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Prexy's Portrait

Once again The Battalion wishes to call the attention of the student body, and particularly of its leaders, to the worthy drive being carried on by the Former Students Association for a fund to commission a nationally-known portrait painter (Seymour Stone, who has painted presidents of the United States and many other notables) to paint a large portrait of President Walton, as an honor to him and as a lasting gift to the college.

In our opinion, there have been few if any men ever connected with the college who have more deserved such an honor. And it will be a real gift for the college.

Former students, friends of the college, faculty members and citizens of College Station are being solicited and are contributing to the fund.

Why can't—or rather, why shouldn't—we Aggies?

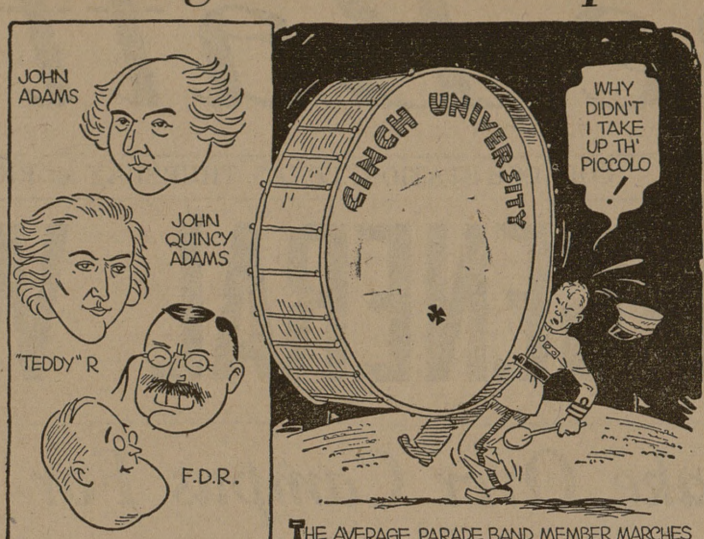
There is no reason why we couldn't—and there is every reason why we should—take part in this move to honor this man who has showed himself to be such a true and understanding friend of the student body.

There are a number of ways in which we might assist in this undertaking. Voluntary contributions of a nickel or a dime might be collected throughout the entire student body. The various classes might act separately to use part of their class funds or collect a separate fund for the purpose. The senior class in particular might help: graduating classes have followed the custom of using a part of their fund at the end of the session to provide for a permanent addition to the school.

What better way than this? Students—class leaders—think it over. Don't you agree?

Well, then let's do something—let's get the move underway.

Collegiate Kaleidoscope



HARVARD HAS HAD THE MOST REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR. FOUR, BUT THEY HAVE REPRESENTED ONLY TWO FAMILIES—ADAMS AND ROOSEVELT!

THE FIRST SHOT OF THE CIVIL WAR WAS FIRED BY CADETS FROM THE CITADEL MILITARY COLLEGE OF S.C.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

The way of things... says afternoon to select the winner and "Slick" Davis: "Every time I feel the records will be presented that energetic I just sleep it off." night.

Farce of the week: Russia's "peace" terms with Finland... WELL, this is one way... .

Fastest growing fad on the campus is the make-your-own record enterprise at the North Gate. For twenty-five cents students are sending vocal letters to their sweethearts and friends through the nation. T. S. C. W. and Mary Hardin Baylor are receiving the bulk of the records thus far... Whatever the glory, they earn it: Since September 5, Aggeland's national football champions have had seven weeks' vacation. Other than the two weeks following the Thanksgiving holidays and five weeks after the first of the year, the squad has been working constantly... Houston's attractive Jeane Hendricks drove up in front of one of the old dormitories and asked a near-by sophomore to find a certain cadet for her. "Hey John," the soph yelled; "There's a lady to see you." "Don't say that," Jeane warned; "He won't come if you say 'lady'..." A Yankee's viewpoint: "It seems impossible," a Buffalo, New York collegian says in a letter, "that there's a school with 2,500 girls and another with 6,000 boys that are brother-sister schools and yet 250 miles apart. It ain't right!"

Fuermann

Leap year leaps...: What with Father Time's every-now-and-then presentation of Leap Year, "Women's Paradise," "The Flight of Man," or whatever else you might want to call it, things should be booming in a big way for the male sex—than whom there is none other at Texas A. & M. College. Not so, in actual facts, however. Quizzed on the subject "What benefit have you received from Leap Year?" twenty-four of twenty-five cadets emphatically replied "NONE!" One lone Aggie held that feminine chivalry is not dead. "I've had two dates since the new year began, at the expense of womankind. This sort of thing should be encouraged!"

