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Inter-Church Council

Another cause and effect item has come to our attention lately. Do students stay away from local churches because there is not enough room, or have the churches failed to build sufficient room because students lack the interest to attend?

In any case if the latter item can be assumed to bear any weight at all, certainly there should be no stone unturned to create this needed student interest. If we consider the latter item to be wholly irrelevant to the case, it would still be advisable to guard against the failure in interest.

A remedy for the lack of student interest has been found, and it has been submitted to several of the local pastors with general approval. The idea is this: create an inter-church council among the students from the various churches on the campus to coordinate the efforts of the various denominations in the pursuit of their common ideals. Certainly all the churches have the same ultimate goal, and in general have similar ideas of attaining these goals.

Modern civilization's greatest lesson is the lesson of cooperation. The survival of the fittest still holds to a certain degree, but man is gradually learning that cooperation will bring mutual benefits.

In forming this inter-church council, it has been suggested that two students from each church on the campus be selected to represent their church on the council. One faculty advisor would be selected to meet with the group and offer suggestions.

The most important function of this group would be to promote the idea of church attendance among students. Each church has its problems of getting its message to as many as is desirable. No one will admit that "all the sheep are in the fold".

Rather it would seem from the percentage of students taking active part in church work that we come to school to forget our duties in the church or at least to take a vacation.

The purpose of the group would not be in administration but in discussion and planning, coordinating and combining the churches into one concentrated war on enemies of religion itself. That such a group need be established seems evident enough. The Battalion hopes that such movement be started in the very near future.

College Station News

Basically this paper, The Battalion, is printed for the students of Texas A. & M. College, and as such it will continue to be. However, last year the city council of College Station saw fit to declare The Battalion the official publication of the city.

Immediately upon such recognition we began to consider our news and our features in the light of providing the broader aspect of professor and local citizen reader interest. We hope to continue to do this. But we feel that not enough College Station news finds its way into the columns of our paper.

We have a suggestion to make. Why not edit once a week a separate sheet inside the pages of the regular paper devoted entirely to College Station happenings and distribute these copies exclusively to faculty members and local residents? In that way the paper could still carry out its purpose of printing student news and could still strive for professor interest in its news, but at the same time could also give the faculty a paper they could feel was their own.

We would welcome replies from faculty members on the matter, and any action taken will be based upon these answers.

This Collegiate World

A fairly comprehensive picture of the average sorority girl on the Washington University campus at St. Louis is conducted in a survey in Student Life, campus publication.

Some of the conclusions follow:
"She comes in assorted heights, dressed and shaped according to latest fashion. Her well-curled hair is becoming, and she will seldom cover it with a hat; but just let a suspicion of rain appear and she wads it up under a bandana and looks like someone who should be slaving in Russian wheat fields.

"In spite of her 12-hour study average weekly she keeps her grades well above the campus level, makes more B's than C's, and inspires all kinds of tales of apple-polishing by the less successful male.

"She thinks about men almost as much as they like to think she does, but her thoughts are not always to their credit. Rather often she has more dates than she wants, because that's the only way she can be sure to have the ones she really does want.

"Two or three nights a week she has a more or less formal asked-for-in-advance, definite-destination date. In between time she may lunch or go for rides or have boys drop in. Certainly she spends hours on end "jellying," which she may or may not

consider a great waste of time. (Jellying—A campus term meaning an inexpensive date, usually several hours sitting in a restaurant over a soda or dish of ice cream.)

"She has an allowance and usually buys her own lunch at the school cafeteria or an off-campus restaurant.

"She may look frivolous, but there's a fifty-fifty chance she has held down a paying job at some time or other. She may even be the one girl in a hundred who's working her way through college with a full-time job. She's more apt to be the one sorority girl in 10 who earns her spending money by working about seven hours a week.

"In general she's a happy girl, fairly well satisfied with her share of life."

Associated Collegiate Press

Something To Read

By DR. T. F. MAYO

WHY IS A "BAD NEGRO" BAD?

The most widely and hotly discussed novel since "The Grapes of Wrath", is "Native Son," by a Mississippi negro named Richard Wright. It is the story of Bigger, a negro boy in the black belt of Chicago who half-accidentally murders the daughter of his white employers and brings upon his trail not only the bloodhound of the Law but all the wolves of racial prejudice and hatred.

