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About National News

FREQUENTLY THERE COMES to the attention of The Battalion from syndicates and other college publications the claim of a need for state and national news tie-in for college newspapers. Without contradicting the statements made by other expressionists, it seems wise to lay down the principles of this publication in regards to such an idea.

This newspaper is a college publication, first, last and always, and its readers are almost altogether college students and instructors. In no way is it trying to compete with local dailies or state papers in the coverage of news or editorial matter. Its purpose is to report news of the college to members of the college. State and national news, this paper leaves to the state and national newspapers.

The Battalion has no desire and no financial ability to cover state news other than that directly concerning or of particular interest to the college.

It is admitted that certain college publications make an attempt at competition with their local papers at coverage of state as well as college news, but that does not mean they are justified in so doing.

In no case where a college publication subscribes to national news services has the paper improved itself, by out lights, in the matter of student interest and appeal. When a college paper makes an attempt at state news coverage, it ruins itself as a college publication, and it cannot hope to compete with papers whose employees devote all their energies to the newspaper and have no studies to occupy their time.

Better The Battalion be a good college publication than a poor attempt at something out if its field.

Do It Today

THEN THERE'S THE STORY about the farmer who said, "I'll fix that gate tomorrow."

During the night one of his finest horses broke out and was killed on the highway.

So it goes. The business executive was heard to remark, "That letter can wait until tomorrow."

Someone else closed the deal the same day and made several thousand dollars profit.

It is an old story that procrastination is the thief of time. Not only that, but it is also the thief of success and happiness.

That letter you got today. If you put it back in a pigeon-hole and neglect answering it, in three days the effective reply that might have been written will have gone stale, and you will write a dull unconvincing letter. Do it today. That is the motto that will reap dividends.

China

BETWEEN BOMB-BLASTS in London and Berlin, American catch glimpses of another war. Many see in the Sino-Japanese conflict far-reaching influences on the western world. In the American college press, opinions differ as to the imminence of hostilities with Japan. But continued aid to China and ever stiffening resistance to Tokyo find vociferous support.

Fact that the recently reopened Burma Road stays open is called "significant" by the University of Minnesota Daily. The road, comments the Daily "symbolizes the remaining bonds between Free China and the democratic west. British reversal of policy therefore stiffened Chinese morale—and Secretary Hull's overtures, which prompted the British action, strengthened Chinese faith in the United States' Far Eastern policy."

American extension of credits to China is applauded by the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College News, which says: "Despite the fact that our chances of getting our money back from destitute China are slim, the loan will further spur her dogged resistance to Japan, at least delaying, if not preventing, our entry into a Japanese war. FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE LOAN, HOWEVER, IS THE EMBARGO PUT ON SCRAP IRON... We furnish the market for about 75 per cent of Japan's raw silk and we still buy most of her manufactured wares. Our own industry would benefit greatly and Japan might be brought quickly to her knees if a boycott was placed on her merchandise."

At Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The Tech concludes that "although the attendant risk is heightened, the steps we have taken in the east ought not to be revoked. This aggressive policy, of course, slices our security in the east. The Philippines are still highly vulnerable and the position of Americans in China becomes more perilous. Apart from these conditions, however, no major risk is involved."

More concerned is the Daily Northwestern. "There can be no doubt," declares this publication,

"that a situation is fast developing in the east which could very possibly end in war with Japan. It certainly means that we have abandoned any pretense of neutrality in the Sino-Japanese struggle. It also means that we are perhaps closer to war today than we have been since 1918."

Wisconsin's Daily Cardinal believes recent developments indicate that "the seemingly inevitable conflict with Japan may be transformed from a long, costly, possibly futile naval war into a matter of economic pressures skillfully applied. This country is now in a position to determine the outcome of both wars by her application of economic pressure in this hemisphere and in the Orient."

Summing up and appealing for more aid to China, the Daily Texan points out that "the spirit of China is undaunted. There is no sign of weakening, no sign of surrender. The military might of Japan is at a stalemate. On the other hand, for the tens of millions of the Chinese people who are directly involved in this invasion the condition is tragic. Let us help our own people and one another, but let us not forget the plight of a noble people whose wisdom and learning were ancient and great when the people of the western lands were little short of savages"

—Associated Collegiate Press

FRANK LOVING PRESENTS:

I Heard the Preacher Say

IT HAS NEVER BEEN the purpose of this column to preach prim morals to anybody. Even if such a style could be made, that is probably the worst way on earth to try to convince any young person, least of all an Aggie, of anything. Rather the purpose of this column is to bring to the reader's attention aspects of questions which normally escape the attention of most of us—and that goes for both sides of all issues.

