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On to San Antonio

Aggieband moves westward Saturday. The cadet corps will descend upon San Antonio this weekend for the game with A. & I. The "twelfth man" should be on hand to support the team in its first appearance of the year away from home. Everyone should make a real effort to follow the team to the Alamo City.

Though not an official corps trip, a large portion of the corps should be able to make the game. Since the game is to be played at night, most of the corps should have an opportunity to be there. Make up your mind now to follow the team! Excused absences will not be issued since an effort will be made to secure this privilege for the Arkansas game in Little Rock.

San Antonio showed the cadet corps a real time last fall when the maroon and white met Tulsa university there. Indicative of the fine spirit shown by the people of San Antonio is their payment of the expenses of the Aggie band to this game.

The way to San Antonio is open—the city has extended an invitation for all to come. The team needs our support. A special train will be arranged for the band and those Aggies who care to go on it. For others the traditional mode of transportation, the highway, should be sufficient to carry the cadets to the game.

We'll see you in San Antonio Saturday night, Army. Make it two victories for the Aggies then.

Defense Training

As the United States maintains its policy of extending all possible aid to those countries fighting Hitler and at the same time is building up our system of domestic defenses, a great need has arisen for menskilled in the production of vital defense materials.

A. & M. has responded to the call for trained defense personnel and the facilities of the college are being utilized in the training of defense workers. Courses which started here this week include power and electrical circuits, advanced engineering drawing, camp sanitation, and materials inspection and testing.

The efforts of the college are not limited, however, to courses which are being taught here. Service courses are being offered in Houston, Fort Worth, and Kilgore for men living in these areas. These courses are arranged so that they are taught at night and do not interfere with the normal working time of those enrolled in them.

Courses which will be given in other cities in Texas are cost accounting, principles of chemical engineering, principles of petroleum engineering, fuel and lubrication testing, structural design and strength of materials, and industrial safety. With the offering of these courses A. & M. is attempting to train more men for jobs in national defense industries.

Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

What Becomes of Joe College?
("The U. S. College Graduate", by Time Inc., 1941)
("Is College Worth While?", by John R. Tunis.)

Time Magazine has recently sent us an interesting little volume called The U. S. College Graduate, described in the preface as "A statistical report on the status of living U. S. College alumni (and alumnae)—who they are, how and where they live, what they earn, and at what work—an economic approach to measuring the social dividends yielded by the liberal arts."

In the first place, we are told, there are 2,700,000 living college graduates in the United States, about two per cent of the population. Moreover, this percentage of college graduates is increasing. The anonymous author of the study thinks that the existence and growth of this vast body of college graduates is "one of the most important factors in the preservation of the American way of life."

The little book is full of striking bits of information. Here are a few: Among college graduates, the men are two to one. But the women are moving up. Forty years ago,

there were four male graduates to one female. During the last decade, however, there were only three men to two-plus women. At this rate, parity of the sexes will be reached about 1955.

College graduates are a fairly young group. Two-thirds of the male graduates and a little more than two-thirds of the women are under forty years of age. The median age of all college graduates is 35.9 years, while that of the whole adult population is 40.

"A college degree is very likely to lead women to spinsterhood, but not to lead men to bachelorhood," 29.1 per cent of the male graduates are single compared to 34.1 per cent of the total male population; of women graduates, 48.9 per cent are still spinsters, compared to 26.4 per cent of the total female population.

College graduates, moreover, have small families—about three children compared to the four-plus contributed by the average American family. Hence the author draws an interesting conclusion: The increasing student population of the U. S. is coming largely from the homes of non-graduates. In a democracy this is very much as it should be.

Now compare this purely factual study with John R. Tunis's book, "Is College Worth While?" Mr. Tunis, the well-known reporter and philosopher of sport, examined all the surviving members of his own Harvard class, which graduated some twenty-five years ago. As an answer to the question "Was college worth while?", he found that for his class, at any rate, going to college had not paid for itself financially. On the other hand, he presents irrefutable evidence that it had paid for itself, many times over, in making life worth living.

Have you Aggies ever tried to figure out just what you are getting out of coming to A. & M.? Of course, there's the usual answer about "learning how to get on with people," and there's the increase in earning power which you naturally expect. But are these all? If you are really interested in checking up on your four-year investment of time, money, and elbow-grease, read Mr. Tunis's book. It will almost certainly suggest to you other ways of making college worth while.

We are always doing something for Posterity, but I would fain see Posterity do something for us.
—Joseph Addison

The World Turns On

By A. F. Chalk

The economy of this country has undergone a transformation of very great magnitude during the past five or six decades. Many people are not fully aware of the extent and nature of this fundamental change that has taken place within a relatively short period of time. The decline of competition—in the traditional meaning of the term—has been one of the outstanding developments of recent years, and it is this condition of declining competition which has been responsible for many of our modern economic problems. The present trend toward more extensive social control of our economy has to a great extent been occasioned by the effects of large-scale monopolistic practices.

