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himself. May the freshmen and sophomores realize that too many activities are a burden, an abominable burden. Let them pick their best fields and stick to them.

What we need is more balance.

DOCTOR, LAWYER, MERCHANT, CHIEF—

What are you going to be? How do you intend to pass your unspare time (if any), keep unwelcome animals from the door and earn the right to pay an income tax?

Probably you don't know yet; if you do you may change. Anyway, don't let anybody rush you. It's better to be a street massager at 50, still looking for the right job and marking time while you look, than to be a successful bank president at 20—if being a bank president doesn't suit you.

Speaking of being a square peg behind a bank president's desk, don't lose faith in your own ability to pick yourself a job. Nobody else can do it as well as you. Try garbage collecting, gas jerking, yacht owning—anything you want, but keep trying until you find something that appeals to you. You'll eventually find it; you're bound to if you sample enough different kinds of work. By the time you find your dream job you may be eligible for an old-age pension, but you will be glad you tried everything and didn't stand for any railroad-ing.

—Baylor Lariat.

SINGING CADETS MAKE BIG HIT AT TSCW AND THROUGH CENTRAL TEXAS

When the "Singing Cadets" of Aggieland returned to school Sunday from their annual 5-day tour, they had been presented on 16 different programs, including one radio appearance, in several central Texas cities, including Marlin, Hillsboro, Waco, Fort Worth, Denton, and T.S.C.W., and Dallas.

The cadets were the honor guests of the "Early Bird" program presented over WFAA last Saturday morning. The program had to be transferred to the Dallas Baker Hotel Mural Room because of the exceedingly large crowd which attended. A statement in the Dallas Morning News said the cadets drew the largest crowd of any early morning broadcast in the history of Southwest broadcasting.

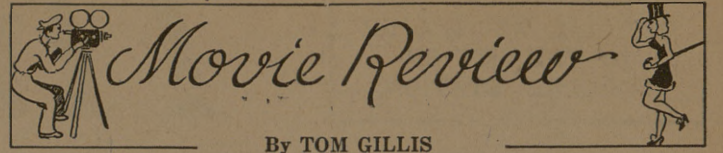
At Denton the club sang for the girls and in turn were treated to a 'backward' girls' tag dance. The

cadets also enjoyed having breakfast at T. S. C. W. and upon leaving, the girls said that they "were very proud of their brother school."

While on tour the club introduced the new song "Texas A. M. C." and dedicated it to the wife of its author, the late George E. Perfect of Dallas, and accepted it for the school to be used as a new Aggie hymn.

During the tour several dances and banquets were given the cadets, one by Nick Stuart, famed orchestra leader now playing in Fort Worth.

Features on the programs included Pat Patterson and his accordion; Reynolds Smith, soloist, and Gabe Fajardo, R. D. Saenz, and I. T. Trueba. Their accompaniment on the tour was by Marion Lyle at the piano.



By TOM GILLIS

The ex-husbands, suitors, lawyers, and future husbands of attractive little Nancy Kelly stage an intricate mixup in "HE MARRIED HIS WIFE", Saturday night's show at the Assembly Hall. And with Nancy's calm good looks and ready smile, she well deserves the attention of them all.

Joel McCrea and Nancy are divorced but friendly, and she firmly and sweetly insists on alimony. But Joel gets jailed for non-payment. On the advice of his lawyer, Roland Young, he tries to relieve himself of the financial responsibility by getting Nancy remarried to Lyle Talbot. This would have been splendid except for the intrusion of the smooth Latin, Cesar Romero. His "romeo-ing" rushes Nancy off her feet. "A husband is a husband," argues the lawyer, but

rather than see his ex-wife married to Romero, Joel proposes to her again and is delightfully accepted. Nancy is somewhat piqued though, when she learns of the plotting to escape alimony, so she accepts the proposal of Lyle Talbot, too. Two bridegrooms and the one bride stage a dizzy climax, but the title suggests the ending.

"He Married His Wife" is an ordinary show but with a much better than ordinary cast. Mary Boland lends her talent as an old matron to help the plotters get the wife remarried; Cesar Romero plays the slick, amorous, bird-dog to help upset the plot. Nancy Kelly is the center of the whole thing, as she should be, whose fresh young beauty also inflames Lyle Talbot. Roland Young, timid and bashful, completes the number of six well-known stars in this one feature.

