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The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

It seems that a federal sales tax is on the way. Many members of congress have favored such a tax for several years, but the administration has been opposed to it. Now, however, the administration is coming to look upon a sales tax with some favor. There are several reasons for this change of heart. One is that the income tax, even with the increases proposed for next year, will not produce all of the revenue that is needed. Another is that even with lowered exemptions a large portion of the nation income would still escape taxation.

Figures published this week state that during 1942 farmers and laborers will receive an income of almost \$80,000,000,000. The income tax will claim about \$4,000,000,000 of this amount. During this year industrialists and others will have an income of about \$60,000,000,000, but will pay about \$20,000,000,000 of it back to the government in the form of taxes. Obviously, if the new tax program is going to curb inflation it will have to take a larger share of all incomes, and quite definitely a larger portion of that \$80,000,000,000.

The race for the office of United States Senator from Texas is beginning to look like the real thing. Mr. O'Daniel is seeking reelection, although the details of his platform have not yet been announced. He is to be opposed by James V. Allred who was governor from 1935 until 1939 and attorney general prior to that, and who has been a United States district judge for the last two years. Another opponent will be Dan Moody who was governor from 1927-1931, and who was attorney general prior to that. Both Allred and Moody are experienced and capable campaigners, and both have good political records.

Moody has never lost a major political campaign, and Allred has not lost one since his first attempt to become attorney general. Moody gained most of his experience campaigning against James E. Ferguson, and Mr. Ferguson was no mean campaigner. Many people consider Moody the most progressive, and in some respects one of the most capable, governors Texas has had since the days of Jim Hogg.

Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

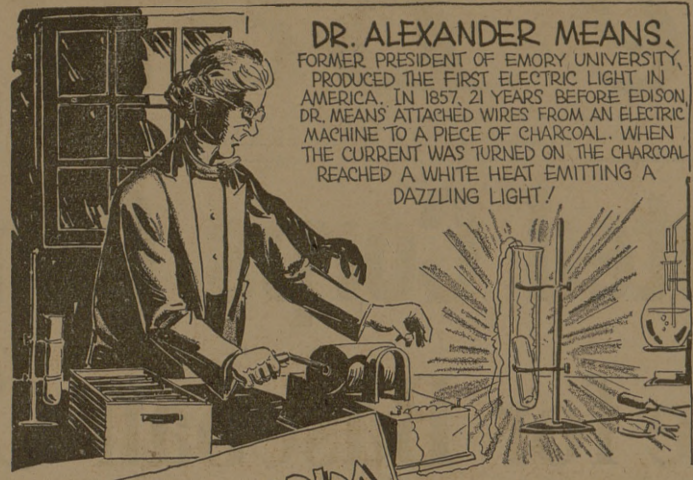
Are You "Getting Educated"? According to The Educational Policies Commission, an education should fit you for Self-Realization, Human Relationship, Economic Efficiency, and Civic Responsibility.

A few Aggies may like to ask themselves if their education is moving them satisfactorily toward the following, which are only a few of those objectives listed by the Commission in their report "The Purposes of Education in American Democracy."

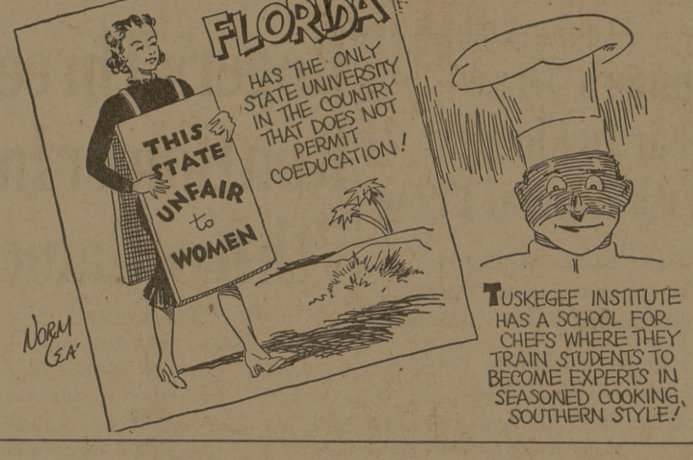
- The Objectives of Self-Realization**
The Inquiring Mind: The educated person has an appetite for learning.
- Speech:** He can speak clearly.
- Reading:** He reads efficiently.
- Writing:** He writes effectively.
- Health Habits:** He protects his own health and that of his dependents.
- Recreation:** He is participant and spectator in many sports and other pastimes.
- Intellectual Interests:** He has mental resources for the use of leisure.
- Esthetic Interests:** He appreciates beauty.
- Character:** He gives responsible direction to his own life.
- The Objectives of Human Relationship**
Respect for Humanity: The educated person puts human relationships first.
- Friendships:** He enjoys a rich, sincere, and varied social life.
- Cooperation:** He can work and play with others.
- Courtesy:** He observes the amenities of social behavior.
- Homemaking:** He is skilled in homemaking.
- Democracy in the Home:** He maintains democratic family relationships.
- The Objectives of Economic Efficiency**
Work: The educated producer knows the satisfaction of good workmanship.
- Occupational Choice:** He has selected his occupation.
- Occupational Efficiency:** He succeeds in his chosen vocation.
- Occupational Appreciation:** He appreciates the social value of his work.
- Consumer Judgment:** He develops standards for guiding his expenditures.

