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"Farley Day"

way around on the success of "Farley Day" Thurs-

ex-Aggie of the class of '27, now postmaster at

Hillsboro, for bringing his friend, Postmaster-Gen-

eral James A. Farley, as a distinguished visitor to

Aggieland Mr. Jackson is one of the best known of

A. & M. ex-students. It was he who brought Secre-

tary of Commerce Daniel Roper to A. & M. some

Colonel George F. Moore, supervisor of subsistence

J. C. Hotard, and all others concerned with making

arrangements for Mr. Farley's visit, the review and

banquet in his honor, deserve a word of praise for

under his direction, and the musicians under the

direction of Colonel Richard Dunn, are to be com-

mended on their program of entertainment at the

our special commendation for making the most

highly original speech of the evening-in which he

requested the Postmaster-General to see if he could

do something about the situation whereby the

Aggies write so frequently to the girls at our sister

school of T. S. C. W., yet so often wait in vain for

**Governor O'Daniel To Make 1940** 

Race On Reshuffled 1938 Platform

O'Daniel still wants \$50,000,000 per year in new

revenue to meet the State's social security obliga-

tions, to pay pensions and to begin retiring some

\$25,000,000 in hot checks issued by the State.

After 15 months in office, Governor W. Lee

Thirdly, J. J. Woolket and the Singing Cadets

And lastly, Cadet Colonel Woody Varner gets

the success of the day's events.

Next, President Walton, Colonel Ike Ashburn,

We believe congratulations are in order all the

First, A. & M. is indebted to Burris C. Jackson,

1940

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day.

time ago.

banquet.

a reply!

# - THE BATTALION -

BACKWASH

livered by a stu-

dent of any col-

lege." So it's sweet

Maynard Curts, and business-man- distinction.

aged by its energetic Charles Zahn.

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

Between the lines . . . Woody do the game, but broadcasting com-Varner's address at Thursday mercial rights were sold to Gillette

night's Farley banquet was the Razor who decided to advertise

highlight of a night of many high their shaving cream. Bill, however,

have ever heard de- Bowl game.

portant functions this year . . And College Station when the Aggies

while the sweet peas are going played their traditional Turkey Day

around, here's a column full to the game with the Texas U. At that

Glee Club-or Singing Cadets, for time the station was operating un-

technicality's sake. Under the tire- der an experimental license and

less and more-than-capable direct- had the call letters 5XB-thus one

ion of Joe Woolket, presidented by more Texas Aggie claim to football

hit on the campus this year and is Boners from freshman and soph-

fast gaining a statewide reputation omore classes aren't so rare that for excellence . . . Eco prof P. A. they need to be advertised, but

Nutter, to taxation class: "The day here's a few that are definitely

isn't long gone when the only piece out of the usual groove. Writing

of mail that went into the average a paragraph on Florence Nightin-

farm house was a Sears-Roebuck gale, a freshman in 1932 pointed catalog." . . . George Mueller, ar- out, "Miss Nightingale was the

riving on T.S.C.W. campus: "If you mistress of Louis XIV and was the

see any girls running after me, let first woman in Europe to submit to

me know so I can put it in re- childbirth." Answering an identifi-

verse." . . . It's history now, but cation question on Ruth Suckow's

many cadets wondered why Bill character essay, "A German Grand-

Stern, who broadcasted the Aggie- father," a freshman declared,

the organization has made a smash In the world of boners:

lights. "Varner's already had a regular Sunday night

adddress," said commercial with Colgate Shaving

WTAW's director Cream and couldn't afford to

John Rosser, "was change creams in mid-stream.

one of the best I Thus he play-by-played the Rose

peas to Woody for the single touch of a football game ever transmitted

levity at one of A. was broadcast by station WTAW

& M.'s most im- on Thanksgiving Day, 1920, from

November 25, 1920:

Bu

George Fuermann

#### BACKWASH BALLOT

#### OOMPH OR GLAMOUR? \_\_\_\_

About this time of the year it seems to be in line for colleges and universities throughout the nation to take stock on collegiate opinion in respect to the boy vs. girl situation. Not to be outdone, Backwash sticks in an oar for Aggieland, but, if it's to be successful, every cadet will have to vote and express his opinions and choices on the ballot beneath. After filling in the ballot, either send it to the writer, Box 4479; bring it to room 417, dormitory three; or send it to The Battalion Office.

