

Tomorrow's the Day...Let's Vote

Well, Army, tomorrow's the day! Tomorrow's the day your votes will determine next year's editor-in-chief of The Battalion, next year's chief yell-leader, next year's junior representative on the Student Publications Board which determines publications policies.

And tonight's the night the annual special yell practice will be held on the "Y" steps, when all the candidates will make their pleas to the corps and present their platforms for your consideration.

Attend, and tomorrow state your choice with your votes. State the honest opinion you have formed through the observation of each candidate's work and abilities.

It's a general election. Every student has the right, the opportunity, the duty, the privilege, of expressing his opinion.

Every student may vote—provided he presents in person at the ballot box his yellow slip—his receipt for payment of fees for the second semester.

Balloting will go on from 8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., in the lobby of the Academic Building. Representatives of each candidate and members of the impartial, impartially-selected supervisory Student Election Committee will be at the ballot box during the day, to insure complete fairness in voting. They will be present when the votes are counted. Everything is to be entirely fair and just.

"Lobbying" by any candidate or any agent of any candidate will not be permitted inside or at the entrance of the Academic Building.

Tomorrow's the only chance you have to express your opinion. There are only two candidates for each position; there will be no runoff.

So let's make this election thoroughly representative. How about it, Army?

Don't forget to vote. . . And by all means, when you go to the ballot box, don't forget to bring your yellow slips!

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

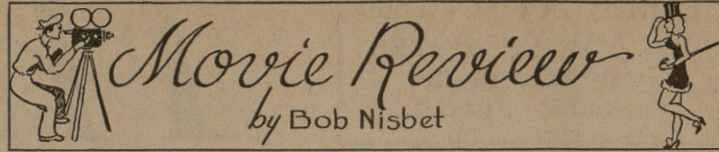
"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster.

In the spring of the year . . . stress Connie Barleau received Beryl Ann Longino of Lufkin was selected "Glamour Girl" of T. S. C. W. in a recent election held in Denton. As a result she will receive a trip to Hollywood for a screen test at Warner Bros. Studio . . . Gladys Swarouth, who made a tremendous hit here in her recent Town Hall appearance, was chosen as the best-dressed woman in America . . . For the fifth consecutive weekend, "Tuxedo Junction" was again the most off-requested number at A. & M. dances. Second in this week's Aggie hit parade was "Put Your Little Foot," and "Indian Summer" was third . . . Bernie Cummins' pianist, Karl Radlack, and Aggie Jack Rudy did some Saturday afternoon harmonizing via the organ and the piano in Guilon Hall . . . Student opinion seems to be pretty well grooved in respect to the various orchestras imported this year for dances. Bernie Cummins seems to have a death grip on first place, Lawrence Welk next, and Del Courtney and Al Kavelin tied for third. These facts are based on the reply to a questionnaire given 63 cadets yesterday morning . . . Although only half of the corps eat hot cakes at one time, more than 16,000 are cooked each time they are served.

The line forms on the left: Wife of the owner of one of Bryan's several hasheries, Mrs. J. A. Arhopules of the De Luxe Cafe—who is better known as Katie to the Aggie world—is still talking about her trip to the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans. And not without good cause, too; Katie, it seems, found a \$50 bill on the floor of the mirror room in the Roosevelt Hotel on New Year's Eve, and she still has it. If you don't believe it, she'll show it to you!

Backwash makes a nomination: The honor of being the most boring—sometimes almost ironically humorous—of all advertising schemes is evenly divided between ads in movies and the afternoon "soap operas" sponsored by El Burpo Toothpaste, D and T Soap, and others.

This time and twice more: In the three-hour span of Saturday night's corps dance, song-



Beginning Wednesday at the Palace is "THE GRAPES OF WRATH", claimed by some to be the outstanding show of the year. Of course they may be right—it is a good show—but its purpose being to carry an urgent message doesn't give it much time for entertainment. Nevertheless there is some fine acting along with it and for that reason it can't be denied its three grade-points.

