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Let's Elect Next Year's Senior Class Officers Now

It has been suggested that the junior class, of the class of '41, hold a meeting—probably Thursday night—to elect next year's senior class officers. Seldom if ever before has such a thing been done, but that is no reason to delay till next fall as is customary. There are many problems, particularly in connection with the movie situation, that need to be worked out in regard to class policy before this year is out, and certainly before next year is already under full swing.

Present class officers have expressed a reluctance to take any action on affairs for next year, and reasonably so. They would feel "out of place" in doing so. However, the fact remains that it is necessary that something be done. For that reason the logical solution to the problem is to elect the officers now.

There may be objections to this "out of the ordinary" arrangement; but next year is liable to be a year with just such characteristics. We will need an "out of the ordinary" administration to fit said problems.

OPEN FORUM

Division of Horticulture
Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
May 1, 1940

Mr. Bill Murray, Editor
The Battalion
Dear Mr. Murray:

I want to take this opportunity of thanking you for the cooperation which you and The Battalion have rendered in giving publicity to the two faculty organizations with which I have been associated this year. Also congratulations on the excellent paper which you have edited this year.

Sincerely yours,
WALTER S. FLORY,
President, Faculty Dance Club

*Thank you very sincerely for your kind comments on our paper, Mr. Flory.—The Staff.

AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION

Mr. Bill Murray
Editor-in-chief of The Battalion
College Station, Texas

Dear Mr. Murray:

I have been wanting to write you for some time to tell you how much I enjoy The Battalion, awaiting its coming as eagerly as the morning mail. Your features and editorials are most interesting. The editorial "Playing the Suckers" appealed to me especially; it was so timely, and I hope it was read by the hundreds of prospective voters at A. & M. who will soon be helping to shape the destiny of our country.

Although I have two sons in their third year at A. & M., I found I knew very little of the many interesting features of their life there until this year when I received The Battalion regularly. I am the "source of information" for one Mother's Club and I wondered if the suggestion that all mothers subscribe to The Battalion had ever been brought before the State Mothers' Club meeting held each May at A. & M. College. If not, and if you wish me to, I will be glad to tell the mothers just what I think of your paper.

Sincerely,
Mary C. Hill
(Mrs. E. E. Hill)

907 Rio Grande
Austin, Texas

We appreciate your comments concerning The Battalion, Mrs. Hill.

For some time we have had the idea that it would be a fine thing if all the A. & M. mothers of the state would subscribe to The Battalion, to learn what their sons are doing at school.

We have sent complimentary subscriptions this year to every mothers' club president; and more papers are being mailed out by students to their parents than ever before. Still there are many parents unaware of the many news events of the school and the interesting features of their sons' lives here.

To have a president of one of the clubs make the suggestion that all mothers subscribe is great; and we'd certainly appreciate your bringing it up before the meeting on the campus Mothers' Day.

ACTION SUGGESTED ON FUTURE SERVICE

Mr. Bill Murray, Editor
The Battalion.
Dear Mr. Murray:

In the April 16th issue of The Battalion, there was an editorial, headed "Just A Suggestion", in which reference was made to telephone service in the dormitories at Texas A. & M. College, in the coming school term, and future ones.

May I assure you of our appreciation of this editorial, and at the same time give to you the plans of the telephone company which are line with your article, and which we feel will eliminate delays, if we secure the cooperation of the student body.

On or about June 15th, this year, we will convert the remaining telephones in the College Station Exchange to DIAL service, and we are at this time changing the instruments for this conversion.

As soon as the present school term ends, we will remove from the dormitories all desk stands now installed, and leave in place the bell boxes associated with the present desk stands. Sometime in August we will place in each of the dormitories dial-equipped telephones in the same location as the present instruments. These of course we will not connect to our boards until we receive contracts from the organizations. However we will be in a position to make connections of these instruments to the boards within an hour after contracts have been signed and numbers assigned.

With the conversion to dial service, it will be necessary that all numbers on the present telephones working on manual service be changed to the 5-digit number. Therefore, if the present organizations could appoint a representative with authorization to sign for service, and this party would advise us before the school term ends, we would be in a position to make assignment of number for their telephone and have the listing in the new directory that will be printed at the time of the conversion in June. This listing could not however carry the dormitory number and location, unless it would be possible for accurate information to be supplied us in advance. The next issue of the directory will be the regular issue in December, so if the above could be attended to, it would be advantageous to the organization.

