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Welcome, Parents!

Texas A. & M. extends a sincere and hearty welcome to the parents of her students for this week-end.

Engineers' Day and Parents' Day this week-end will offer these parents excellent opportunities to witness the educational side of the school which their sons are attending.

Sunday will be observed everywhere else as Mothers' Day; here it is designated Parents' Day, not to detract from the debt which we owe our mothers, but to observe at the same time a period of honor for our fathers. It seems altogether fitting that in any large group of sons this procedure be followed.

You parents will find on the A. & M. campus the most democratic group of students in Texas, all of them glad to have you here and more than happy to be of any assistance they can.

We sincerely hope and believe that you, too, will get a touch of the "Aggie spirit" before you leave A. & M.

Mothers' Day

Just a colored little flower,
In the lapel of a coat,
Worn upon a May-day Sabbath,
We would have you all take note.
Or perhaps a pure white one,
Is the flower that you wear;
But they all will cherish Mother
With us or over there.

Beauty, fresh and dainty tinted,
Like the bloom of Mother's heart;
Sweet in fragrance like the spirit
Precious Mother does impart.
Mother bonds are ever sacred;
Closer ties we'll never know,
For the clinging love of Mother
Goes with us where'er we go.

These returns in flowers given
Are but meaningless we know;
Rather make the flowers a token,
Pulsing, throbbing to and fro
Of a love now rich and tender
Streaming forth as on we go;
Blessing her, protect, defend her,
Tenderest love we now bestow.

Here on earth or up in heaven
Let us cherish all she's done,
And enshrine her winsome counsel
As the warmth of flowing sun.
—Dean Dutton,
In "Quests and Conquests"

If War Should Come ...

If the worst should come and this country should find itself unable to continue in the even tenor of its peaceful way, young people who now complain of inconsequential things might learn to appreciate how easy their opportunities have been made for them.

Education, among the many things handed to them today on a silver platter, so to speak, might come to have a more significant meaning to our pampered boys and girls.

Boys who are playing their time away at school and girls who think they are mistreated if they can't have every luxury might learn a lesson from what has happened to young people in warring lands.

Any sacrifice American boys and girls are asked to make these days is nothing compared to the hardships facing boys and girls whose countries are being over-run by invading armies.

The ancestors of China's sheltered girls probably would turn in their graves to see them breaking rocks with heavy picks, hammering away at bamboo scaffolding on school buildings and doing other manual labor for the sake of an education.

That is what college girls in China are doing today—principally so they can continue their studies, which were interrupted when the current war began.

The students in the Liangkang Girls college have written an heroic chapter in the history of that institution. The college was once famous in

China. It was located in Shanghai.

When its campus was razed during the battle of Shanghai in 1937, the girls and their teachers packed their belongings, boarded river boats and moved themselves back into the interior.

There, with their own hands, they built a new college. The 650 students and 33 faculty members broke rocks for a road to the main highway, built 20 cottages, laid stone paths and cleared ground for vegetable gardens.

Without electricity, running water or classrooms, to all of which they were accustomed in Shanghai, the student body is carrying on as usual. Classes are held in the open air, vegetable-oil lamps are used for lighting and mimeographed sheets serve in place of textbooks.

The students grow their own vegetables, sew their own clothes and do their own laundry.

Their life is Spartan in its regime. They get up at 5 a. m. for morning drill. Classes are held from 6 a. m. to noon with an hour's interval for breakfast. Lunch is followed by a two-hour rest and classes continue until 4:30 p. m., after which the gardening and other tasks must be done.

These war-made Spartans, remember, were the pale and sheltered beauties of a peaceful China.

Christianity, Fire Insurance Policy or Way of Life?

Is Christianity a fire insurance policy or a way of life? The size of present-day congregations and the size of the church rolls would cause one to think that Christianity is only something to keep people out of Hell and get them into Heaven. Most people believe in immortality and profess Christianity on that basis. However, as we examine Christianity we find that it is more than a preparation for eternity. It is also an aggressive mode of life by which the individual becomes the master of his environment, not its complacent victim. Empty pews and church attendance raise a question in the minds of preachers as well as non-Christians. What is the cause of this condition? Sherwood Eddy declares that "it is sudden indifference on the part of Christians." Mr. Eddy is partly right in his declaration. However, upon questioning students as to their objection to attending church, we find several factors presented.

First, some say, there are too many hypocrites in the church. But the church is not only for good folks, but also for the improvement or imperfect humanity. Christians who are honest will admit that their activities are not the whole of good works, but there is a determination on their part to strive toward a degree of perfection, at least.