The story concerns a young idealistic Jeff Smith, head of the state's Boy Rangers, who is appointed to fill an unexpired term as United States Senator. In Washington he finds conditions so bad that one man is practically running everything to suit himself, so he stages a one-man filibuster on the Senate floor to win his fight and also a wife. Three grade-points.

Benefit show this week will be for the Economics Club, "DARK VICTORY", starring Bette Davis and George Brent.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Tuesday, 3:30 and 6:45—"THE FLYING DEUCES", with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

Wednesday, 3:30 and 6:45—"MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON", with James Stewart and Jean Arthur.

AT THE PALACE

Beginning Wednesday—"THE GRAPES OF WRATH" with Henry Fonda and Jane Darwell.

Parade of Opinion

DEMOCRATS: With speculation on the third-term aspirations of President Roosevelt holding the limelight, collegians all over the nation are turning to a consideration of the 1940 election prospects of the Democratic Party and are discussing the party's possibilities with great interest.

Comment on the third-term issue seems about evenly divided, with many urging the President to make up his mind as soon as possible so the party will not be split further. The Washington College Elm is most vociferous in denouncing another term for Mr. Roosevelt: "The life of the American people will be imperiled by a third-term candidacy for Mr. Roosevelt. Our national economy and political institutions will be destroyed. War or peace, we suggest that Mr. Roosevelt declare his intention to obey the unwritten rule against the third term."

The University of Kansas Daily Kansan believes the third-term controversy serves two purposes: "The innocent one of providing a safety valve by which today's anxiety and alarm may be released, and the more doubtful one of providing an effective smoke screen that obscures all other important events."

Turning to the speculation over James A. Farley's candidacy, the University of Minnesota Daily said: "The Postmaster-General would no doubt make a formidable candidate for the Presidency, being an able politician who has a strong personal following. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the country, a thorough grasp of its many diverse problems and would give a credible account of himself in the presidency. Mr. Farley is best known, of course, for his political sagacity and his almost uncanny ability in divining popular trends. It is doubtful, however, that a man of his unquestioned political acumen would care to suffer the fate of Alfred E. Smith."

The University of Texas Daily Texan predicts that President Roosevelt could not win the nomination or the election should "General Jim" desert him: "A Farley walkout would be a blow to the White House. Farley has a tremendous personal following—a strong and genial personality, he makes and keeps friends. As head of one of the most effective political machines ever developed in this country, he knows how to get results. And many a delegate at the next nomination convention will 'ask Jim' before supporting or opposing any candidate.

Several of the college newspapers are humping for Cordell Hull as the next carrier of the Democratic standard. On this subject, the University of Iowa Daily Iowan says: "The greatest barrier to the Presidency for Cordell Hull is his age. The Secretary of State is 70, which doesn't appeal to most voters. As capable as Cordell Hull has been in his political career, making few enemies in the years since 1906 when he first entered Congress, his age alone is enough to keep him from getting the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. A second barrier to the nomination of Hull is his relationship to Roosevelt in the party. Were Roosevelt to announce his intentions of running for a third term, even the slim chance that Hull now has to get the nomination would fade."

The Battalion

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Take Heed . . . Take Care

When driving, obey the traffic signals. What is to be gained by shooting out from a corner before the signal light turns green? There is nothing to be gained but tragedy, either in the form of an accident or a traffic ticket. Most drivers are just a trifle careless. They will do anything to save just a few seconds.

A few years ago, in Chicago, the police department conducted a test in which one motorist raced across town breaking every traffic law on the books, and in which another motorist obeyed all the laws. The law breaker, in a 23-mile race, gained a mere 51 seconds.

If on foot, much cannot be gained by crossing the street upon hearing the warning signal. Perhaps 30 seconds may be saved, but perhaps a life may be lost. We Americans are always rushing some place and then waiting there for something to happen. Take it easy. You'll live longer, both on foot and in automobiles.

How True. . .

How true is the reasoning of the newspaper from which we reprint this comment:

"A newspaper can give people all kinds of favorable notice, and free helpful publicity, but never hear a word of comment or praise. However, let one single unfavorable statement, whether true or not, be printed, and the wolves will be on your neck."

ERROR

Inadvertently, a numerical error appeared in an editorial in the last issue.

