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OPEN FORUM

LEADERSHIP

Leader: One that leads; as the leading performer of a group.—Webster.

A very deceptive term that is often misinterpreted and misused.

When someone mentions the word leadership what is the first thought that enters your mind? Usually it is the name of some person who is above you either physically or mentally. The way I am using it at this present time is in reference to our student leaders here on the campus at A. & M. I believe that the majority of our leaders are men who were carefully picked by a staff of experts that are usually very good at their given job. But at times even the experts make mistakes. It is these mistakes that I aim to point out. Many of our students would make exceptionally good leaders if they would go a little out of their way to correct their mistakes. They should at all times remember that—it is never too late to correct a wrongdoing.

It is impossible to lay down a set of rules that would govern all leaders but it is possible to outline the general characteristics that every good leader should possess. In my opinion, the first and most important characteristic is that he should win the admiration of his men. No group of men are going to put forth their best if they do not approve of and hold admiration for their leader. He should at all times be willing to do whatever he would ask his men to do. He should be a person capable of setting a pace for the rest of his men to follow. In all probability the leader's hardest job is never to show partiality to any one person but to treat all of his men the same. A good leader should have and will have tact enough to keep things running smoothly at all times. To be able to accomplish this it will be necessary for him to command respect from his men. He should show his men from the start that he has sound judgment and a level head. Until he has shown his men this he will be able to accomplish nothing. He should recognize the extent of his authority and stay within its bound. The leader should be well acquainted with every man's position and know to whom to assign certain jobs. The last qualification that I am listing is one that is often overlooked as trivial factor but it is one that I consider very important—a leader should use the term "WE" more often than "I".

In writing this article I have made an attempt to set forth the principles of leadership. I hope that they will be taken in the right spirit and be of some benefit to the leaders of our society of tomorrow.

—BOB PARKER.

Asked by his kindergarten teacher which letter comes after A, a bright tot replied: "All of them."

We read that each of the Dionne quintuplets has a typewriter. We'd hate the job of changing all those ribbons.

As the World Turns...

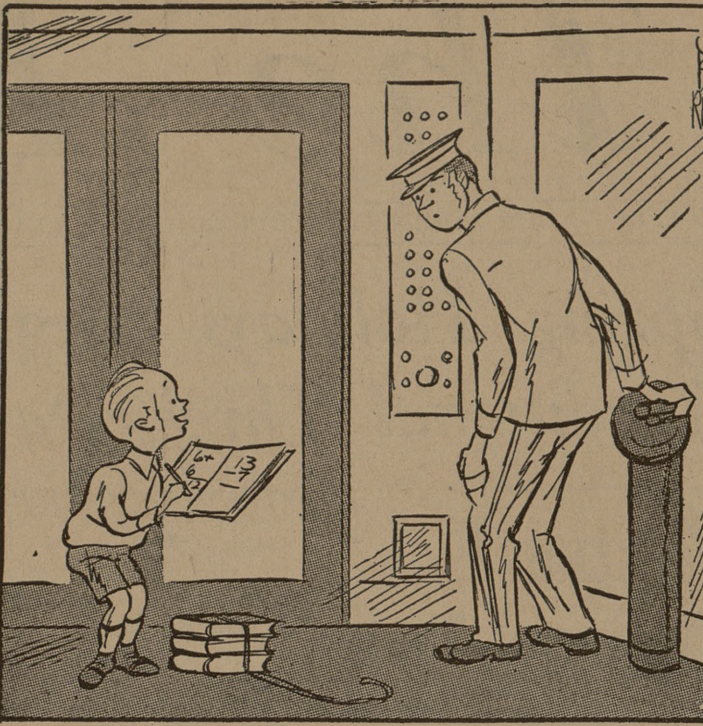
By "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF

Peace is being widely discussed in the European capitals, but the world will not know definitely what the chances for peace are until Mr. Sumner Welles reports his findings to President Roosevelt. Even then the possibilities for peace negotiations may be remote, if the press reports from Europe convey any truth. Hitler is said to want a "New Order" in Europe, based, of course, on what he considers the "New Order" should consist of. Hitler does not intend to step down from power, which the allies demand as a preliminary step to peace negotiations.

Prime Minister Chamberlain appeared before Parliament last Tuesday carrying a sword instead of the familiar umbrella, symbolizing England's determination to win a physical as well as moral victory. Whatever may be the nature of the Hitler-Mussolini talk at Brennero, "we are not likely to be diverted from the purpose for which we entered this war," he stated. Should both sides remain adamant to their original aims of the war, there are four possible fields of action by either side: (1) "lightning war" on the western front; (2) the Low Countries—Belgium and Holland; (3) the Scandinavian countries; and (4) the Balkans and the Near East. A lightning war, such as Germany carried on in Poland, might bring either side to terms but neither the Allies nor Germany have dared to undertake such tactics. Since both sides claim to be ready for such an attack, it would be expensive and would result in many casualties. Many military experts claim that the decisive battle of the war might be fought on any one of the remaining three fields. Should the war spread to any one or all of these fields, Germany would have to take the initiative, since it is the policy of the allies not to attack any of the small neutral countries. However, the allies may be forced to spread the war to other countries in order to make their blockade effective.