During the installation of telephones in the dormitories this year, the students generally requested desk-type instruments. Some of these were placed on boxes in the halls, but most of the stands were placed on the floor, for lack of desk or box on which to place them. This I am sure has not been satisfactory to the users, and in some instances has been the cause of instruments being knocked over, breaking receiver shells and otherwise placing the telephones out of order. In our opinion a better service can be had, if the students would agree to the placing of a wall-type telephone at each location, this instrument to be placed on the wall in permanent location, to remain from year to year, this is a suggestion in the interest of better service to the student body.

With a permanent location agreed upon for the location of the telephones, our company will leave the instruments in place throughout the vacation period and be in a position to reconnect immediately upon receipt of contract for the service by the various organizations.

I will be glad to meet with a committee of the student body if they desire, to go over any plan for a better and faster connection of telephone service to the dormitories for the future.

Assuring you of our interest in the student body of Texas A. & M., and our desire to cooperate with them at all times, I am,

Yours very truly,
M. C. ATKINS,
District Manager,
Southwest Telephone Company

*Your suggestions are certainly apropos, Mr. Atkins. The Battalion wishes to again call attention to this matter, and suggest that next year's seniors take this needed action for the future welfare of the student body.

As the World Turns...

By DR. R. W. STEEN

The campaign in Norway has served one good purpose. The English seem finally to have muddled around to the decision that Chamberlain is not the man to conduct a successful war. Regardless of who the next prime minister is we can at least rest assured that he can be no worse. Rumor has it that Churchill will be the new leader of the government. He will certainly be an improvement, and it is possible that he will furnish the type of leadership needed to lead the allies to victory. There are several other possibilities, but Winston Churchill will probably be most popular with the American public.

The British and French withdrawal from southern and central Norway was a matter of stern necessity. They were outgeneraled and outclassed at every point. The German air force also played an important part in the rout of the allied divisions. It begins to look as if the allies will be hard put to capture Narvik, or to hold it once they captured it. If Hitler went into Norway looking for prestige and for air bases nearer to England he has probably achieved his end. If he went to get the iron ore, he has still to achieve his end. The only allied consolation must lie in the fact that the opposition encountered in Norway probably disrupted his timing with regard to moves in other directions.

A new candidate has entered the race for Governor of Texas. He is J. D. Parker, a barber of Caldwell. He can hope for only a few votes, but he is making one interesting promise. He pledges himself to resign the office—once he gets it—if he does not show some real statesmanship within thirty days. It is the opinion of most observers that a governor has little chance to do more than learn his way around within thirty days—and some of them do not learn that much. The public might think it a bargain to have a man promise to resign if he failed to show some statesmanship during the session of the legislature.

BACKWASH

By
George Fuermann

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

A bird's-eye view . . . Kimbrough brothers John and Jack will board the Sadler-for-governor bandwagon this summer as soon as the long session fades into history. Jack will be master of ceremonies and John will act as bus driver . . . Mirth-control item-of-the-week concerns the campus "Sarge" who reported four cadets to the Commandant's Office for "playing washers after c. q." . . . By air, bus, railroad,



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auto, and thumb—which almost covers the means of transportation Aggies have used to get to Austin, but not quite. It remained for Mack Hodges to do the thing via bicycle this past weekend . . . The attractive blonde (who almost shaded the efforts of some of the name orchestra singers on the campus this social season) who very capably soloed with the Aggieband Orchestra at last Friday night's Cattleman's Ball was Harriet Wood, University freshman and a member of Texas U.'s glee club . . . Highlight of last Friday's Aggie Clambake was the trio from U. T.'s glee club. Composed of Carlie Barnes, Mary Sue

Ries, Roberta Strauss, and accompanied by Frances Stripling, the girls were professional in performance and proved to be so popular on the program that an effort is being made to bring them back within the next three weeks . . . Like the annual Barnyard Frolic, the Cattleman's Ball was a tremendous success and once again the Aggieband Orchestra proved itself tops in the line of producing danceable music.

The Aggie Clambake:

There won't be many more Aggie Clambakes in the 1939-40 long session, but the programs have proven popular with the corps and those who have given their time and energies in making the programs successful are in line for a few flowers. Heading the list of Clambake artists is capable organist Jack Rudy. Then there's Harry Springfield, guitarist, vocalist, pianist, and man-about-town. Gavino Pahardo and Isidor Truela have been a combination hard to beat, and pianists Walter Sullivan and Jerrel Rapp have been popular entertainers. There's also been accordionist E. B. Patterson, general-all-around-instrumentalist James Perry, square-dance caller Possum Creath, pian-

ist J. R. Kelly, and a fine instrumental quartet composed of Lello Baker, Charlie Haggard, Wally Scott, and Curley Bryant. Other highlights of the Clambakes have been Jack Littlejohn's Aggieband Orchestra, the "Fish Band," and Rollins Brown with the so-called "Dope Ring" wherein professors Nutter, Steen, and McCulley have been on the receiving end of student-asked questions.

