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Interring the Ax

WEDNESDAY two editors from the newspaper of the University of Texas will appear on the A. & M. campus to edit one issue of The Battalion. Originally the idea was conceived purely in the light of fun and for a novel experience.

Since the issuance of the invitation the unlimited possibilities that can be derived from such an event have slowly dawned into a shining sunrise.

Aside from the advantage of mutual criticism and exchange of journalistic ideas, the visit can be labeled a gesture of friendship between the schools. Not that a spirit of rivalry should not exist—rivalry and competition are the basic of all human improvement—but the rivalry should be friendly rivalry.

Immediately some of the more radical elements will jump to name various outrages exhibited from the opposite student body. But these outrages are not the cause of the rivalry; they are effects. Eliminate the hatred and the outrages will cease. Keen competition should have its place, but its place should be closely defined and kept in that place.

The Battalion extends to the editors of The Daily Texan an invitation to edit an issue as a gesture of "burying the hatchet of hatred". Schools of Texas and the Southwest are fighting an uphill battle for national recognition in competition with older and better known schools of the East and North. In cutting each other's throat, the schools of the Southwest will die an ignoble death together!

Feed Europe?

BRITAIN'S RECENT thumbs-down on American proposals to feed Europe's hungry has checked, but not stilled, the red-hot argument raging here.

A representative statement of the case is found in the editorial columns of the Harvard Crimson. The Crimson holds that outside relief is urgently necessary. "The most promising proposal made so far," continues the Crimson, "is that of Herbert Hoover. His idea is to let the occupied countries buy foodstuffs here with their liquid assets now in this country, and carry it home in their own ships. Added to this would be the food contributed by numerous charities. If at any time it appeared that the food was going to Germany, the shipments could be halted immediately. Negotiations would have to be undertaken by the state department with British and German representatives. Upon the shoulders of the recalcitrant party would rest the responsibility for whatever calamities may eventuate from a foodless Europe."

A new and interesting slant is given by the Princetonian, which believes it would be to the advantage of this country to check famine in Europe. The Princetonian reasons that "the revolution against Nazism on the continent must be waged by a powerful underground democratic movement organized and equipped by Britain and provisioned by America. Once the people of Europe who still cherish the ideals of freedom feel that behind them stand not only the armed might of Britain but the moral and material support of the United States, the fierce indignation which they must feel against their oppressors will be translated into positive action. They will refuse to be crushed to earth, and united will resume the fight against uniformed men."

At the University of Wisconsin the Daily Cardinal adds its viewpoint, as follows: "Opponents of Mr. Hoover's plan claim that by not allowing food to pass through the blockade, the danger of revolution would be increased and the cause of freedom helped that much more. However, the latter make two assumptions which may or may not be correct. They assume first that the subject people CAN revolt. The Nazi machine and Herr Hitler and his secret police are something the world has never seen before. Secondly, the opponent of Mr. Hoover's plan has to assert that he, safe in a free country which would definitely suffer from a Nazi victory, can conscientiously require the innocent people in central Europe to die of starvation so that the form of government which he thinks best may survive."

A contrasting view is expressed in the Washington university Student Life: "It's the old question of ends and means. Does the end—the salvation of British Democracy and thus the defeat of totalitarian anti-democracy, of the new revolution—justify the means—the use of starvation as a part of economic warfare, as a legitimate weapon of modern war? Can we be callous and let children suffer while keeping alive the principals we cherish? Or should we be merciful, allowing Hitler to keep the conquered nations in line, helping him in the race with time, possibly destroying all chance of freeing these same children from a lifetime of submission to the new master-race, and subjecting even more people (including ourselves) to the iron rule?"

It would appear from a survey of these and other editorial opinions that the preponderance of America's serious-minded collegians believe there

is an obligation to provide food, IF it can be established that such a show of mercy will not be turned to the military advantage of the Nazis.

—Associated Collegiate Press

The Collegiate Review

Hallie Harris, supervisor of janitors at the University of Kansas, estimates that in 14 years he has climbed 5,880 steps, or a total of 742 miles.