Japanese hardly need explanation. While the British were assiduous language students they never went to the trouble of compiling adequate grammars, dictionaries, etc., and those that were compiled are now completely out of date. In ordinary times there is little impetus for the production of these materials, but now that there is a concrete need for capable scholars in these languages, they will be produced within a fairly reasonable time. American linguistic experts have had invaluable experience in the scientific study of the languages of the American Indian, which can be put to work in the present situation. In the analysis and codification of such Indian languages as Tonkawa, Quileute, Yuchi, Zuni and Coeur d'Alene these linguists gained experience and perfected a technique and a method unequalled anywhere in the world. Mortimer Graves of the American council states that in seven or eight months results will begin to be apparent.—Henry H. Douglas, associate fellow for the Pacific area, Library of Congress.—A.C.P.

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



DR. ALEXANDER MEANS, FORMER PRESIDENT OF EMORY UNIVERSITY, PRODUCED THE FIRST ELECTRIC LIGHT IN AMERICA. IN 1871, 21 YEARS BEFORE EDISON, DR. MEANS ATTACHED WIRES FROM AN ELECTRIC MACHINE TO A PIECE OF CHARCOAL. WHEN THE CURRENT WAS TURNED ON THE CHARCOAL REACHED A WHITE HEAT EMITTING A DAZZLING LIGHT!



BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

Men 'O War

A U. S. Army "Big Gun" shot orchids right in our face recently in a letter to Dean Kyle from Colonel Levi G. Brown of New Orleans.



Part of the letter reads: "No doubt those Texas A. & M. alumni will render the same efficient service in their capacities in foreign lands that the many former alumni did in the last war, and are doing in this one. It seems to me that because of the immense effort the College has put forth in the past, and is putting forth now, it should assume the name of 'The War School' or 'The Great War School!'"

"Me Brudder"

Dean Gilchrist was on the receiving end of a letter from Lee Reiff, of Newton, Kansas—little brother of Glenn Reiff, C CAC. This is what's called "family co-operation": "This letter concerns my interest in the Vox Pop broadcast on May 11. I am twelve years old... my brother is a freshman in your department... Newton should be represented as we are near the geographical center of our great nation... Oh Boy! I'd be happy to hear my brother's voice and I'll be listening... I hope I can go to Texas A. & M. too as I want to do like my big brother..."

Sweepings

Foreword: Every man likes to see a broad smile—especially if she smiles at him... Quotes Department: Milton Kegley, C Coast, got off the best war quip with, "The sale of shoes will soon be frozen—everything for victory and nothing for de-feet"... Aggie-Ex Earl Cunningham stationed at Palacios: "The mosquitos are so large that we are considering using them as anti-aircraft practice targets"... John G. Cole, interviewer of the Vox Pop applicants, flew to Houston from New York, and when he missed his bus

in Houston he took a taxi to College Station—everybody's got expenses, ain't they?... Kyle Drake and Wayne Cure were having a helluva time with a bacteriology make-up quiz—they were just about to pass it (between them). They decided to consult the book (underhanded like) which was well and good, but a stolen glance revealed they had brought the wrong book. Moral: You can't pass a bacteriology quiz with a business law book... Bobby Williams, D Field, CLAIMS a Santonite, Charlene Bledsoe, is his bride—brand new, (but we still say "claims")... Leslie Ratliff, 2 CHQ, and June Lynch, former TSCWite now teaching school, listened to a preacher lately... Henry Ford (not one of the Dearborn Fords), D Infantry, and Gerald Hooten, Ordinance, placed a bet as soon as the order came out taking seniors with commissions to war May 17. The first one to leave collects a large dollar bill... M. H. Jacobs in the Houston Post: "For months before Corregidor fell to hunger, disease and the Japanese, Texans regarded the battle for that tough hunk of rock as their own private and personal war. Steely-eyed Maj. Gen. George F. Moore, the Texas artillery wizard who commanded its big guns and directed their deadly fire, and several dozen hand-picked Texas A. & M. boys who fought at his side are responsible for that feeling."

"Rhythms by Raeburn" Corps Dance, Saturday nite, \$1.10. William Anderson, chairman of the political science department at the University of Minnesota is current president of the American Political Science association.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS
Midnight preview, tonight, Sunday and Monday—"Sundown" with Gene Tierney, Bruce Cabot and George Sanders.
AT GUION HALL
Today only—"The Philadelphia Story," with Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant and James Stewart.

