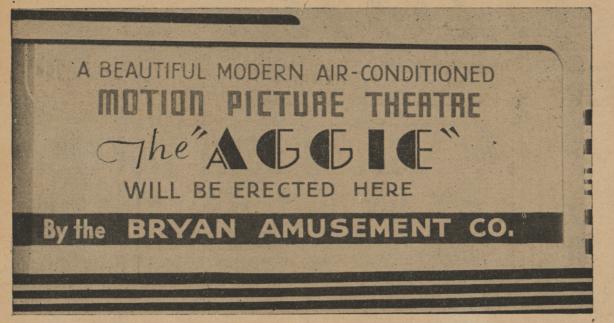
We're Still Wondering---When? A REPRINT FROM MARCH 21, 1939



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. Champion of the tough Southwest Conference, number one team of the Nation, undefeated for the season and playing in a major Bowl game, the 1939 Aggie team has covered itself, its coaches and its institution with glory. All Texas is proud of the Aggies and the eyes of the nation are upon them and upon Texas A. & M.

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

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

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:

remain silent while Tulane is in the huddle at the Sugar Bowl-not because of what you have said or written, Mr. Gregory, but because it is now, and

"Now, let me say this. Our rooting section will always has 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 ments 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

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,

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Bars to Education

"Frankly, I'd rather address convicts than college students."

This statement was made by Henry N. Peters, professor of psychology at the University of Missouri, in a newspaper interview recently. Professor Peters went on to say:

"Not long ago, I spoke to an audience of 2,000 convicts. You could have heard a pin drop in the auditorium. On the other hand, take a class of 200 college students and-well, you know."

To be perfectly honest, we don't know-since pins hardly ever drop in college classrooms. But it does seem to us that the professor has made a sweeping statement that is hardly justified.

As a psychology expert, he should certainly have realized that the environment of the convict -the idle hours and loneliness and disciplinemakes him an ideal subject for listening. After being bored for several years, almost anything is worth hearing. And if No. 477289 doesn't like the lecture, he is probably too polite to say anything about it (unless he relishes the idea of living on bread and water for several days).

That Professor Peters could have overlooked all these elements is startling. Here is another example

"It is surprising indeed to note that the average convict reads more than any other group-with the exception of teachers."

That statement, if it is intended as a bombshell, fails to impress. Surely Professor Peters cannot fail to take into account the fact the prisoners have hours and hours of nothing to do except read. As far as we are concerned, the only surprising ele-

ment is the fact that teachers read even more. Perhaps one of the best ways to convince Professor Peters of the fallacy of his statements would to release his two thousand convicts, and have them reconvene in Mitten Hall Auditorium six months later when he would lecture to them again. The results might be interesting to watch. We are fairly sure that the convicts—both of them that show up-would no longer be the fair-haired boys Professor Peters cherishes.

As the World Turns...

The election of 1940 is beginning to claim newspaper headlines. One of the slogans already coined by both Republicans and conservative Democrats is "Back to Normalcy." As a slogan "back to normalcy" has certain intrinsic merits, but it is to be hoped that the trip will be less fatal than that of

1920. The Republicans used the slogan in that year, and have never yet been able to explain why it was necessary that they go so far below normalcy as they did in palming off Harding on the country.

Incidentally, a jinx of long standing is at stake in 1940. Beginning in 1840 every president elected in a year divisible by 20 has died in office. Harrison, elected in 1840; Lincoln, first elected in 1860: Garfield elected in 1880; McKinley, elected in 1900; and Harding, elected in 1920, are the five

men who established the tradition. Two of them died natural deaths, and the remaining three were assassinated. In spite of this jinx there seems to be no lack of candidates.

The progress of the Garner boom seems to indicate that conservative sentiment is more pronounced that at first thought. It is difficult to believe that a man from the solid South can be nominated, but his backing is at least assuming impressive proportions. Garner has served the New Deal nobly on occasion, and at other times has aided materially in the defeat of New Deal moves. That he is a shrewd politician, all will admit.

Garner headquarters are located in Dallas, and the Vice-President is taking the move with sufficient interest that he is telling his friends that unless he receives the nomination he will retire from politics. On the other hand he seems determined to support the nominee of the Democratic convention. This is in marked contrast to the statement by President Roosevelt that he will bolt the party unless a liberal is nominated. To say the least, politics will provide an abundance of headlines during the coming year. One of the peculiar features will be the well-organized attempts of conservative Democrats to make their party more conservative, and of Republican liberals to make their party more

The attitude of the United States toward the Russian invasion of Finland has been expressed in numerous ways. One of the cleverest statements of that attitude appears in the statement that the R.F.C. is lending Finland \$10,000,000 in the form of credits with which to purchase surplus American agricultural products. That act might also indicate an opinion on the part of the administration that Finland will survive the invasion.

George Fuermann

football weather is over, a short Hall's E ramp. A skyrocket was session of good weather has set then attached to the string by

The veteran coach, "Pop" Warner, room to safety. network Sunday that "Texas A. the "Rocket's" next victim. & M. is definitely the best football your writer has heard on the name wasn't so backward after all.

ton, "Backwash."

the other end of the same piece for our little Mary."

