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## Bleed on Monday

NEVER LET IT BE SAID that student leaders on the campus of A. & M. interfere with underclassmen holding any religious belief they choose. Nor should it be possible that any cadet officer have the power or desire to prevent any cadets under his guidance and direction from attending any function of the church.

Lately it has been brought to the attention of The Battalion that certain cadet captains are requiring freshmen to attend "bleed sessions" on Sunday night when church leagues and unions are going on, thereby forcing these freshmen to miss this part of the evening services. This is indeed a sad state of affairs.

Church leagues and unions are as much a part of the evening service as is the sermon itself, and the students gain no little benefit from these meetings.

Certainly it is hard for the churches and those concerned to create the interest that should be shown even when conditions are favorable. Students become forgetful and negligent in their church duties, it seems, when they get away from home and go to school. Those who do take an interest and an active part in the church should definitely not be hindered or discouraged in their activities, but should be urged by cadet officers to take as much part as they will. It might not be a bad idea if the cadet officers in question should lead the way into the church, themselves. But in no case should they stand in the way of those who do wish to go.

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, thy God; in it thou shalt do no work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates.

For in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11.

And on the seventh day God ended his work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.

And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made. Genesis 2:2-3.

When "bleed meetings" become so important that they require freshmen to miss church league, then something ought to be changed, and The Battalion is not of the opinion that the church is the less worthy of the two enterprises.

The students who will take advantage of the privilege of being absent after Call to Quarters on Sunday night for the purpose of attending church league are few in number compared to the number who earnestly desire the time for worship. Certainly the good the ones in earnest will obtain from their church attendance will far offset the bad that the few taking advantage of the ruling, will create by being absent from dormitory activities.

When there are six other days in the week besides Sunday it is questionable that there is a necessity for even holding bleed meetings on Sunday night much less during church services.

## Quotable Quotes

"MANY STATEMENTS have been made that the college freshman has a vocabulary of 100,000 words, but it is my opinion that the average college newcomer knows very little about the English language. Even if he has 100,000-word vocabulary I doubt very much whether he uses more than 1,000 in everyday life. Although they might know most of the words, they are not available when the student has a pen or pencil in hand." Isadore Colodny, English instructor at Los Angeles City college, sees room for improvement in college linguistic ability.

"TODAY THREE PATHS lie open to the scholar. He can retire with his knowledge to some bomb-proof shelter and wait patiently for the storm to pass. Many believe the present emergency so great that scholarship must be abandoned, at least for a time, in favor of the immediate, practical issue of making world safe for scholars. To me the third and middle course seems the only justifiable one today: to take one's knowledge with one into the danger zone; to learn from all the world as it is, and to use one's knowledge." Prof. Mabel Newcomer, chairman of the department of economics at Vassar college, advises the Phi Beta Kappa chapter against looking for the easy way out.

"THERE IS NO PHRASE in the Bill of Rights that says that anybody, at any time has the right to speak at a public college." Harry D. Gideonse, president of Brooklyn college, warns against abuse of educational privileges by persons wearing "ideological blinders."

"ONE OF THE GREAT problems facing our country is how to secure respect for law and order. We

must abolish the breeding places of crime." Dr. O. Myking Mehus, president of Winona (Minn.) State Teachers college cites ineffectiveness of the prison system and calls for a new approach to the crime problem.

—Associated Collegiate Press

## Something To Read

BY DR. T. F. MAYO

What One Jew Thinks About Jesus:

"The Nazarene", by Sholem Asch

DID IT EVER occur to you how few non-Jews know just what the average intelligent Jew thinks about the founder of the Christian religion? "The Nazarene", which this column has already recommended to those of you who were here last summer, presents, in a sumptuous historical novel, the estimate of Jesus held by at least one modern Jew. Furthermore, the book tells a good story, full of color and movement and passionate drama, lighting up by fine flashes of insight, some of the dark and puzzling ways of human feeling and the human mind.