COVERING campus distractions

By Jack Keith

Boyd Raeburn and his orchestra and their "Rhythms by Raeburn" will predominate the week-end's entertainment program on the campus. Tonight in Sbis Hall, they will appear for the fourth time at A. & M. in two years, and, according to those who attended the dance last night, Boyd is better than ever. This is the last corps dance of the season except for the final ball May 15, so borrow that buck and ten cents and dance with Raeburn.

Midnight preview tonight after the corps dance will star Gene Tierney in "SUNDOWN," with Bruce Cabot, George Sanders and Harry Carey. Gene Tierney as the supposedly half-caste girl in the wilds of Africa is very beautiful and Bruce Cabot as the commissioner of a British outpost shares equal honors with Miss Tierney with his characterization of the part.

"Sundown" appeared as a serial in the Saturday Evening Post written by Barree Lyndon. It is full of action, romance, spying, and adventure. In fact, at times the picture almost loses itself in such an avalanche of action, but the excellent plot and acting make it a remarkable picture. "Sundown" with its jungle scenes, natives and gun-fights is a movie which should have been filmed in color for the black and white fail to do it justice.

Katherine Hepburn returns in another picture today only at Guion Hall, "THE PHILADELPHIA STORY." Supporting her in the film are Cary Grant and James Stewart.

"The Philadelphia Story" is a story of a girl in the so-called "upper brackets" of Philadelphia society who is ultra sophisticated. On the eve of her wedding to a multi-millionaire she gets drunk with a newspaper reporter (Jimmy Stewart) and returns at dawn the next day. Her would-be husband suspects the worst of the pair, and

refuses to marry her. Cary Grant comes into the picture as Katie's ex-husband whom she divorced because of his perpetual drunkenness. Having acquired an understanding heart after her spree with the reporter, she remarries the reformed Grant.

"The Philadelphia Story" is a splendid satire of snobbish society. As a newspaper reporter, Jimmy Stewart furnishes the direct opposition to such society and, it is through his influence that Hepburn sees herself in the true light. This change in her attitude is due to cause the movie's audience to love her in the end as much as they hate her at the beginning of the story.

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War Press

Every reputable newspaperman will heartily agree with Secretary Knox: "The war is not being conducted for the purpose of making news. Where the unwise employment of news will interfere with the successful conduct of a campaign the news will suffer." We have come a long way since the time of our own War Between the States, when Confederate commanders more than once obtained useful information about the Union forces by the simple expedient of reading smuggled Northern newspapers.

"Nowadays we would rather not know secrets that might be useful to the enemy. Secrecy in warfare is as important as guns. It may save lives and help win victories. All that the public has a right to ask is that news that cannot possibly aid the enemy be not arbitrarily suppressed."

Nothing does more to sustain morale at home and in the services than knowledge as to what is being done and who is doing it. But where there is a choice that might affect the safety of our crews there can be no doubt that it is better to publish too little than too much.

A free and informed press is essential to a successful program for national defense. The press is one of great agencies through which the American people obtain the full facts of the domestic and international situations as these develop from day to day. Such knowledge of the facts is indispensable to the existence in this country of an enlightened public opinion which in a democracy like ours, is the greatest safeguard in the formulation and execution of domestic and foreign policies.

There is no graver responsibility developing on our press at this time than to keep the people currently and accurately informed of the conditions of mortal danger to everything which we, as individuals and as a nation, hold dear. Only as our people become aware of the facts can there develop in the nation that unity of thought and of purpose without which we cannot hope to create the necessary means of self-defense against the manifest and deadly perils confronting us.—ACP.

Words and the War

America's participation in the world struggle has brought out the fact that we do not know the languages of the peoples in the areas in which we are having to fight. To remedy this situation in the shortest possible time a comprehensive program has been worked out by the Committee on the National School of Modern Oriental Languages and Civilizations under the sponsorship of the American Council of Learned Societies. The committee is now engaged in the difficult process of "tooling up" for the production of competent scholars in such languages as Malay, Siamese, Persian, Northwest African Arabic, Hungarian, Russian, Chinese and Japanese. Already work is under way and more will be started at Yale (Malay), Columbia (Persian), University of Pennsylvania (Northwest African Arabic), Michigan (Siamese), Harvard (Hungarian and Russian), and George Washington (Chinese and Japanese) as the tools are produced.

Americans have never been language conscious and because of this we are now faced with the present situation.

There is a special reason for each of the languages mentioned. The number of Americans now speaking Malay is practically zero. The same may be said of Thailand. It may well be that the entire area of Persia, Afghanistan and northern India will become engulfed in the conflict. Northwest Africa, with its nearness to Europe and its growing strategic importance to both sides of the conflict, provides the motive for the study of the Arabic languages of this region. The location of Hungary in the center of embattled Europe gives to the study of Hungarian a unique strategic importance. The reasons for studying Russian, Chinese and

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