The history of our economy during the past 50 years has been marked by a sharp rise in the number of industrial combinations and a rapid increase in the size of the productive business unit. These factors have in some cases been responsible for maladjustments of a very serious character in our economic system. In many respects we are now in a period of transition. A basic change is seemingly inevitable, and the direction that change will take in the future is something about which we could well afford to concern ourselves.

Many writers believe that the trend toward concentration of control in business is a natural outgrowth of the capitalistic system. It is argued by this group that modern technology is so advanced that the most efficient size of the business unit has of necessity been expanded to such a point that effective competition is no longer possible. This group thinks that we should and will accept this increased size because of its technical efficiency. They add, however, that this acceptance of the large-size business unit must also involve greatly increased social control over the economy. Needless to say, there is widespread disagreement concerning the technique to be used when this control is instituted, but the essential point is that in most cases any effort to retain competition in the basic industries is considered futile. This group is reconciled to the permanent disappearance of the traditional competitive system.

Another group thinks that we should make every effort to re-establish a reasonable degree of competition. They insist that to a great extent the development of monopoly is not an irrevocable process but rather one which is the result of a failure to control combinations by legal means. It is argued that we have never made an enlightened effort to abolish concentrated economic power, and that a sincere effort in that direction would render unnecessary the increasing governmental control over our economic lives.

Regardless of the policy we may want to pursue as individuals, the fact remains that the trend toward increasing governmental control of business is very pronounced. One has merely to look at present day conditions to realize that the entrenched power of organizing minorities is rapidly destroying whatever hope we may have had for the maintenance of a competitive system.

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



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BACKWASH

From Uncle Sam's Post Office . . . Houston last Saturday. Now take the letter which we received in our Wednesday mail bag from the Huntsville school:

We are desperate! !
At this noble institution we have four girls to every poor little old boy. These girls aren't bad to look at either and this school isn't half as far from A. & M. as T. S. C. W. is. Our rules aren't as strict either.
So why don't you boys take this hint and come over. Some of these girls haven't had a date since school started.
We'll be expecting you all over.
Signed: Some SHSTC Coeds.

Okey, fellas, the line forms on Galley 4 the right at the East Gate. And remember, you can go to Huntsville either through Navasota or Madisonville.

Gallon
If you don't drink a gallon of beer per month, you're not getting your full share.
For, figures from the Liquor Control Board show, the per capita consumption of beer in Texas has passed one gallon per month. To be exact, 1,064 gallons for the last month tabulated.
As for wine, the per capita is .019 gallons, and of distilled spirits, the consumption amounted to .039 gallons per month.

Reward
A recent radio quiz program for children in Beaumont produced the following:
The announcer asked, "In what game do you play with agates?" The little boy, thinking it was Aggies instead of agates, answered "football."
Although the correct answer should have been marbles, the youngster's "football" was allowed, and he won the customary 10 cents plus a 25-cent bonus from a former A. & M. student who was listening to the program.

Men Wanted
A. & M. is one of the two land-grant colleges in the United States that is not co-educational.

JUNIORS. . . .

ATTENTION

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MENDL & HORNAK

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NORTH GATE

COVERING campus distractions
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"LET'S MAKE MUSIC" will be job of teaching school, to sing it shown at the Assembly Hall tonight and tomorrow night. For some reason that escapes us Jean Rogers are east in the roman- at the moment, Jean and Bob fall tic leads. About the only real in love. This is the type of life attraction that this picture offers is Crosby and his orchestra. They and is not accepted as representative of American ways. Another musical show is "SAN ANTONIO ROSE," at the Campus today. The Merry Macs are the featured musicians in this film-usual. Jean Frazee and Robert Paige furnish the acting leads. You will like either of these two shows, according to your choice of musicians. (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

Crosby's orchestra is playing at a swanky night spot in New York. While looking for a new hit from a group of songs just received, he discovers one written for a high school fight song. He takes the song makes a hit of it and brings the author to New York from her

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Thursday, Friday—"LET'S MAKE MUSIC," starring Bob Crosby and his Bobcats and Jean Rogers

AT THE CAMPUS
Thursday—"SAN ANTONIO ROSE," with Jane Frazee, Robert Paige, and Eve Arden.
Friday, Saturday—"HIS GIRL FRIDAY," with Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell, and Ralph Bellamy.

FALL'S FUN

IF YOU'RE DRESSED FOR IT!

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— NEWS —

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