Beginning in modern Poland, the story introduces a reincarnation of the Roman officer Cornelius, who presided over the Crucifixion, and who relates from his sophisticated Roman point of view the vents of the first years of the mission of Jesus. Cornelius, a cosmopolitan aristocrat and pagan, is first idly interested, then fascinated, and finally almost swept away by the disturbing personality of "Yeshua of Nazareth". The second part of the story is told by none other than Judas Iscariot, who is represented as a deeply religious man, betraying his master from no such sordid motive as is usually attributed to him. The finale, from the magnificent entry into Jerusalem through the Crucifixion, is related by a young disciple of the Rabbi Nicodemus, the same rabbi who "came to Jesus by night". It is through the wise and gentle Nicodemus, by the way, that the author seems to express his own interpretation of the character and significance of Jesus.

The point of the book, of course, is in the dramatic story of Jesus and his impact upon Roman imperialism and Jewish society and culture. But of almost equal interest is the wonderfully vivid setting, by turns glittering and somber, turbulent with restless energy, horrible and rich. The familiar events of the life of Christ are seen in this excellent book from an angle new to most of us, against the background of the most convincing and exciting recreation of an ancient society that this reviewer has ever seen.

Chimpanzee couples differ little from human beings in their domestic relationships.

The Vatican has charged that Germany is violating the 1933 concordat by discouraging the Catholic colleges.

## As the World Turns...

BY "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF

NO STARTLING news came from Berlin as a result of Premier Molotoff's visit. No demands were made for the "New Order" in Europe and the Far East. Molotoff left Berlin with the most formal words of appreciation for the Nazi hospitality and let it go at that. Unless something unforeseen takes place in the near future, it may safely be concluded that Molotoff's visit dealt with future military plans of the Nazi in the Near East. Hitler wanted to know what Russia's attitude would be if he decided to help Italy by attacking Greece through Bulgaria. The fact that Rumanian, Hungarian, and Slovakian officials have been called for a conference with Hitler strengthens the suspicion that Hitler and Molotoff conferred on military matters more than a "New Order" for Europe and the Far East. Turkey and Yugoslavia are not included in the current Balkan conference. Turkey has already announced that she will fight if Greece is attacked through Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia will fight if her independence is threatened.

Premier Ramon Suner of Spain is also in Germany for conferences with Hitler and von Ribbentrop. It appears that Hitler is planning a military offensive in the Mediterranean regions of Gibraltar, Salonika, and the Dardanelles. Gibraltar is well fortified and will not fall without inflicting heavy losses. A campaign for Salonika, if it is undertaken by the Italians, would be a far more easier campaign through Yugoslavia than the present campaign from Koritza-Phlorina to Salonika which has proved costly to the Italians. There is an improved road (the old Apian Way) from the Albanian border via Bitolj, Yugoslavia to Salonika. Should the Italians decide to take this road, they would encounter strong opposition from the Yugoslavs. The Germans and the Bulgarians, if the latter joins the Axis, would have to defeat the Turkish army in Thrace before they could reach the Dardanelles. There too a strong fortifications would have to be destroyed. Moreover, military operations in the Balkans during the winter months are bound to be very slow. The roads are not adequate for large scale military operations, hardly any facilities for lodging a large army, and food supplies can not be easily obtained. Probably Hitler is planning such operations for late spring and summer of 1941.

National Defense Progress—71 per cent of the national defense orders have been placed with various firms. More than ten billions of the sixteen billions appropriated have been obligated. The army has contracted for 6,000 new tanks. Aircraft companies have orders for 18,641 army combat and training planes. The navy has placed orders for 7,000 planes of different types. Uniforms and blankets have been ordered for 2,000,000 men. All but ten per cent of the barracks and other housing facilities will be ready by the end of this year. This progress is being slowed down somewhat by strikes for higher wages, sabotage, and demands for high profits. Measures are under consideration to minimize these negative aspects of our national defense program, but we will probably continue to have some of these troubles as long as living depends upon eating.

On Flem Hall. The morning mail brought a letter from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram sports editor, Flem Hall, and freshman Darwin Boesch, also of Fort Worth. Boesch said, in part, "I am enclosing Flem Hall's column of last Wednesday. My father is an Aggie-ex and quite naturally wanted me to see this fine boost for the corps. I feel that it is one of the finest things said about the corps this year and think that it should be passed on to the entire corps." The column in discussion, which was read by too few Aggies as it appeared in the afternoon edition of the Star-Telegram which is not mailed to college, is here reprinted in part.