Our "good neighbor" policy toward Latin America is bearing some fruit—not of the palatable sort, however. We have been concerned about the Latin American commerce and have taken some steps toward improving our relations with the Latin American republics. We have concluded reciprocity treaties with some of them, have made new arrangements about their old debts to American citizens, and have made good-will trips to some of the countries. And now, reports come that Argentina has just concluded a commercial treaty with Japan that gives her most-favored-nation-clause privileges in Argentina. Mexico has sent a group of her experts to Japan to arrange trade relations with her. Moreover, several Latin American republics have hinted that they, like Mexico, intend to appropriate the properties of American citizens. Such tactics are not conducive to cultivating and maintaining the policy of "good neighbors."

Off the Record



"Take me up to the thirteenth floor and then down to the seventh, I'm doing a problem in my arithmetic homework."

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

Between the lines . . . The past everywhere know of the gross two organization and corps dances wrong-doings of womankind to have seen the appearance of tails, in a few instances, rather than the more Aggie-conventional straight tux or uniform. Twenty-five cadets from varying parts of the campus were asked what their opinion was in respect to tails; twenty-three vigorously denounced them, one heartily favored them, and one said, "I just don't give a damn—they can go naked as far as I'm concerned." . . .

Holidays are here again . . . The Ross Volunteers will swing and Many Aggies, after hearing their voices recorded at the North Gate, swear that they will never talk again. . . . Oomph is on the way out and blond coeds no longer rule the masculine hearts of Rice Institute; at least, that's according to a recent poll taken on the Rice campus. Rice men, God bless them, prefer brunettes with intelligence, beauty, and personality; they turn up their nose at jitterbugging; think there are too many swing bands; and twenty-five per cent of them neck on the first date—they claim . . . There's never been a poll taken on it, but Aggies seem to be partial to blondes, brunettes, and red heads.

Sauce for the goose, and all that sort of thing: An Infantry sophomore, sorely in need of money, sent the following letter a few weeks ago to his uncle in nearby Bryan: "Dear Uncle: If you could see how I blush for shame while I write, you would pity me. Do you know why? Because I have to ask you for a few dollars, and I don't know how to express myself. It is impossible for me to tell you. I prefer to die. I send you this by a freshman who will wait for an answer. Believe me, my dearest uncle, your most obedient nephew.

"P. S. Overcome with shame for what I have written, I have been running after the freshman in order to take the letter from him, but I cannot catch him. Heaven grant that something may happen to stop him, or that this letter may get lost." The uncle was naturally touched—in more ways than one—but was equal to the occasion as he came back with: "My Dear John: Console yourself and blush no more. Providence has heard your prayers. The freshman lost your letter. Your affectionate uncle."

Life's minor tragedies: An Engineer freshman, who's wondering where the silver lining can be found, sends the following woeful and tear-stained letter: "Sir: It is not for spite, revenge, or even personal satisfaction that I write this letter; its only purpose is to let Aggies

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Movie Review

by Bob Nisbet

"OF MICE AND MEN", the second picture made recently from novels written by John Steinbeck, is not nearly so radical as "THE GRAPES OF WRATH", but is a better show because of that fact. Life is full of its vulgarities and profanities, but there is no reason for glorifying them. Our best source of entertainment—books—shouldn't be made to drag us through all the depths of mire just to be modern or realistic. That is my opinion on "The Grapes of Wrath" as a book. The show is minus this objection and presents an urgent message to an uninformed public. So much for that; the original purpose was to discuss "Of Mice and Men", and so away. Here is a show in a new and different medium with unusual directional treatment. The adaptation of the theatrical production to the screen was difficult because the story is without much action. The whole story takes place around one bunkhouse and a ranch. On the stage it was a wonderful character study, but in the theater the play suffered from the same old fault that Hollywood seems to run into at every turn—overemphasis. By this time, though, I, for one, have rather grown used to the overplaying of parts on the screen and have come to take it for granted. Lon Chaney Jr., playing in his first major film production, is the outstanding star in the show. He is Lennie, a big, powerful brute of a man with the strength of a horse and the feeble mind of a child. Well-meaning and innocent as a babe, Lennie gets into trouble with the police because no one understands his plight. He becomes a hunted man, and it is all that Burgess Meredith can do to hide him and keep him out of further trouble. Lennie is doomed because he is "out of phase" with the rest of the world—a misfit. His end is inevitable.