1. Do you prefer blondes......brunnetes.....redheads......(check one)

- 2. Do you like jitterbugging .....
- 3. Do you like swing ......
- 4. What is your favorite dance orchestra .....
- 5. Has Leap Year paid dividends for you .....
- 6. Would you be in favor of a national Sadie Hawkins Day .....
- 7. How many dates a month do you average .....
- 8. Do you smoke ...... drink ..... neck ......
- 9. Do you neck on the first date-if possible ...
- 10 Do you believe that most girls will neck on the first date .....
- 11. Are you in love at the present time .....
- 12. Do you believe students should marry while still in college ...... 13. Do you believe in blind dates .....
- 14. Do you think there are enough coeds on the A. & M. campus
- 15. Would you favor legislative enactment whereby T.S.C.W. would be moved to College Station .....
- 16. What is your favorite magazine .
- 17. What qualities would you look for in picking a wife .....

18. Do you think T.S.C.W. is adequate as our sister school ...... 19. Do you approve of the "bird-dog" system at A. & M. 20. Have you ever "bird-doged"

21. Have you ever been "bird-doged"

22. Have you ever had a date on the A. & M. campus ... 23. How many years have you been attending A. & M. 24. Have you ever been to T. S. C. W. ..

25. Do you lose weight when you fall in love ......

Name ..... Classification .....

Organization .....

ert Cummings.

vyn Douglas.

and Gene Autry.



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# The Battalion The Singing Cadets A group on the A. & M. campus that The Bat-

talion believes deserves special praise, recognition, commendation, and cooperation in every respect is the "Singing Cadets" (formerly known as the A. & M. Glee Club) under the direction of Professor J. J. Woolket.

If there is any advisor to any group on the campus any more untiring and persevering in his efforts to help that group than Mr. Woolket has been with the Singing Cadets, we have yet to see him. To a large extent Mr. Woolket has been responsible for the club's progress.

The Singing Cadets have certainly "whipped out" during this session, (to use the Aggie vernacular). That is the opinion, so far as we can tell, of every student, every faculty member, and every visitor to the college who has heard them this year. Distinguished speakers at many banquets have paid them high tribute.

They have made steady improvement in their performances, through persistent and unified effort. They have sung at more banquets and other local functions, and at more places away from the college, than ever before in the history of the organization. They are soon to start on a spring tour to sing at various cities. They have achieved more attention and publicity and have made the Aggies more musicconscious, than ever before.

And that is why we think the Singing Cadets of A. & M. are to be so highly commended.

Of course, there is always more to be done. The Singing Cadets know that it takes constant practice, a pleasing variety of selections, and a lot of hard work to achieve the state of perfection and of statewide recognition that they desire. We think, with the big start made this year, that they'll certainly attain it.

# Haste... Cause of Tragedy

should be enlightened.

Let us consider. The total of 32,000 represents about half the population of Austin or Waco. What if a new plague were to wipe out that number tomorrow? A state of emergency would surely be declared. Theatres and schools would be closed and the various relief forces would marshal all their resources to cope with the tragic situation. Parents would be frantic; government officials would take

In a sense, America's automobile accident experience of the past year might be likened to such a plague. Because the total casualties are stretched over a period of an entire year, because they are not confined to any particular season, to any particular age-group nor to any particular locality, the public remains apathetic.

Two out of three automobile accidents in the United States last year involved mistakes by drivers . . . mistakes that could have been avoided had the people been safety conscious.

The primary case, as usual, is excessive speed. percent of the total casualties.

Other figures are less imposing, but just as

He believes his original suggestion of a trans-The person who dislikes statistics cannot be action tax, shaved down from 1.6 per cent to 1 per cent, will raise the money, although he is willing ten accidents for which the driver is to blame can

Flowers fade but deeds endure. More than 32,000 persons were sent to their graves or to hospitals last year because of automobile accidents. Such a mass death toll represents a major death plague concerning which every American

drastic measures to get the plague under control.

Because of undue haste, 7,990 persons were killed and 179,980 were injured. The figures represent 22.5

tragic. Reckless driving accounts for 14.7 percent of the fatalities; 13.5 were directly attributable to the failure of drivers to exercise caution when a question of right-of-way was involved, and 11.6 percent were caused when drivers went off the roadway.

expected to linger long over these tabulations, but he CAN learn and remember that nine out of every that the marital status of his wife

fact, he was originally booked to "conchincous." Movie Peviceu by Bob Nisbet

> this issue, various students will her. The law finally takes a hand try out for the position of movie in the decision of which husband editor on next year's Battalion is to get the wife, but not until staff. laughs.

