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Christmas - 1941

What a paradox it is to hear the freshmen singing Christmas carols at night and at the same time a radio blares forth with war news.

Christmas 1941—a time when man usually thinks of peace, quiet, and happiness—has changed slightly. As America enters into the holiday spirit, there is a background of grim determination, determination that in the future this country may again enjoy the blessings of a peaceful Christmas.

Yes, this is a different Christmas. Our country is at war. And this struggle is one to maintain our democratic institutions and our freedom of religion. Indeed the future of Christmas and of Christianity itself may well be at stake today.

A challenge has arisen from overseas which threatens our very existence, which threatens to destroy the American way of life, and which threatens to destroy even Christmas. America has but one answer to that challenge; that answer has been given. This nation stands united along with our allies to maintain our freedom at any price.

Soon we celebrate the Christmas again and at the same time resolve ourselves to maintain the right of future generations to enjoy Christmas.

Get Ready for Alabama

Alabama! the Cadet Corps of A. & M. is ready. Once again an Aggie team is ready to take the gridiron against a postseason foe.

Army, be in Dallas on New Year's Day for the Cotton Bowl classic. Now is our time to show the Southwest Conference Champions that we're behind them one hundred per cent. Naturally, it will be impossible for some of the corps to be in Dallas for the game, but they'll be there in spirit.

If at all possible, be in Dallas for the game. Army, get on the march to Dallahs now.

Keep 'em Flying

Keep 'em flying! That's America's theme today. The emphasis of modern warfare is definitely concerned with air power. A. & M. is doing its share in this keep 'em flying theme. This week has been declared as keep 'em flying week by the Cadet Colonel.

The army recruiting service has been making a concerted enlistment drive on the campus during this week to obtain prospective Air Corps flying officers. The Air Corps offers all Aggies who do not hold contracts an opportunity to obtain commissions in the army.

The Army Air Corps needs men. This may be your opportunity to serve if you are not already taking advanced military training. The special recruiting service will be on the campus the entire week. Investigate this now; you can help to keep 'em flying.

Do you love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
—Benjamin Franklin

Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

Sense about Sex
(N. B. in the books, I mean—not in this column!)

One of the less valuable bequests from our Victorian forebears is a hush-hush attitude toward the question of sex. If you don't believe that the Aggies are (at bottom) Victorian in this respect, listen to them titter and giggle like delightedly shocked schoolgirls when sex appears on the screen. One of the less valuable results of this hush-hush attitude is a considerable degree of ignorance among us, on this justly celebrated though perhaps somewhat overrated subject of sex.

Well, the College Library would like to offer its modest collection of books on sex as one means of dispelling this Victorian ignorance. Your reading along this line should of course be supplemented by conversation with local people who have approached the subject from a scientific direction, (notably the biology and genetics professors), and with any adult friend of yours—and I mean adult.

Meanwhile, you can survey our collection of books on the subject by looking at the card filed in the Library catalogue after "S-x." All these books have been highly recommended by either local authorities or reliable reviewers. You can depend on their being at least honest and intelligent discussions, though of course they differ among themselves.

But books labelled "sex" are not the only ones from which much can be learned about the subject. A vast number of good novels and plays deal with sex intelligently and wholesomely, though of course their authors differ in their attitudes even more violently than the scientific writers.

Among recent writers who have produced good fiction and drama about sex questions are Bernard Shaw (Man and Superman, Sandida, Misalliance, not skipping the famous prefaces); H. G. Wells' (The World of William Clissold, especially Volume II); Albert Halper (The Chute); John Galsworthy (The Man of Property); W. Somerset Maugham (Of Human Bondage); Ernest Hemingway (For Whom the Bell Tolls).

In reading a novel which deals frankly with sex, be sure to distinguish between (1) the sex opinions and conduct of the characters whom he is depicting; and (2) the author's own expressed or implied views on the subject. Many novelists are thoughtlessly and unjustly condemned for being licentious and immoral simply because they have the courage to depict licentious and immoral characters as they are. On the other hand, I have read sanctimonious novels which sold themselves by throwing out all sorts of luscious hints and suggestions under the disguise of virtuous preaching against the very tendencies that they are actually stimulating in their readers.

