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workers and professional men. Of these many will undoubtedly be associated intimately with you in the years to come. It is of great importance to all of us to know some of the men with whom we will be working.

Secondly, in club meetings and club work you find a great opportunity to meet and associate with your professors. It is an advantage to both instructors and students to know each other on a friendly basis.

A third great advantage of club activity is the widespread acquaintance you will have with boys of other organizations and from both sections of the A. & M. campus. Such contacts and experience in getting along with one's fellowmen are helpful in many ways.

The societies are all run by the students. Many outings and picnics, dances and other social activities are carried on regularly.

There is always a great opportunity at club meetings to gain information about your course that will prove helpful now or later. Many excellent speakers are chosen—men the finest in their fields—to address the students. These men are genuinely interested in A. & M. and the Aggies.

I am simply expressing the sentiments of a great number of students and professors at A. & M. Think it over!

PAUL DILLON, '40.

Books You'll Enjoy

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

A SELECTED LIST OF NEW BOOKS CATALOGUED BY THE LIBRARY

24 of the more generally interesting new books catalogued in the library lately:

- Best Plays of 1938-39. Blackhurst, James Herbert. Humanized Geometry. 1934. Carr, Mrs. Katherine (Cowin)... South American Primer. 1939. Clyne, Robert W., editor. Engineering Opportunities. 1939. Coolidge, Dane. Old California Cowboys. 1939. Di Donato, Pietro. Christ in Concrete. 1939. Dos Passos, John. Adventures of a Young Man. 1939. Fadiman, Clifton. I Believe. 1939. (Beliefs of 25 distinguished contemporaries) Giddens, Paul Henry. The Birth of the Oil Industry. 1938. Guttmacher, A. F. Life in the Making. 1935. (All about the stork) Haslett, Arthur Woods. Unsolved Problems of Science. 1935. Jordanoff, Assen. Your Wings. 1937. Marquand, John Phillips. Wickford Point. 1939. McWilliams, Carey. Factories in the Field. 1939. (The facts behind "The Grapes of Wrath") Milay, Edna St. Vincent. Huntsman, What Quarry? 1939. Morgan, Alfred P. The Pageant of Electricity. 1939. Pierce, Watson O'Dell. Air War. 1939. Saint Exupery, Antoine de. Wind, Sand and Stars. 1939. (For aviators, real and armchair) Steinbeck, John. The Long Valley. 1938. (Short stories) Shean, Vincent. Not Peace But a Sword. 1939. (Background of the war) Thompson, Dorothy. Let the Record Speak. 1939. Vance, Ethel. Escape. 1939. Woodbury, David Oakes. The Glass Giant of Palomar. 1939. Zola, Emile. Stores from Emile Zola. 1935.

As the World Turns...

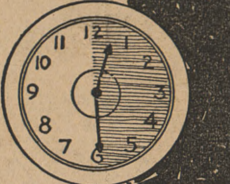
By "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF Secretary of State Cordell Hull, has been severely criticized for its reciprocal tariff pacts. Some interests, like the cattle and dairy industries and the Granger Association, are opposed to these pacts. Still, a large number of women's organizations, business men interested in export and import trade, and organizations that work for the improvement of international relations, have approved the department's foreign trade program. That the reciprocal pacts have not hurt the agricultural interests may be deduced from the fact that our agricultural imports now amount to only 7 percent of the domestic market while in 1924 they amounted to 11 percent. It might be that the Republicans are again, as in 1936, hunting for issues.

The English cabinet shakeup is not an unusual event in England in time of peace or war. Mr. Hore-Belisha as Secretary for War has had the support of the cabinet in the policy of the war office. However, all was not well in the ranks of the army and among the conservatives. Since cooperation of all armed forces is essential in time of war, Hore-Belisha had to go "for the good of the service." Lord Macmillan, who was asked to resign, was a newcomer in the cabinet. He was in charge of the newly-created ministry of information and had been sharply criticized by British and foreign newspaper publishers for his policy of giving out "unprintable trash" and for maintaining that "Adolph Hitler is the British Empire's best propagandist."

King Carol's recent defiant statement that the Rumanians "are ready to die together to defend their borders" is likely inspired by the reverses which the Russians have experienced from little Finland. Should the issue between Russia and Rumania develop into a trial of arms, the Rumanians might not be able to offer such resistance as the Finns have. But King Carol and his prime minister, Tatarescu, are further encouraged by Mussolini's energetic efforts to organize an effective Balkan entente against Russia's march to the South. Moreover, the recent trade adjustment with Germany has placed Rumania in a favorable position. The exchange has been adjusted to Rumania's advantage. Hitler is to provide Rumania with some 1,000 freight cars and locomotives. A new German company has already been established at Bucharest to develop the fishing industry in Rumania. Germany, thus, would be getting not only oil and grain from Rumania but also fish.

