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of the above would be assessed as the doctor saw fit.

### Veneral Disease Treatments

Until a comparatively short time ago all boys having a veneral disease were sent home, because of this ruling some of the cases were not attended until such time that the person afflicted could not walk. It was then decided by college officials to charge those boys having the disease the cost of the drugs used in treatment and no more if they were treated at the college hospital. Today with the use of sulphanimide and its derivatives in the treatment of veneral diseases the sum of \$15 does not nearly cover the expense of the drugs used.

A case of gonorrhea will be cleared up whether it takes one week or six months; yet for these no other charge except the \$15. Even the "quacks" whom certainly none of us should patronize for our own safety, charge at least \$25, and most of the time the disease will recur. Any reputable physician would charge anywhere from \$40 to \$100.

In the case of syphilis, for which shots are given, the reputable physician would charge a minimum of \$5.00 a shot, plus a charge for giving it. The treatment is given here for \$2.00, and there is no extra charge for giving it.

At other colleges the medical fee is very nearly the same as ours. However the students have to pay for all X-ray work done. If a person remains in the hospital over the time allotted him, he has to pay \$5.00 and up a day. Here, if necessary, a person can stay in bed all year at no extra cost, as in the case of Whadwhani.

### Appendicitis Cases

Much has been heard about the "appendix jerking". Once and for all, let this be cleared up. No one's appendix is taken out unless the doctor deems it necessary, and then only with the parent's consent. It might be added that attacks of appendicitis are more prevalent among males from the ages of 15 to 25 than in any other group. No wonder then, in a group of 6,000 men that there are so many attacks of appendicitis.

Much is said about the doctors not being able to diagnose illnesses. However, the record of recovery at A. & M. is nearly 100 per cent. No doctor, or group of doctors, can diagnose a case in ten minutes, as some of the "experts" on this campus think they should.

### Medical Fee Worthwhile

I have given you a few concrete facts so that you will know without doubt whatsoever, what we receive in return for our \$10 medical fee. However, if there is still doubt come over to the hospital and find out for yourself. Do not "blow off" twithout knowledge of the facts.

It all comes down to this. On registration day most of us buy everything that the college has to offer. But when we have to pay a few dollars for health insurance which is essential, someone starts to bleed. If the medical fee were optional, and someone had to pay \$80 for some kind of treatment in Bryan, then maybe he would appreciate such a nominal charge for something so important as health. When we leave school and have to foot those "doctor bills" ourselves, I think everyone of us will know that he got off pretty lightly.

Jack Blankfield, '42.

## The World Turns On

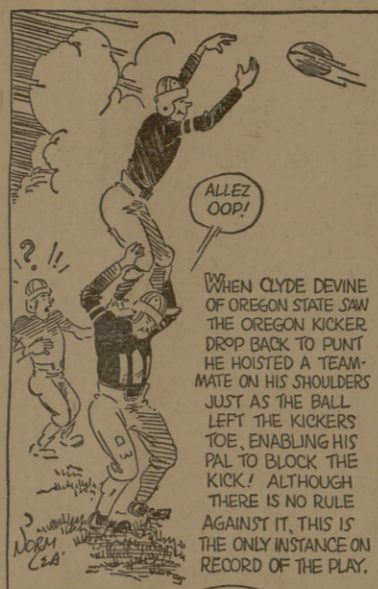
By A. F. Chalk

It is seldom that a congressional investigating committee renders any worthwhile service to the country. Such a committee is too frequently governed in its actions by purely political considerations. This accounts for the lack of confidence evidenced by the public in many investigations conducted by various legislative committees.

The present Committee Investigating Defense Contracts is, however, a distinguished exception to the general rule. It has had no small part in developing an understanding on the part of the public of some of the basic mistakes which are being made in our defense effort. Senator Truman, who is chairman of the committee, has pursued a vigorous and relatively unbiased policy in his efforts to uncover practices on the part of labor and business which are seriously hampering our rearmament program. His committee has given much-needed publicity to some ruthless practices of corporations and labor organizations. The Currier Lumber Company case, mentioned in this column last week, was an illustration of the bad effects of jurisdictional disputes within the ranks of labor.