To read satisfactorily about sex (as to read satisfactorily about anything) you have to use sense.

The suffering man ought really to consume his own smoke; there is no good in emitting smoke till you have made it into fire.
—Thomas Carlyle

The World Turns On

By A. F. Chalk

It may not be appropriate for us to concern ourselves about the nature of the post-war world economy before the war is won. Many people argue that we should worry about the nature of the post-war world only after victory is achieved. At the risk of thus appearing to be "out of step" the writer would like to comment briefly on one of these post-war problems with which we will almost inevitably be confronted.

The problem to which we refer is that of the nature of our future foreign trade policy. This country will probably be in a position to tear down many of the world trade barriers which have been erected during recent generations. Whether we will use our influence in that direction should vitally concern those who believe that economic nationalism has been partly responsible for recent wars. The increased standard of living which should result from the destruction of trade barriers would remove one of the most important sources of discontent between nations.

Political democracy without effective economic democracy will hardly be sufficient to keep the peoples of the world contented. If we do not bear in mind this all-important fact, we will be in grave danger of repeating the errors made after the first World War. It would seem that we could profit by our past experiences in the field of international economic relations. It is, in some respects, one of the greatest paradoxes of modern times that we should continue to use the protective tariff so extensively in the Western World when its pernicious effects have been so widely explained in the educational systems of the major countries.

One of the major arguments for the use of a high tariff policy has been that a nation must protect its industries in order that it may be relatively self-sufficient in time of war. When we win the present conflict, we will surely provide some type of world-wide organization to prevent nations arming themselves to the teeth. If such compulsory disarmament is used, then we should realize that we can afford to lower our tariffs without any fear of the military consequences.

The very act of opening the world markets to every nation would itself tend to prevent the recurrence of the "have not" complex which has been exploited by most of the dictators in recent years. To gradually open our own markets to world competitors will require a type of statesmanship rarely seen in Washington, for the minority groups accustomed to protection will assure the public that economic chaos would immediately result from the lowering of the tariffs.

The so-called interventionists have insisted in recent months that we cannot live alone politically or economically in our modern world. If this thesis be true, then surely it will be realized by these people that we must cooperate with other nations in freeing the world of major trade barriers. This change to a system approximating free trade would entail many sacrifices, but the long-run benefits would more than justify the temporary sacrifices made by some groups.

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



GEORGE WASHINGTON
IN 1796 GEORGE WASHINGTON DONATED TO WHAT IS NOW WASHINGTON AND LEE COLLEGE \$50,000 WORTH OF JAMES PIVER CANAL STOCK, AS AN EXPRESSION OF HIS INTEREST IN THE IDEALS AND ENDEAVOR REPRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

THE GIFT STILL YIELDS AN INCOME, AND EVERY STUDENT AT W.&L. MAY BE SAID TO RECEIVE FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON A SUM TOWARD HIS EDUCATION.

CADETS AT THE CITADEL SHINE THEIR SHOES FOUR TIMES A DAY!

BROWN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENTS HAVE BEEN HELD AT HISTORIC OLD FIRST BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE SINCE 1775!

BACKWASH

By Charlie Babcock

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

Pickups Before Christmas... Tiny Marshville, Wis., dreamed of fame and fortune with a Christmas letter business rivaling that of Santa Claus, Ind., asked the Post Office Department permission to change its name to North Pole. Post Martem: Marshville's post office was closed several days later because of lack of business... For those interested, Cadet Keyes Carson has placed his book, "Hitch-Hiking Information," for sale on a local market at the AggieLand Pharmacy. The pamphlet sells for 15 cents and contains pertinent information for thumbing collegians... Rumor: It's as simple as "ABCD," and then the "Jig" is up. Explanation: Meaning America, Britain, China, and Dutch over Japan, Italy, and Germany... Tossed: In Wichita, Kans., Pedestrian John Hancock was bumped by an automobile that pitched him in front of a second car going in the opposite direction. The second tossed him in front of a third. A fourth hit him. He survived... Number Please: In Newark, a butcher closed his shop, went home without feeding his cat. A telephone operator reported to police that the butcher's telephone was being jiggled. Police found the cat on the telephone, notified the butcher, who returned and fed the cat... The Singing Cadets are grateful to Travis Smith, '98, who footed the luncheon bill noon Monday for the 110 member troupe... The A. & M. freshman was embarrassed on his recent visit to Baylor-Belton. Confusing 'he name of his date with that of



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Traditions to Uphold

The Aggies will be playing their Cotton Bowl Classic this year with a couple of traditions on their backs.

