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Battle Royalties

MUSIC BATTLE RAGES ON scream the headlines. A.S.C.A.P. leads with a left to the jaw; B.M.I. returns with a right to the body. So it goes, but what does it all mean to you and to me and to the man on the street? It means that the layman is being denied a chance to hear good music because two musi cal factions squabble over how much to charge this same layman for the privilege of listening.

There is no doubt that the radio, more than any other medium, has brought to the American people an appreciation of music undreamed of be-

As proof of an increased appreciation of music the A. & M. campus furnishes the best example. It was some years ago when the Don Cossack Choir first appeared in Guion Hall for a program. Not a single student except the ushers attended the performance. Last year the same choir appeared on the same stage singing similar music and received a tremendous ovation. Whether or not radio was responsible cannot be definitely declared, but no other medium of transmission appeared or underwent greater change between the two occasions.

Granting that radio today is the most widely used instrument for bringing music to the general public, and that is not to be doubted, it is a shame and a disgrace that there should be music withheld from the radio and in turn from the people, regardless of the circumstances.

Without taking sides in the argument, it appears imperative that some settlement be made immediately. If the two musical factions concerned cannot reach an agreement, and quickly, it is the opinion of this publication that steps should be taken by the government to see that something is done to remedy the situation.

A hundred and thirty million people are being deprived of musical entertainment.

If no other way can be worked out, the government might not be far wrong to declare radio broadcasting a public service as is mail delivery and take it over altogether, and in this time of preparation for war the idea might not be such a bad one.

There is this to be said of the situation. A.S. C.A.P. is denying radio broadcasters the right to use their songs and radio is suffering. But since radio is the principle medium today for the dispensation of music, A.S.C.A.P. is also losing its best outlet for its products.

Both organizations are hurting each other, but onology" sections of our card catalogue. he who catches it in the neck both ways is you, me, the man on the street-Mr. Public.

The Collegiate World

Joan Doyle and Jeanne Schoonover are members of Prof. Cora B. Hennel's algebra class at Indiana unversity. In 1913 their mothers were algebra classmates under the same instructor.

Texas Technological college is holding a "givea-brick" campaign to complete its West Texas Museum building.

Two University of Alabama co-eds who are now roommates and sorority sisters traveled more than 6,000 miles on the same boat last summer without knowing each other.

The University of Georgia is adding a course in Portuguese

-Associated Collegiate Press

Man, Your Manners

BY I. SHERWOOD

IN A VERY SHORT while seniors will be interviewed for future positions. In order to secure a good position and succed in business a person must be both efficient and acceptable. And no one is acceptable if consideration and good manners are

To be a distinguished student is a fine thing, but to have a good personality is almost as important; the lack of the latter may cost you a job. A good personality is based on good manners.

Application: You should apply for a job in the manner requested. Don't write or telephone if you are asked to come in person. But no matter how you apply you must keep in mind that the prospective employer will judge, by the impression you make and the qualifications you offer, whether you will make a good investment.

Never give references without first getting consent from those whose names you use.

Give only information requested. Show your intelligence by using good grammar. State why you consider yourself qualified.

Be honest in answering all questions. Be considerate by not using too much of the

interviewers time.

The Interview: If you have an appointment, be aid to all nations agair st the aggressor nations.

on time-preferably early.

Dress neatly paying attention to clean fingernails, and well combed hair.

Introduce yourself, giving your name and any information that will help the interviewer to remember you. Don't offer to shake hands unless he first offers his hand. Remain standing until he asks you to be seated.

Never offer him a cigarette or take one yourself unless he suggests it.

Let him direct the conversation. Listen politely and intelligently. Remember the interviewer is interested in what you can do for his organization and not what it can do for you. Should he ask about salary, give him a fair estimate of your worth. Let him tell you about hours, vacation, etc., instead of

When the interview has come to an end, take your leave quickly. If he doesn't want to hire you, he won't, but if you have made a good impression he may hire you at a later date.

Something To Read

BY DR. T. F. MAYO

Savages and Us

A GREAT MANY students of the University of Texas have spoken to me of the popularity of their courses in ANTHROPOLOGY, which deals with such matters (among many) as the history of marriage, the evolution of morals and manners, and the development of tribal and national taboos and fes-

There is something intriguing about the comparison of savage ways with our own civilized customs (such as Aggie yell-practice) and everyone to the annexation of Texas: "Texlikes to find out "how we got that way".

