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Move Over Aggie! It's Their Street Too

The pedestrian Aggie receives much sympathy because a lack of suitable sidewalk space often forces him into the street, but once in the street the average cadet promptly proceeds along as if the street was the private property of the corps.

Unfortunately this is not the case, the primary purpose of the streets is to carry automobile traffic, traffic which is essential to the college. And in the street the Aggie becomes inconsistent—long recognized for his courtesy and hospitality, a cadet forgets all this while in the street. Often cars will be blocked in their progress by cadets who deliberately refuse to get out of their way.

Granting that at times it is necessary for the corps to get in the street, this still doesn't give them license to block traffic. This isn't the Aggie way of doing things. Those same rules of courtesy which we apply to visitors on the campus can certainly apply in regard to the automobile situation. It doesn't take but a second to move and let a car pass by, and by doing so the Aggie makes another friend, the driver of the car.

The corps is getting a black eye in its conduct toward automobile drivers. Many people visiting the campus for the first time get an unfortunate impression of the college and of the corps because of the failure to observe a few rules of courtesy. Stop and realize that your actions here on the campus could be a hindrance to Aggies trying to hitch-hike rides in other places. Yes, many people have expressed justified disgust at the corps conduct at times.

It doesn't mean a surrender of the corps right to get in the street (practically necessary under the existing lack of adequate sidewalks); it only means a few common sense rules of good conduct. Try to walk on the edges of the street and leave room for the cars. If a car wants to pass, give it room right away. They have a right to the street too.

Of course the fundamental solution lies in the providing of more sidewalks, but make the best of the present situation and don't sacrifice the Aggie tradition of courtesy while in the street.

History Squabble

Vying with the war participation issue on not a few college campuses these days is a new dispute centering around the teaching of American and world history. Professor Ralph A. Burns of Dartmouth college touched off the fireworks with the charge that American history books are "so provincialized by a dominant school of Harvard historians" that millions of Americans are virtually ignorant of Russia, Canada and South America.

These Harvard authors, Dr. Burns told the New Jersey Education association, live in Cambridge in the winter and Cape Cod in the summer and "look wistfully to the 'tight little island' (England) whence all culture came."

As a result, the Dartmouth education professor declared, school textbooks make scant mention of other lands and "our youth know nothing even of Canada and Mexico, let alone any land south or north of these boundaries."

At about the same time Dr. Suhindra H. Bose, Oriental political Science lecturer at the University of Iowa, came forward with the opinion that poor methods of teaching history are partly responsible for the present world situation.

"Too much nationalism is injected into history courses, resulting in regular racial misunderstandings among people of the world," he said. "The study of no one country should precede the study of the world as a whole."

One authority on history at Harvard university, Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger,

responded to the Dartmouth educators charges with an expression of Mild Skepticism.

"It is highly flattering to Harvard to think that it can dominate the history education of a country 3,000 miles long and containing 130,000,000 people," he commented.

However, he said, no history textbooks of high school level have been written by Harvard professors.

Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

Is This Sarcasm? "Probably never before," writes the Editor of Threshold, the new intercollegiate magazine, "has there been greater mental ferment in the colleges . . . On all sides students are thinking, talking, agitating. There is a beguiling bounce and joyous release in argument that ranges the whole gamut of public affairs. Political and sociological groups mushroom throughout the land. Wide areas of the student community agree on a few first principles of common necessity; beyond that there is infinite variety—a prophet and an ideology and a post-war plan suitable to everyone's taste."

Now, I may be doing the Aggies an injustice, but so far as I know them, this description of collegiate "mental ferment", if applied to our campus, constitutes a rather severe piece of irony. Of course, as I say, I may just not know the Aggies. Perhaps Goodwin rings nightly with the clash of rival ideologies, and Hart resounds with the learned debates of Marxists and anti-Marxists, and the New Area may harbor social theorists by the score.

Seriously, though, aren't we as a college, a little below par in our interest in public affairs? Of course, I realize that this is a technical school, peopled with students whose chief interest lies naturally and justifiably in things rather than ideas. But even so, you engineers and county agents and veterinary doctors and such are going to have a great deal of social and political influence in your communities. Your "opinions and attitudes" about non-technical matters are going to have weight. You are going to be leaders. Will you be blind leaders of the blind?