It would be a good book for every white American, Southern or Northern, to read. In the first place, it is a fine story, swift and strong. It is an honest story, too; the negro author does not try to excite your sympathy by giving his chief character a heart of gold under a rough exterior. Bigger is a really bad negro, and the girl he murders, and whom is accused of raping, is the daughter of people who are doing their best to be kind to him. There is no sentimental softening of the picture.

But the thing that stays with you even longer than the thrills and excitement of the story is an understanding of what the real "negro problem" would seem to be, namely: How are we to reconcile the average American's desire "to keep the negro in his place" with that same average American's belief in democracy and equality of opportunity?

As we follow Bigger's actions and his thoughts, we gradually realize that the problem, so stated, is insoluble. If we fill the air (as we do) with talk about "the land of opportunity" and "the American idea", we cannot fail to stimulate the energy and ambitions of young Americans: "But your energy and ambition must be strictly curbed and finally crushed out", we are bound to produce "bad men". Energies aroused and then frustrated, will necessarily burst out through channels of violence. You don't have to be a psychologist or even much of a physicist to grasp that.

This is the "negro problem" as the reader of "Native Son" comes to see it. The book offers no solution. Being a novel, it is under no obligation to do so. For that matter, nobody that this reviewer knows of has ever offered a satisfactory solution. Can you?

As the World Turns...

BY V. K. SUGAREFF

The country is witnessing a presidential campaign with no clearly defined issues. So far, neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have developed a single issue which may cause a serious cleavage between the two major political parties. The Democrats have the advantage in that they are in office and rest squarely on their New Deal record. The Republicans seem at loss in formulating any definite issues of their own. They are in agreement with the Democrats on most of the major issues except in matters of details.

Consider for example some of the leading issues. The Republicans promise to work out a new agricultural program but they accept the one currently in practice. Just promises might not get the farmers vote for the party. They hope to change some of the harsh provisions of the Wagner Labor Act, but again they admit that the act has done some good for labor.

Mr. Roosevelt, however, has promised to keep the advantages gained by labor under the New Deal. In regard to foreign policy the Republicans agree with the Democrats. Mr. Wilkie admits that England is fighting today a decisive battle for democracy. He advocates that we give England all possible aid short of war. Mr. Roosevelt has been aiding the allies since the war started. Even the reciprocity treaties now in operation are to be retained by the Republicans if they win the election in November. The Republicans are opposed to the deficit and the public debt but they agree that both must continue while the defense preparations continue. They hope to balance the budget in non-defense matters by higher taxes. The Democrats are already doing that.

Perhaps, the most important issue on which the two parties differ seriously is the third term issue. The country seems indifferent to it. There are many other important problems which interest the average voter. Still the two term tradition would be hard to overcome. Here again the Republicans are confronted with their own doings. In 1927 and 1928 many Republican leaders, including Mr. Hoover, Chief Justice Hughes of the United States Supreme Court, Mr. Ford, and many Republican state legislatures, were in favor of a third consecutive term for Mr. Coolidge. We have recently brushed aside one great American tradition in view of the present day world conditions—A peace time conscript army.

The Walt Disney animated cartoon technique is a new twist in engineering courses at New York University to illustrate principles and mechanical theories.

Grant Wood, celebrated artist, has been granted a year's leave from the art department of the University of Iowa to devote full time to painting.

Dr. F. Stuart Chapin, University of Minnesota sociologist, has been awarded the University Medal from his alma mater, Columbia University.



"Well, I was right about you taking a long trip by rail soon, wasn't I?"

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

Once over lightly... Indications are that Saturday's A. & I. game will draw the largest opening game crowd in the history of the College.

Athletic Secretary E. W. Hooker recently pointed out that several of the nation's outstanding sports writers would be here for what was originally expected to be a strictly "routine" game... Aggie-land Orchestra's

theme song for the past two years, Jack Littlejohn's "Living My Life For You", will be given a facelift by its composer within the next few days. The new arrangement will be a so-called "rhythm" number... Chemistry Department Head C. C. Hedges has kept pictures of every graduating class in chemical engineering since 1912.

