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Will You Be a Mess Officer?

Many young officers are assigned the duty of mess officer soon after they enter the service. In most cases these officers know little or anything about these duties, and consequently leave the work entirely up to the mess sergeants. Nevertheless, their lack of knowledge is a handicap.

But this handicap can be remedied as far as future A. & M. officers are concerned. A course in mess management and training has already been considered and planned. If the students act immediately they can have such a course this semester.

A. & M. has the facilities and the professors to teach this course in a most effective way. Some of the men on our campus are among the nation's leaders in the fields of nutrition, kitchen management, and mess hall problems, both military and civilian.

Last semester a course for athletic officers was instituted, and it has proved highly successful. Students with commissions realized the need for it. Now, other students realize the need for the proposed mess management course.

Since Saturday is the deadline for adding courses those students who desire such a subject, which in all probability would be a one hour class at five o'clock in the afternoon, should write The Battalion immediately so that arrangements can be made.

College Radicalism

Students do not "turn radical" in the average American college or university, observes Morton Mintz in the Michigan Daily. Results of an exhaustive four-year survey, combined with similar research of other psychologists conducted over a 15-year period in approximately 50 colleges, have convinced Professor Theodore M. Newcomb of Michigan's sociology department that there is "only a slight increase in liberalism" between entrance and graduation among the great majority of students.

chological reaction against liberal but domineering, dogmatic parents.

Pointing to such schools near Bennington as Williams college and Skidmore, where comparable students enter conservative and leave only slightly liberal, Professor Newcomb said that at such typically American schools the most prominent campus leaders were more likely to be the most conservative students, while at Bennington the most popular were the most radical.

He said that at Bennington liberalism was a vital issue while at most other schools -ACP it was not considered important.

Man, Your Manners ____ By I. Sherwood _____

Nowhere is greater dignity of manner required of us, than in the church or a religious ceremony. Since the purpose of the church service is worship, the only fitting attitude is one of reverence. Conversation, preceding or during the service, is out of order.

Where to sit in church is usually solved for you by an usher, who knows whether or not certain seats are reserved for members of the church. In most churches now, you may sit where you please, and it is perfectly proper for you to ask the usher to seat you in the section that you prefer.

Most of us feel more "at home" in the church that we are accustomed to worship in, but we need not feel out of place and ill at ease in churches in which the ritual is different from our own. The air of formality in some churches makes us particularly conscious of our behavior. A visitor can give no offense in a ritualistic church if he remains seated throughout the service. If, however, he wishes to follow the service, he is at liberty to do so. The general rules for procedure are that the congregation stands for praise, sits for instruction, and kneels for prayer.

of the bread and wine. Other churches have with Rio Grande Valley club, the Oregon slaughter. 'closed communion", which means that only sponsors . . . Advent of second those of that faith may partake. Usually the semester at Texas university finds defeat, Hart had the following to clergyman makes it clear whether visitors may or may not partake.

If a young man accompanies a girl to her church, the girl should make her own contribution to the collection plate. He, too, will probably contribute something.

The world has never had a good definition of the word liberty, and the American people, just now, are much in want -Abraham Lincoln, 1864 of one.

Something to Read By Dr. T. F. Mayo

Leisure Reading for Engineers

(Recommended and annotated from their ed its doors to a total enrollment own reading, by two Aggie engineering of seven students, with men outseniors.)

Men and Machines by Stuart Chase

In answer to the charge that machines cure free admission for Aggies to -created by men, engineers-are enslaving the Southwestern Exposition and men, Mr. Chase conducts a rational investi- Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth in gation. As many of you know, Stuart Chase March. Only form of tariff will be is a master in the art of presenting a logical the customary government tax ... Self Isolation Isn't argument simply and clearly—and painless- "Lefty" Bumpers, ace pitcher of Self Isolation Isn't by. Engineers should be interested in reading the 1941 Aggie baseball team, Best Professional Plan this book and discovering that perhaps the signed with the naval air corps

ing.

THE BATTALION -

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope

COL. GEO. C. HURT. DIRECTOR OF THE U. OF TEXAS BAND, ONCE TRAVELED OVER 27,000 MILES TO PLAY A SINGLE NOTE! HE WENT TO CALCUTTA, INDIA, TO PLAY ONE NOTE, B FLAT, ON A FRENCH HORN IN ONE OF



BACKWASH Charlie Babcock

COLLEGE IN AMERICA TODAY!