"In the two games played since Yell Leader E. R. Keeton announced a change in policy, the Texas A. & M. Cadet Corps has kept its bargain—it hasn't let out so much as a single cheer while either team called signals and launched their plays. "For that sporting gesture the Cadets have won the official thanks of two schools—the University of Arkansas and S. M. U. Coaches Fred Thomsen and Matty Bell publicly expressed their appreciation. "By their self-restraint the students won the respect and admiration of thousands of fans. "A continuation of the new policy will in time win untold numbers of friends for the college and its men. "But cheer and band leaders of other schools are going to have to show equal restraint to keep the co-operation of the Aggies. "S. M. U.'s band was not letter perfect in observation of the agreement Saturday. Twice the game was delayed while the S. M. U. section of the students' stands were shushed. "That was taking foolish liberties with a force that could have drowned out the loudest efforts of the Mustang supporters. By comparison to A. & M.'s full-throated cry, S. M. U.'s best would have been puny. "It is a credit to Keeton and the Aggies that they resisted the natural impulse to challenge the misguided Methodists. "Time will be required for the A. & M. rivals to recognize and appreciate the corps' sacrifice of what it has long considered its traditional right, but we believe that within a reasonable period

## BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

A Bird's Eye View . . . Favorite quip of one of the history professors: "The dictating constipators of the totalitarian states!" . . . Backwash predicts—and may be wrong—that Longhorn Editor Ele Baggett will ask spectacle director Cecile B. DeMille to Judge the 1941 Vanity Fair belles. Chances are that DeMille will accept as other beauty pickers have done in the past. Incidentally, the 1941 annual is progressing fast and behind-the-scenes evidences indicate that the publication will be the best in A. & M.'s 64-year history . . . Today the nation celebrates one of several Thanksgivings it will celebrate under the new rules, but for the Texas Aggies Turkey Day gets a seven-day postponement. Most other American colleges and universities are taking their holidays this weekend—which means that they'll be back in session when the Aggies are eating turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce and the rest of the trimmings . . . From one of the College Hospital's nurses: "The things the cadets make the poor freshmen do is simply amazing." . . . Many cadets are still talking about the excellent arrangement of "The Aggie War Hymn" which was aired coast-to-coast via NBC's network last Sunday night on the weekly Pet Milk program . . . Last Saturday's Backwash editorialized in respect to one of the rottenest rackets on the campus—football pools. Two days later the pool-makers took the bettors for another ride on the Cornell-Dartmouth mix-up. They paid—or rather, DIDN'T pay—on the basis that Cornell had won the game. The fact that the game had been awarded to Dartmouth because of an illegal fifth down didn't make any difference to the pool-makers. Which brings things back to where we started—if you've got to bet on pools, don't; but if you still do, make certain that the agent will be around to pay a winner if there is one.



Fuermann

leaders in other colleges will be wise enough to meet the Cadets half way.

"Everyone who has attended an A. & M. game at College Station, Waco, Houston, Fort Worth or Dallas is fully aware of the fact that the corps is the greatest rooting section in the world. In its 6,200 membership it has greater numerical strength than most schools, but that is not its principal strength. Its real power is in its burning spirit which has been thoroughly organized and trained.

"During all the years the Aggie football fortune sagged the corps' spirit kept burning brightly and fiercely. It went to games in the same solid ranks that it goes today, it stood through all kinds of weather and cheered its throat raw for losing teams. It wasn't so large then as it is now but the spirit is the same. Man for man the corps' cheers no louder now than it did for less successful teams.

"No one could blame the corps if it overwhelmed any opponent who was so foolish as to disdain its generous offer, but, on the other hand, the corps could afford to make an even stronger bid for public good will by ignoring such puny yapping.

