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Sky Trains on Schedule - - -

A new and significant item has been added to the history of overseas transportation. A first sky-train has made the crossing from Montreal to London, carrying a cargo of such essentials as vaccines for Russia, radio equipment and motor parts. The British Air Ministry has disclosed that a Waco plywood glider, piloted by a twin engine Douglas Dakota, delivered the goods on schedule despite the stormy weather and ice encountered.

Human eye does not need to look any farther than the near future to envision the regular operation of sky-trains between all nations, in the form either of great cargo planes or linked chains of piloted gliders. There will be enough irregular operation during the war, if it is long continued, to prove the dependability and value of the service, and such proof will forecast world-covering extension in the postwar years.

With the hazards of assault by enemies eliminated, these sky-trains will run on fixed schedules with maximum safety. It isn't likely that these carriers of the air will drive the merchant ships from the seas in the lifetime of this generation. They can transport cargoes where speedy delivery is urgent, and thus facilitate the world's business.—Dallas News.

New England farmerette has discovered that a cow has personality. What's more, she has temperament.

raised to \$14.50. After a little backward slipping, it was raised to another peak, \$17.50, in 1930. During the last several years it has been \$22.50. The current apportionment of \$25 per capita, which will require \$38,700,000 on a basis of the anticipated 1,548,000 scholastic population next year, does not include the "rural aid" or equalization appropriations of \$10,000,000 for the next fiscal year. This is also a peak figure. Combined they represent approximately \$32 per capita of scholastic population, or approximately \$40 per capita for average school attendance.

This is not too much for the state to spend on education of its youth. But it is enough to call for careful attention to the efficiency and equity with which it is spent. In his special articles on education problems, Alonzo Wasson, while dealing sympathetically with school problems and the need of full support, has emphasized the further need of adopting educational attainment of the graduates of Texas schools at a test of the system rather than the present accepted test of amount of financial support.

In addition, there should be better local support of the public schools. Texas today is among the leading states in the matter of state support of schools and among the trailing states in what is designated "general educational rank." This leads to one of two conclusions: Either the state is not getting value for its money or else local sources of revenue are far below average of the United States as a whole. The latter is true, at least, and there may be some mixture of the other possibility.

It is true that many school districts of Texas are poor. Yet, the average wealth in Texas is approximately the average for the nation. All factors considered, the state itself is spending enough money to maintain its part of a school system that should rank at least with the average of the nation.—Dallas News.

Those who are hungry for beef get no comfort from knowing that dog days are just ahead.

STARS IN SERVICE



LIEUT. COMDR. JIM CROWLEY, FORMER FORDHAM FOOTBALL COACH!

CROWLEY'S NOW ON DUTY WITH NAVAL FORCES ON AN ISLAND IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

BUY WAR BONDS!

U. S. Treasury Department

BRANDINGS . . . by DANIEL

Upstreaming — This is something that has been going on for sometime without cause. There is nothing anyone can do, but callily request that upstreamers refrain from acting like a bunch of "babies" on their first trip away from home. There are only a few who do this, but why does this small group insist upon infringing upon the rights of others? Aggie land has been known for its courtesy in accepting rides and courtesy to the driver of the car all during the trip. From the very first, Aggies lines have been established to permit the first person on the highway to get the first ride that comes along. This has been a very satisfactory way of handling the problem, and there is no reason why it can't continue. As far as I know, Aggies treat all service men who are stationed here with a courtesy that is befitting all visitors, and I think that the visitors should treat the Aggies with the same kind of courtesy. No one can deny that the average Aggie goes around the campus without speaking to anyone he sees regardless of who he is. The ones who are doing just as dirty as they can are a few (but still too many) Marines and Sailors. The Air Corps and the Engineers are tops in my opinion. They know what the score is, and no compliment can be too great because of the way they have accepted and

returned our friendship. What do you Marines and Sailors say? Can't we be on friendly terms and share the same corner so that the first man on the highway gets the first ride. Let's get on the ball, men.