Indications are that next season's Clambakes will be even better than this year, what with the return of many of the old Clambake artists and the addition of many new stars. To WTAW director John Rosser goes a bucket full of thanks from the corps . . . He started the Clambakes last November and since that time they have become a regular part of the Aggie entertainment program.

George McCulloch leads the way:

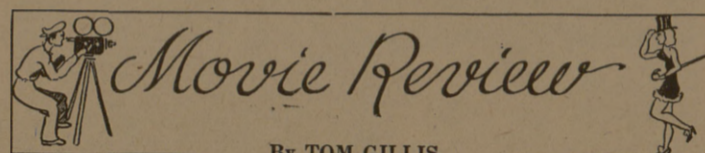
Backwash's drive for the erection of Aggie Hitch-Hiking Stations is definitely under way as the confectioner George McCulloch announces that he will give \$30 to the cause and build as many of the benches as that sum will pay for. "Thank you" is hardly the word of how long it takes, to achieve—but it's the only one that the writer knows of.

George will place his benches on highways leading out of College Station, but let's not stop now. LET'S KEEP THIS THING GOING UNTIL WE HAVE A HUNDRED OF THESE BENCHES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE STATE! Remember, Backwash wants to know your ideas in respect to this campaign and how it can be made a success.

The University approves:

Titled "No Movies for Cadets," Sunday's Daily Texan carried an editorial approving of the corps' non-patronization agreement. Said The Daily Texan in part: "The entire student body of 6,000 A. & M. cadets have once more risen to the occasion to form that indomitable and traditional spirit which may be used in gaining their desired ends. There is now being waged on the campus at College Station a fight to secure first-run movies on or near the campus. After the passing of the first four weeks of the fight the efforts on the part of the cadets seem to be more intense. By this time it seems to be an established fact that the cadets will continue to fight, regardless of how long it takes, to achieve their goal."

Right you are, Daily Texan.



By TOM GILLIS

Based upon the psychological novel by Emily Bronte, "WUTHERING HEIGHTS" brings a moody story of fierce love and hate enacted in the wild moors of Yorkshire, England. Those who look for comedy or light entertainment will not find it in this show, but for sinister and heavy drama, "Wuthering Heights" is unequalled on the screen in any picture of the last few years. Laurence Olivier is the emotional, moody orphan and childhood lover of strangely beautiful Merle Oberon, member of the upper classes of the residents of the desolate moors. Olivier's fierce love for Merle is as unceasing as the swirling moorland winds, but her love for him is as changing as the shifts in direction of the same wind. After they are grown, Merle marries David Niven, owner of a neighboring estate, in spite of the fact that she knows she will continue to love the orphan at times as strongly as his unwavering love for her. Olivier leaves England, more embittered and moody than ever, but returns after making his fortune in America so he can come home a man of means and position. Tense moments ensue as husband, wife, and lover meet. Seeing that he can never marry the woman he can never forget, Olivier marries her husband's sister for spite and ruins her life with his brooding and inconsiderate ways. In the face of death, the burning love of Olivier and Merle refuses to recognize the legal barriers between them, and she dies in his arms, looking over the moors of their childhood, while her husband looks on.

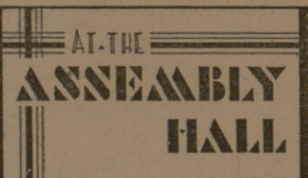
rooky, James Cagney, through his training period and baptism of fire during the First World War. The only hitch in the noble record of the fighting regiment is that the main color of Cagney's rainbow happens to be yellow of the brightest hue. After being charged with courtmartial for cowardice, Cagney changes his color from yellow to fighting red at the injury of his benevolent chaplain, Pat O'Brien. It takes guts, literally and figuratively, to do as Cagney does by smothering the burst of a grenade with his own body.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Tuesday, 3:30 and 6:45—
"WUTHERING HEIGHTS",
with Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier,
Donald Crisp, and David Niven.

Wednesday, 3:30 and 6:45—
"THE FIGHTING 69TH",
starring Pat O'Brien, James Cagney, and George Brent.



She belongs to ME
only her arms can hold my
love...my hate...my torment"

"THE FIGHTING 69TH", infantry regiment and part of the 42nd Division, the Rainbow Division, follows the story of a rebellious



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with a gift that she will
appreciate...

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and Whitmans

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WUTHERING
HEIGHTS
starring
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DAVID NIVEN
with Flora Robson • Donald Crisp
Geraldine Fitzgerald
Directed by WILLIAM WYLER
Released thru United Artists
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Tuesday, May 7

3:30 - 6:45



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