Though our own college offers no courses in the field, the Library has bought from time to time a good many "popular" books along this line which have been recommended by competent authorities. Since the Aggies have always seemed to like them, you may be interested in a short list of some of the best. We promise you that at least every one of them is easy to understand and offers a considerable number of stimulating ideas—if ideas do stimulate you:

"COMING OF AGE IN SAMOA", by Margaret Meade, tells how South Sea Island society has worked out the problems of morals for young people. Its solutions are surprisingly sane.

"PATTERNS OF CULTURE", by Ruth Benedict, is a description of three savage societies, each of which holds up to its members a highly original standard of personality: One tribe values "meanness" (just plain "orneriness"); another admires "bigettyness"; humility is the most highly prized quality in the third. (What, I wonder, is our prime virtue in America? What quality makes a man most admired in the Aggie tribe?)

"ARE WE CIVILIZED?" by Kroeber, is a readable outline of the whole science, too long for tired Aggies to read through, perhaps, but good to dip into once in a while during a few weeks. Anthropologists have told me that it is very sound.

Westermarck's "HISTORY OF HUMAN MAR-RIAGE" (the one volume editions) is full of amazing stuff. Its most famous thesis (rather a blow to modern loose-livers who rail at our "conventions") is that even primitive societies never sanctioned or approved of sexual promiscuity.

"ANTHROPOLOGY AND MODERN LIFE" by Franz Boas, is probably, for beginners, the best of the lot. This "Dean" of the professions maintains the thesis that national and racial differences are due more largely to the historic environments of the various groups than to any half-mystical qualities of "blood"

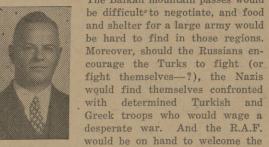
If you are interested in this sort of thing, you ought to look through the "anthropology" and "oth-

As the World Turns...

By "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF

THE PENDING NAZI ATTACK on Greece, through Bulgaria, would have little significance on the outcome of the war. The crossing of the Danube River at this time of the year would be a difficult undertaking, due to the floating ice and a partially SECRETARIES: frozen surface, as well as a paucity of landing facilities for a modern army on the Bulgarian side.

The Balkan mountain passes would



Nazis in Thrace. If this Balkan venture by the Nazis is intended to bolster the morale of the Italians, it will likely be of little value. As it appears now, the Italians will remain a liability on the Nazi ledger. Even if the Nazis should establish themselves at the Dardanelles, Salonika, Athens, the Suez Canal and Gibralter, they would still have to fight the Turkish army in Asia Minor and probably the French and English troops in Syria before they could reach the Mosul oil fields. The British navy would still control the entrances (from the Suez Canal and Gibralter) to the Mediterranean Sea. British shipping could continue around the Cape of Good Hope. In the meantime American aid to Great Britain would become increasingly effective.

National Defense Progress-President Roosevelt has appointed an Arms Production Board of four men. The appointees on the board are W. S. Knudsen, Sidney Hillman, H. L. Stimson-Secretary of War, and Frank Knox-Secretary of Navy. Two dressed to parents asking for of these men are immigrants; Mr. Knudsen is a Dane, and Mr. Hillman is a Lithuanian. Mr. Knox and Mr. Stimson are Republicans. President Roosevelt in his two recent public addresses, his "Fireside Chat" of December 30 and his annual message a dozen times," Duke said, "and to congress last Tuesday, urged speed in the execution of our national defense plans and promised

George Fuermann

Backwashin' Around . . . The old \$4600 in money orders over a 12quip that Texas A. & M. means hour period. "Texas Athletic and Military Col- Best in a field of several anec-

tive Dallas Morn- dog in the yard."

point is, Wilson's platform which boy in another state!" elected him was based on a plank that declared, "Keep America Out of War!" On March 4, 1918, Mr. Belated later Mr. Wilson asked Congress their Christmas dinner. . Aggie junior, replying to a fluenza epidemic.