The blame for retarding the defense program cannot, however, be laid solely at the feet of labor organizations. Some business firms have not evidenced any great concern for the future welfare of the country in making their contracts with the government for defense projects. One such contract which should soon be the subject for investigation by the Truman committee is that which was awarded the Aluminum Company of America for the construction of increased production facilities. The details of this contract have not as yet been widely printed, but some excerpts which the writer has seen indicate that the government has signed a contract with ALCOA which will be extensively criticized if it receives widespread publicity. It appears this company has a contract which will permit the maintenance of a monopolistic position in the Aluminum industry at the expense of the defense program. In any event, enough has already been brought to light to justify a thorough inquiry by a congressional committee. One thing which is certain is that the terms of the contract are so loosely worded at certain vital points that the legal obligation of ALCOA are suspiciously vague.

## Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



WHEN CLYDE DEVINE OF OREGON STATE SAW THE OREGON KICKER DROP BACK TO PUNT HE HOISTED A TEAMMATE ON HIS SHOULDERS JUST AS THE BALL LEFT THE KICKER'S TOE, ENABLING HIS PAL TO BLOCK THE KICK! ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO RULE AGAINST IT, THIS IS THE ONLY INSTANCE ON RECORD OF THE PLAY.

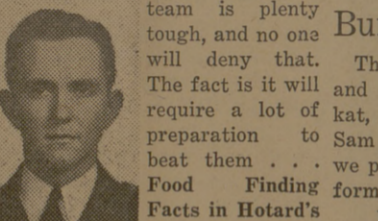


DR. HENRY W. HARPER  
IN FORTY YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS DR. HARPER HAS ALWAYS WORN A RED BOW TIE, THE SAME TYPE OF SHOES AND CARRIED AN UMBRELLA!

## BACKWASH

By Charlie Babcock

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



Only 49 Days Until Christmas... is a shot of the World War memorial flag hanging in the Academic building, a view of the interior of the new mess hall, and a candid picture of several Aggies thumbing a ride on the highway.

## Innovation

Something new in the way of Aggie football programs will be on sale at the S. M. U. game Saturday.

## Musical Meanderings

On November 6, musicians will honor the 127th anniversary of Adolph Sax, the man who made the modern dance orchestra possible by his invention of the saxophone. Shep Fields will take the lead in the ceremonies by a special broadcast from Cleveland.

## COVERING campus distractions

WITH TOM VANNOY

"PRIVATE NURSE" is the feature attraction at the Campus today. Jane Darwell and Brenda Joyce are in the leading roles. Nurses spend their time helping inebriates and racketeers recover from their ills and get started on the straight and narrow path once more. That is the gist of the story. In view of the cast and size of the show, it is an average picture.

A comedy that turned a little flat is "OUR WIFE" showing at the Campus tomorrow and Saturday. Melvyn Douglas and Ruth Hussey noticeably overdo the dialogue and neglect the action that is so vital to a good comedy.

The picture more aptly could have been titled "Our Husband" rather than "Our Wife." Douglas is the only husband present, while Ellen Drew is an ex-wife in the process, and Ruth a prospective one. Nevertheless the picture drags along. The riotous scenes are few and far between.

Calling Dr. Kildare! "THE PEOPLE VS. DR. KILDARE" is showing at Guion Hall today and tomorrow. Another of the famed Dr. Kildare series is here. Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore and Ruth Laraine Day continue their crusade against disease and sickness right on through the show.

This time most of the show takes place out of the hospital. The climax court-room speech by Barrymore is very impressive. Bonita Granville is the guest star for the picture. She is cast as an ice-skater who sues the hospital as the result of an operation. In addition to his usual medical duties, Ayres does some detective work to clear his reputation.

### WHAT'S SHOWING AT GUION HALL

Thursday, Friday—"THE PEOPLE VS. DR. KILDARE," starring Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, and Laraine Day.

### AT THE CAMPUS

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Friday, Saturday—"OUR WIFE," featuring Melvyn Douglas, Ruth Hussey, and Ellen Drew.