After all, we live in thrilling times. We are, whether we like it or not, actors in a terrific drama with a world for the stage. Without even being asked, we have been enrolled in a crew of workmen who will fashion the future of man.

And we spend hours and hours in thinking and talking about football!

The World Turns On

By A. F. Chalk

The economies of the Latin American countries are undergoing a very serious strain as a result of the current war. This country has been attempting to relieve the strain wherever possible, but the condition is such that only a return to more normal trade relations will greatly improve the situation. Extensive subsidies and loans by our government would no doubt relieve some of the economic pressure but these procedures might prove to be too great a financial burden if the war should continue for many years.

Before the outbreak of the present war, European countries had purchased a large volume of the agricultural products of Latin American countries. These European countries had also sold large quantities of manufactured goods to our Latin American neighbors. Now that this basic economic relationship has been so seriously disturbed, countries such as Brazil and Argentina are having to go through the rigors of adjusting their economies to the radically changed having to go through the rigors of adjusting

The U. S. is in a position to furnish many of the manufactured goods which were formerly exported to these countries by European nations. The obvious difficulty involved in this procedure is the inability of the Latin American countries to buy such products when their export markets for agricultural products have been so greatly diminished. It is a truism that nations cannot continue to purchase goods abroad for long periods of time unless they are in turn able to market a reasonable amount of their own goods in the channels of trade (assuming no international loans are made to enable the country to buy foreign goods).

The essential problem is, therefore, to devise as best we can some system whereby these countries can secure dollar exchange which would enable them to buy our manufactured goods. One way in which we might help such countries would be for us to lower wherever politically feasible the tariffs on certain types of agricultural products. The agricultural interests cannot be expected to permit a sudden influx of such products from Latin America, but we might increase imports of restricted types of commodities which would not vitally inconvenience our domestic producers.

Another measure, as indicated above, might be adopted whereby we would extend credits to these countries for the purchase of some basic consumer goods which we produce. To rely exclusively upon such a measure would be dangerous from many points of view, but it might provide a means of temporary relief until more fundamental adjustments could be made. We could derive certain political benefits from such international loans, for we are now very vitally concerned with "hemisphere solidarity".

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope

JANITOR, M.A.
ONLY PUBLIC SCHOOL JANITOR IN THE U.S. TO EARN A GRADUATE DEGREE IS ADAM DENHARDT. NO ORDINARY JANITOR, MR. DENHARDT, 67, WAS A GERMAN TEACHER FOR 33 YEARS. HE WROTE HIS THESIS IN FRENCH AND RECEIVED HIS DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT!

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BUCKSHOT
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS BORN ON THE RIFON COLLEGE CAMPUS.

BACKWASH

By Charlie Babcock

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

Pot-Pouri . . . Officials of the local Cosmopolitan Club urge that any student interested attend the next organization meeting, Sunday, December 7, at 3 p. m. Dean E. J. Kyle will speak and refreshments will be served. American boys are issued a special invitation . . . Wedding bells rang one week ago tonight for Aggie baseballer Bill Kamperman, Mrs. Kamperman of Dallas . . . Looking for jinxes? Take that number, "23." Let's see, there is 23-0, 1923 (last time Texas beat A. & M. on Kyle Field), and 23 points (the number of points scored by Aggie opponents before Thanksgiving) . . . Four Aggies, Jim Sterling, Bill Sibley, Martin Ruby, and Derace Moser have been named to the 1941 UP All-Southwest conference first team. Watch Moser make the first string grade on most of the All-America selections . . . Bill Henderson was being interviewed as part of a radio program staged on the campus after the Turkey Day game. At the termination of the interview, the interviewer, Andy Anderson, Houston Press sports editor, was asked Henderson, "Why didn't you ask me what the greatest thrill of my life has been?" Anderson complied, and Henderson replied, "It hasn't come yet. Will be when we beat Texas!"