Musical Meanderings

By Murray Evans

Have you ever noticed how effective is the musical background of a motion picture? Imagine yourself sitting through a two-and-a-half-hour show without benefit of some type of music to bolster slow scenes that try your patience. The fine art of cueing in an appropriate musical sequence in the right place is becoming more effective toward making box office successes. I have in mind one particular picture whose plot unfolded with the speed of a snail; it was "Remember the Night," with Fred McMurray and Barbara Stanwyck. And with apologies to Bob Nisbet, movie reviewer of The Battalion, I'll tell you what I think made an unusually good picture out of an otherwise poor one. It was, in short, the thread of one number, "Indiana," weaving itself through the entire story which proved to be its saving grace. Now that, admittedly, is rather a far-fetched statement, but here are reasons. Nearly everyone is familiar with this old tune, in the first place. Community Singers use it again and again. It's almost an American institution. Then too, the story treats of two Indiana Hoosiers adrift in New York who decide to go home for Christmas. You find yourself secretly pleased with yourself that you so readily associate the "Indiana" theme tune, always subdued just below the characters' voices, with the setting of the picture itself. There are times when it seems different music is being played, but upon listening more closely, you discover the same number slightly disguised through every conceivable type of orchestration, thus avoiding monotony. Some of the home scenes are designed purely to heart tugs, and a soft, almost unnoticeable violin trio accomplishes said purposes with a few damp eyes left over. Throughout the story "Indiana" is artfully blended into each scene in much the same manner in which a painter blends colors. An appreciation of musical background helps one understand some of the smaller points of a picture which he might otherwise miss. Just remember that every note of music is played after the picture is made and is then cued in and adjusted to suit every action in every scene. Nothing is coincidental. Every measure is played for a purpose.

"Thou Shalt Not Steal"

Can you conceive of a more dastardly deed than going into a student's room, pilfering his belongings and taking every cent he has from his billfold?

There are many iniquitous acts—cheating, lying, and others—which are revolting to the honest, honorable and fair-thinking. None is more loathed than stealing.

It is difficult to reconcile oneself to the fact that there are thieves among the student body of A. & M. Yet, certain petty thefts occurring from time to time, as well as rarer large ones, form conclusive evidence.

Theft is a sin; from it all should abstain, and it is harmful for several reasons. In the first place, the element of suspicion is cast on all those about the thief. Regardless of likes and dislikes, in a case of theft no one is above suspicion.

More pitiable is the fact that the criminal goes undetected and unpunished, while the person from whom he has stolen must suffer.

"Thou shalt not steal."

The Commandment has come down to us through the ages; yet there are those who heed it not. They should be detected and purged from the campus. Of all the iniquities, they are the least desirable.

Some wives think they should have half of the family income, and some husbands think the wives should give half of it back.

As the World Turns...

By "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF

The Roosevelt-for-President movement is gaining momentum in spite of the "two term" tradition. A large portion of the Democrats in Congress favor the President's silence on the third-term prospects. Some of them even suggest that he should withhold his intentions until the convention meets next July 15. Party organization in many states is in favor of a Roosevelt delegation. Out of the 48 states, 34 select their delegates to the national party convention either in state party convention or by party officials. In the remaining 16 where presidential primaries determine the choice of the delegates, enthusiastic third-termers are at work and hope to secure delegations that would not mind shifting their votes to President Roosevelt should he decide to stand for the nomination. However, one should bear in mind that this year, the Democratic convention will nominate its candidate by majority vote, not two-thirds vote, and the Hatch Act definitely forbids political activities, even as convention delegates, by federal employees. Any prospective candidate might get the 551 necessary votes for the nomination before the convention gets the Roosevelt enthusiasm. Federal employees of the party in power will be missing this year. But any change in the international setup might favor Roosevelt's nomination.

The defeat of Governor Earl K. Long of Louisiana about two weeks ago is good proof that democracy is still militant in the United States. Huey P. Long's slogan, "Every man a king," had damaging results for his brother. It demonstrated and on many other occasions that the American voter can still be depended upon to choose intelligently. "Share the wealth" might sound attractive to the average voter but he would revolt when most of it goes to the grafters.

"Like father like son" does not hold true for Dartmouth College freshmen. More than half of the 651 freshmen have fathers in business, but only 203 expressed a desire to take up business after their graduation. Most of them prefer the learned professions—medicine, law, engineering, science, and teaching. Eleven Army and Navy men have freshmen sons at Dartmouth but none of them chose either branch of the service. Eleven freshmen came from farms but only three plan to return to farming. Twenty-five professors and teachers have freshmen sons and 25 freshmen expressed a desire to teach. Of course, four years of college life will give the freshmen plenty of time to think of changes in their future careers.

Collegiate Review

WHAT'S IN A NAME? There must be a lot, for the members of the newly organized Poultry club at Michigan State College have elected Len Eggleton as their first president.

Here's another warning for you who want to be authors: Some time ago Edgar B. Wesley, professor of education at the University of Minnesota, received an 81-cent royalty check for a book he had helped to write.

