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Resolutions

Remember those resolutions made for the New Year? All the things you promised yourself you'd do and others you declared to leave off your list of activities? Think back. Can you even recall what they were? Then, when you've reviewed them, check yourself to see how well you've kept them. Kinda slipped your mind, haven't they?

Now the time has come for more resolutions. There's no time like the beginning of a new semester to start things off right scholastically. At the end of the first semester, when you started studying for finals, you probably had many things to regret. Found you'd slipped up on several scores. What are the things in which you need to correct yourself? Are you going to study harder? Do you work day by day? Keep up with outside reading? Quit cutting classes? Get assignments in on time? Cut down a little on the social life? These and many more might be running through your mind.

Think long and hard before committing yourself to sticking by some of these things the next four months. Whatever you choose in your program of self-reform, be sure it's something that will truly be beneficial to you.

When you make the choice, it'll do much more good to make only one or two resolutions and religiously stick to them than to decide on a list and forget them in a short while. You'll be building character if you accomplish that.

There'll be a temptation to make you want to forget your plans. About April you'll forget the first week in February and your thought trends at that time. The spring season of school is always a busy one.

Go on and deny yourself some of the fun you've had. Settle down a little. Think of those sending you to college and what they expect of you. Picture yourself a few years from now and see what you'll have then from your college education that's beneficial.

Your challenge to yourself, then, is to make these second-semester resolutions now, keep them, and make these four months count for something.

Freedom To Choose

Your decision to be a student at A. & M. College opens to you many educational opportunities from which you will make choices to fit your plans. The choice of a curriculum and courses will be fixed by the occupational goal you have selected.

The extra-curricular activities in which you take part will be fixed by your major interests and friendships.

The work-study-play schedule that you set up to guide your choices in use of time will be determined by your will to succeed in the task of making the most of your training experiences at A. & M.

With the freedom to make choices there is attached the responsibility of accepting courageously the result of those choices.

May you, therefore, enter this term's work with enthusiasm.

May the results of your choices on this college campus enrich your daily living.

He Set Our Goal

A great man . . . one who did much to make this a great country, one who will live forever in the hearts of the American people. It's an honor for a nation like ours to have the inspirational figure of Abraham Lincoln to look up to, and to set aside each year the day of his birth for the remembrance of his ideals.

Lincoln had faith . . . in his country, his fellow-men and in the cause which he fought so gallantly and determinedly . . . a faith that made him a great man.

MAN, YOUR MANNERS

QUESTION: When is it proper to wear a tuxedo?
ANSWER: A tuxedo is worn upon informal occasions after six o'clock. It is appropriate to wear at most dinners; at informal parties and dances; when dining at home or in a restaurant; and in some localities it is worn on formal occasions such as weddings and balls.

Parade of Opinion

By Associated Collegiate Press

PREPAREDNESS. Despite the fact that most of the war talk on the nation's campuses is peace talk, there nevertheless is a growing tendency among collegians and their campus superiors to discuss what they believe to be the bad effects of peace movements that make collegians more concerned with safety first than with the fate of their nation.

First to focus attention on this particular interpretation of the undergraduate peace movements was President-emeritus William Allen Neilson, of Smith College, who said: "For the moment, the attitude of our academic youth seems to be so largely self-centered that one doubts whether the form in which pacifism was brought to them during these years was the best for their spiritual health. The young men of today seem to be largely concerned with safety first and the old men with \$30 every Thursday. Peace that is not the crown of justice and liberty is a peace that cannot last, and it would have been more inspiring if our young men and women today had been more concerned with their own safety."

The college press early challenged this view, with the University of Iowa Daily Iowan taking the lead with an editorial which said in part: "He asks us to bring justice and liberty to a world that apparently is not greatly concerned about justice and liberty. If dying for it is the only way, America's youth prefer to live. If Dr. Neilson is concerned because he has not yet heard the battle cry in America, he must continue to be concerned. America believes today, as he apparently is not aware, that nothing is won by war. America believes that there are other ways to settle disputes than by dying on a battlefield."

Siding in with the Daily Iowan's point of view was the Columbia University Spectator, which maintained that "times have changed and the youth of today realizes that any war he fights will be to protect the interests of the old men running the country—men who have hereditary economic and social interests in other lands than the United States. We of this generation refute much of that 'great heredity.' We want no part of it."

Here is a quick summary of the other indications that point to the fact that today's college youth is not unanimous in agreeing with the peace-at-any-price talk. The reader should bear in mind that this trend is not as widespread or as vociferous as the trend created by the peace groups—nor should the reader gain the impression that those contributing to this new trend are uninterested in peace for the United States and the world.