"Only a student body with an unquestioned reputation such as A. & M. could afford to refuse to meet a cheering challenge. In other places the silence might be mistaken for apathy, but not at A. & M. There it would be recognized for what it would really be—an unmatched display of sportsmanship; the self-imposed restraint of a superior force.

"That's NOT saying the corps should never cheer. Holycow, No!

"At all other times; during every second when the teams on the field aren't actually calling signals (and that's less than one-third of the time) the Cadets, bless 'em, should cheer the stadium walls down, if they can.

"Only thing being suggested is that the corps cling to its present popular policy no matter what other-and lesser cheering sections do. The corps can, because it is the best, make the rules and lead the way."

The Letter from Flem.

Flem's letter to your correspondent read in part, "The yelling section was as magnificent as the football team at the Rice game and that is saying a great deal. If the Rice officials do not express their thanks as did Coaches Fred Thomsen of Arkansas and Matty Bell of S. M. U., then it will probably be only because the coaches there are new and don't have the proper appreciation of the corps' sacrifices."

Thus comes the end of a controversy that began a year ago in Lloyd Gregory's Houston Post Column, "Looking 'Em Over," was taken up by Flem after the Aggie-Baylor game, and reached its climax with the corps' decision to keep quiet when opponents were in huddle.

The corps' decision has netted its untold good will from Texans throughout the state and the decision is typical of the Aggies.

Hollyhocks are in order all around—to the corps, the yell leaders, to Flem and to Lloyd.

## RECENT RECORD RELEASES

26794 ADIOS—Rumba  
GREEN EYES—Rumba  
Xavier Cugat and His Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra

North America's appreciation of Latin American rhythms is steadily increasing. Cugat's release here presents two popular and familiar rumbas: "Green Eyes" (flute intruments, marimbas and clarinet sub-tone) and "Adios" (rumba trumpet, unison clarinets on counter melody and full band rhythm). This is a trend we're much in favor of.

B-10913 MAKE BELIEVE BALLROOM TIME—F. T.  
OLD BLACK JOE  
Glenn Miller and His Orchestra

Glenn Miller offers "Make Believe Ballroom Time", and a distinctive instrumental arrangement of "Old Black Joe". The first is medium jump tempo with plenty of kick from the brass and a new outfit, The Four Modernaires, swing-singing the vocal.

## Movie Review

By Tom Gillis

Imagine all the beauty and tempting charm of Betty Grable in technicolor and you have a good idea of "DOWN ARGENTINE WAY." The girl is glamorous enough in black and white films but now technicolor adds the infinite touch to what is reputed to be the best figure in Hollywood. She dances and sings and otherwise cavorts throughout the show with Don Ameche, who looks good as the South American caballero.

The plot, which romps from New York to Argentine, deals with the younger members of the two families which have been race-track enemies for years. Don's father is a wealthy Argentine land owner who has been feuding with Betty's family over some race horse tragedies. Naturally the families don't want these two youngsters to break up a good family feud by being good friends but when one of Don's horses wins out over unreasonable odds, there is nothing left to do but kiss and make up.

Hollywood is sort of climbing on Uncle Sam's bandwagon in his campaign for South American goodwill and this show ought to help a lot. Carmen Miranda, the so-called Brazilian bombshell who has been singing catchy Latin American songs on Broadway for the past few months, makes her movie debut in

this feature as quite a personality. Her rhumba rhythms and gay little tunes are pleasant and likable. Betty Grable and Don Ameche, however, are the main attractions in this South American technicolor musical.

Pretty Linda Darnell strives to cover herself with "STAR DUST" in her picture by that name coming as a benefit show Friday. Linda, which means "pretty" in Spanish, is a 17 year old Dallas girl whom the movies stumbled on and started in a single year. The story is somewhat biographical for Linda because she too was alternately encouraged and discouraged about going to Hollywood before she distinctly became a star.

As a little small town girl, Linda has a yen for being in the movies and pulls some clever stunts to get herself recommended by talent scout Roland Young. When she gets their movie moguls breathe first hot and then cold on her would-be career, and it takes some clever left handed work to get her screen test approved.

This screen test, a scene between Napoleon and Josephine, is the best piece of acting in the feature.

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