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Required Study

ONE HUNDRED men enter Texas A. & M. college as freshmen seeking a bachelor's degree. Of that number 33 or 34 stand a chance of graduating. In no other industry or enterprise could such waste of raw material be justified; no other industry or enterprise could survive. Such a condition cannot exist in this institution of higher learning if it is to long survive.

For 66% of the students to fall by the way-side is not right, else the college is failing in its basic purpose and its very reason for existence. Texas A. & M. and other state schools were established by the taxpayers in order that the youth of the state might be raised to a higher level and enter into life better equipped to meet its pitfalls. When two men of three who enter are allowed to leave uneducated, then the school is failing in its duty of educating the youth of the state. Regardless of other matters the portion of the citizens of our state who are well educated will continue to be small until something is done. True, the men are given equal opportunity to get the work put before them. Some apply themselves; some do not. Some want it; some do not. But, want it or not, it is to the benefit of the state that they get it. When a man is turned away from the doors of this institution it is the state's loss as well as his.

For a remedy, The Battalion does not suggest that the standards of the college be lowered in order for all men who enter to pass through. For then we would have all men with a poor education which would not be much better than a few with a fine education. And The Battalion strongly denounces the idea of charging students money for repeating courses.

Figures indicate that the majority of the students leave school while in the sophomore or freshman years. It seems that if students get through the two first years, they stick it out until they graduate.

A proposal has been made on the basis of this finding that required study sections for freshmen and sophomores who are failing work be instituted to be held at designated periods and under the direct supervision of an instructor of the department.

The Battalion endorses this movement with all the enthusiasm it can muster. If something is to be done about the situation, then the way to effect a cure is to hit at the seat of the trouble. Undoubtedly the trouble is not with the instructors nor the manner in which the work is presented. We will not believe that the students are incapable of digesting the material. The root of the trouble lies in the failure to put in an adequate amount of time in preparation of the daily assignments.

There are various reasons for this failure to study enough. Some have claimed that in the case of the freshmen it is too many details. Others say that dormitory life is not conducive to study.

We believe neither of these theories. Individual procrastination is the cause for not studying. On the matter of too many details for the freshmen, almost all organization commanders have perfected suitable schemes for allowing freshmen time to study and to the best of their ability are insisting that they do study. But these captains cannot give the instruction that one of the members of the faculty might. And these captains cannot check every man in the organization at all times during the day to insure his studying.

With required attendance of failing students to help sections, The Battalion believes the failures in A. & M. will drop to a minimum. The proposal will come up at the next regular meeting of the faculty. It should be adopted.

This Collegiate World

Two freshmen at Eastern New Mexico college are going to class daily, thanks to friends they brought to the campus with them. The friends are two cows, Betsy, property of Glen Radcliff, and Clarice, property of Tommie Fay Slocum, a co-ed. Glen sold Betsy to a nearby farmer and thus paid his college fees. Tommie has rented Clarice to her landlord, who gives Tommie her board in return for Clarice's milk.

But don't get the idea that ENMC is a cow college — it has its horsey angles, too. It's one of the new colleges still boasting a hitching-post, and every morning two students tether their ponies just off the campus and scamper in to class. Both live on ranches a short distance across the plains.

Men about Duquesne university's campus who think they know a lot about women have been challenged. Deciding there was plenty the MADUC could learn on the subject, the Duquesne library has provided a ten-volume encyclopedia on women—women of all races and nationalities, their psychology and temperament.

Incidentally, a book that hasn't left the Duquesne library for two years is "College and Life." The students apparently have been too busy making college life to bother reading about it.

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The Collegiate Review

The chances of a boy or girl going to high school are one in two now, compared with one in 25 in 1890.

Alma Gluck Aimbalist, former opera star, recently bequeathed \$10,000 to Barnard college, for establishment of a political economics scholarship.

Ten thousand day and evening students attend classes in Hunter college's new sky-scraper in New York.

Scholarships totaling \$128,000 have been awarded 247 students at Vassar college for the current year.

Freshman and sophomore classes are larger this year at North Dakota Agricultural college, but junior and senior classes are slightly smaller.

Texas College of mines and Metallurgy paleontologists have removed dinosaur bones from the Texas Big Bend area.

FRANK LOVING PRESENTS:

I Heard the Preacher Say

IF OUR FAITH teaches us anything, it teaches us tolerance. Regardless of creed, denomination or sect or even if one lives merely according to a philosophy, tolerance and open mindedness should be logical parts of our thinking if we consider ourselves educated or even civilized.