> situation of having "TOO MANY ested in seeing the film to learn HUSBANDS" is the plight of pret-ty Jean Arthur in the show com-cause at the return of the first ing to the Palace Sunday. Such husband, Douglas' secretary tries a plot could be and is easily used to persuade him to leave Jean for as the basis for a first rate comedy. Fred and to marry her. Alto-Miss Arthur is the wife of a pub- gether, this hilarious comedy and lishing firm partner, Fred Mac- first-grade farce deserves three

the other partner, Melvyn Douglas, consoles the grieving widow by marrying her. When the supposed dead husband returns, Melvyn Douglas faints and it takes considerable courage to explain to Fred d. Miss Arth

S. M. U. game last November and "'Grandpa' was the male partner later "adopted" A. & M. as his in a marriage of the woman called alma mater, didn't officiate at the by everyone as 'Grandma.'" The Sugar Bowl game. As a matter of same cadet spelled "conscientious,"

By Tom Gillis

The paradoxical and almost legal Some Aggies might be inter-

Murray, who is reported lost at grade points. sea on a lone cruise. Thereupon,

Editor's note: Beginning with hopes they will come to blows over the show has presented plenty of

to accept any other tax which the Legislature will pass.

All this is a rehash of his 1938 platform, garnished, as it was then, with the charge that "professional politicians" are responsible for an "appalling situation" and spiced with frequent thrusts at unnamed subsidized newspapers, radio stations and poison pen editors.

Add to this several logical suggestions for modernizing the State's fiscal machinery by installing better budgetary control and eliminating a multiplicity of special accounts, most of which originated with a legislative investigating committee several years ago, and you have the reelection platform of the governor, as he explained it in a 10,000 word address that kept a State-wide radio network busy for an hour last Wednesday night.

What the governor said boils down to this:

He contends that it is not his fault that the Legislature did not pass a tax bill which would have enabled him to make good on his promise of \$30 per month to the aged.

He says the State must balance its budget. pay its obligations to the blind, needy aged and dependent children and must match contributions of teachers to their retirement fund.

To do this, \$50,000,000 per year in new revenue is needed. He favors a one percent transaction tax, but is willing to leave to the Legislature the job of raising that much new tax money, or to submit the question to the people who, he contends, created the obligation in the first place.

governor is definite about where the \$50,000,000 he needs to carry out his program is coming from. He is willing to approve "any tax" which will raise the money

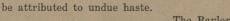
It is fortunate the Legislature is not that agreeable, because there are dozens of taxes which would raise \$50,000,000 per year, but many of them would wreck the State economically, kill its prospects for future growth and saddle burdens on citizens least able to pay.

said about affairs of State. He is making a race in friendship. 1940 on his 1938 platform, apparently on the theory that what was good enough to win the governorship is good enough now, which may prove good politics.

What impressed us most was what he said about the trials and tribulations of public office.

We conclude that Mr. O'Daniel has learned what many other found out before him-that cheers of campaign crowds constitute the most perishable commodity on earth.

-The Houston Post. nation.



-The Baylor Lariat After becoming partially civilized, an African

tribe got heavily in debt and took to the jungle again. We can understand that impulse.

two husbands and thinks the situation is thrilling. That night she puts them in the twin beds in the guest room where she even

and His

Orchestra

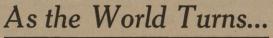
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Introducing His Original

**Rippling Rhythms** 

**CORPS DANCE** 

Sat. Night April 6



## By DR. AL B. NELSON

The Texas Political Pot will really boil from now on. Governor O'Daniel has either learned nothing from the past, or thinks he has learned a great deal about how to put things over on the public. Everyone will concede that he has learned how to put things over in real form if he persuades the

people of Texas to vote a transactions tax upon themselves.

Winston Churchill, who has been the head of England's navy since shortly after the war began, has now been given general control over all of Britain's armed forces. This has given the allies a much better chance to win if Germany does begin her much-vaunted general attack this spring. Churchill is also known for his belief that England

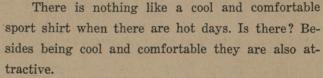
As was the case in the summer of 1938, the should attack through the Balkans or the Near East. \* \* \*

Canada has a new Governor-General. The Earl of Athone, uncle of the King of England, is the successor to the late Lord Tweedsmuir (better known to the American public as John Buchan, the novelist). The new governor-general is a capable and experienced administrator and army officer and the appointment has won great favor in Canada. It is thought that his appointment was made with the idea of his cultivating the United States and But we have no quarrel with what the governor winning over public opinion here to a closer bond of

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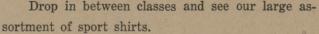
England is thought to be ready now to put the pressure on Italy (economic pressure) in order to force that nation to take a definite stand for Germany or for the allies. England and France are reported to have come to the belief that it would be better to have Italy definitely in the struggle on the side of Germany than to have them remain as a channel by which world supplies may reach that





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We have some new styles and colors to show you. You will like the short knit shirts with tight sleeves and the mesh blazes that GLOVER has made for you.





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