history prof's question in respect as was annexed by a joint revolution of the two houses of Congress." . . . Ex-Head Yell-Leader F. A. (Bodie) Pierce, Mac Oliver and Paul Kirk visited the campus yesterday. All three graduated in 1940 and are now second lieutenants stationed at Fort Sam Houston. "The Army's swell," they chorused, "and at Fort Sam, as elsewhere, the Aggies have everything under control." . . . Oddity in the news is the Christmas card received by Reveille. Signed by Ray LaFerny and Harold Parker, the two are sophomores at the Jacksonville High School. Harold, by the way, has two brothers at A. & M.-K. N. and P. L. Parker . . . ceived by a Field Artillery sophomore is too good to hold. The message, which came collect, read, "If

Classified

The usually dull classified secgets a shot in the arm when some the listenin' field. clever person comes through with an original and unique idea. More than a few cadets have remarked in the official notice section of The Battalion last Saturday and Tuesday. They were written by Dr. Roy whole Success and Moore are good partment, and if they aren't suc- Gulf coastal and eastern portions cessful in getting faculty members of the state. -married, unmarried and othership Luncheons, nothing will. To

MARRIED FACULTY MEMBERS: Each Thurday morning kiss your wife goodbye and tell her she won't have to cook any lunch — that you are going to the Fellowship Luncheon in Sbisa Hall.

UNMARRIED FACULTY MEMBERS: Secretary or waitress? If you are tired of your favorite waitress cast her aside and come sit beside a Secretary at the Fellowship Luncheon each Thursday in Sbisa Hall.

Do you want to be an underpaid Secretary all your life? Come to the Fellowship Luncheon in Sbisa Hall and get acquainted with influential men and/or

and shelter for a large army would A. T. & T.

The local branch of the corporation known on Wall Street as the American Telegraph and Telephone Co. received the rush of its life Friday the 13th this past Dec .which ought to prove something concerning the day's potentialities for ill luck.

At 12:32 that noon an announcement was made to the cadet corps via the mess hall p. a. system that the Noel holiday period would begin the next day (a week early) because of the then-current influenza epidemic. The American Tel and Tel office had opened that morning at 7 a. m. and up to that time had sent 78 messages. Between 12:32 and closing time 826 messages were sent. "That was the biggest surprise rush in our history," Manager A. D. (Duke) Henson sighed. Jimmy Hendricks, an employee, pointed out that the office normally closed at 9 p. m., "but we closed 4 hours late that night," he added.

Most of the telegrams were admoney to come home on. The next morning the money orders began pouring in, and then the fun really began. "We ran out of money half even two express shipments from Houston didn't help much," All in all, the office received more than

ing News announc- "There we were," Jimmy inine deception.

Wilson was inaugurated. One month Eleven days late, the Aggies got experienced to put on a convincing The A. & M. Fencing team brings

for Mr. Roosevelt to parallel his Dec. 17, the dinner was force- Tyrone Power on in his crusade formances. The fellows should predecessor! As the monkeys would postponed when officials began the and the beauty is fine for that, turn out in volume to witness the say, these international affairs are college's Christmas holidays a but she still can't act with any phenomena of lovely Dorothy Lamore fun than a barrel of people. week early at the behest of an in-degree of proficiency equal to the mour's ability to look good in



That's historic Sbisa Hall's Chef Stories concerning 1940's Thanks- Charles Greissen holding one of giving are a little old, but the one the 4500 pounds of turkey that concerning a telegraph message re- went down the collective Aggie gullets last Sunday noon when the belated Christmas dinner got under way. Popular with mess hall emyou can pay for this one, you ployees and the cadet corps alike, really have something to be thankof Switzerland, graduated to the high seas, and has been at Aggieland since 1938. Some of the tales he tells are as impossible as findtion of a newspaper occasionally Times Square, but they're tops in ing a longhorn steer grazing on

The pecan tree produces two about the three items appearing crops-shade and nuts. For West Texas the Western Schley and Burkett varieties are good to plant L. Donahue of the agronomy de- varieties of pecan trees for the

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Thursday 3:30 & 6:45— "KNUTE ROCKNE - ALL-AMERICAN," starring Pat O'Brien, Gale Page, Ronald Reagan and Donald Crisp.

Friday 3:30 & 6:45-"JOHNNY APPOLO", with Tyrone Power and Dorothy Lamour.

AT THE CAMPUS

Thursday - "RIO," with Basil Rathbone, Victor Mc-Laglen, Sigrid Gurie, Robert Cummings and Leo Carrillo. Friday, Saturday—"THE MARK OF ZORRO," star-

ring Tyrone Power, Linda

Darnell, Basil Rathbone, Gale

Sondergaard, Eugene Pallette

and Montagu Love.

