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Why Men Die

WHY DO MEN DIE? That's a question. Before answering the question, let's see if you recall hearing the one about there being good in everything. Well, one exception to the rule, if found, would disprove it. And the fellow that raised the question of death thought he had found that exception.

But listen to this. All the progress made by man on this earth was due indirectly to the institution of death. Indirectly, because knowledge of certain death creates the inspiration or desire that motivates his deeds. If man knew that his days on earth were to be endless, all incentive to bestir himself would be lost. There would be no desire to better himself or those around him. There would be no burning ambition to leave his mark for posterity to remember him after he is dead. Knowledge of endless life would destroy life. Life would become a thing stagnant, monotonous, and unspeakably burdensome.

Music War a Blessing

THE FIGHT BETWEEN A.S.C.A.P. and B.M.I. may be a blessing after all, one student was heard to say the other day. For the first time in years the public has a chance to hear some good music. He claims that inspiration and writing were at a low ebb when such as "Beat Me Daddy" and "Scrub Me Mamma" contaminated the air waves. Now for the first time in months music from Stephen Foster and also from the more classic Bach, Beethoven and Brahms are being played. The moral is this: no matter what happens there is always someone who will be pleased.

Just Sign Here, England

(Editor's note—The following editorial does not represent the opinion of The Battalion, but is merely a reprint showing the line of thought of newspapers in colleges in other parts of the nation.) FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC for the second time within the past quarter century Britain professes an empty pocketbook to support pleas for financial aid from glib Uncle Sam. It seems that noble-hearted England is always willing to adopt a cause and jump willingly into the fracas just as long as someone can and will foot the bill. The primary checks to such loans is of course the Johnson Act, which prevents the extension of credit to any nation still financially indebted to the United States from the 11 billion dollar spending spree of 1917. Or do you remember our money and our men that made such a "safe democratic world?" Naturally, the late Lothian's mission to Washington was to deal with the legal technicalities that must be overcome before our financial hands can again be clasped. All indications point to the Duke of Windsor's similar motive. Britain is in dire need of money; we can supply her with that which she needs. But is the investment one that will pay?

In the financial realm, on the secretary of treasury's report is a five and one-half billion dollar debit marked against Great Britain. Only a negligible amount has been repaid by England in the past twenty years. This pittance payment has been one made by victorious John Bull! Are we to toss cool cash after a bad debt only to have England, should she win again, libel us as Uncle Shylock when we begin to request pay? On the other hand, if we turn over Fort Knox to Great Britain only to see her go down in defeat, our cause and our cash as well would be lost. If England is sincere in her desire to make solvent her credit, let's make a trade. To clear Morgenthau's books let's cancel the five and one half billion debt for a hundred years lease on Canada and Bermuda. For further financial assistance let England turn over to us the Honduras and Guiana, the islands of Barbados, Grenada, Montserrat and Martinique, so vital to Caribbean defense, "for the duration" and until her obligations to us are cleared.

If we must lend money to Britain, let's make no bones about plucking from the English empire all of the crown jewels that can be of service to us in the Western Hemisphere. There could be no more appropriate or opportune time to do some of the renowned Yankee trading than in 1941.

—Tennessee Collegian, ACP

The Collegiate Review

New York university has received a \$50,000 gift from Bernard Baruch for establishment of a professorship in therapeutics.

Girls of Bowling Green (Ohio) State university pay 16 cents for a full dinner, boys pay 19 cents.

Northwestern university's first five football teams were coached by their captains and the first salaried Wildcat coach was a player.

Hunter college is offering a program of free public lectures on problems in economics and political science.

Architecture department at the University of Nebraska is replacing the standard German color chart with one using American pigments.

Iowa State Teachers college campanile, which each morning bongs out a musical greeting to 8 o'clock class-goers, is made up of 21,625 pounds of copper and tin.

Dr. Thomas D. Howe of Duquesne university is experimenting with improvement of peas by application of X-rays.

Connecticut college recently observed its twenty-fifth anniversary.

FRANK LOVING PRESENTS:

I Heard the Preacher Say

IT IS ENCOURAGING to see the number of arguments about religion that turn up in our "bull sessions" around the campus. One of the big questions that arises not only in these discussions, but in any discussion of the sort is the literal truth of the Bible. There are very few people who are careful analysts who will still maintain that every word in the Bible is absolutely and literally true. As a matter of fact one can very easily find contradictions in it if he follows a literal interpretation only. The great danger in the whole thing is that many of us are inclined to belittle the entire teaching there because of small details which our modern minds tell us cannot be true. The Bible was written to put over to the world a great philosophy. The primary objective of the writers was to sell this philosophy to a simple people. In order to convince this type of thinker, a particular approach was needed. This thinker was totally different in his environment, habits, and beliefs from the thinker which our modern society fosters; consequently the "salesmen" of Christianity went about reaching him in a manner which fails to produce the same effect on the modern man. Those people were more sentimental than sophisticated, more superstitious than scientific, and more gullible than skeptical. Hence the approach was to sentiment, superstition, and gullibility. We find much of the supernatural, the miraculous, the awe-inspiring; we find little pure philosophy or scientific theology. The result is that unless we approach the Bible in the right way, it loses much of its worth for us. We must not let ourselves be misled by petty details to which we cannot agree, when the important thing is the principle to be found there. Do not make the mistake of getting lost in the fringes of the question and overlooking completely the heart of the whole matter—namely, the truths of love, honesty, uprightness, and clean living which are the crux of the deathless philosophy in your Bible.

OPEN FORUM

IT IS LATE, perhaps, to be bringing up New Year's resolutions, but it is to be hoped that many of us will remember and keep one resolution that we made for this year. This resolution is to attend church regularly. A great many of us make that resolution every year and then gradually drift away from the keeping of it. It is certainly regarded by every one as a good habit. Very few on this campus when asked to come to church will not make some remark about this in vain, "Well, I know I ought to go more often, but—" So why not go? Get up and make breakfast on Sunday morning and get ready and go on to church. The fellowship with others there will be worth the time spent even if the preacher does not preach the sermon you want to hear. Why not let's go to church this next Sunday and the one after that if it is possible. Both you and your church will be benefited by your attendance. Inter-Church Council

As the World Turns...

BY DR. AL. B. NELSON THE ADMINISTRATION IS HIDING expenditures for "New Deal" peacetime projects in the new defense budgets, according to Senator Carter Glass of Virginia. If this is true (and the Senator quotes figures and specific instances) it constitutes a deliberate attempt to fool the public and a misuse of funds earmarked for defense.

The Greeks have just taken another important Italian base in Albania, the town of Kleisura, and their naval vessels raided into the Adriatic Sea and bombarded the Albanian seaport of Valona. The Italian navy has sunk mighty low in efficiency when the small Greek fleet can raid into Italy's own sea and get away with it.

The British have invaded the Italian town of Tobruk in North Africa and have pushed miles beyond the town already. This town is about seventy miles from the recently captured town of Bardia.

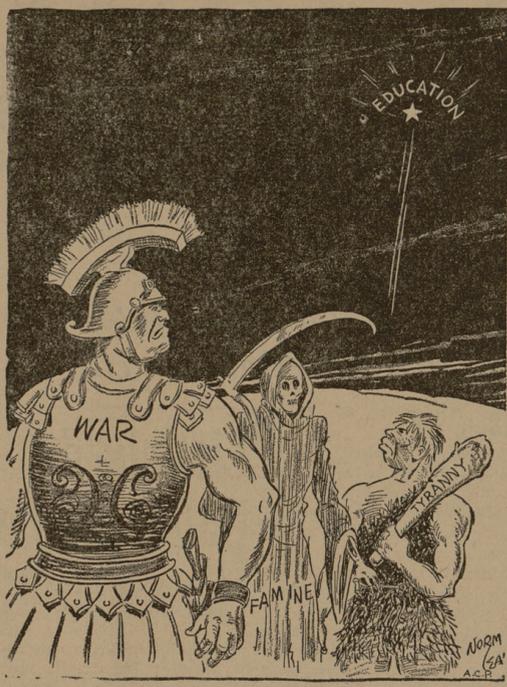
The Ethiopian subjects of Emperor Haile Selassie have just captured one of their border towns from the Italian army of occupation.

The Germans are known to have executed forty-nine spies in Germany during the last year and have already captured and executed another one this year.

The United States Navy has called off its yearly maneuvers this year for the first time since the World War. This has been done with the evident intention of maintaining the concentration of the fleet near Hawaii to prevent the Japanese from carrying out a sudden raid on the Dutch East Indies or some of the British possessions in the Pacific.

The navy is building additional bases, or is planning to build them, between Hawaii and the great British base at Singapore. This evidently based upon a complete, if unwritten, agreement with the British naval high command.

A Guide to Peace



Movie Review

By Tom Gillis

These "LUCKY PARTNERS" Montgomery is the only American in this film and the sound of British accents finally gets on your nerves. Constance Cummings isn't good looking enough to distract your attention from it. The action drags heavily and everyone is familiar with the 'mystery formula' which Hollywood uses—pointing suspicion at everyone except the guilty party and then having the amateur effortlessly unravel the murder under the nose of the police. This show follows it closely. Incidentally, on account of having Monday classes Saturday afternoon, the Assembly Hall show scheduled for 12:45 will be shown at 10:30 Saturday night, after the second showing of the regular Saturday night feature.