No. 1 among the so-called traditions is the one which is actually an existing jinx between Southwest Conference schools and Alabama schools, a jinx that states that never has a team now a member of the Southwest Conference been defeated by an eleven from Alabama.

Traditional item No. 2 is the one concerning the regularity with which A. & M. manages to win its bowl games. Never have the Aggies been defeated or tied in a post- (See BACKWASH, Page 4)

COVERING campus distractions

WITH TOM VANNOY

The Aldrich family comes up with another picture at the Campus today; this time it's "HENRY ALDRICH FOR PRESIDENT." Jimmy Lydon plays the part of Henry, the Centerville school boy. He is running for president of the Centerville student body, not the President of the United States. He gets into the usual number of embarrassing scrapes with his elders and with the members of the opposite sex. It is almost completely farcical humor.

Robert Taylor is "BILLY THE KID" at Guion Hall today and tomorrow. The life of the famed Western outlaw has been produced in technicolor. It is Taylor's first hole in a western picture.

The character of "the Kid" as recorded in the history books, is quite different from that that appears on the screen. From a reckless raider, who takes the law into his own hands, he has been made into an almost benevolent cowboy. In spite of this, Robert plays the role with such an earnestness that you will enjoy it a lot.

Something interesting, different

and dramatic sums up the story of the struggle of immigrants who attempt to enter the United States from Mexico in "HOLD BACK THE DAWN," at the Campus tomorrow and Saturday. Charles Boyer and Olivia DeHavilland and Paulette Goddard play the leading parts in the film. Boyer plays his best part since "Algiers" and Paulette Goddard shows a marked improvement in her acting over her earlier roles.

The story is enjoyable and the whole show is a very good one.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS

Thursday—"HENRY ALDRICH FOR PRESIDENT," featuring Jimmy Lydon and June Preisser.

Friday, Saturday—"HOLD BACK THE DAWN," starring Charles Boyer, Olivia DeHavilland, and Paulette Goddard.

AT GUION HALL

Thursday, Friday—"BILLY THE KID," with Robert Taylor.

Three Hours, Twelve Minutes--Dentist Says

San Francisco, Calif., (ACP)—Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dean of the University of California college of dentistry, estimates the average American should spend three hours and 12 minutes each year with his dentist.

In each 100,000 persons, he said, at least 90,000 have dental disorders.

WE SEND OUR
Christmas GREETINGS
And Wish You A
Very
Happy New Year

Sincerely thanking you for your patronage this past year, we hope to be able to serve you in 1942.

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TODAY ONLY
"HENRY ALDRICH FOR PRESIDENT"
With
Jimmy Lydon
Also
PORKY PIG CARTOON
INFORMATION PLEASE
STRANGER THAN FICTION

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
CHARLES BOYER
OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND
PAULETTE GODDARD
"HOLD BACK THE DAWN"
A Paramount Picture
Directed by MITCHELL LEISEN
Also
2 CARTOONS — LATEST NEWS

HEY, HEADING FOR HOME?

Start right and easy! Send your luggage round-trip by trusty, low-cost RAILWAY EXPRESS, and take your train with peace of mind. We pick-up and deliver, remember, at no extra charge within our regular vehicle limits in all cities and principal towns. You merely phone

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GUION HALL

THURSDAY And FRIDAY
3:30 & 6:45

ROBERT TAYLOR BILLY THE KID

BRIAN DONLEVY • Ian Hunter • Mary Howard • Gene Lockhart • Lon Chaney, Jr.
Screen Play by Gene Fowler • Directed by DAVID MILLER • Produced by IRVING ASHER

CARTOON — NEWS — COMEDY



Have fun - be friendly
Treat yourself and others to fresh-tasting
Wrigley's Spearmint Gum
The Flavor Lasts