Movie Perieev A later day version of the Robin in her later roles but the public

hard to deny . . . In November of rush is the story concerning the pus with "THE MARK OF ZOR- she practices. 1917, President Woodrow Wilson freshman who elbowed his way to RO". Just as Robin Hood robbed Tyrone Power has a two-faced edged out Charles the window, wrote his message and the rich of money to give to the rule which is rather dashing while Evans Hughes for then told Jimmy, "Now be very poor, now Tyrone Power puts a he plays the part of Zorro, but the highest execu- certain that this message is de- new dash to the story by robbing during the day he plays a very tive position in the livered at exactly 3:30 this after- political power from the early Cal- effiminate young man. He is so land. The election noon and ask the delivery boy to ifornia Tyrants and giving it back dainty and womanish as to be dewas so close that push the door bell three times and to the people. Instead of the arrows spised by all. During his scenes the ultra-conserva- tell him not to be afraid of the for weapons, Powers uses a thin as the fearless bandit, he engages fencing blade and some very fem- in some almost realistic sword

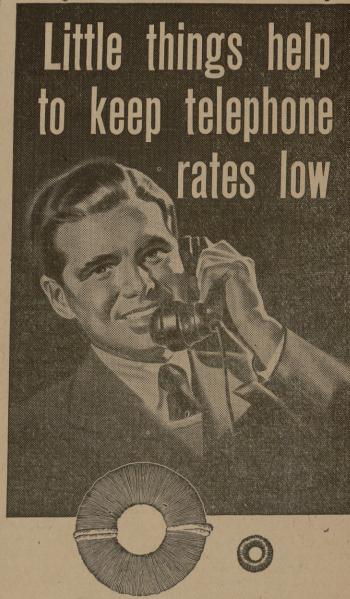
Hughes, and later care of half a thousand Aggies, early California history under the power politics. was forced to re- and he wanted me to have a per- Spaniards and the Spanish cos- "The Mark of Zorro" has enough tract the story. But the salient sonal conversation with a delivery tumes are quite becoming to Linda major and minor stars in it to actress. She is too young and in- 'good show' class. to declare war on Germany. Watch Originally scheduled for Tuesday, She supplies fond glances to stir sembly Hall Friday for two per-

lege" is fast becoming a truism dotes which occured during the Hood theme is coming to the Cam- now has to put up with her while

play with Basil Rathbone, an exed a victory for grunted in disgust, "trying to take The story runs through some fencing teacher now dabbling in

Darnell. This beauty and black hair make nearly every face familiar. though is about all Linda Darnell They all add up to enough to put has got to qualify herself as an the show over the line into the

performance as the tyrant's niece. "JOHNNY APOLLO" to the Asbilling she gets. She speaks her less and get all the praise for lines from memory like some school beauty instead of acting. She steps girl in a minor production. And she from her sarong into a wardrobe of isn't but 18. With more age and "Daisey Mae" frocks, but she is experience she can do a swell job nevertheless an enchanting cutie.



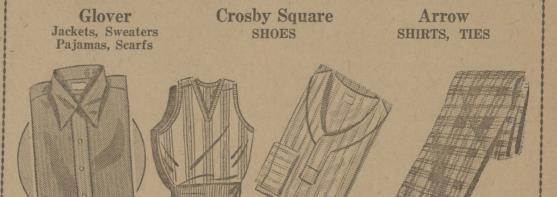
Developing better apparatus of many kinds at lower cost is a continuous process in the Bell System. It plays a major part in making your telephone service the finest and cheapest in the world. Here is one of many cases in point:

Above you see two telephone loading coils—one old, one new. Such coils are spaced at regular intervals along telephone circuits. They reduce electrical losses...help to bring your voice through clearly, strongly over long distances.

Through the years, engineers at Bell Telephone Laboratories have succeeded in making these coils smaller and smaller. In so doing, they have greatly reduced the cost per coil, which...multiplied by the millions in use...has helped to keep the cost of out-of-town service low.

Why not telephone home at least once a week? Long Distance rates to most points are lowest any night after 7 P. M. and all day Sunday.





MID-WINTER SPECIALS

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