The new \$30,000 henhouses at the University of Connecticut are steamheated and termite-proof, with electric lights, hot and cold running water and automatic fountains.

Temple university has 559 NYA students. Living alumni of Dartmouth totaled 19,500 at the last count.

North Dakota university and North Dakota Agricultural college have been football rivals since 1894.

—Associated Collegiate Press

Man, Your Manners

By I. SHERWOOD
 Manners in Business

EMILY POST SAYS, "A business organization is, or should be, like a military one." In that case A. & M. furnishes the best qualities in its graduates for employers and employees.

Etiquette would not seem to be very important in business and yet no man can tell when the knowledge of it may be to his advantage or the lack of it react seriously against him.

THE EMPLOYER: An employer who receives his customers in shirt sleeves, remains seated when he speaks to a lady, who does not take off his hat or remove his cigar when talking to her, may never know how bad an impression he has made.

In some of the most important business concerns we are apt to find the greatest courtesy shown us by its executives. And it is very often noted that in the same office several assistants have been chosen for the same quality.

No one will do his best in an organization unless he feels he is being shown courteous treatment nor will he be courteous if courtesy is not extended him.

It will preserve the dignity of an organization if the employer does not call employees by their first names or permit them to use his. (This is not so important in a small organization.)

It is not necessary for an executive to rise for a woman employee, but he should go forward to greet anyone else who enters his office; he should offer his hand to any man who comes to his office whether he is a prospective customer, friend, or stranger.

THE EMPLOYEE: It is wise to maintain an attitude of friendly formality toward your boss. If he is good-natured, don't take advantage of him.

It is not necessary to rise for a superior if doing so will interrupt your work or seem excessively polite.

Respect the value of time. Also be thrifty with office supplies.

Avoid using the phone for personal calls, and don't let your family and friends interrupt your work.

Tact, courtesy, and self-control are very important qualities for employees to have.

Respect your employer's confidences and privacy. His home and business activities should not be discussed with others. Likewise, keep your own affairs to yourself.

If you are ambitious, call attention to yourself only by doing your work well. Give suggestions when they are requested.

As the World Turns...

By DR. R. W. STEEN

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE meets today for its biennial session. It faces about the same problems that the legislature faced two years ago, and for the reason that the previous legislature failed to find solutions to them. It is to be hoped that the present body will be more successful than its predecessor, and that it will not have to set a new length of session record in order to achieve this success.

To begin with there is a little matter of a \$25,000,000 deficit in the general fund. The deficit has been the most regular occupant of the treasury since 1926, and during the fourteen years it has been with the state it has grown with discouraging regularity. It is difficult to rid the state of this unwelcome guest because of new demands that are constantly being made upon the treasury.

The old age pension question will again occupy much of the time of both houses. Many legislators campaigned on a program of more liberal pensions, while the governor's attitude is well known. There will be numerous efforts to liberalize the pension law, and to increase the amount paid to each person on the rolls. Many legislators will favor both proposals, but they will first have to solve the problem of finance. A well rounded pension program will cost far more than Texas is now spending. A somewhat similar problem is presented by the Teachers Retirement program. A retirement system was set up several years ago, and many teachers have made regular deposits since that time, but the state has not yet matched the deposits as it is supposed to do.

The legislature will also devote some time to the matter of a state office building. State offices now occupy the capitol building, the education building, the land office building, and the highway office building. In addition, state offices occupy space for which the state pays rents of about \$50,000 per year. It is argued by many that the only proper solution is a state office building.