As a part of the program of Brotherhood Week, which is to be celebrated nationally next week, February 16 to 22, the A. & M. Interchurch Council is sponsoring a program in Guion Hall on Thursday night which is designed to further a spirit of cooperation within the ranks of tomorrow's leaders. The speakers on this program will be a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi, and a protestant minister. Their subjects will be of wide interest and will give all of us food for thought. Whatever your individual convictions may be regarding beliefs other than your own, it is only fair that you at least see what the men specializing in these various fields have to offer. If you have any prejudices in the matter of varying faiths, it might bring a question to your mind to notice that a meeting of this kind might be held at all; and it is far from an unusual thing. Many groups have met with student assemblies all over the nation.

Most of us consider the conditions present in the world today to be of sufficient gravity to be called national emergency. Now as never before we need a unity of thought, purpose, and action in our national life. In this country of ours whose theme is liberty, justice, freedom—in other words tolerance, it seems that we not only should give those working for this end not only our attention, but our active support.

As the World Turns...

By DR. AL B. NELSON

THE WAR SCARE IN THE PACIFIC has subsided in some degree since last week but conditions are still critical. Wives and children of hundreds of officers in the Philippines have been ordered home, Dutch shipping was ordered into neutral ports and all armed forces of the British, Americans, and Dutch were on watch for an expected Japanese attack.

Heavily armed Australian troops, many thousands of them, have arrived in the British stronghold at Singapore, additional squadrons of bombing planes have been sent in by the British. American Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles pointedly advised the Japanese that we judged their desire for peace by their actions rather than their words.

American military and naval secrets are still being betrayed by Congressmen who obtain information in "secret" committee sessions and then pass it along to newspapermen in order to obtain a little publicity.

The House of Representatives has finally awakened sufficiently to approve appropriations to permit preparations to use Guam and our Samoan bases for defense. Bill for the improvement of the harbors of these two vital outposts had been defeated twice in the last two years.

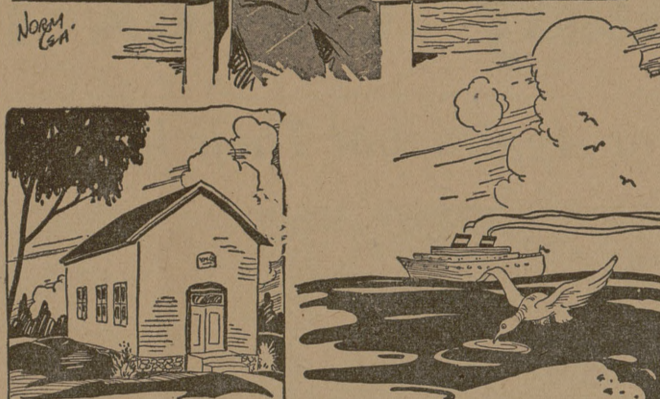
If the Germans attempt the invasion of England in the near future look for the first stroke to be against neutral Ireland which, like the American "isolationists", still tries to fool itself into believing that the desire for peace will save it from invasion. Americans in Shanghai and Japan have again been advised to leave because of the "uncertain situation" in Asia.

One hundred thousand dollars per year could be saved by the government merely by printing Air-Mail stamps in one color instead of the two-color red and blue stamps now used.

The Eagle Squadron of the British Royal Air Force is composed entirely of American volunteers. The other day the Eagle squadron went into action for the first time and suffered their first battle casualty. Edwin Ezell Orison, of Sacramento, California, was killed while in pursuit of a German plane.



110 POUND BOOK
PROF. R. H. WHEELER, UNIV. OF KANSAS IS WRITING A 1000 PAGE MANUSCRIPT WITH PAGES 4 FEET WIDE AND 18 INCHES HIGH! HE IS RECORDING THE INTER-RELATION OF POLITICAL, LITERARY, HISTORICAL, ART AND SCIENTIFIC DATA.



THE FIRST COLLEGE Y.M.C.A. BUILDING ERECTED IN AMERICA IS STILL IN USE! IT WAS BUILT IN 1825 AT HANOVER COLLEGE, INDIANA
A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR FROM AUSTRALIA TRAVELED 12,000 MILES TO ATTEND THE EMPIRE UNIVERSITIES CONGRESS AT LONDON, ONLY TO FIND THAT HE WAS A YEAR AHEAD OF TIME! THE MISUNDERSTANDING WAS CAUSED BY A TYPIST'S ERROR!