Collegiate Kaleidoscope

"TINY" GRAYSON CLEMSON COLLEGE CADET, CLAIMS TO BE THE WORLD'S TALLEST COLLEGE STUDENT HE IS 7'2" IN HEIGHT AND WEIGHS A MERE 302 LBS.



ACTUAL PLAYING TIME OF THE AVERAGE BASKETBALL GAME IS 29 MIN. AND 30 SEC.

J.H. HENICA, 83 YEAR OLD HEAD OF THE GA. TECH. WOOD SHOP, USES A PORTABLE MICROPHONE WHEN HE LECTURES.



Movie Review by Bob Nisbet

The water polo team picked out a good show for a benefit, "FIFTH AVENUE GIRL," at the Assembly Hall Thursday and Friday. Ginger Rogers and Walter Connolly share the burden of providing some sparkling comedy that should lay the Aggies in the aisles.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL Thursday and Friday — "FIFTH AVENUE GIRL," with Ginger Rogers and Walter Connolly.

AT THE PALACE Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — "MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON," with James Stewart and Jean Arthur.

AT THE QUEEN Friday and Saturday — "JAMAICA INN," starring Charles Laughton.

Turn about is fair play: The University of Texas' newly-imported Spanish instructor had a difficult time learning American language. So one of the co-eds in his class is giving him regular lessons—and reports he's doing quite well, thank you.

The cast is as follows: Cliff Taylor.....George Raft Peggy.....Jane Bryan Tim Taylor.....William Holden Chuck Martin, Humphrey Bogart

Whether they're interested or not, Westminster College men will have definite domestic information about the co-eds they date. The women's governing board has just passed a new set of rules which inflict dating restrictions on women who do not keep their rooms neat and orderly. But just to make the rules more enjoyable those who are super-neat will receive extra date nights.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

Backwash' around... The land should NOT be played 'swing pressure's on: The college recently received a wire from the governor of Massachusetts and the mayor of Boston urging the Aggies to accept a game with Boston College next football season...

One A. & M. prof recently told his class, "You mustn't have too good a time—this is supposed to be a class, you know..." An injured ankle caused Aggie

star J. T. Lang to be out of an entire game for the first time in his eight-year basketball career last Saturday night... Best quip of the week is Charles Walker's declaration that "I'm preparing for the get-ready-for-the-finals quizzes..." Bruce Davis and Keith Dahl, who represented A. & M. at the National Student Federation of America meeting in Minneapolis during the Christmas holidays, return with the word that T. S. C. W.'s delegates were by far the most beautiful representatives at the meeting which was attended by students from all of the nation's leading colleges and universities.



Fuermann

Fifty-two entries were received: Your columnist, who makes a weekly effort in the TSCW student publication—The Lass-O, recently sponsored a contest in that column offering \$1 in cash and a subscription to The Battalion Magazine and newspaper for the remainder of the year to the girl writing the best hundred-word letter on "What I Like (or don't like) About Aggies." It was promised that no names would be mentioned in connection with entries published, and the promise will be kept. But here it is, the winning entry, selected by a committee of ten cadets and one prof:

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT AGGIES!! "I like the Aggies because, at least when they're up in this feminine neck of the woods, their dispositions are as bright as the ten-cent shine on their boots. They act like escaped convicts or babies first discovering their toes. They're not particular, either. Their roaming eyes flatter the little wilting wallflower as well as the "it" girl. And while the famous Aggie kiss sounds like a cow pulling her foot out of a mudhole, it does smack of sincerity! Mainly, though, I like them because they are not so egotistical as the Denton males who have to be diluted to go 'round!" And by the way, in rendering their decision, the judges had the following to say about the winner: "Concise, with no words wasted; intelligently and correctly written; witty and amusing."

Carolyn Robbert, the attractive Sophie Newcomb yell leader whose more-than-different Southern drawl and wavy blond hair did their part in making her a quick favorite on the campus when she visited before the holidays to welcome the corps to the Sugar Bowl classic, has this to say about Aggie-land in Tulane's student newspaper: "They have a perfect set-up (referring to A. & M.) to develop the attitude that every boy on the campus has. They live together in a city that's all their own and governed by themselves. But the feeling goes deeper than just living together. They love that place."