I don't need to say that people are prone to think only on one side of questions. Most of us agree that everybody on the other side of the question is exactly like that, whereas we ourselves are very scientific, analytical, and fair about the whole thing. We proceed to follow a question through as logically as we know how, we reach a conclusion, and then we shut our minds to all new developments and swear by our first conclusion through thick and thin. If that conclusion happens to be in error, we are often afraid to even reconsider, much less admit the other fellows points. We are afraid of the laughter and ridicule of our fellows. Sometimes when we are pretty sure we are wrong, we even then let our buddies bluff us out of standing up for the right side. We can all think of examples of this sort of thing even in our own life if we are fair in our thinking. Although the people about us influence our actions, and though we must adapt these actions to the will and influence of others, our thoughts are our own. We are accountable to no member of society for them. They are the true measure of our personality. They represent the final analysis of those characteristics of humans that are harped on so much—namely, personality, conscience, and faith. The most basic of these is the least one. If you are certain of your stand on the question of faith, you are dogmatic by definition. If you are certain of your faith and can prove its validity to others, for goodness sake set the world to right immediately and get us out of a number of awful messes. But if you are on the fence and are caused to lean first one way and then another by every wind that blows, then you are in the boat with me and a lot of others, and I recommend that we consider these various winds carefully in the light of views of our dogmatic friends on both sides of the question. If your convictions are so unsettled that you have no definite standard to serve as a guide, let me suggest that our criterion for both thought and action be a consideration for the welfare of those about us. If we maintain ourselves as members of society thus taking advantage of the benefits therein, then at least let us govern our doings so that they are socially constructive rather than destructive.

As the World Turns...

BY DR. AI B. NELSON A FAMILIAR WORLD WAR plan is being successfully followed by the Germans today. The British merchant shipping is being destroyed in a hurry by the combined efforts of German submarine fleets, surface raiders, and long range bombing planes. Other planes scout for the submarines and radio the location of British merchant ships. Operating from bases in France and Norway which were not available during the last war these combined agencies of destruction threaten to make the German blockade of England even more effective than the British Navy's blockade of Europe. The situation is serious enough to completely offset the recent Greek and English victories on land, sea, and air. The Germans now rely on starvation to win.

A "friendly" visit to the Far East by the main units of the United States fleet is reliably reported to be planned for the early part of the new year. The plan includes visits to the Dutch East Indies, Australia, China, the Philippines and possibly Singapore. This projected visit will serve the double purpose of reminding the Japanese to mind their own business a little more closely and to familiarize the officers of the fleet with ports and facilities of the area.

Associate "Justice" Hugo Black, of the U. S. Supreme Court, recently ruled that a negro, duly convicted of rape by a Houston jury and sentenced to death for his crime, should go free. This decision, backed by a majority of the court, did not claim that the trial was not fair, or that the members of the trial jury and Grand Jury were incompetent or prejudiced, but only that two few negroes had been called for possible Grand Jury service in Harris County. Black was appointed to the Court in direct violation of the constitutional provision which prohibits members of congress from benefiting by appointment to an office which they helped create, or where they had helped to increase the salaries or benefits of the office.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill was sixty six years of age on his birthday, November 30th.

BACKWASH

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

The Private Life of an All-American... "Raisin' food for the Army and kids for the nation" is the No. 1 ambition of John Alec Kimbrough—"Jarrin' Jawn" to sports addicts. For \$25,000 a year he'd



Fuermann

The subject of John's after-graduation plans is one that has been off discussed of late, and three futures have been predicted for him. Besides ranching and pro football, many reports have indicated that he might join the Army. (When he graduates next June he'll be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Organized Reserve Corps.) "It isn't so," John said, "because the only thing which will lead me to join the Army is being called. However, if I am called I would like to stay in for life."

"I came to A. & M. to learn how to be a better rancher," he went on, "and that's the only thing I really want to do. When next June comes I want to buy a ranch, get married and settle down to raisin' food for the Army and kids for the nation!"

TSCW Exchange

Pictures Being Taken at Denton Portray Aggies' Weekend at TSCWland

By Dorothy Schmittgens Editor, The Lass-O

Pictures showing an Aggie's weekend at TSCW are being prepared by Max Plake, commercial photographer, for submission for publication in a nationally known picture magazine. Janice Smith, freshman beauty last year, and Pierrepont Harrel, junior Aggie, will portray a TSCWite and her Aggie date.

The pictures tell the story of the week-end from the time the Aggie starts hitchhiking toward Denton to the final goodnight at the dormitory door. Some shots were made in November at the junior Aggie-TSCW dance showing dancing scenes and a soda fountain session during the intermission. Pictures giving Sunday activities include signing out of the dormitory, strolling around the campus, eating in the dining hall, and visiting the Little-Chapel-in-the-Woods.

Posing as a typical TSCW student living in the dormitory, Miss Smith is really a local student. She is a sophomore majoring in kindergarten-primary education. The Aggie, Harrell, is an engineering major from Dallas.

Comedy Steals the Show

Broad comedy antics of the bald-headed, pot-bellied Sir Toby Belch, played by Betty Grimes, and the bony Sir Andrew Aguecheek, by Shirley Melbert, were highlights of the Little Theater production of "Twelfth Night" given on the campus Wednesday and Thursday.

Richly beautiful costumes designed by art classes and interesting make-up by advanced speech majors contributed to make the roles of both the men and women on the cast convincing, even though all were played by girls. Contrasting make-up for Sir Toby and Sir Andrew was noteworthy, as was the pewel-encrusted skirt of Olivia, Antonio's rakish plumes, and the "yellow-crope gartered stockings" which stole one of Malvolio's scenes, and the fool's suit of motley colors.