CHAINED WEARINESS

On every campus, we suppose, the matter of student leaders, and campus "big shots" boils down to the same thing—or the same men.

It is at least true at A. & M. that the few men who WILL do the work eventually do the things that mark men student leaders.

The Emory Wheel has analyzed the matter, and we think that they have beefed well. We wish that we had taken the time to do the same beefing first, but we didn't so we quote the rather winded Wheel editorial.

This newspaper does not think that the Wheel editorial offers a solution. We are sure that it does not, but we print it in these columns just to get a load off our chests that any college newspaper staff is glad to get off.

On Emory's campus today there is a small group of weary men.

In the group are ten or twelve seniors and four or five juniors. They are tired of Emory, its classes and its activities.

They are chained by campus opinion, a roguish master which binds them with such titles as campus leaders, "big shots," "activity men." They feel obligated to the university and to its student life.

This small group trudges through activities, each member living on cigarettes, black coffee, late hours, and nervous energy. Each one realizes his health is being impaired, each one knows his grades are suffering. Yet he trudges on. It's too late to quit.

The activity man as a senior is sick of it all. He wants to sit around the hall or house once in a while and listen to records or the radio. He wants to talk about his girl, dances, automobiles, and campus politics. He wants to feel that some night he can go to bed before 2:30 confident that he knows his lesson for the next day. He's sick of staying up all night, of answering a thousand questions, of making everybody mad at him. He wants to be "one of the boys" again.

The activity man feels that after three and one-half years he's done enough for his fellow-students and his school. Now is the time to get out and look for a job. Comprehensives are coming up soon. And yet, that old sense of obligation is always prodding him. It makes him accept duties he doesn't want, do things he's tired of doing. He ruins his health, misses a lot of pleasure, and wears a couple of keys.

Activities have always existed at colleges and will exist as long as man can drive pleasure from a feeling of mastery over others. Cynics say activities exist only because students are foolish enough to try to build up lines of type under their name in the senior section of the annual. Others point out that activities are good because they give men experience along certain lines, and that men enter activities because they realize this fact. Still others sincerely believe that men, without thoughts of keys and other high honors, enter activities merely for the love of competition and the satisfaction gained from a job well done.

Time takes its toll in activities. Freshmen come out for them in droves. During the sophomore year the number drops. As juniors, even more realize they're not suited. Consequently in the fourth year the burden is thrown on a very few.

Once a man has proved himself a capable and dependable worker, more work and more responsibility is piled upon him. Not only students, but faculty directors of various activities take advantage of his sense of obligation. They exploit his willingness to work for others—to work even to the extent of his own ruin.

With so much to do, the leader (at least the type who is not genius enough to handle all his activities and his school work satisfactorily) slumps in his studies. Time taken by his activities forces him to cut classes. His grades suffer.

At the same time underclassmen see that the leader isn't making good grades and begin to harbor the idea that maybe grades don't mean much after all, especially if such respected men—men who are popular and who "do things"—make only mediocre marks. The activities themselves suffer. The few are the powers in so many campus doings that they have little time to put on single activities. Men who might have handled well the high positions have to give away to these "all-activity" men.

Most practical solution lies in the individual

WAR OF STARVATION

There has been bitter fighting in this war—but the armies have been hardly involved in it as yet. The weapons used have been economic and diplomatic. And now, as the war enters its second half-year, the question of food begins to overshadow all others.

Well known are the Spartan measures taken in Nazi Germany to conserve her meager food supplies—typical German diet, judged by American standards, is at a bare subsistence level. The Allies moved slower in restricting food, but they too have recently been forced to take drastic steps. England which must import or die, has clamped down hard on the nations dining table. Each adult is permitted to spend but one-and-a-half week (about 40 cents) on pork, beef or mutton. Whiskey production has been decreased two-thirds. Across the channel, in France, home of the gourmets, still more severe restrictions have gone into effect—restaurants can serve only two-course meals, pastry shops must close three days weekly, etc. And spokesmen for the allies have intimated this is but the start.