The Dartmouth College Daily Dartmouth pointed recently to one of the little-talked-of results of organization for peace: "There is another danger in (peace) organizations, a danger which was illustrated at Dartmouth during the World War, when a group supporting the vague objective of peace and having nothing else in its platform, helped to bring into being the volunteer movement for war. Dartmouth learned then that one organization sets up an opposing organization, that movements for peace can generate friction which will start a counter movement for war."

Pointing to the dangers of pacifism, the Wellesley College News said: "Once again the small, peace-loving neutral states are facing the possibility of being sacrificed to aid in the power politics of a great and forceful state. Germany is waging a war of nerves against Belgium and The Netherlands similar to what preceded the invasion of Poland. This is an indictment of passive pacifism. Those who are truly pacifistic, who are sincerely dismayed at the recognition that the peaceful state is now no more than a 'buffer,' cannot fail to realize that a mere lip service to pacifistic principles, a passive hope that a state wishing peace will be let alone, is not enough."

Despite the popular belief that all collegians are pacifists, the anti-pacifism camp is growing steadily, though not spectacularly, in these times when war is an almost-universal subject of conversation.

As the World Turns...

BY DR. AL B. NELSON

The Garner candidacy is being pushed in all parts of the United States, pushed shrewdly and vigorously by experienced political leaders who are building up a strong personal political organization for the seventy-year old Texan. So for Garner has been entered for primaries in at least four states: Georgia, Illinois, California, and Oregon. The object of this is threefold, one object being to gather delegates for the convention, next to smoke out Roosevelt's intentions in regard to a possible third term, and last of all (in the event the second object is accomplished) to provide a test of strength between the third-termers and the anti-third-termers.

Finland's Mannerheim Line is another Alamo in the making, with the Finns stacking the Russians before their lines in mountains of dead, but, outnumbered by the millions the outcome is likely to be complete destruction for the defenders unless the remainder of the world comes to their assistance in a hurry. The Alamo could have been relieved but the bickering on the outside continued until it was too late to help the heroic defenders. Strange to say, those on the outside were writing democratic constitutions and uttering heroic platitudes while Travis, Bowie and the others were grimly and heroically dying for the principles others were talking about. Meanwhile Finland is grimly fighting and dying for democracy and Congress spends its time talking over the grave question of whether the loan of a few millions for non-military purposes will endanger the state of our democratic neutrality.

Getting the U. S. mail to neutral European countries without having it opened by British censors is now bothering the government. The latest suggestion is that it be carried by U. S. warships. What would happen then if a submarine were to sink one of our warships?

Another current question concerns the President's purpose in sending Summer Wells to Europe. No one who knows the real purpose will talk.



Nelson

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

Backwash' around . . . S. M. U students will not ask for a second helping of a renowned biscuits from the platter of Governor W Lee O'Daniel as has been indicated by a poll of the student body of that institution.



Voting on the question, "Do you favor W. Lee O'Daniel for a second term as Governor of Texas," 79% voted no, 13% indicated yes, and 8% made no response . . . An A. & M. prof—trying to outdo another of the learned profession in the matter of slaphappy telephone salutations—burned the wires with, "Hello—Jackson's mule Barn." Undaunted, his opponent—answering the next phone call in his department's office—took a chance with, "Buck Rogers' Rocket Terminal, Venus Section." . . . None other than Cecil B. DeMille selected Keith Dahl's sweetheart, Bonnie May, as one of the three Northwestern University coeds to be represented in that school's annual beauty section. Bonnie, by the way, will make the long Illinois-to-Texas trek to attend the Junior Prom next May.

'Service' is the byword:

The local branch of the South-west Telephone Company is doubtless an organization with a sincere enough intent of purpose—but questionable effectiveness. A Bryan businessman began at 9 o'clock yesterday morning trying to put through a long-distance call to a Dallas party whom he knew was at home awaiting the call. Five hours later central was still doing her level best—but to no avail. In desperation, the Bryanite telegraphed the Dallas party to call HIM. In fifteen minutes the call was effected.

There's a difference:

A favorite pastime of many persons living in cities large enough to support two or more daily newspapers is to compare the manner in which the same news items are written in the different papers. Two of New York City's dailies recently panicked the readers with these widely divergent views of the Hepburn robbery:

AH WOMEN

By Tess Charlton

Special to The Battalion from The Lass-O of T. S. C. W.