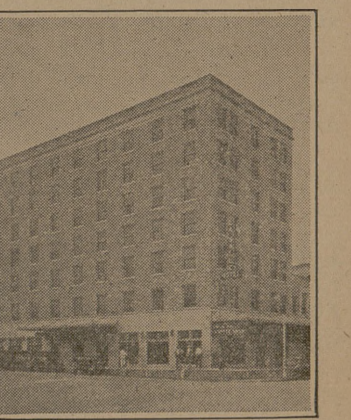
WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
No shows during the holidays.

AT THE PALACE
Beginning Sunday—"THE BLUEBIRD", with Shirley Temple.

AT THE QUEEN
Friday and Saturday—"SEVENTEEN", with Jackie Cooper.

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RUTH TAUBENHAUS SOON TAKES BARNARD OFFICE

Miss Ruth Taubehaus, daughter of Mrs. J. J. Taubehaus of College Station, recently elected president of the Under-graduate Association at Barnard College in New York City, will be installed formally on April 16 at a required assembly of the student body, according to officials of that school. Miss Taubehaus, who will be next year's president in her senior year, is serving as undergraduate treasurer and floor counselor in the dormitories in this, her junior year. She was undergraduate secretary and a member of the camp committee as a sophomore, and was Greek Games chairman in her freshman year.

LUCE IS NUMBER ONE GOLFER AT UNIVERSITY

AUSTIN, March 8.—Buck Luce, low man in 72-hole qualifying by 20 strokes, again is the No. 1 golfer at The University of Texas. The slender Austin junior was six under par at the end of the four-day marathon.

Other team members, in order, are Andrew Chilton, Tommy Taylor, Len Spitzer, Wayne Middleton and David Belew. First matches were with Colorado U. in Austin March 19.

WORK-LOAN PLAN ADOPTED BY EX-STUDENTS' BOARD

Aggie Field Force Is Postponed at Meeting

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Southwest Has Its Own Literature and Folklore

We like the suggestion of author J. Frank Dobie that it would be well for Texas schools and colleges to stress the literature and folklore of the Southwest.

The American educational institutions, probably more from habit than anything else, have taught young Americans all of the interesting facts about the Pilgrim Fathers and the Indians of Massachusetts and New York. They have taught them little about the adventurous white man who first came to Texas and the Comanches and Apaches and other Indians here at that time.

Much of our everyday knowledge of the colonial history of New England was gained from our school histories, but much more came from our being required to read New England literature. The Yankee literature naturally used New England for locale and New Englanders for characters.

As Dobie pointed out recently, Texas school children should learn more about the early missionaries, the conquistadors, Cabeza de Vaca's years as a slave of the Karacahua Indians and his epic journey afoot to the Pacific Coast, the adventures and romances of the first Americans in Texas.

There is no dearth of literature on the Southwest. Some very able writers have turned out books of fiction and non-fiction. In the non-fiction list we find such writers as Cunningham Graham, H. E. Bolton, Eugene C. Barker, E. Douglas Branch, Albert Bigelow Paine and Marquis James. The books they have written of Texas and the Southwest are worthy of study by any English class.

Fiction of the Southwest, including Texas, has been capably written by Willa Cather, Oliver La Farge, Stanley Vestal, Andy Adams, Will C. Barnes, George Patullo, O. Henry, Eugene Manlove Rhodes, Stewart Edward White, Alfred Henry Lewis, and many, many others.

Our own literature should come first with us because it should contain more to interests us. The scenes and the people, the customs and the culture with which we are familiar should be taught in our schools.

Texas children should not be taught Texas literature and folklore and history exclusively, but the emphasis should be placed here. Next they should be taught those subjects of the entire Southwest, since Texas is a part of the Southwest and our history and culture is inextricably bound up with that of Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona and California, and, to a lesser extent, with that of Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Louisiana and Utah.

No other section of the country, not even New England, has a richer history than the Southwest. The white man came to Texas nearly a century before the Pilgrims landed in New England. Since that day the state has produced the material for thousands of stories of adventure and romance, a wealth of material that can be equaled by no other state.—Houston Chronicle.

NEW RADIO WONDER

Experiments which experts predict will lead to a revolution of the radio industry in a few years were successfully carried out by stations in the East within the last few days, using what is known as "frequency modulation" broadcasting.

This new system, the invention of Major Edwin H. Armstrong, which is said to do away with static and man-made interference with radio reception, is being rapidly perfected and is pronounced completely successful.

A new development demonstrated in the recent experiment mentioned was the re-radiocasting of programs taken directly from the station of origin by other stations, without the aid of telephone wires. At present all network programs are carried by telephone from the place of origin to the individual stations on the hook-up.

In the latest test, a program originating at the frequency modulated stations in Yonkers, N. Y., was re-broadcast and relayed by similar stations in Alpine, N. J., and Meridian, Conn., without the use of wires.

This feat, while not easy to understand by the layman, was described by radio experts and scientists as "amazing." K. R. Warner of the American Radio Relay League enthusiastically declared:

"I thought it was technically impossible with three relays, yet the program was still better by far than the present ordinary system at the best."