Some others say that the sermons are dry and uninteresting. Certainly, there is nothing so dull as to sit for 45 minutes on a hot Sunday morning listening to the monotonous drone and delivery of a sermon with meaningless theme. Yet empty pews cannot inspire a preacher. It is possible that if there were more interest in the pews, there would be more inspiration from the pulpit. As we consider the reasons for non-church attendance, we will admit there is a basis for them. But what can be done?

The world agrees that the church as an organization is the chief, though imperfect, vehicle of religious truths. Shall we abandon it, ignore it, or will the youth of today take its rightful place in the church, overcoming the many imperfections with their sincerity and enthusiasm and crowding out the hypocrisy with true Christian living?

Let us hope and ask that it be so.—College Star (SWTSTC)

Members of the Byrd expedition are said to get along without bathing, which may help to explain the ambition of every small boy to grow up and become an explorer.

As the World Turns...

Al B. Nelson

Cotton Farmers were hit another heavy blow by the New Deal leader during the past week when the President vetoed the crop insurance plan for cotton. The same plan is already in effect for wheat farmers in order to get the votes of the great wheat producing areas of the middle west but the Cotton Farmer, having already lost his foreign market through a New Deal experiment, was given a kick in the face by being refused the same protection already given the wheat farmer. Of course cotton is raised only in the south which will vote the straight ticket no matter who is on the ballot, therefore money can be saved to spend in areas where the vote is doubtful.

Prime Minister Chamberlain received a real kick in the seat of the trousers when the British Parliament failed to give him his usual vote of confidence after his failure in Norway. As the paper goes to press it is expected that Chamberlain will be forced to resign to allow a coalition government to be formed to push the war with vigor.

It is triplets now—At first Germany was content to swallow nations one at a time, then Hitler became more impatient and took in twins, Denmark and Norway, this time it is triplets with German troops invading Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg. If this try is successful Hitler will probably try to copy Papa Dionne (nationally speaking). However, if Chamberlain is kicked out of office in time the British and French may interfere effectively.

The U. S. Battle Fleet is now concentrated at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii to prevent the Japanese from taking over the Dutch East Indies and a late radio news item indicates that the U. S. fleet is also guarding the Dutch islands in the West Indies since they command the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal.

Chamberlain has resigned according to a radio report just received and Winston Churchill is the new Prime Minister.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

The way of things . . . Bernie Cummins, who maestroed for the Composite Regiment Ball, has announced that "The Aggie War Hymn" or "I'd Rather Be A Texas Aggie" will be played on his Fitch "Band Wagon" appearance late this month or early in June. . . From T. S. C. W. comes the following letter—devoted to "How to Study for Final Exams" or "Why They Made a Million on Coca Cola":

Dear Sir: Little children often climb into my spacious lap and, winding their grimy little fingers in my hair, whisper, 'Tell us, Oh Muse, how do you study?' Sometimes they even say, 'Do you study?' (although this usually turns out to be a professor, and one thing leads to another and there I am in the Dean's Office explaining about bad eyes and the unfairness of the marking system).

"However, this often sets me to wondering and sometimes I wonder for hours on end until I have to make a phone call or someone needs the chair I'm sitting in. Anyhow, I've finally worked up the following personal quiz to find out whether or not a person is deserving of passing a course. Here it is:

1. Have you spent one or two hours in the library this semester?
 2. Have you spent one or two hours in the library this semester studying?
 3. Have you bought textbooks in at least two of the courses you are taking?
 4. Do you know what courses you are taking?
- Give yourself 25 points for every 'yes.'

In defense of brown light: One of the truly intellectual and highly informative conversations of the year took place at a college eatery the other night. The whole thing got its awful start when a faculty member decided that brown light was being neglected. "When light is seen through



Movie Review

By TOM GILLIS

"THREE CHEERS FOR THE IRISH" are heartily voiced by New Yorkers as they elect the Irish-est, fightin'est ex-policeman ever to the job of aldermen for their overgrown city. The 'foine old flat-foot' who plays the part of Thomas Mitchell, an Academy award winner, and Scarlet O'Hara's father in "Gone With The Wind". His three foine daughters are Priscilla Lane, Irene Hervey, and Virginia Grey.

