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### **Board of Directors Attention**

TO A BODY OF MEN-the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texaswho have the proper Aggie spirit and who are as broad-minded as any similar group in the nation -The Battalion wishes to express its deepest admiration and its sincere appreciation for patiently hearing and honestly considering the recent proposal made by the student body through this publication and a special committee on the subject of removing charges for visitor's meals in the mess halls.

In order that it will not be said that the praise comes only after the Board approved the petition, it is expedient to say that the committee appearing before the Board was treated royally (to a banquet) and given every opportunity to present its arguments.

In substance one Board member said that their intentions in the beginning were to benefit the school. We believe that! No harmful decisions could possibly come from any body of Aggies with serious intent and possession of all the facts.

The Board proved to the committee that they were really "big" men when they discussed the case with them, heard arguments, presented theirs. The committee learned the reasons behind the original decision and the arguments on the other sidelearned there was another side. The committee saw the Board weigh the evidence on both sides and arrive at a just and equitable decision, reversing itself without hesitation when the need occured. This committee learned a valuable lesson and saw the Board of Directors set the example.

## Cotton Bowl Aftermath

EASTERN SPORTS WRITERS and others have voiced comments one way or another on the Cotton Bowl Game played New Year's Day in Dallas between Fordham and Texas A. & M. Football season is over and done, but one parting statement before it is forgotten.

In a book titled "Rockne" there appeared the following quotation: "Crowley (now the coach of Fordham), who alone of all the "Horsemen" seemed unaffected by the conditions, listened to the tale of those first downs which seemed to prove Stanford better at ground gaining. "Yeah," he drawled, "and next year they're going to award the National League pennant to the team that has the most men left on bases."

### Time to Settle Down

FOOTBALL SEASON has been an exciting time with all the thrills and chills and the fun and laughs, corps trips and dates. It will leave many and varied memories to linger for years. But the time has come in the school year to forget for a time the joy and excitement of the past months and begin considering grades and studies.

In three weeks mid term examinations will be upon us. It is time to settle down for that home stretch or the slide into home plate.

It is not too late to pull a low grade up to a passing average or even into grade-point territory. Quiz C's and finals are still ahead, and ample opportunity is still knocking.

The appeal has been voiced to the corps to settle down for a month of serious study.

## Don't Use Big Words

IN PROMULGATING your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical, or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversations and communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibleness, coalescent consistency, and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatuent garrulity jejune babblement, and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rodomentade or thrasonical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, setaceous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity, and grandiloquent vapidity. Shun double entendres, prurient jocosity, and pestiferous profanity, obscurant or apparent.

sensibly, truthfully, purely. Do not use slang; don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say, and avoid big words.

In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally,

-Clipped

## Ouotable Quotes

"The progress of the present day does not necessarily imply the elimination of private universities, but it constitutes a challenge. If great universities only offer their traditional instruction that evades all troublesome issues, if they confine

themselves to studies far removed from the central problems of society, then they cease to be a vital force. Their failure may force mankind to resort to superficial progress devised by demagogues and may result in the failure of western civilization as we know it. By co-operative research, by methods o fteaching that equip men and women to think clearly and wisely, we may prevent that disintegration. The great universities hold the fate of civilization in their hands. We dare not rest upon our laurels."Cyril James, principal and vice-provost of Montreal's McGill university, offers a challenge to professors and students.-ACP.

## OPEN FORUM

IF YOU WERE at the Junior-Senior meeting, Thursday, Dec. 12, I am sure that you cannot help but think a great deal of Colonel Watson and on the way he handled the situation.

Had he seen fit he could have made the situation a very grave one. Instead he in a firm but fair way got the situation under control so that something constructive could be accomplished. Have we been as fair with him as he has with us? Do you not think we should have asked his aid sooner? In snapped to attention and remain- ber that he did not want students and more attractive in the dress Taylor and Leigh conceive an the future, I, for one, think we should have a committee to meet at his convenience to discuss any problems that may arise that we feel should be

Before this school was as large as it is now it fashioned bull session . . . No. 2 when he noticed a cadet in the but Life Magazine and several marry her. Here is the tricky job was possible for the Commandant to know exactly what the state of affairs was. Recently the situation for a brief while was definitely out of balance, responsibility, cannot definitely be placed. Henceforth. I think it should be the responsibility of the popular physician, Dr. P. A. Wood- "I thought I made it clear that known actor, is the normal hus-approved, but no one can fail to Senior Class to let him know the desires of the

D. H. Bratcher, '41 A. M. James, Jr., '41

FRANK LOVING PRESENTS:

## I Heard the Preacher Say

BY HERMAN F. REISSIG

"I DON'T LIKE WAR, but I want to protect my

Protect "my country"! But where is "my country"? Who has decreed that "my country" shall embrace only those men, institutions, and events which lie between the year 1492 and the present? Who may thus limit and define "my country."