Some churches have "open communion," To the Point . . . Campus theater the former Austin scribbler carwhich means that all Christians may partake continues its benefit shows today ried his account down through the

Pausing momentarily for discusthe Austin males say about the Aggie game on worried about the Thanksgiving Day:

draft and military "These two games cost Texservice. Evidence as the conference championof a new interest ship and the mythical national along military championship—granting, of lines is indicated course, that the team could by the plebe class have defeated A. & M. on Kyle of about 50 reg-Field WITHOUT the spur of istering for the scathing public and self-critispring term cism that followed the T. C. U. course of the 'T. defeat.

U. Naval R.O.T.C. . . George "Monoplane" Blackburn has left Sbisa for the new area mess hall, becoming No. 1 man under Bill Butler . . . Arkansas university, 70 years old last month, first open-

Babcock

numbering the women, 6 to 1 . . . The Battalion is attempting to se-

man's opinion."

"Let us venture the purely

personal conjecture that Texas

would NOT have won the

Thanksgiving game if it had

not been for what happened

just previously. We firmly believe that it took those

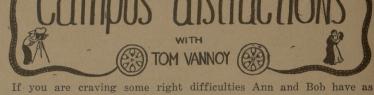
catastrophic occurrences to get

the Longhorns ready for that

supreme effort on Kyle Field,

That, we repeat, is merely one

advent of the engineers' baby, the modern in Dallas Tuesday. Bumpers was State College Pa. (ACP)-Recomplex machine, was not an unmixed bless- to report to the Detroit Tigers for gardless of your outlook on the spring training in Florida in a few subject of international affairs,



fine diversion from the worries of a song-writing team after becomthe world, take time out to see ing a hit on Broadway. Success "SWING IT, SOLDIER" at the usually breeds laziness and this is Campus today. The Rio Grande no exception. Mixed in very suc-Valley A. & M. club is sponsoring cessfully all the way through are the show, and tickets may be ob- some lavish dancing scenes featurtained from any member of the ing the talented Miss Powell. club. Some of the names that you Hawaiian moonlight, girls, pine-

have been hearing over the radio apples, and music, that's "MOONfor quite some time are the star- LIGHT IN HAWAII." Johnny Downs and Jane Frazee are fea-

Ken Murray plays the role of a tured actors in the story that will draftee who has just returned to be at the Campus tomorrow and civilian life after an enlistment in Saturday. It is entertainment, but the army. As twin sisters, one of that is almost all that there is to them married to Lewis Howard, be said. The Merry Macs cannot and the other eligible for a hus- be overlooked, however, because band, there is Frances Langford. they add to the film considerably. And she sings some really good numbers to the accompaniment of And the great Russian, Mischa Skinnay Ennis' orchestra. Don Auer, gets in a romantic lick or Wilson of the Jack Benny show two to top things off just right. and Brenda and Cobina are added

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ALL DAY TODAY

BENEFIT SHOW

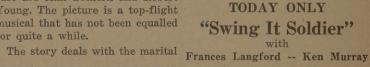
Rio Grande Valley A. & M. Club

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

to make the show still more enjoyable. It is all very well produced and directed. You will enjoy seeing "Swing It, Soldier" a lot.

Eleanor Powell returns to the screen in "LADY BE GOOD" at Guion Hall today and tomorrow. Also included in the star-studded cast are Ann Sothern and Robert Young. The picture is a top-flight musical that has not been equalled for quite a while.

ring actors in the show.



WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS Thursday - "SWING IT, SOLDIER," starring Ken Murray, Frances Langford and Don Wilson. Benefit Rio Grande Valley A. & M. club. Friday, Saturday -- "MOON-LIGHT IN HAWAII", with Johnny Downs and Jane Frazee.

AT GUION HALL Thursday, Friday-"LADY BE GOOD," featuring Eleanor Powell, Ann Sothern and Robert Young.

A UNIVERSAL PICTURE with Johnny Downs -- Jane Frazee SHORT -- COMMUNITY SING

NEWS



VICTOR RECORDS 50e BLUEBIRD RECORDS 35e

COVERING

(Professor Newcomb said liberalism is defined in the survey as favoring the kinds of changes introduced by the New Deal). Professor Newcomb's conclusions, which

will be published in book form this spring under the title "Personality and Attitude Development," stated that "in college students, family background is a less important factor in attitude change than the conservatism or liberalism prevailing in the college atmosphere."

