

We're Still Wondering--When? A REPRINT FROM MARCH 21, 1939

A BEAUTIFUL MODERN AIR-CONDITIONED MOTION PICTURE THEATRE The "AGGIE" WILL BE ERECTED HERE By the BRYAN AMUSEMENT CO.

Well Done

On behalf of A. & M. students, ex-students, friends of the college, The Battalion extends congratulations to that fine A. & M. football team and its coaches.

The season has been a personal triumph and vindication of Head Coach Homer Norton and every member of the coaching staff.

To both coaches and players, to reserves and scrubs as well as to regulars, to freshmen and to the seniors, to the business office and to the plant maintenance force, to every member of the Athletic staff and to every player, The Battalion says, "Well Done!"

Congratulations, Woody!

In the December 10 issue of The Houston Post Lloyd Gregory reprints a lengthy letter written him by Cadet Colonel Durward B. "Woody" Varner, answering Mr. Gregory's repeated criticism of the Aggie yelling section.

In last Saturday's issue The Battalion made an editorial reply to Mr. Gregory; and though we don't want to keep harping on anything as continuously as Mr. Gregory has been doing, we wish we could reprint Varner's letter. However, there simply isn't space; but we do recommend that those of you who haven't read that letter, secure a copy of the Post and do so.

In his discussion of the subject, Varner expressed the same sentiments we feel. We commend him on his written expression of the corps' feeling. In closing the letter, Varner stated:

"Now, let me say this. Our rooting section will always have been, the aim of the Texas A. & M. cadets to go far more than half way in being fair. If there is the suspicion that opposing teams are confused in their signal calling by our yelling, we are more than glad—we are anxious—to stop it of our own accord. We are not at all chagrined by your articles, because on my desk I have a letter from every town and school we have visited this year, with the exception of Houston and Rice Institute, commending the Aggies on their general conduct and wishing us well."

Congratulations, Woody. Those are our sentiments exactly.

Man, Your Manners—

QUESTION: When seated in the theater and someone passes in front of me, which is proper, to turn my knees sideways or stand while they pass?

ANSWER: It is better, if there is room, to turn the knees sideways; to stand will obstruct the view of those behind you, but if you must stand, do it quickly.

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BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

Well all right... Now that the football weather is over, a short session of good weather has set in... Three different persons still claim that they saw it—Morris Hooton finding his way to class recently with the aid of a compass... Sophomore Tom Culpepper optimistically and hopefully pointing out, "There'll be a full moon on December 26"...



Fuermann

The veteran coach, "Pop" Warner, declared over a coast-to-coast NBC network Sunday that "Texas A. & M. is definitely the best football team in the nation"... Best pun your writer has heard on the name of the column came from Dutton Williamson last week. While making up his laundry, Dutton's roommate, Phil Levine, remarked that the laundry was an exceptionally large one. "Yeah," answered Dutton, "Backwash."

They've got some "tricky" devils in Hart Hall:

Charles "Red" Kirkpatrick was the victim of one of the year's best pranks. One end of a string was attached to the screen on Red's corner window facing Hart; the other end of the same piece

of string was attached to Hart Hall's E ramp. A skyrocket was then attached to the string by means of paper clips, and Red's return from Bryan was awaited.

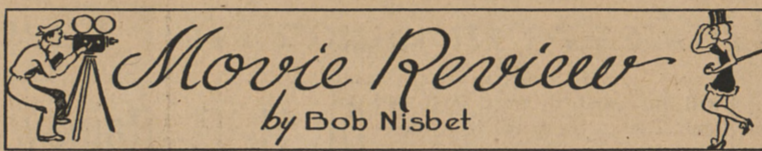
Somewhat sleepy, Red entered his room and began undressing for bed shortly after midnight. Just as he was putting his pajamas on a terrifying "whoosh" was heard followed by the entrance of a flaming sky rocket into the room. Under the dresser, over his desk, and around the room twice before exploding, the startling occurrence half-paralyzed Red before he could scamper out of the room to safety.

Alexander C. Jones is listed as the "Rocket's" next victim.

Evidently the "old" generation wasn't so backward after all.

A rather timid young man of the current generation of collegians was waiting at the gate. The lady of the house saw him and asked him what he wanted. Replying, he told her, "I want to see your daughter, Mary."

"Humph," said the woman, "you'll never do. When Mary's pa was courtin' me, he broke down the fence, strangled the watch dog, smashed in the door, locked my father in his room, and said to me, 'We're gettin' married right now.' That's the kind of a man we want for our little Mary."



Credit where credit is due goes to the fine list of pictures that has been and is to be shown at the Palace currently. It begins to look as though Bryan and College Station will get some early releases for a change.

This weekend "BEAU GESTE" will be shown. While this particular show is far from an early release, the shows for the past week and for the next week are still "wet."