Where Isaiah lifted up his voice for human justice, there is my country. Where Plato announced the reality of the spiritual, there is my country. Where Jesus offered his life for men, there is my country. Where St. Francis lived the compassionate life, there is my country. Where Shakespeare swept the human scene into his dramas, there is my country. Where Darwin discovered the method of the Creator, there is my country. Where Magna Charta was signed, there is my country. Where Milton sang, Where Rembrandt painted, Where Goethe wrote—there is my country.

Who draws these little lines, limiting my allegiance by accidents of time and space?

Where Gandhi fights a swordless fight for freedom, there is my country. Where Schweitzer heals the bodies of black men, there is my country. Where brave men stand firm against Hitler's barbarism, there is my country. Where Kagawa champions the underprivileged, there is my country.

I would protect my country. For my country I would fight against all enemies. Where is my country and who are its enemies? Where ever men and women lift the flag of justice, or of beauty, or of freedom, or of truth, or of peace, or of fellowship, Jawn's number. there is my country.

or in mind for the sake of power. Who tramples on others' rights, who closes the doors of opportunity, who serves the dark gods of superstition and prejudice, who turns his eyes toward the past, who denies to other privileges he desires for himselfhe is my enemy. God help me to protect my country against all enemies!

## As the World Turns...

BY DR. AL B. NELSON

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH was the most important development of the holiday period. The President's speeches have sometimes been charged with being full of high sounding obscurities but the most captious critic could not have made that accusation, with any degree of accuracy, upon this latest occasion. The president came about as close to a declaration of war as his constitutional powers permit and called for complete, all-out aid to England in her struggle of defense against international outlaws.

On the actual war front the British and Greeks in Albania have made constant, if unspectacular, gains. It is reported, however, from numerous sources, that the Germans are at last sending important aid to the Italians, and the Italian government has admitted that German war-planes and transportplanes have arrived in Albania. In addition the Italian planes which were sent to take part in the attack on Britain have been recalled for use in the

Kyosti Kallio, the president of Finland who led the heroic defense against Russia, dropped dead in the midst of great public ceremonies in his honor.

J. Warren Madden, former chairman of the Labor Relations Board, who had not been re-appointed for another term on the board because of widespread criticism charging that he had been partial and prejudiced in his attitude, has been appointed a judge in the federal courts and his ap-

pointment has been confirmed by the Senate. German raiders have been operating in the Pacific Ocean in ships "disguised" as Japanese, with Japanese names and flying the Japanese flag. It is reported that the Japanese are and have been outfitting ships for use as German raiders.

President Roosevelt's report "On the State of the Nation" to the new Congress, which assembled for the first time at noon Friday of this week, is expected to contain recommendations as to the specific means by which England can best be aided.

George Fuermann

The Longer You Live, the Older lege officials received an earnest

Rams in the ways known." of personal conduct while the A Difference

the Aggie band played the Star trol items concerns the A. & M. here, under quite unfavorable cir- Leigh of "Gone With The Wind" Spangled Banner Wednesday af- professor who made it clear at the cumstances, was in "One Million fame is Taylor's British ballerina ternoon, the A. & M. footballers class' first meeting last Septem- B. C.", but she is much prettier girl friend. Not so the Fordhams—they were All went well until a week or She is the starlet for whom the during a London air raid, but after he continually bothered the team's The guilty student looked up. The reason wasn't long in coming, classes," the prof pointed out. He pulled into Dallas' Union Ter- ter!" minal at 4:58 . . . Last on the list The lecture—and the letter too terrific to try to explain, but fit the present day. is the Aggie-concern about Grant- writing-continued mutually un- the climax of the show comes when land Rice's article praising the interrupted. Fordham team and deriding the Cadets. Observers who are acquainted with Rice have pointed Film To Be out that Rice has long been a Shown At Aero well known for his bias in that Club Meeting Monday rather peculiar situation such as Fordham booster and, as such, is .

## Prexy vs. Jawn

finality a few weeks ago.

the students to identify the four the flow of air over an object. Jack Crain, both of whom have ment. played a little football for their In addition to the above mentionrespective institutions.

Here's the way the students answered:

1 boy correctly identified Dr.

Rainey 3 boys identified Dr. Walton aright.

17 boys recognized Cowboy Jack. 25 boys (100 per cent) had Big

About three per cent of Aggieland's population hails from Puerto Rico or one of the Central American nations. The distance from College Station to their home towns being what it is, the lads from the equatorial region generally complete their college education before returning home—the only sonto-mother contact being via mail.

Which brings things around to one of the best of the current giggle items. It concerns the Aggie junior who had written to the Spanishflavored nation of his birth and related to the family that bowl fever was running riot at College Station of late.