COVERING CAMPUS DISTRACTIONS with TOM GILLIS

For an extremely colorful film, go to see "CHAD HANNA," the midnight show at the Campus. It is filmed in technicolor against the background of circus life and nothing could provide a more colorful place for that kind of photography. The result is that the photographic part of the picture is beautiful, more so than most recent shows.

The circus mentioned has slow, drawing Henry Fonda as a roustabout working his way up to ringmaster. Linda Darnell, the young Dallas lassie, is certainly beautiful in color and she is rapidly approaching mature acting standards although she isn't quite dry behind the ears. And Dorothy Lamour is in it too. She is the high rider in the circus with questionable morals whose attraction for Fonda almost throws a monkey wrench in his romance with Darnell. You'll wonder how some of the things she does got by the Hays office but they did, and in technicolor. Grouchy Guy Kibbee makes a pretty good old-time circus owner.

"Chad Hanna" puts its players through a color paradise and they perform well within it but their plot is a little weak. There is a parade of incidents beautifully filmed but not building up to any special climax. Even so it is far above the average in movie entertainment and worth seeing.

"DANCE, GIRL, DANCE" goes to prove in a pleasant sort of way that there are more than one kind of girl and more than one kind of dancing. Two room-mates in New York, well-turned Lucille Ball and idealistic Maureen O'Hara, have

MUSICAL MEANDERINGS

By Murray Evans

That brilliant trumpeting you heard in the Aggieband's brass section during the recent Fish Ball was one Raymond Toland, secretary of the American Federation of Musicians, Waco local.

Toland has been a professional musician for a number of years, and has a trumpet technique that is seldom equalled. After you have heard him render "Stardust" and "Basin Street," you are much better able to appreciate his work. He hangs his hat on high "C" and goes to work from there.

Have you ever noticed the typical take-off trumpet man, how he strains and turns red-faced and seems about to burst? Then you will enjoy Toland's ease of execution, the minimum of effort he employs all the more.

And here is the good news: He will be playing with the Aggieband on practically all of their jobs until June. There is no doubt that he will be a spark-plug in the brass section, an asset to the band as a whole, and a joy to every Aggie who appreciates an exceptional trumpet man.

The fight of organized musicians against the mushrooming nickelodeon business still rages. There have been efforts made to tax the "tin can music" out of existence. A year or so ago extensive advertisements were run in all the magazines denouncing

Extension Service Survey Shows Texas Farmers Lost \$131,706,000 Last Year

Data gathered at responsible sources show that Texas farmers and livestock men lost \$131,706,000 in 1940. This was due to damage by insects upon growing and stored crops, and livestock and live-stock products.

Approximately 50 percent of the loss was preventable, says Cameron Siddall, Extension Service entomologist for A. & M. college. Prevention was possible through application of effective control measures at the disposal of the Extension Service, which had developed from experiments pursued by the federal and state experiment stations. Although this portion of the loss could have been prevented, it was not practical to conduct a program against each insect contributing to it, Siddall says. Therefore, only a few of the outstanding problems were attacked.

The entomologist, regarding the cotton insects as the paramount project, says that emphasis was placed on the importance of applying insecticides only when needed and at times when most profitable to do so. Meetings were held in 51 counties in 10 of the 12 Extension districts for discussion and demonstration of proper types of dusting machinery, and of the correct insecticides and proper time of application.

When the 1940 cotton season opened, conditions indicated severe infestations of flea hopper, boll weevil, bollworm and, later, leaf-worm. But as the season advanced infestations expected in many parts of the state did not develop. Notwithstanding, 114 field demonstrations were held in 20 counties.

Although no figures were available at the end of 1940 as to the degree of pink boll worm infestation, Siddall says, the percent infestation was appreciably lowered and the insect did not spread to any county outside of the affected zone which comprises a radius of 125 miles north of Brownsville. In Ward, Reeves, Pecos, Hud-

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—also—

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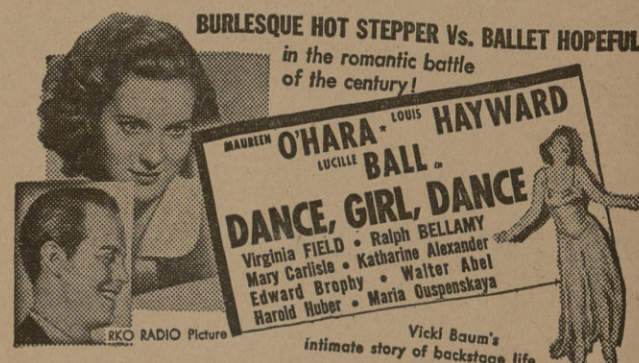
—also—

Late News and Cartoon

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Selected Shorts

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