The cast for "Beau Geste" is as follows:

Beau Geste.....Gary Cooper John Geste.....Ray Milland Digby Geste.....Robert Preston Sergeant Markoff, Brian Donlevy

When I saw this show, I thought it was one of the best I had ever seen, but after remembering that I had read and thoroughly enjoyed the book, I began to wonder just how much any member of the audience would appreciate the picture without having read the book. The show doesn't explain many of the small details from the book that they tried to show on the screen.

Beau Geste, in order to shield his aunt, steals the famous "blue water" jewel, runs away and joins the Foreign Legion. His brothers follow after him, and the three of them encounter countless hair-raising experiences. In a fight against a band of desert marauders, Beau is killed. He gives a letter to John to deliver to the aunt. The letter explaining the situation finally reaches the aunt still in John's possession, but not before Digby is also killed.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL Tuesday and Wednesday—"STANLEY AND LIVINGSTONE," with Spencer Tracy, Nancy Kelly, and Richard Greene.

AT THE PALACE Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—"BEAU GESTE," with Gary Cooper, Ray Milland, and Robert Preston.

AT THE QUEEN Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—"THE SECRET OF DR. KILDARE," with Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore.

Musical Meanderings

By Murray Evans

Jimmie Lunceford and his Band Many young band leaders have adopted musical degrees, but upon Jimmie Lunceford, such a degree has been actually conferred by the membership of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. "Jimmie Lunceford, Doctor of Swing," is what the parchment declares, "accorded in consideration of your contributions to Music, Mirth, Swing, Dance and Song."

Lunceford uses the longest baton in musical circles. A six-footer, Jimmie wields a baton 36 inches long. Closest approach to the size of Lunceford's baton is Paul White-man's, 32 inches. The average size of a baton is 22 inches.

Like you, you and you, Jimmie Lunceford has annual visions of winning a sweepstakes prize. This year Lunceford had an unusually strong belief in his luck, and stroking a rabbit's foot, bought whole books of sweeps tickets. Lunceford's manager, Harold Oxley, purchased a solitary ticket, stored it away and went about his business. If you haven't already guessed the result, Jimmie Will try again next year, while Oxley is basking over a \$4,000 prize.

In addition to his four college degrees obtained at Fisk Univer-

sity, Lunceford is about to achieve an honorary degree. This will be for the King of the Recording field. Record sales of "Tain't What You Do," "White Heat," "I Want the Waiter," "Well, All Right Then" and several others are primarily the reason for Jimmie's royal raiment of the record realm.

The first football broadcast was made from Stag Field at the University of Chicago on October 28, 1922.

Using special sounding balloons, University of Rochester students are studying sun rays at altitudes of 80,000 feet.

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Texas U. Student—

(Continued from page 1) On the upper end of the east side stands was filled by a cadet, and the sights of these 6,000 cadets cheering in a body puts tingles in your spine...

Photographers, both professional and amateur, are multiplying like rabbits. Each game sees a bigger turnout, and one wag said, "Watch where you step so you won't hurt a photographer. They're everywhere." Governor O'Daniel and his family did their setting-up exercises standing up for photographer after photographer. It was enough to make the Governor wonder whether the life of a flourman wasn't more pleasant after all...

We can imagine how the soldiers loved the mud in France during World War I after attending the game. It was not just moderate slush—it was positively swampy. One man remarked disgustedly, "Look at Jack Crain taking a row-boat around right end..."

Best known man in the stadium, probably, was ponderous, genial Col. Ike Ashburn, a giant of a man in stature, and his friends say, in heart, too. It seemed like everybody knew Col. Ike, and also, Col. Ike seemed to know every-

body. As A. & M.'s public relations man, he's an ace...

Jesse Jones and Irvin S. Cobb vied for first place as the most prominent visitor. Jones probably gets the nod because he was honored guest for the day, inasmuch as with the game dedicated to him, the state that day accepted a string of dormitories built with RFC money loaned by Jones...

And to the keepers of the press-box: Thanks a million for the hot-dogs, coffee, and cokes which were supplied free to the cold and hungry newspapermen.

Among the rain-drenched spectators: Bascom Timmons, brilliant Washington correspondent and Jesse Jones confidant; President Homer Rainey of the University of Texas; Austin managing editors Frank Adams and Charley Green; Mike Hogg, son of the famous governor who bears a great resemblance to his father...

The new antenna for the Iowa State College radio station weighs 15 tons.

Eddie La France of Brockton, Mass., teeing off in a golf game, overshot his mark. The ball landed in Roy Drew's pocket, broke his pet pipe, and set him on fire by igniting his matches.

GREATER - PALACE

WED. - THURS. - FRI. - SAT.

Advertisement for Gary Cooper in 'BEAU GESTE' with Robert Preston

Advertisement for 'THE SECRET OF DR. KILDARE' with Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore

Advertisement for 'I'M FROM MISSOURI' with Gladys George

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