Walter Carmichael is telling the story about a fellow home on leave from an African port generally held to be unhealthy. In the course of recounting his experience the gentleman pointed out that "There's nothing the matter with the country. All it requires is a better type of settler and a decent water supply." If you come to think of it," remarked one of his listeners, "those are the only drawbacks to Hell."

More about the junior class publicity committee: Chairman George Mueller points out that all orchestras to whom the committee sent requests to play the "Aggie War Hymn" and the "Spirit of Aggie-land" have replied affirmatively. The committee, which is also composed of Bob Little, Tom Hill, and Jack Nelson have thus far heard Kay Kyser play the Aggie War Hymn and Fred Waring, Del Courtney, and Bob Chester play the Spirit of Aggie-land.

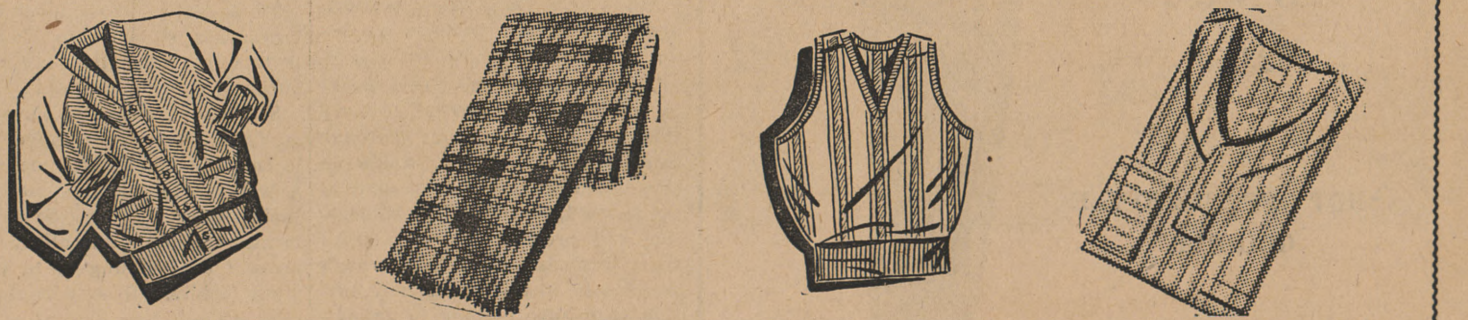
Incidentally, Fred Waring's playing of the Spirit of Aggie-land has been the subject of much comment. If you heard the number, which was played the night of December 22, you will remember that the manner of playing bordered on swing style, and most Aggies contend that the Spirit of Aggie-

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GLEE CLUB EXTENDS INVITATION TO STUDENTS

We have almost finished the first half of our 1939-40 year in college. Excitement has been king on the campus since the doors of the Main Building opened for us in September.

If you have had some experience in Glee Club work or have had voice training to where you can hold down a part in a singing organization, you should be a member of the A. & M. Glee Club, to get greater enjoyment from the remainder of your college years.

There has been no dust settling on the shoes of Glee Club members since the term began. Activity has been their keynote. An enjoyable and entertaining program has been carried out with success and satisfaction to them all. For example, the club has made an appearance in Houston at the Loew's State Theater; has had a monthly radio program over station WBAP of Fort Worth; has entertained at college banquets; appeared at the Country Club; has sung at local churches; canvassed the campus with Christmas carols before the holidays began; sponsored a successful benefit show; offered quartet groups to other organizations; sang over N. B. C.'s Blue Network; and has carried on many other activities.

For real pleasure and relaxation from college worries, join the A. & M. Glee Club for the rest of this year. The organization is formulating plans for a spring concert on the campus; a spring trip to Fort Worth, Dallas, and Denton (with the T. S. C. W. girls' club sponsoring a dance there); an A. & M. Mothers' Club program in Houston; and other weekend engagements.

The club meets three nights a week: Monday and Thursday nights in the basement of Sbsa Hall, and Tuesday nights in the radio room of the Y. M. C. A. The club is particularly anxious to increase its membership in the second tenor section but is receiving all members who qualify. Rehearsals begin at the above places at 6:30 and last until 7:30 p. m. The officers will be glad to give you a try-out at this time.

Join now and make the second half of our 1939-40 college year a real pleasure. —GILBERT MICHALK.

TAKE PART IN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Have you been attending the meetings of the student club or society dealing with your major course of study? If not, why not try to attend more regularly from now on? The meetings are generally short and interesting and you should enjoy them.

There are a great many reasons for attending these society meetings. Possibly the most important is the fact that a student in a particular field at A. & M. has an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with a great number of fellow-