No Regrets

We once heard, "When all the scores are in, and the winner has been declared, it matters not whether you've won or lost, but how well you've played the game."

That's where the Aggies deserve applause. It was the clean, hard-fought game that was played on the field, as well as the commendable conduct of the entire corps. The cadet corps has reason to be proud. It displayed a sportsmanlike attitude that was unbeatable. Forty thousand fans left College Station Thursday with the firm impression that the Aggies could take it. That's the mark of a true champion.

As for the football loss, we are reminded of a statement by Col. Ike Ashburn last year in the 7-0 tragedy in Austin. Col. Ike's words were something like this: (See BACKWASH, Page 4)

Random Remarks

By E. M. Rosenthal

In victory or defeat Aggies are men to be proud of.

For three years the people of the State of Texas saw the sons of A. & M. win all of their football contests on Kyle Field. The Aggies were good winners and proud winners, but the people of the state wondered how these same Aggies would act when that day of defeat did appear.

Thanksgiving day the answer was shouted throughout the nation by the silence of the cadet corps.

The last strains of the "Spirit of Aggie land" and "Taps" didn't start a mob violence as some feared it would. No fights between Aggies and Texas university students flared. The Aggies had lost, but they accepted their defeat in the same proud way they had always accepted their victories. Only an occasional tear accented their feelings.

Ex-students who, with many Aggies, doubted the value of the "peace-pact" with Texas and nothing but words of praise for the attitude that was taken after the game. To these exes it meant that the juniors and seniors still had control over the student body and were able by simple instructions to have the underclassmen act correctly. For it was the juniors and seniors who realized the value of keeping down any disturbance, (See REMARKS, Page 4)

COVERING campus distractions

WITH TOM VANNOY

Thrills galore is the keynote of audience appeal of the plot is limited to the romantic side solely. It showing at Guion Hall today and is average entertainment inspire tomorrow. Although this is the of the weakness of the story.

third time that the story has been is the first picture made by its appealing qualities. Spencer Tracy, Ingrid Bergman, and Lana Turner are the stars in this version.

Tracy plays the roles of the kindly scientist and the cruel Mr. Hyde. As Dr. Jekyll he makes love to Lana. Ingrid Bergman falls victim to Spencer as Mr. Hyde. Miss Bergman plays one of her best roles so far in the picture. Although Tracy slips a little from his usual perfect performance, he helps not a little bit in making the story and entertaining one.

Betty Grable is the shining light in "CAMPUS CONFESSIONS" showing at the Campus today. All that can be said about the picture is that she is in it. In most cases, this is sufficient.

A rather far-fetched story of rich boy-get-poor girl is the feature at the Campus tomorrow and Saturday. The title is "UNEXPECTED UNCLE" and features Charles Coburn, Anne Shirley, and James Craig. Coburn is a retired business man who helps weld relations for everyone concerned. The

Dr. O. F. Evans, University of Oklahoma geologist, becomes sort of a "ripple reader" when he wants relaxation; he interprets the significance of ripples left in sedimentary rocks.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT GUION HALL
Thursday, Friday — "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE," starring Spencer Tracy, Ingrid Bergman, and Lana Turner.

AT THE CAMPUS
Thursday — "CAMPUS CONFESSIONS," with Betty Grable.

Friday, Saturday — "UNEXPECTED UNCLE," featuring Anne Shirley, James Craig, and Charles Coburn.

QUEEN

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SEE
"Jarrin' Jawn"
Kimbrough
As The
"LONE STAR RANGER"
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CAMPUS THEATRE
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Charlie Chaplin
The Great
DICTATOR

PREVIEW 11 P. M. SATURDAY NIGHT
Jeanette MacDonald
In
"SMILIN' THROUGH"
With
Brian Aherne — Ian Hunter
SHOWN SUN. & MON.

3 BIG DAYS

GUION HALL

—MOVIE—
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
3:30 & 6:45

SPENCER TRACY
INGRID BERGMAN
LANA TURNER
in VICTOR FLEMING'S Production of
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
with DONALD CRISP • IAN HUNTER • BARTON MACLANE
C. AUBREY SMITH • Directed by Victor Fleming

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