"Alice in Wonderland"

Back to childhood skipped all of the audience of the Clare Tree Major Group that was on the campus Friday night with their presentation of the delightful and droll fantasy, "Alice in Wonderland."

Alice's adventures underground still have an appeal because of Carroll's combining in Alice a profoundly subtle and clever satire with a touch of humor. The production was one long panorama of delightful nonsense from the time Alice and the White Rabbit ran up the aisles to meet on the stage to the final song at the banquet for Queen Alice.

Freshman Follies Fashioned after Broadway What changes take place in a girl's personality after four years at TSCW? The freshmen present their answer in the Freshman FOLLIES Tuesday in assembly by show-

Fan Mail

Seated at his desk in his dormitory room, attired in pajamas, he and his roommate, brother Jack Kimbrough, were sorting the day's fan mail. Throughout the football season he receives more than a hundred letters a day from over the entire continent. John generally goes through the mail and attempts to read and answer those which come from friends. The rest are turned over to his close friend, R. C. Couch, Aggie senior from Haskell, who answers as many as possible.

Fifty per cent of the letters are from girls, and Couch says that is the best part of his college life is writing to the girls who write to John. In yesterday's mail alone, John received letters from girls in eleven states, two in Canada and one in Alaska. "My only regret," John quipped, "is that I can't have a date with each one of those girls."

There's one girl who is particularly insistent. A Washington, D. C. belle, she met John and briefly talked with him last October. Since that time she has called long distance once a day and sends telegrams in between times.

But even an all-American football player has girl trouble. Three nationally circulated magazines published stories and pictures last year of his then-sweetheart, a student at the Texas School of Mines in El Paso. "That deal is off," John said. "She quit me for the home

town soda-skeet. Like every other Aggie, I lost my girl when I went to college."

There is a girl that John is serious about, however. She's a Houston girl and Rice Institute freshman. "She's the one who I'm going to try and persuade to do my cooking for me during the next 50 years," John said.

No West Point

Back in John's freshman and sophomore years there was quite a lot of talk about his leaving A. & M. to become a West Point cadet. It seems that John had his appointment but during his freshman year he was rejected because he is too big for Army entrance qualifications. A year later, however, Army officials decided to waive his "disability" and allow him to enter, but this time it was John who backed up. "I really wanted to go to West Point during my freshman year," he said, "but I changed my mind later."

There's a lot more than mere football that takes up John's time. Any collegian will tell you that a study load of 21 hours is a tough one (the average is about 15) but that's what John is bucking this year. More than that, he's a captain on the regimental staff of the A. & M. Cadet Corps.

Unlike most of A. & M.'s football players, who have found English courses the roughest, genetics has been John's biggest stymie. "That's the damndest course imaginable," he disgustedly said as he pointed to a recent quiz grade of 67. Any course concerning animal husbandry rates tops with John.

Maybe you think that because he's an all-American, John doesn't have to study. Then take a look at his course schedule for the current semester: animal nutrition and live stock feeding, soil and crop problems, range and pasture improvement, apiculture, genetics and military science.

Asked why he came to A. & M., he was quick to reply, "It never occurred to me that I might go to any other college except possibly West Point. The Kimbroughs have been going to A. & M. ever since they started the college," John said. Four of his brothers graduated from A. & M. and only Frank never attended Aggie-land but graduated from Hardin-Simmons University where he is now head coach. "Another reason that I picked A. & M., John pointed out, "is that I felt I would be able to get the best animal husbandry course here."

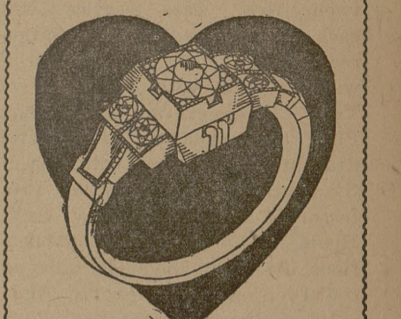
When John starts talking about the team's coaches and the other players, the only thing a listener can do is to let him unwind. "They make me all-American because I'm on a winning team, but if it wasn't for the other ten men on that field I wouldn't be all-American," he said. "Those other men are responsible for everything I've done and par-

ticularly Jim Thomason." Jim is the Aggies' famed blocking back and John has always maintained that Jim was the greatest player on the Cadet's team and the man who should have the all-American honors.

Speaking of Head Coach Homer Hill Norton, he said, "He's definitely the best coach and the whitest man I've ever known." And where Dough Rollins is concerned: "They threw the mold away when they made him—there'll never be another like him." Then there's "Uncle Bill" James who, according to John, "is far and away the finest defense coach and gentleman at the same time that there ever was."

After graduation John plans to take an active part in ex-student affairs. "I told Coach Norton yesterday that I'm going to cuss him when he loses and slap him on the back when he wins after I graduate. That's all the exes do anyway," he jokingly concluded.

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