The legislature will doubtless consider many new tax proposals. The fact remains that the only way to spend more money is to raise more. The governor is doubtless still committed to the transaction tax. An income tax will probably be proposed, and proposals for increased taxes on natural resources will doubtless make their appearance. Advance option seems to be that the legislature will attempt to raise an additional \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000 annually by taxation. The problem is how to do it.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

The Way of Things... The corps' famed mascot, Reveille, isn't the only dog on the campus who has attained the mythical Who's Who of Dogdom. The rags-to-riches story concerning the life of one Buckskin is a tale which could even make a Horatio Alger yarn blush with envy. Latest of Buckskin's feats is her ability to open a package of breakfast food in record time and consume the contents there-



of in nothing-flat. One morning last week, while paying her thrice-daily visit to the A. & M. mess hall system, Buckskin downed 11 packages of the morning food in four minutes. Buckskin, however, is living under an assumed flag. At least three pictures of the canine usurper appeared in Dallas newspapers previous to the Cotton Bowl game in which she was labeled as the Aggie mascot. Rev's indignation was boundless when she was informed of the tyranny, and all attempts at arbitration are as fruitless as those of the current international muddlings. "It'll have to be a fight to the finish," Rev growled. "Another near-tradition where campus dogdom is concerned is a small, black Scottie with a flare for swimming. Water polo and swimming coaches Art Adamson and Spike White are hard-

die Cantor, has a stock of ready-made stories which he uses in a pinch "because they never fail me." Tops in the list is the one which concerns a hillbilly who had heard that the job of watchman at a railroad crossing was open.

"You'll have to undergo a strict examination," the man in charge said.

"Ask me anything," bragged the hillbilly.

"All right," spoke up the examiner. "Suppose you are at the crossing and two trains are coming along 60 miles an hour—head on. What would you do?"

"Waa, I'd blow m' whistle."

"Yes, but supposing your whistle was out of order."

"I'd always wear a red shirt and I'd take it off and flag the train."

"Let's say this happened at night."

"Then I'd swing m' lantern."

"But suppose you had no oil in your lantern."

"In that case," said the hillbilly, "I'd call m' sister."

"Your sister? What for?"

"I'd just say to her, 'Come on down, sis, and see the goldrusted wreck you ever saw in all your life!'"

The Butlers

They're Bill and O. D., both Aggie-exes, both stewards in the largest dining hall system in the world, and both are doing an excellent job if you want to believe their boss, J. C. Hotard.



That's O. D. on the left swinging the ax and Bill is doing the holding. Sbis Hall claims Bill and Duncan gets O. D. As stewards, in case you aren't informed in these matters, Bill and O. D. act as general managers of their respective mess halls.

WHAT'S SHOWING
 AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
 Tuesday 3:30 & 6:45—
 "HAUNTED HONEYMOON," featuring Robert Montgomery, Constance Cummings and Leslie Banks.
 Wednesday 3:30 & 6:45—
 "MOON OVER BURMA," with Dorothy Lamour, Robert Preston and Preston Foster.

AT THE CAMPUS
 Tuesday — "GAMBLING ON THE HIGH SEAS," with Wayne Morris, Jane Wyman, Roger Pyron and Gilbert Roland.
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COVERING CAMPUS DISTRACTIONS

with TOM GILLIS

The MOVIE REVIEW column is no more. But this does not mean that the shows currently playing at the local theaters aren't going to be reviewed in The Battalion; it is just the fact that the scope of the column is to be enlarged.

This new column, under the head as shown above, has received its title on the theory that students came to school here primarily for an education and things that divert the student from that aim are CAMPUS DISTRACTIONS. This includes about any form of organized entertainment which attracts general attention and which anyone is allowed to attend. So this new column will still mainly cover the local shows because they are the most important and most common form of entertainment for people on the campus. Also included however will be Town Hall programs when they appear, interesting lectures, musical programs, minor sports events, or anything which distracts a student's mind from what the professors think he ought to be studying. Unfortunately, some of the most attractive campus distractions cannot be covered such as giving the latest news from Uncle Ed's or that the records on the nickelodeon at the Avalon have been changed, or they have started selling a new brand of brew at Franklin's. This information will still be up to the student to find out for

himself, but any form of organized entertainment on the campus will be reviewed and an opinion rendered for what it is worth.

The idea in reviewing an event will be to give the general type of entertainment offered, how well it is presented, the atmosphere, and prominent points of interest in the opinion of the columnist. Naturally

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 Dorothy Lamour
 Robert Preston
 Preston Foster
 in
 "MOON OVER BURMA"
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Cantor
 The ace American humorist, Ed-