"Lucky Partners" is another attempt at sophisticated comedy but it is not as good as most of the others which have come out of Hollywood lately. Ronald Coleman is plenty nice looking and an actor of the old school but comedy is not in his best line. Ginger Rogers plays her role with a conservative sort of manner as always, which shows herself personally first and the character she is portraying second. Several of the incidents in the story are beyond the usual run of ordinary life but you can stretch your imagination to believe them if you try.

Robert Montgomery and Constance Cummings takes a sort of busman's holiday in "HAUNTED HONEYMOON". Montgomery is an upper class Britisher who dabbles in amateur detective work and marries Constance, a writer of mystery novels. On their honeymoon trying to get away from it all they run into some low grade mysteries.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Saturday 6:45 & 8:30—
"LUCKY PARTNERS," featuring Ronald Coleman and Ginger Rogers.
Saturday 10:30 p. m.—
"DANCING ON A DIME," with Grace McDonald, Robert Paige, Virginia Dale and William Frawley.

AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday—"THE MARK OF ZORRO," starring Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Basil Rathbone, Gale Sondergaard and Eugene Pallette.
Saturday midnight, Sunday, Monday—"THE MAN WHO TALKED TOO MUCH," with George Brent and Virginia Bruce.

Sixty One Percent of the World's Oil Production Is Within United States

By Dr. W. M. Potts Professor of Biochemistry In a recent address, Gustav Egloff of the Universal Oil Products Company pointed out that 61 per cent of the world's oil production was within the United States. The Americas control more than one and a half billion barrels of the 2 billion yearly oil production. The United States produces almost all of the 100-octane and higher aviation gasoline. This is of utmost importance, since such a gasoline increases very greatly the performance of an airplane. Another significant fact is that all of the 100-octane gasoline produced outside of this country is produced by American processes and is concentrated almost entirely within the British Empire.

There is more than enough natural gas and crude oil within our borders to satisfy our own needs for gasoline, of any type, motor fuels, and lubricating oils. Further, the American Petroleum industry could produce over 200,000,000,000 pounds of synthetic rubber and 85,000,000,000 pounds of explosives T.N.T., picric acid, and tri nitro xylenes annually.

In comparison, Germany's crude oil and substitute fuels represent

Students From Latin America Can Now Get CAA Flight Training Course

The Civil Aeronautics Administration is offering flight scholarships to citizens of Latin American countries who are bona fide students in colleges already participating in the Civil Pilot Training Program, according to information received by H. W. Barlow, Head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering.

The scholarships offered are similar to those given U. S. citizens in the Civil Pilot Training Program of the CAA. Twenty such scholarships are going to be given in the coming spring term and will be distributed to training centers throughout the United States. Any citizens of Latin American countries who are now at the A. & M. College of Texas are eligible to apply for these scholarships, provided they can meet the following requirements:

- a. They shall have attained their 19th but not their 26th birthday on February 1, 1941; b. If under 21 years of age, they must obtain the consent of their parents or guardian for this training. (Air Mail or Cable, if necessary, is suggested.); c. They must be fully matriculated candidates for degrees, and, by February 1, 1941, must have satisfactorily completed at least one full year of college work acceptable to the institution; d. After selection they must pass a physical examination for a Student Pilot Certificate, with a Commercial CPT rating, as well as a special eye examination, including refraction, administered by a designated Civil Aeronautical medical examiner; e. They must agree, if selected, to complete the ground and flight course unless disqualified by the college, the flight operator, or the Civil Aeronautics Administration previous to its

Heating Magazine Contains Information on A&M

The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers brochure on National Defense contains a picture of the A. & M. Petroleum building and lists reports of ten investigation and research reports conducted by Texas A. & M. scientists. The brochure was edited by A. E. Stacey, Jr., of the committee on research and is being sent to engineers and technicians who are now coordinating the national effort through the numerous channels of the government defense program. The brochure will assist them in quickly locating technical data and research information on various phases of heating, ventilating and air conditioning.

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TODAY — 6:45 and 8:30

GINGER ROGERS - RONALD COLEMAN in

"Lucky Partners"

Also Mickey Mouse — "Pluto's Dream House"

SPECIAL TONIGHT — 10:30 P. M.

Singy! Swingy! Danceable! Romanceable!
DANCING ON A DIME
It'll have you Dancing in the aisles!
★ GRACE McDONALD ★
★ ROBERT PAIGE ★
★ VIRGINIA DALE ★
★ WILLIAM FRAWLEY ★
★ PETER HAYES ★
★ LILLIAN CORNELL ★
DIRECTED BY JOSEPH SANTLEY

Due to the change in class schedule this picture will play at 10:30 instead of 12:45 as originally scheduled. The college authorities have granted permission to students to attend this show.