By the time he had mailed a share of the check to each of his three collaborators—all of whom lived off the campus—he had 11 cents to show for his trouble.

Here's one prank that backfired. One bright person in an Ohio State University house conceived the idea of having her roommate call RA-1191 (institution for the Feeble-Minded) and asking for "Dottie." The office was called and the nurse in charge cleverly replied that Dot wasn't in but would she please leave her name and phone number? At 2 a. m. she was awakened from dreamless sleep to answer the phone. It was the institution calling in retaliation. For the last several days the

Student Concessions

Under the new system for student concessions adopted this year, every student who has any right to a concession to sell any article of merchandise or any service on the campus bears a printed identification card issued by student employment director O. R. Simpson, signed by him and the bearer and certifying that the bearer is authorized to sell that certain type of merchandise or service.

The Student Labor Office is endeavoring to eliminate completely the condition, formerly so prevalent, whereby hordes of civilians combed the campus, plaguing the students as well as the faculty, and managing to "high-pressure" some of them into buying the goods offered—almost always articles of inferior quality, sold at excessive prices.

Under the present system, no civilian has the right to enter any dormitory or project house for the purpose of selling any merchandise whatsoever.

Under that system, as a further safeguard to the public at A. & M., there are no concession for jewelry or for clothing (except organization sweaters. These two have been specifically prohibited by college authorities, the reason being that such merchandise cannot be properly "backed-up"—as proved, Mr. Simpson states, by unfortunate experiences in the past.

The list of students who have been granted concession has been and is being published in the Official Notices column of The Battalion. Students are warned not to make any purchase from any unauthorized peddler on the campus; but rather to make sure that they are getting reputable goods from sources backed by the Student Labor Office. Such assurance may be obtained by asking the student selling any article for his identification card, by securing his receipt when the sale is made, and comparing the signature on the receipt with the concessionaire's signature on the card.

Any merchandise purchased under this system which proves defective should be reported to the student employment office, which will require that the person who sold it make it good.

"You Can Help"

Following is an editorial from The Texas Aggie, former students' newspaper, which The Battalion feels should be of interest to the students, and particularly graduating seniors.

A. & M. men, through their Association of Former Students, have set their hands to a big and valuable task in the Placement Program. Between now and the close of school in June some 800 men must be placed in employment. These men are trained in dozens of particular fields, and in general a man can be found to fit almost any opening calling for a man of the age and experience for these graduates-to-be.

As has been true in the past, many industrial firms, agencies of the government and other employers are coming to the campus this spring to interview prospective employees. Faculty members are continuing their splendid employment efforts. There is no occasion for concern that the employment experience this year will not be as happy as it has been in the past for graduates of the college.

Nevertheless, the AGGIE asks the assistance of A. & M.'s men in placing this year's graduating class. In truth, no class has ever been fully placed at graduation, and in many cases stop-gap or temporary employment has fallen to the lot of some men. It is the ambition of the Association of Former Students and its Placement and Personnel Division, that every member of the class of 1940 have at least an opportunity of permanent employment upon his graduation.

No service that can be rendered these younger A. & M. men will be more valuable, nor more deeply appreciated. Through their student loan funds, A. & M. men have aided hundreds of boys attending the institution. Through their place efforts they have an opportunity to speed ever more men on their way to a happy, prosperous and worthwhile life.

You can help! If you are an employer and need man-power of any kind, perhaps the Association can find your man. If you hear of any possible opening a word to the Association will start the ball rolling. You Can Help! But positive and aggressive action is required.

Warned that he was slowly poisoning himself with liquor, the toper observed that he was in no hurry about it, anyway.



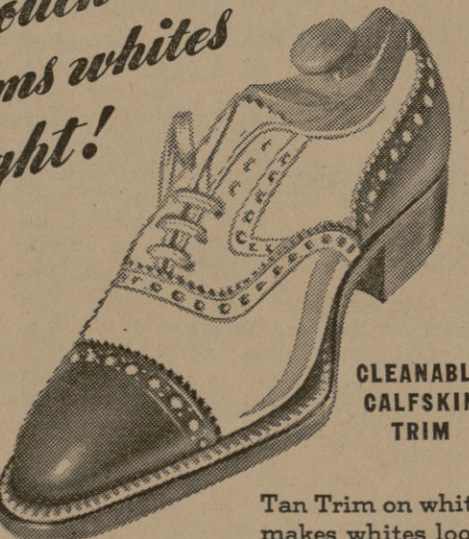
Every day, more and more of you A. & M. College students come to us for gas, lubrication, washing and many other auto services we give. You must have found our service to be excellent, our products the best, and our prices fair. Right you are, too! It's our constant striving to give you the very best of everything which has made us so many campus friends.

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