Within a month, one of the col-

You Get . . . Cotton Bowl after- plea from the family concerned in

ed that way throughout the song, to take notes during his lectures. of a twentieth century young lady, undying passion for one another

either pitching head gear at each so before the Christmas holidays. publicity departments tried so val- causing her to lose her job, Taylor other or taking part in a good old The prof was mid-way in a lecture iantly to get called the 'Ping Girl' goes off to the war before he can aftermath concerns Earl (Bama) rear of the room writing furiously. others gave her such a nice spread that had to be put by the censors Smith. A few minutes after Bama The lecture stopped . . . An em- and publicity boost that all their because Vivian takes up streetmade his spectacular touchdown, barrassing silence followed . . . efforts were in vain. John Hub- wallking. The situation is handled

ard, with a "What time is it, Doc?" I wanted no notes taken in my hand.

Bama, it seemed, had pullman res- "That's okeh," the alleged stu- ers' spot ends in a wish to change "Waterloo Bridge" is a tragedy ervations on a train leaving for dent blandly replied, "I wasn't places for a day and the wish is of World War I. It has some pre-Frisco City, Alabama at 5 o'clock, taking notes. I was writing a let-

Air Flow" will be shown at the comedy with no sense at all bemeeting of The Institute of Aero- hind it, but if you are interested in The relative fame of college pres. nautical Science Monday night, Jan- a pleasant way to while away the idents vs. football players is an uary 6. It is the type of film that time without worrying about how almost untested subject, but the should prove interesting to all, and logical it is, this is a pretty good eighth grade students in Blanco particularly valuable to those who show to see. settled the question with a blunt intend to follow the aeronautical Saturday midnight at the Camprofesson; in it is shown an en- pus comes "WATERLOO BRIDGE" In a class of 25 boys studying tirely new and different process agriculture, the instructor asked for determining and portraying ed film, other parts of the meet-

names he had written on the board. Prior and parallel to the show-The men were Dr. T. O. Walton, ing of the film, a verbal description the Aggies' prexy; Dr. Homer P. and explanation of the process will Raney, No. 1 man at Texas U.; be given by Mr. Higgens of the with the organization; for examand John Alec Kimbrough and Aeronautical Engineering Depart-

### WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL Saturday 12:45-"TURN-ABOUT," featuring Adolphe Menjou, Carole Landis, John Hubbard, William Gargan and Mary Astor.

Saturday 6:45 & 8:30— Holden, Martha Scott, Fay Bainter and Beulah Bondi.

Monday 3:30 & 6:45-"THIRD FINGER, LEFT HAND," starring Myrna Loy and Melvyn Douglas.

### AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday-"TOWER OF LONDON," featuring Basil Rathbone, Boris Karloff, Nan Grey, Ian Hunter and Vincent Price.

Saturday midnight, Sunday, Monday-"WATERLOO BRIDGE," starring Robert Taylor, Vivien Leigh, Lucile Watson and Maria Ouspen-

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comedy are obvious.

for the normal part of the picture since no Aggie is interested in how and this is one of her first good he-manish he becomes, this point being played. As Best of the current mirth-con-roles. The last time she was seen is wasted on masculine air. Vivien bard, a rather handsome but lesser discreetly, as it had to be to get

> Their trouble starts when a lov- involved. granted. The confusion of he's for sentable acting in it and perhaps she's and she's for he's would be a war time moral which will just the husband finds that he is going to have a baby.

"Turnabout" is based on a novel by Thorne Smith whose long suit is writing racy novels with some The picture, "Visualization of the Gods." "Turnabout" is a light

ing are expected to prove interesting for they will cover such new business as will be of extreme importance to all concerned ple, details concerning the Boeing Scholarship competition and the Institute's new Conference and Seminar room will be discussed.

The meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m., and all are invited to attend.

University of Nebraska's department of psychology is conducting research into effects of diets on physical development.

maths are many, but three in par- respect to the bowl fever. Was the A comedy based on an impossible a story of two British lovers durticular rate going over . . . The fever contageous, the mother want- biological situation is coming to ing World War I. The story has first concerns the air waves' hefty ed to know, and had any students the Assembly Hall at noon Sat- been reworked a little to measure songbird, Kate Smith. Long an died as a result of the disease? urday. The plot, which is the main up to the specifications of World ardent Fordham Even further, "Are there available drawing card for the feature, shows War II interest and to measure fan, Kate is also a facilities to satisfactorily treat the some of the comical and illogical down to get under the specificasincere booster of disease?" The letter ended with, situations which happen when a tions of the censors. It is also a American patrio- "If the situation becomes serious, biological "TURNABOUT" chang- part of a longstanding MGM plan tism-to which end we would like to make arrange- es the sex of both people of a to make their star Robert Taylor she might call time ments to have our son sent home young married couple. The ad-more on the he-man side for his out to educate the where this strange disease is un-vantages of such a situation for feminine fans. In this they achieve

a degree of success with him as a Pretty Carole Landis is the wife dashing young army officer, but

get the point of the moral complex



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