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Where Everybody Can See

That part of the Aggie section of the Kyle Field Football Stadium between the North 25-yard line and the 50-yard line and down to the aisle including the 24th row from the top, is the section that will be devoted to seniors and their guests only. (See cut below).

Juniors will be seated in the top rows between the north goal and the 25-yard line.

The designating of these sections was done last year by a committee appointed for the purpose. It is a just division and should be observed by all undergraduates.

In separating the classes, the purpose was to give cadets a chance to see well at least one year while they are in school. If the sections were not marked and students might sit as they found room, the more selfish, and non-thinking would crowd into the choice seats whereas the timid or conscientious would see all the games from a poor seat.

By designating the seats, the chance to see is awarded to all in a more even proportion.

We think that the idea of a senior section is the logical solution to the problem. The Senior Class thinks the idea is a good one, and they agreed at the class meeting Wednesday night that such regulations would be enforced.

The various sections have been marked off in paint, and it would be wise for undergraduates to observe these arrangements.

Crack Your Own

We heard the story of the tender-hearted housewife who couldn't bear to see the hard work her pet squirrel had to do to crack his nuts and thoughtfully cracked them for him. For a while the squirrel enjoyed the luxury that came with having his food prepared, but eventually the squirrel's teeth became so long that he couldn't eat at all and he died of starvation. The work of cracking the nuts kept the squirrel's teeth sharp and the right length; the work of constructive and regular thinking keeps our minds sharp, fit to tackle and solve our problems.

Most of us hesitate to indulge in anything that will tax our thinking capacities to any great extent. After prolonged mental idleness, we become partially or totally paralyzed in that sense. We become intellectual inert, starving mentally because our learning to has become unsuitable for use. Soft living—physical or mental—is pleasant for awhile, but fatal eventually.

—The Wichitan

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I Heard the Preacher Say

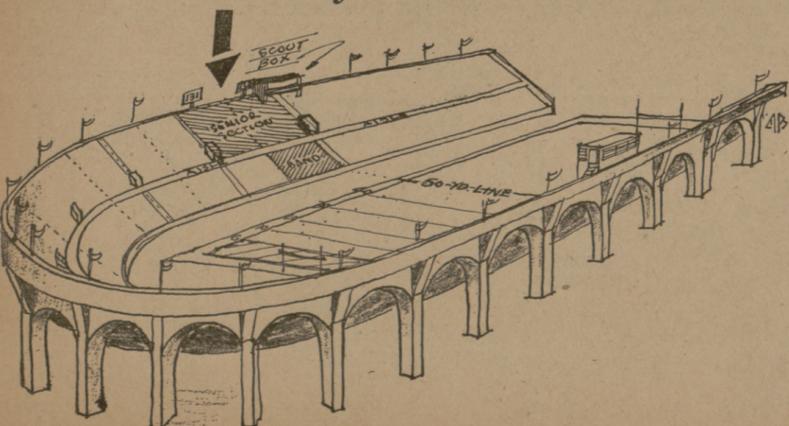
BY REV. R. B. SWEET
Pastor Church of Christ

The "Aggie Spirit" is famous far and near. The principle that a fellow shall be loyal to his school and to his fellow-students is a fine thing. But what is the typical Aggie, that one should be so proud to be a Texas Aggie?

Out of a number of things which might be named I imagine that most would agree that the typical Aggie is a real fellow. He is one you can depend upon, as least his fellow-students can depend upon him. In a word, he is genuine. There is no sham about him; he is not just front. To be sure a lot of A. & M. students may fail to measure up to this, but we like to believe that the typical Aggie has that characteristic.

What is foundational to a fellow's being gen-

Senior Section in Kyle Field Stadium



uine? He must be right in his motives; in having a genuine desire to be helpful to those who may need his help. Any real man should be of that disposition whatever his school; even if he never has gone to college.

Now a step further. How can one really be right through and through? To be sound as a new dollar; to be absolutely genuine, a man must recognize that he has a responsibility to make the world better by his having passed through it. And he can fulfill that splendid aim, only as he recognizes the Sovereignty of his Creator. To keep the right attitude toward God, and to fulfill one's obligation toward God in the absolute prerequisite to keeping right with one's fellows. And to keep right with God, one must reverence Him. One of the first commands ever given was, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in Vain." That was given not so much because God is jealous but because it is a fundamental need of humanity; that we hold Divinity sacred, or nothing will be sacred to us. When we lose all sense of sacredness and holiness, then none of our fellows are safe from our designs upon them.

Use God's name only with reverence and only when necessary to do so in a dignified manner. To be profane destroys one of the foundation stones of genuine manhood. Certainly if you cannot control your thinking so that you will hold God as due all reverence and homage what on earth will be holy or worthy of respect?

A little sign once seen in an office suggests one reason why men "cuss" and shows how silly it is; not to say sinful. The sign read:

"Don't Swear In Here
If you Can Show your Importance without It."

As the World Turns...

BY DR. AL B. NELSON

Delay over sale of "Flying Fortresses" to England still continues. There are only fifty of them in service here and there is DELAY IN GETTING MORE OF THEM. In the meantime, if England is fighting our battle, why the great delay in sending help, if she is not fighting our battle why were the destroyers sold?

The failure of the English to press home their attack on the French African port of Dakar has not only resulted in great loss of prestige but also in actual military loss as reports show that the German officials and technicians are in actual control of the port and flying fields.