His survey was conducted chiefly at Bennington college in Vermont, where he taught social psychology from 1934-41. The survey was made from 1935-39. At this college of 250 girls he found that the great majority of students-who were nearly all from wealthy homes—lost their entrenched conservatism and became much more liberal than any other college group. Some millionaire's daughters became confirmed radicals. Citing this as proof of his theory that family background is of secondary importance, he said the liberal environment of Bennington college proved more potent than parental advice and beliefs.

Professor Newcomb stressed, however, certain factors which differentiated Bennington from other schools. He pointed out that the school was new and based on a radically different system of individualized education. The president of the college was himself a liberal and a social scientist. In addition the faculty, in contrast to those of the University of Chicago and St. Johns college, which emphasize the classics was almost obsessed with the importance of acquainting students with the contemporary world

Dr. Newcomb declared that it is because of the conservative attitude prevalent in most American colleges that students are on the whole conservative.

He maintained that those who changed least, or not at all, in an atmosphere such as that a Bennington, were those absorbed in their own personal concerns, and bitter or antagonistic toward community activities. Asked how many students who are liberal when they enter college adopt conservatism during school, he said there are very few, as an idealist; a world-builder, and as someand in these cases there is usually a psy- times misunderstood.

The Engineer and the Price System by weeks Field Artillery so iors don't be an isolationist in your are warned to get in the habit profession. Thorstein Veblen

. . .

Here's a book that no one who seriously in- early of removing the keys from That's the advice of Dr. Emmett tends to pursue engineering as a profession an automobile when they remove A. Betts, director of the reading can afford to miss. Written in 1921 by the themselves. Word comes from clinic at Pennsylvania State coldaddy of all the technocrats, this little book former Aggies at Fort Sill, Okla- lege.

contains material which has later been adopt- homa, training center for reserve "Human knowledge cannot be ed by the contemporary popular economists. field artillery officers, that penalty isolated and classified in clean-To a good many of you, the ideas presented for leaving keys in automobiles is cut categories," Dr. Betts says. here will seem radical in the extreme; how- confiscation of said vehicle for 48 "Neither can a given profession ever, engineers, a group which prides itself hours.

on its ability to think logically will be hard put to it to find fault in his argument. Veb-len sets out to show that the business man, Remember?

long considered the patron of the engineer, Weldon Hart, Texas U. gradutae cies for the promotion of human

esting ideas, which, as an engineer, you magazine.

should be familiar with.

social implimations of various engines and gadgets. The author raises the question of inventing a new society, just as an inventor would invent a new machine, if notions about the machine and society stand in the way of progress.

March of the Iron Men by Roger Burlingame

This book is an excellent summary of the work of American inventors between 1765 and 1865. The author gives, as the main invention-promoting forces in America, the necessity for conquering distances and the necessity of meeting labor shortages. Burlingame also brings out how inventions had inevitably determined the outcome of the Civil War before a shot was fired. Why?

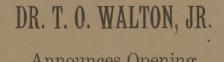
Charles Proteus Steinmetz, a biography by John Winthrop Hammond.

This biography presents an inspiring story of a man whose name most people know, but about whom they know little. It is definitely adventurous to discover that the electrical genius was a German student socialist who was hounded by the police of the Iran Chancellor of Germany, Bismarck, until he came as an idealist; a world-builder, and as someserve best by following a policy of isolation. The debt of a profession to society can be paid only

by co-operating with all the agen-

is now in fact his jailor and that engineers, of '33, former sports editor of the welfare and happiness." as a group, have more of an identity of in- Austin Statesman and now staff The educator believes one of terest with the laboring group than with the man for the Fort Worth Star- the prime difficulties in the way business man. This is to many a novel view Telegram, authored an entertain- of such co-operation is failure to -whether you can agree with Veblen or not, ing article in the December issue understand the terms used in other you will certainly come across some inter- of The Alcalde, unversity alumni professions. An interchange of mutual problems in professional Text of Hart's story concerned study groups, he declares, would

Engines of Democracy by Roger Bur- the success and failure of the 1941 overcome that obstacle and enable Longhorn footballers. Beginning members of different professions A recent well organized book presenting the with the Texas-Colorado battle, to "talk the same language."



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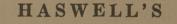
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"BLUES IN THE NIGHT" by Dinah Shore "SERENADE FOR STRINGS" by Freddy Martin "FOOLED" by GLENN MILLER "'TIS AUTUMN" by King Sisters "I GOT IT BAD" by Duke Ellington "SOMEBODY ELSE IS TAKING MY PLACE" by Sammy Kaye





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