### —BOYNTON—

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sign service and technical work. In his position as personnel manager for the Standard Oil Company, Boynton has interviewed around 75,000 people. During this visit, his second appearance at A. & M., he spent the afternoon interviewing A. & M. seniors for employment with the Socony-Vacuum Company. He stated that the Aggies made a favorable impression and were an exceptionally fine group of men. In his opinion, several of the Aggies interviewed had the qualifications necessary for jobs in the foreign service of the Socony Vacuum Company.

This lecture was one of the first in an educational program being sponsored by the ex-students association of the college.

## Open Forum

### Medical Fees Are Reasonable! Chronic Bleeders Reprimanded

Editor's Note: The following article presents a rather clear picture of the functions of the hospital. While longer than the usual Open Forum article, it presents a viewpoint which is not often expressed and may serve to clarify the position of the hospital to those students who are not acquainted with it.

While the College Hospital is still gathering the "ill winds" about the campus—the source being from those who blow the hardest and yet know the least. Here are a few statements in reply to those chronic "bleeders".

What do we get for our \$10 medical fee? One thing for certain, we do not get the benefit of paying those "doctor's bills" that all of us will have to meet eventually after we leave A. & M.

Everyone wants facts and more facts, so here are just a few. If one were to walk into an independent hospital and ask for an X-ray of a complete set of teeth, it would cost approximately \$15. An X-ray of the chest or head at the independent hospital would cost \$5 and \$10 respectively.

### Fluoroscope Prices

Any time the fluoroscope is turned on, a "small \$2.00 charge is assessed. However, the college turns on its fluoroscope anywhere from 20 to 50 times a day and does from one to as many pictures as needed per patient without any extra fee.

The college is willing to X-ray a bone that has not been broken. The slightest indication of a sore region on a limb or on the body is enough to warrant a fluoroscopy. The ultra violet at an independent hospital is \$2.00 per minute. At the college hospital anywhere from 30 seconds to five minutes is given. Diathermy is \$5.00 for 15 minutes. At our hospital a 20 minute minimum to a maximum of 30 minutes is given. The infra red treatment is \$2.00 for ten minutes, here a minimum of ten minutes to 20 minutes. Morton Smart, which is used in the treatment of fatigued muscles, is \$5.00 per treatment. Let us be reminded again that all the above mentioned treatments are included on our medical fee.

### Diagnosis of Diseases

In the diagnosing of diseases many procedures are used. Among a few are autogenous vaccines, which at an independent hospital would cost in the neighborhood of \$19; blood sugars \$3.00; pneumonia typing, \$10; complete blood counts \$5.00; urinalysis \$2.00; throat and gum smears, \$2.00; malaria routine \$3.00. At the college hospital no extra charge is made for these various tests.

Let us consider drugs and medicines next. Mylodol, which convalescents take, costs us nothing. However, at the drug store eight ounces costs \$1.75. The boys using this drug at our hospital may take it for a period of three to six months and then longer if necessary. To date 75,000 aspirin tablets, 50,000 cold pills, and 24,000 quinine capsules have been given out. A standard brand costs anywhere from 25¢ to 50¢ a dozen.

### Lotion Costs

Sodium Salicylate, used in the treatment of sore muscles, deep bruises, and general rheumatic conditions, costs at any drug store 75¢ for a four ounce bottle. The hospital gives this out by the pint. Common lotions used for the treatment of rashes, stings, and so forth can be bought for 25¢ to \$2.00 for a small bottle. So far we are still using our medical fee to meet the costs of drugs.

All first aid, such as dressing of simple cuts and abrasions and taping of limbs would cost a doctor's fee at an independent clinic, which would be anywhere from \$5.00 up. In the eye, ear, nose, and throat room sinuses are shrunk, ears and eyes washed, nose and throats painted and sprayed, and trench mouth and pink eye are treated. Cold and pneumonia serum is given free, the only charge being the cost of the materials. Any

Let's Beat SMU Ole Army  
BEFORE AND AFTER THE GAME  
Come To  
George's Confectionery  
In New "Y"  
EATS — DRINKS — SMOKES

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Selected Shorts  
SATURDAY  
"Kiss The Boys Goodbye"