The campaign for alderman is complicated by Irene's acceptance of campaign funds from a gambler. Another monkey wrench in papa Casey's machinery is the marriage of daughter-Priscilla to rookie cop Dennis Morgan, intensely disliked by long-time policeman Casey. In disgust, Casey admits his campaign is being conducted dishonestly, but the admiration of the people for his forthrightness and frankness sweeps him into office. A reconciliation with Priscilla comes when she blesses him with twin grandchildren.

This story has plenty of human interest and plenty of gags. The hubbub of political rallies is played up pretty well, but the feature runs a trifle long. There is a good cast in this show; besides those men-

tioned, Henry Armetta has a minor supporting role. Scotch and Irish brogues fly thick and furious for political reasons, and somewhat more slowly and paternalistically for council between the father and daughters. Wearers of the green will enjoy this human interest show.

For Aggies with the midnight-show habit, the Campus is inaugurating a close-to-home feature every Saturday night. First one is "SUEZ", romantic story of the building of the Suez canal. Tyrone Power is the engineer who digs the mighty ditch, but in so doing loses his happiness when the glamorous Loretta Young marries royalty. His is the bitter pill of accepting the thanks of his queen for his great deed, but the queen is the woman who should be his wife. Annabella does her best to console him while working in the desert upon his project. Good show.

"Glamour boys" modeled at a fashion show and tea dance at the University of Chicago.

The world's worst thug, Buhran, a Hindu, murdered 931 men in 40 years.

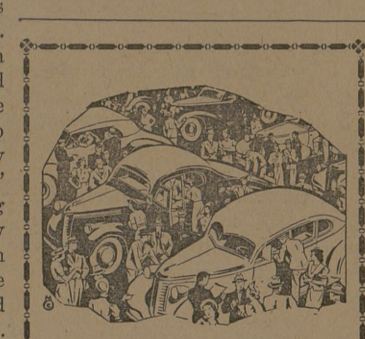
WOMAN IS HEAD OF HILLEL FOUNDATION AT COLLEGE STATION

Texas A. & M. has the distinction of being served by the only woman student leader in the newly-created extension program of the Hillel Foundation.

During the past summer the orbit of the Hillel Foundation program was considerably widened. Eighteen new colleges and universities are to receive the benefit of the Hillel technique through a carefully planned extension service. The purpose of this Hillel Foundation is to bring a measure of Jewish influence into the lives of students who otherwise would be completely cut away from Jewish religious and cultural contacts. Through this extension program more than six thousand students are thereby added to the ten thousand who already benefit from the operation of the twelve full-fledged Foundations which serve the largest American universities.

Mrs. J. J. Taubehaus of College Station is the first woman in the National Hillel set-up. For many years, the late Professor Taubehaus and his wife have been the sponsors of Jewish life on their campus, in a purely voluntary capacity. Mrs. J. J. Taubehaus has been the patron saint of Jewish life on the campus for many college generations.

Mrs. Taubehaus is a sister of Mrs. David de Sola Pool, prominent New York Hadassah leader.



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"The Yanks are Not Coming" was the theme of Hunter College's peace strike.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Saturday, 6:45 & 8:30—
"THREE CHEERS FOR THE IRISH", with Priscilla Lane, Thomas Mitchell, Dennis Morgan, Alan Hale, Virginia Grey, Henry Armetta.

AT THE CAMPUS
Saturday—"THE AMAZING MR. WILLIAMS", with Melvyn Douglas and Joan Blondell.
Midnight show—"SUEZ", featuring Tyrone Power, Loretta Young, and Annabella.



Latest Records

- Shake Down The Stars
Glen Miller
- Adios, Marquita Linda
Artie Shaw's New Orchestra
- No Name Jive, Part 1
And Part 2
Glen Grey
- The Woodpecker Song
Russ Morgan
- Stardust
Glen Miller
- Easy Does It
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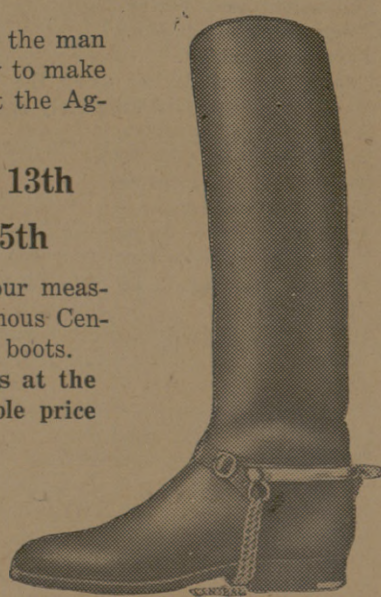
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