You have asked for personality sketches of some of the girls up here, so this week that's what you're going to get.

She is a blonde, blue-eyed senior majoring in journalism . . . has never been to A. & M. . . was class beauty her sophomore year . . . has been a member of the Daedalian (annual) staff for three years . . . is now society editor of the Lass-O . . . dislikes the know-it-all type of boy. Brussels sprouts, girls with high shrill, voices and Hedy Lamar . . . likes the color blue, for boys to smoke pipes and wear tweeds, movies (without Hedy), and Artie Shaw. . . home town is Sherman and the name is Joan Ladd. Ambition after graduation: to do newspaper work or to travel.

She is president of the student body . . . has been a class officer all four years at T.S.C.W. . . is majoring in speech . . . has brown eyes and hair . . . is five feet six and very thrilled over just gaining four pounds . . . belongs to the National Collegiate Players, Chaparral Literary Club Alpha Lambda Delta (honorary freshman scholastic fraternity for women) . . . dislikes liver and onions, and people who slam doors . . . likes red flannel pajamas, "The Lamp Is Low," very masculine fellows, being "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and Glen Miller. . . home town is Frost, Texas, and the name is Mary Kay Jones. Ambition after graduation: to teach speech correctives.

Of the nation's 10 largest educational institutions, five are members of the Big Ten.

CASH
FOR YOUR USED BOOKS
Complete Line of School Supplies
STUDENT CO-OP STORE

We're Ahead of You
CAFE
AVENUE Buchanan
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OPEN ALL NIGHT

Movie Review

by Bob Nisbet

All opinions voiced in today's column that are not agreed with were warped by the wet weather. In fact, this writer feared he might dissolve before he got to the office.

Getting down to the shows on the calendar, "BAD LITTLE ANGEL" is first on the list. In this show Hollywood gets over a right nice show on an usually touchy subject, religion. However, the fine acting of little Virginia Weidler leaves no room for anyone to complain. Virginia plays the part of a little orphan girl, who is adopted by the Creighton family. When the family is hit by misfortune, Virginia blames everything on herself, even though she is the one who has done them the most good. This picture can be most inspiring, especially to us folks who have missed church the last couple of times. Two grade-points.

Next is "THE PRIVATE LIVES OF ELIZABETH AND ESSEX," starring the one and only Bette Davis with the flashiest of swash-bucklers, Errol Flynn. But in this picture Errol is rather outdone

by the very dramatic acting of Miss Davis. The story is one from the pages of English history, but with the facts and details aided by a scenario writer's vivid imagination. Queen Elizabeth endangers her throne when she sends Essex, her court favorite, and the favorite of the English people, to Ireland to fight a rebel without proper supplies and reinforcements. He returns to storm the city of London and take her prisoner. But she tricks him with a lady's lie and hangs him to the highest tower. Three grade-points.

Last but certainly not of lesser importance is a show called "RAFFLES" and dealing with a sneak thief who calls himself the Amateur Cracksman. Unknown to the police it is none other than A. J. Raffles, England's most popular athlete.

Dr. Grady Harrison
DENTIST
North Gate

AT-THE
ASSEMBLY HALL

She's America's new favorite . . . and she's here in a grand and human drama. You must meet Patsy . . . Virginia Weidler's greatest role!

BAD LITTLE ANGEL
with VIRGINIA WEIDLER
GENE REYNOLDS • GUY KIBBEE • IAN HUNTER
ELIZABETH PATTERSON
REGINALD OWEN • HENRY HULL
LOIS WILSON
Screen Play by Dorothy Yost
Directed by William Tiele
Produced by Albert S. Levy

Disputed PASSAGE
with DOROTHY LAMOUR
AKIM TAMIROFF
JOHN HOWARD

Saturday, Feb. 17
12:45

AT-THE
ASSEMBLY HALL

THE WORLD'S GREATEST EMPRESS
...but she was a woman first!
Bette DAVIS
Errol FLYNN
in "THE PRIVATE LIVES OF ELIZABETH AND ESSEX"
in Technicolor
with OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND
DONALD CRISP • ALAN HALE • VICTOR PRICE
HENRY STREPPSON

Saturday, Feb. 17
6:30 & 8:30

HATRED...that bound two men together... more closely than the love that unites a man and woman!
A Paramount Picture
Disputed PASSAGE
with DOROTHY LAMOUR
AKIM TAMIROFF
JOHN HOWARD

Matinee
Monday, Feb. 19
3:30 & 6:30

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R. V. Uniforms
UNIFORM TAILOR SHOP
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