Then, it was thought, he would turn right, and with the aid of Bulgaria, crush Yugoslavia, and hoist the swastika at Salonica and Athens. This would give Hitler a dominant position in the eastern Mediterranean basin and would compel Turkey to cooperate with him against the Allies. Such strategy, if it could be carried out, would assure Hitler of enough raw materials to wage a five or seven year's war as he predicts.

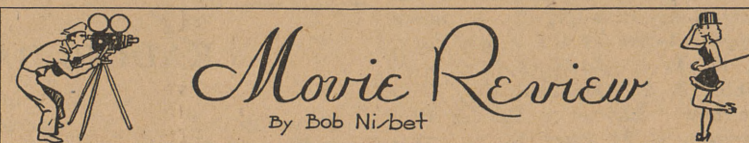
But Russia has occupied eight of the sixteen Polish counties and stands guard on both the Hungarian and Rumanian border—a check on Hitler's plan for the mastery of the Black Sea. Last April Italy occupied Albania and watches Hitler's moves toward the southeast. Turkey, with the support of the Allies, has rebuffed Russia's ambition to dominate the Balkans. It seems that the Allies are egging Mussolini on to form a neutral Balkan bloc. Should this plan be consummated, the Balkan states would play an important role in ending the war.

To the curious:—Last Thursday appeared in The Battalion a biographical sketch of this writer. If you are not inclined to dismiss journalistic enthusiasm and superlatives with charitable smile, you likely raised your eyebrows. "Count," as it is used locally, is merely a convenience. Nicknames, good or bad, stick. However, it should be understood that this writer has never claimed for himself any title or honor of social or political distinction.

## Off the Record



"Doggone, Amelia, you're home early. I wanted to surprise you by baking a pie."



## Movie Review

By Bob Nisbet

### WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL  
Thursday and Friday—  
"UNION PACIFIC," with  
Barbara Stanwyck, Joel Mc-  
Crea, and Robert Preston.

AT THE PALACE  
Thursday, Friday and Sat-  
urday —"HOLLYWOOD CA-  
VALCADE," with Don  
Ameche and Alice Faye.

A bouquet is due Mrs. Schulman and the Bryan Amusement Company on the swell new Queen Theater in Bryan.

Don Ameche and Alice Faye come to the screen this week at the Palace in a show that is the history of the movie industry. It's called "HOLLYWOOD CAVALCADE."

Real slapstick comedy came before most of the present generation could appreciate it at its best. Two of the best-known sets of slapstick artists appear in this picture. The Keystone Cops with their original "Leaping Lena" and Buster Keaton throwing his famous custard pies ought to account for a few good laughs.

Don Ameche in the show contracts Alice Faye's services as a screen star at the rate of \$100 a week and takes her by train to the West Coast, all at the expense of his studio. The luck of the Irish rides with him when she proves to be a "find." Later when he has become a big director and she has become a star, he is crestfallen when she marries a leading man from one of her pictures. Ameche is so hurt that his work begins to slip and he becomes a has-been. A new menace to his success pops up with the advent of the "talkies," but his old Irish ingenuity solves that problem, and the "grim reaper" solves his problem with Alice's husband.

"UNION PACIFIC" is Thursday and Friday's show at the Assembly Hall. Y cards for Saturday night will be good for this show.

Joel McCrea and Barbara Stanwyck made a long one, to say the least. Playing time is two hours and fifteen minutes. The story is a battle between government commissioner Joel McCrea, and Brian Donlevy, manager of the "End of the Track" saloon, for the success of the Union Pacific created by Abraham Lincoln, and for the hand of the local postmistress, Barbara Stanwyck.

### Homecoming Games Are Expensive For Alumni

Chicago, Ill. — Homecoming games are expensive luxuries for college alumni.

That's the opinion of the National Consumers Tax Commission, which has just released a study which proves that a fan and his wife or sweetheart spends \$23.85 to go back to his alma mater for the homecoming grid contest.

Here's the way the bill for two was figured out: taxi, \$3.60; flowers, \$1.50; lunch, \$2.50; cigarettes, 45 cents; train fare, \$4; game tickets, \$4.40; and dinner \$7.50.

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## BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

While College Station gets wet . . . A freshman was recently overheard wondering, "Doesn't the sun ever shine here after November 1? . . . Maybe it's because thus far we've been winning, but football banners are above those of former years this season . . . "Dunk" Dunklin has his own idea about what the most difficult job in the world is. If anyone wants to try it, here's the menu: Take a mouthful of buckshot mixed up with an equal portion of oatmeal; then try to talk while eating the oatmeal without swallowing the buckshot. . . . Part of the Aggie Band will play at the opening of Bryan's new Queen Theater at its opening next Tuesday night . . . Sophomore Jack Hollimon sends Backwash a vigorous gripe about a recent "Community Sing" short subject seen at one of the Bryan theaters. Though this was a college alma mater sing-song, not a single number was taken from a Southwest Conference school.



Fuermann

Double or nothing—take your choice: It was Tom Lewis and Carl Hill who bought an automobile from a Houston finance company last summer. All payments were made when due, except the last one which amounted to \$10. Too many corps trips left the pair on the verge of bankruptcy, but in the meantime the mailman brought off-repeated requests for the final installment. With a burst of genius, as is their wont, the two Aggies settled the question last weekend with a letter to the Houston firm. "Double or nothing on A. & M.," the letter ran; "If Rice wins, we owe you \$20; if the Aggies win, we are out of debt."

The finance company hasn't been heard from yet!

Oddity—in the news: T.S.C.W.-ite Leta Underwood lives only ten blocks from the Denton school, but she still "goes away to college." A bet with her brother started it all and now Leta only goes home on regular holidays (Thanksgiving will be her first visit since September), writes her family once a week, and even gets homesick.

A worldly acquaintance—a senior incidentally—with a total bankroll of fifty cents, recently made the trip to Houston for a "date-drink-and-dance" combination. After imbibing, and so forth, at a well known hangout, for what our friend thought was forty cents' worth, he was presented with a check for \$2. Upon inquiry he was informed that there was a one-dollar-per-person minimum cover charge. Realizing the precariousness of the situation and nothing that beer was ten cents a mug, he replied to the waitress in a sly "I'm-wise-to-this-minimum-gag" tone, "Well, in that case, bring me sixteen more beers." There was a scampering of feet hither and yon and a plaintive voice could be heard talking with the manager. Shortly thereafter the tuxedoed one timidly approached and hopefully inquired, "Couldn't we settle this for forty cents?"

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