Well all right . . . Now that the of string was attached to Hart in . . . Three different persons means of paper clips, and Red's still claim that return from Bryan was awaited.

they saw it-Mor- Somewhat sleepy, Red entered ris Hooton find- his room and began undressing for ing his way to bed shortly after midnight. Just class recently as he was putting his pajamas on with the aid of a a terrifying "whooooosh" was compass... Soph- heard followed by the entrance of omore Tom Cul- a flaming sky rocket into the pepper optimist_ room. Under the dresser, over his ically and hope- desk, and around the room twice fully pointing before exploding, the startling ocout, "There'll be a currence half-paralyzed Red befull moon on December 26" . . . fore he could scamper out of the

declared over a coast-to-coast NBC Alexander C. Jones is listed as

team in the nation.". . . Best pun Evidently the "old" generation

of the column came from Dutton A rather timid young man of the Williamson last week. While mak- current generation of collegians ing up his laundry, Dutton's room- was waiting at the gate. The lady mate, Phil Levine, remarked that of the house saw him and asked the laundry was an exceptionally him what he wanted. Replying, he large one. "Yeah," answered Dut- told her, "I want to see your daughter, Mary."

"Humph," said the woman, They've got some "tricky" devils "you'll never do. When Mary's pa was courtin' me, he broke down Charles "Red" Kirkpatrick was the fence, strangled the watch dog, the victim of one of the year's smashed in the door, locked my Texas U. Student best pranks. One end of a string father in his room, and said to me, was attached to the screen on 'We're gettin' married right now.'



the Palace currently. It begins to look as though Bryan and College Kelly, and Richard Greene. Spenleases for a change.

This weekend "BEAU GESTE" will be shown. While this particular show is far from an early re- Livingstone. Stanley succeeds where lease, the shows for the past week and for the next week are still ingstone, but when he returns to

Beau GesteGary Cooper John GesteRay Milland Digby GesteRobert Preston Sergeant Markoff, Brian Donlevy

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 hairraising experiences. In a fight against a band of desert marauders, Beau is killed. He gives a leter 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.

are starred Spencer Tracy, Nancy cer Tracy plays the famous news correspondent of the New York Herald, Harry Stanley, who is sent to Africa to find Dr. David others have failed; he finds Liv-The cast for "Beau Geste" is as story. Livingston's death and the evidence in his last will and testament proves Stanley's point, but Stanley's interest is no longer in his story, but in carrying out Livingstone's work where his tragic death had cut it short. Both shows When I saw this show, I thought get three grade-points.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Tuesday and Wednesday-"STANLEY AND LIVING-STONE," 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 Bar-

Musical Meanderings



By Murray Evans

adopted musical degrees, but upon for the King of the Recording field. has been actually conferred by the Do," "White Heat," "I Want the membership of Kappa Alpha Psi Waiter," "Well, All Right Then" Doctor of Swing," is what the the reason for Jimmie's royal parchment declares, "accorded in raiment of the record realm. consideration of your contributions to Music, Mirth, Swing, Dance and Song."

in musical circles. A six-footer, Jimmie wields a baton 36 inches long. Closest approach to the size of Lunceford's baton is Paul Whiteman's, 32 inches. The average size University of Rochester students of a baton is 22 inches.

Like you, you and you, Jimmie of 80,000 feet. 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-

Jimmie Lunceford and his Band sity, Lunceford is about to achieve Many swing band leaders have an honorary degree. This will be Jimmie Lunceford, such a degree Record sales of "Tain't What You "Jimmie Lunceford, and several others are primarily

The first football broadcast was Lunceford uses the longest baton made from Stagg Field at the University of Chicago on October 28,

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Collegiate Kaleidoscope



(Continued from page 1) Red's corner window facing Hart; That's the kind of a man we want on the upper end of the east side vied for first place as the most stands was filled by a cadet, and prominent visitor. Jones probably the sights of these 6,000 cadets gets the nod because he was honor cheering in a body puts tingles in guest for the day, inasmuch as your spine. . . .

and amateur, are multiplying like of dormitories built with RFC rabbits. Each game sees a big- money loaned by Jones. . . . ger turnout, and one wag said, And to the keepers of the press-"Watch where you step so you box: Thanks a million for the hot-Credit where credit is due goes "STANLEY AND LIVING- won't hurt a photographer. They're dogs, coffee, and cokes which were to the fine list of pictures that STONE' is the Tuesday-Wednesday everywhere." Governor O'Daniel supplied free to the cold and has been and is to be shown at show at the Assembly Hall. In it and his family did their setting-up hungry newspapermen. exercises standing up for photo- Among the rain-drenched specgrapher after photographer.. It tators: Bascom Timmons, brilliant was enough to make the Governor Washington correspondent and wonder whether the life of a flour- Jesse Jones confidant; President man wasn't more pleasant after Homer Rainey of the University

> loved the mud in France during Mike Hogg, son of the famous World War I after attending the governor who bears a great recivilization, no one will believe his game. It was not just moderate semblance to his father. . . . slush—it was positively swampy. One man remarked disgustedly, boat around right end." . . .

Best known man in the stadium, probably, was ponderous, genial Col. Ike Ashburn, a giant of a Mass., teeing off in a golf game, man in stature, and his friends overshot his mark. The ball landsay, in heart, too. It seemed like ed in Roy Drew's pocket, broke everybody knew Col. Ike, and also, his pet pipe, and set him on fire Col. Ike seemed to know every- by igniting his matches.

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

Jesse Jones and Irvin S. Cobb with the game dedicated to him, Photographers, both professional the state that day accepted a string

of Texas; Austin managing editors We can imagine how the soldiers Frank Adams and Charley Green;

The new antenna for the Iowa Look at Jack Crain taking a row- State College radio station weighs 15 tons.

Eddie La France of Brockton.

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