Up to the present time the United States has failed to do more than protest against Japanese aggression in the Pacific area. We continue to furnish Japan with the greater part of the supplies which are absolutely necessary to her in the campaigns she is conducting. Now Japan has made an attack on French Indo-China which endangers our interests seriously. We are being surrounded with enemies who grow stronger day by day and no move is made to prevent their growing in strength.

The United States is engaged in feverish search for military and naval bases in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas, but the island of Guam, which would be a splendid Pacific base remains unimproved and unfortified because Congress has refused money and permission for fear of offending Japan. Japan has just signed a new pact with Italy and Germany providing for a defensive alliance between the three nations. There are two significant factors, one being that the terms are aimed at the United States, and the second being that Russia is not included in the agreement.

Laurence W. Robert Jr. has just been forced to resign as Secretary of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Robert is head of the engineering firm of Robert and Company of Atlanta. At the beginning of the New Deal Mr. Robert was made Ass't Secretary of the Treasury in charge of public works and was later given the thjob on the National Committee. While in these key positions his firm obtained millions of dollars in government contracts. Publicity has just caused the resignation of Mr. Robert, but his firm at the present time has the greatest volume of government contracts in its history.

First school of engineering in the United States was Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, founded at Troy, N. Y., by Stephen van Rensselaer in 1824.

Dr. H. C. Byrd of the University of Maryland has announced plans for construction of a football Stadium to seat 25,000.

Harvard's \$143,000,000 endowment makes it America's richest educational institution.

The Term "Americanism" is said to have been first used by John Witherspoon, president of Princeton University, in 1781.

Yale College was originally located at Saybrook, Conn.

Brain Twisters

By
R. R. Lyle

Three system players—each one playing a different system—met at the race track one day and compared notes.

Said the first: "If I play my system for another year and gain at the same rate the system has returned me during the time I've played it, I'd be a million dollars to the good."

Said the second: "At the rate my system has made returns, it would take another nineteen years to get my million."

Said the third: "My system is conservative. I'd have to play it as long as I have already been playing it and it would have to return me at the same rate, before I had

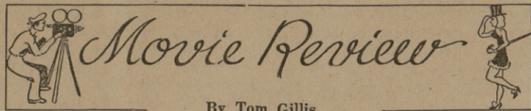
my million. And what is more, I've been playing my system as long as you two together have been playing yours."

On hearing this sorrowful statement, the first system player decided to take his profits and quit. The second and third men continued to play the ponies for another six years during which time their systems held up as previously.

The third man pulled out of the track with a fortune of \$600,000 and the second man's pile was \$875,000.

With this data, can you tell how much the first man had when he quit? Also how long had each man played?

(Answer on page 4)



Movie Review

By Tom Gillis

Another rollicking and hilarious mystery story similar to "The Cat and the Canary" is coming to the Assembly Hall Saturday night. And the same two characters have the leading roles; Bob Hope is the wisecracking, pseudo-brave ghost hunter and Paulette Goddard is their pretty, eye-filling victim.

"THE GHOST BREAKERS" as a title is a little misleading because the ghosts are not completely broken and the mysteries are not all entirely cleared up. Such minor points are not to be quibbled over when Bob Hope starts putting out his dry remarks, and surely no one would criticize Paulette. Part of the fun of the show is that it really is a mystery story and lots of things will still be mysterious after you have seen it too. The main point of the plot is that it gives the two leading actors the best chances to play beauty in distress and humor to the rescue. Paulette inherits a haunted castle down in Cuba and Bob goes with her to dispel voodoo cults which are the present occupants of the estate. They actually do a better job of being pretty and funny, but then a show has at least got to have an excuse for a plot to hitch their remarks to. The result of the whole mess is some mighty funny ghost-play and a good show.

The title of Monday's feature, however, is not misleading by any manner of means. Zorina in "I WAS AN ADVENTURESS" is exactly what the name says. Her adventures include crime, travel, society, and many other things, but her final adventure is love. As an

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Saturday 6:45 & 8:30—
"THE GHOST BREAKERS," starring Paulette Goddard, Bob Hope, Richard Carlson, and Paul Lukas.

Monday—"I WAS AN ADVENTURESS," with Zorina, Richard Greene, Erich Von Stroheim, and Pete Loore.

AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday—"DOUBLE ALBI," featuring Wayne Morris, Margaret Lindsay, and Roscoe Karnes.

Saturday midnight, Sunday, Monday—"THE PRIMROSE PATH," starring Ginger Rogers, Joel McCrea, Marjorie Rambeau, and Henry Travers.



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Enrollment Up to 6,488 Week Left to Register

Registration for the 65th regular session is still going on with the present total now at 6,488 which outstrips all official and unofficial predictions. The final day for going through the complete procedure of registration will be on October 3rd when on that date Registrar E. J. Howell predicts 6,500 students

Owing to the fact that students have one more week in which to change, add, and drop courses, complete classification of enrollment at the various schools and classes one pound.

will not be completed until October 10th. The total assigned to the college dormitories was filled three weeks before school started with a total of 4,600. The overflow of students is partially being taken care of by the college project houses which now have a total of about 1,000. Complete figures have not yet been compiled as to the number of students living in Bryan. Those students living in Bryan live there only with the direct approval of the Commandant.

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