In stating that the contribution of \$40 made by the four classes to the T. O. Walton Portrait Fund was equivalent to an individual contribution of a dime from each of 4000 members of the corps, we erred. Obviously, the number was intended to read 400.

That's a fair showing. Praise is due Max McCullar and those other class leaders who led in making the donation to this worthy cause. We apologize for the error.

As the World Turns...

By DR. R. W. STEEN

Insofar as activity is concerned, politics continues to outweigh the war as a source of headlines. In Texas the contest for the Democratic nomination

for the governorship is just now in something of an "if" stage. Several candidates have announced and are already campaigning. The Ferguson's are apparently waiting for the post-card poll they requested to draft them. Governor O'Daniel has indicated an end to his period of indecision by stating that he will announce his plans in a radio address Wednesday evening. All of these things being true, some of the haze

R. W. Steen should begin to fade from the picture, and the complete field of candidates came clearly into view by the middle of April.

The general supposition is that Governor O'Daniel will seek reelection. That is the customary thing, and the average governor—having had a one-term taste of the prestige of the office—develops an appetite for a second bit. Then, too, a campaign for reelection would be sufficient explanation for the newspaper which the governor is going to begin publishing on Thursday. Mr. O'Daniel is not the first governor to have had words with the big dailies of the state, nor is he the first to establish his own newspaper.

The Ferguson Forum is the paper of this type best known to Texans. It was launched by Governor Ferguson in 1917 just after his impeachment, and has had an intermittent career. As a general rule it appears when the Ferguson's are seeking or holding office, and quietly discontinues at times when its publishers are not actively engaged in politics. Incidentally, it has at various times in its career carried an impressive volume of advertising. A campaign involving the Ferguson Forum and the O'Daniel ***** would be interesting to say the least.

Texas is also involved to some degree in the field of national politics. Just at present a campaign is under way for Vice-President Garner. Another group is busily engaged in sponsoring a third-term movement for President Roosevelt.

Postmaster-General Farley, who has announced his candidacy for the presidency, is visiting in Texas this week, and it is safe to assume that he did not come just for the ride.



Fuermann

From a 'Haunted House' to a Model For The Nation, Grew A. & M. Co-op System

By A. J. Robinson

An interesting story of the ability of an idea to spread is found in A. & M.'s project house system.

Taken more or less for granted today, the system operating at present to house around 900 Aggies, the greatest cooperative organization of its kind, was started as recently as 1932 with only one very old building which was known, before its employment as a dormitory, as "The Haunted House."

The "Haunted House," which was turned into livable quarters by Daniel Russell with the aid of twelve students, was just a deserted two-story structure near the Experiment Station Farm, but it gave cause for the inception of the Student Cooperative Housing Project which now consists of twenty clean modern buildings, furnishing room and lodging for A. & M. students at half the cost incurred by those living in regular campus dormitories. The project houses

War Booklets May Be Obtained At Library

Dr. T. F. Mayo, college librarian, has announced that the library has obtained gratis from The Dallas News, one hundred copies of a booklet "The First Six Months of The War in Maps And Pictures."

These educational and interesting booklets will be given away—as long as they last—at the reference desk in the main reading room.

Miss Margaret Pearce is in charge of the desk, and cadets and faculty members may get the booklets during regular library hours.

Dr. Kemp will deliver eight illustrated lectures, and round-table discussions will follow each meeting during the conference. The lectures have been planned especially for petroleum engineers, geologists and others interested who strictly specialize in geophysics, and will give an insight into this important phase of the petroleum industry to all oil men. Anyone directly or indirectly interested in the oil production industry is invited to attend the conference.

Now a consulting engineer in Dallas, Dr. Kemp formerly was supervisory geophysicist with the Atlantic Refining Company for 13 years, and for 20 years he was professor of physics at the University of Illinois and at Purdue University.

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Whatever your reason for preferring the knits, we have some very new styles to show you. For instance, shown here (left) is the short knit shirt with short tight sleeves. It's very new and very smart. Mesh blazers (center) are also popular.

We have a choice group of the new styles from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

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