Fear that the Allies may be shut off from essential supplies has caused some to forecast their probable defeat—U. S. Ambassador to Britain Kennedy is reported to have said that Hitler has a 55-45 chance of winning. However, the bulk of the experts are betting on Britain and France if it is a lengthy war. Germany's main hope, some think, lies in "blitzkrieg"—lightning war to force a swift decision.

COUNTIES OF THE U. S.

There are 3,072 counties in the 48 states, of which Texas has the greatest number, 254, and Delaware the smallest number, 3.

San Bernardino County, in California, is the largest, with an area of 20,175 square miles, New York County is the smallest, with an area of only 22 square miles, Bristol County, in Rhode Island, is the next smallest, with 24 square miles.

Citing another case of extremes, Armstrong County, in South Dakota, with an area of 540 square miles has no postoffice, while Allegheny County, in Pennsylvania, with 725 square miles, has 150 postoffices.

And speaking of postoffices, Leadville, Colo., is the highest, being 10,190 feet above sea level, while Calipatria, California, 175 feet below sea level, is the lowest.

North Carolina and Virginia have exactly 100 counties each. States have more than 100 counties are Illinois, 102; Kansas, 105; Missouri, 114; Kentucky, 120; Georgia, 161; Texas, 254.

In Louisiana these subdivisions are called parishes, of which the state has 64.

As the World Turns...

By DR. AL B. NELSON

England expects Italy to declare war. British merchant ships have been ordered out of the Mediterranean Sea. The British battle fleet has left the North Sea and is in the Mediterranean and both Greece and Yugoslavia have called reserves to the colors and are fortifying their frontiers. English leaders just warned the Balkan states not to wait too long to call for help or it may be too late.

The British expeditionary force has abandoned southern Norway, because the Germans controlled all ports large enough to supply a great expeditionary force. Also because the Chamberlain government in England is incapable of efficient and decisive action.

Governor Earl Long, of Louisiana, has pardoned many long-term criminals and commuted the sentences of others as one of the acts of his outgoing administration. Fortunately Texas has had the sense to take the power of pardon out of the hands of the occasional irresponsible governors and has a Board of Pardons and Paroles to assist in this highly important function.

Two important union leaders have recently been shown up as convicted criminals (Willie Bioff and George Scalise), and Westbrook Pegler, the columnist, recently said, "I could name a hundred thieves and gangsters, embezzlers and terrorists who hold office in unions..."

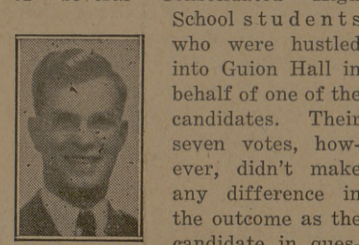
Moses L. (Moe) Annenberg, publisher and dispenser of racetrack information, plead guilty to income tax evasion (he cheated the government out of \$1,217,000 in taxes for 1936), and will now have to pay the United States about \$9,000,000 in taxes and penalties besides facing a prison sentence.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

Backwashin' around... The junior yell-leader election smelled: In one instance the writer knows of several Consolidated High School students who were hustled into Guion Hall in behalf of one of the candidates. Their seven votes, however, didn't make any difference in the outcome as the candidate in question was not elected. In several cases



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cadets voted more times than the law allows. Two instances in particular are worthy of note, being the two voters who cast six ballots each... They're not pro-Hitler, June when the long session has been born in Germany—Sig Neuberger, Werner Gohmert, and James Goldston... Thursday's issue of The Dallas Morning News carried a lengthy, front-page story in respect to the Aggies' "non-patronization agreement" where Bryan's picture shows are concerned. The issue in question sold out within a few minutes after it hit the news stands and The News reports that nearly a hundred letters were received from Aggies asking for copies. The article was reasonably unbiased and presented a fair picture of the situation... Senior Charley Kyle, replying to a question in respect to what he intended doing after graduation this June: "Well, the only offer I've got so far is a proposition to dig post holes for my dad..." One of the campus drug stores is streamlining with the age—together with adding a sure-fire customer drawer, at least where Aggies are concerned. Replacing a male cashier with streamlined and attractive Barbara Munroe, business has already picked up and the Bryan blonde will probably start a new vogue where College Station cash register players are concerned.

University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., campaigned for a sustaining fund of \$500,000 and received \$503,685.

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WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

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