... Facts in review: A. & M.'s Former Students' Association now has more than \$54,000 loaned to cadets—a figure representing many college educations which would otherwise be impossible... A recent Associated Press story saying that the A. & M. team would fly to California for the UCLA game was without foundation... Feature of the past summer session was the three-day "Turnabout Week" wherein College and Bryan belles reversed the usual procedure and escorted the males. Tops in the deal was the corsage presented to John Thomas by Barbara Munroe. The make-up: One carrot, three string beans, and one asparagus tip, all neatly tied together with a white ribbon.

Once an Aggie... "Rotarygrams," weekly bulletin of the Beaumont Rotary Club, recently contained the following well-grooved editorial comment which any Aggie knows to be a truism without denial:
"We live and learn. If we don't learn, we don't live very long or very well. At any rate, we have learned that there is no such thing as an ex-Aggie. One may be an ex-student of Texas A. & M. College; perhaps one might even—though it's doubtful—be an Aggie Ex. But an ex-Aggie? Never! When the old rocking chair has

got them, and their backs are bent with the weight of years, when the joints creek and pop so loudly that it sounds like infantry fire, when they move—nay, when they're laid in their graves and covered with the good rich earth of Texas, they'll still be Aggies. And more power to 'em. That's the spirit that has made the school what it is today. And that spirit of loyalty carries them as real citizens of whom we may be proud."

The Last Smile
A story that's going the rounds concerns the fate-to-be of punsters a hundred years hence. The tragedy begins as a mob in a prison courtyard is yelling with joy. A punster, it seems, will soon be hanged for his crimes. The prosecuting attorney had promised that if elected he would clean up the country—jokes included. This was his first conviction.

But the state never would have made the conviction if the punster hadn't thrown up his defense in order to tell the jury that between shots he had asked the victim, "Tell me, if I'm boring you."

And now the end was at hand. The punster was marched up to the steps to the gallows. The black cap was adjusted and the noose fitted snugly around his neck. The warden paused before raising his hand to signal the hangman.

"Have you any last words?" he asked.
"Yes," chirped the punster. "Keep your trap shut."

Faculty and Student Directory To Be Ready For Distribution Oct. 12

It is hoped that the Student Directory for this year will be ready for distribution by October 12 according to word received from the Student Publications Office. The Commandant's file will be turned over to the office for publication on October 3. The file is being checked for accuracy at present due to the moving in and out of students and the shifting of residences.

No new features will be added to the directory, but all the old features are being retained.

GREATER PALACE
Thursday - Friday - Saturday
Re-born are the days of the raw, untamed and adventurous West!
Gary Cooper as **The Westerner**
with **WALTER BRENNAN**
FRED STONE - **DORIS DAVENPORT**
Judge Roy Bean
Law West of the Pecos
Prevue 11 P. M. Saturday Night
Lew Ayers - Loraine Day - Lionel Barrymore
in
"DR. KILDARE GOES HOME"
Also Shown Sunday - Monday

Movie Review

By Tom Gillis

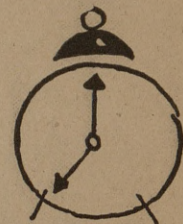
In answer to many queries concerning the Sunday afternoon free show at the Assembly Hall, it may be stated that no advance publicity of what the picture will be is allowed by the agreement with the distributor. Every Aggie has noticed the great improvement in the quality and service in these Sunday afternoon shows since last year, and this improvement has been due to the efforts of M. L. Cashion and Gordon Gay, secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. They arranged to have the picture projected twice so that more Aggies could comfortably attend the showings, and they also arranged for the improvement in the quality of the shows. Prior to February 1 of last year, Republic and Monogram studios were the only ones that would release any of their pictures to be shown without any admission charge at all. These two studios only released their extremely old features, as any old Aggie can testify. The break finally came last February when Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer decided to release some of their first class features that were over two years old. Since then Twentieth Century-Fox, Warner Brothers, United Artists and Paramount have all agreed to lease their films with the understanding that no advance publicity whatsoever will be given to the

picture. For this reason the name of the feature cannot appear in print before the showing.

As was done last year, the name of the feature can be announced at Sunday noon so you can decide whether or not you desire to go, but you can attend any Sunday afternoon now and always see a good show, although it is usually a little old. Nearly all of those shown were among the best ten or honorable mention of the year in which they were filmed. Last Sunday the show was "Beau Geste", one of the best and most unusual of many modern shows.

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