Frogs — The largest military school in the world, and you frogs in the band have to give it the reputation of a junior high school with the band music that you put forth. It is nothing short of rotten to hear you play retreat such as you do. The Air Corps band is doing fairly well, but there is nothing complimentary that can be said about you and your music. We know that some of the members of the frog band might be good, but why don't you play like you know something about music. Every evening at retreat, the Air Corps will start in on "The Star Spangled Banner" while you blare out on what is supposed to be a march, but you surely couldn't tell it. Why don't you either quit the whole business or get to playing like a real Aggie band should play? The Aggies used to have a band of nation-wide fame, but it had a few upperclassmen in it. You might have a better band if some of the present sophs were still in it. Alright, frogs, let's see what we can do at the next retreat. What do you say?

Battalion Has Lowered Subscription to \$1

The Student Activities Office has announced a reduced price of a subscription to the Batt effective to date. The announcement stated that the new price for a subscription will now be \$1.00, since one-third of the present semester has already passed. A solicitor will be on the job, starting Saturday, taking subscriptions for the Batt for Aggies that neglected to pay their Activities fee at the beginning of the semester.

Freshmen Engineers To Meet On Monday

All engineering first semester freshmen in the following sections will meet Monday afternoon, July 12 at the time indicated. The sections listed will meet in the M. E. Lecture Room, third floor of the M. E. Building:

Sections 61, 62, 63, 64, 73 and 74 will meet at three o'clock.

Students who have classes at the hour indicated have been assigned another meeting period. Notices as to when the other freshmen sections will meet are to be posted later.

MOVIES

Since the war began the United States has been drawn much closer to New Zealand, and in the post-war world the fighting which has taken place in the Pacific area will result in extensive changes and re-organization there.

USE V-MAIL URGES EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND

DALLAS.—The Eighth service command today renewed a plea that V-mail be used increasingly by those writing to men in the service. It recounted the advantages claimed for this type of correspondence, saying: "If th ordinary mail sent overseas in January and February had been microfilmed, 1568 ship tons of space vitally needed for strategic material, food and personnel would have been saved."

EVERYONE

Caldwell highway. Traffic to Madisonville is usually better on the highway leading to that city. These are the Aggie corners; please help us by using them or either down-streaming the regular corners. Down-streaming is considered perfectly legal, while up-streaming is strictly out.

The Lowdown on . . . Campus Distractions

Today only at Guion Hall is BAD MEN FROM MISSOURI.

This is another shoot-'em-up westerner with the hero fighting to save his sweetheart from the villains. Part of the show is true. This is particularly so of the background of it, since in those days, such things really happened. The show is an old one but it would be well worth sitting through to see the stage distraction to follow.

These two fellows you've been hearing so much about in connection with table tennis (Cartland and Cook) are going to appear on the stage of Guion Hall in a series of exhibition matches as well as affording an opportunity for anyone to beat them and win a \$25 War Bond. They will give eight performances, four today and four tomorrow. Also on their bill is a lecture, with the trimmings and exhibitions, on how to play this game.

The Lowdown: These guys are good.

Tomorrow and Monday at Guion Hall is CAPTAINS OF THE CLOUDS, starring James Cagney, Dennis Morgan, Brenda Marshall, and Alan Hale.

This is a Technicolor production describing the adventures of the famed "bush-fliers" of Canada. Jimmy Cagney and Alan Hale are two of these and Cagney and Dennis Morgan are fighting over the love and hand of lovely Brenda Marshall. Cagney takes her away from Morgan because he knows she is no good for him. Naturally this burns Morgan up and he goes off and joins the Canadian Air Corps. Due to an accident in which his pal is killed, Cagney joins the Ferry service and is given a bomber to take to England. On the way the group is attacked by a German fighter and being unarmed they provide easy prey for it. Cagney, though, to protect the rest of the group, dives his plane into the Nazi and they both go down in flames. The Lowdown: If you like airplane pictures, you'll like this one. At the Campus midnight to-night and tomorrow and Monday

is Columbia's SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT, with Don Ameche, Janet Blair and Jack Oakie. This yarn concerns a Broadway producer, whose comeback is angelled by an ex-chorus girl, millionaire-by-marriage, who fancies herself an actress. When the producer and his press agent discover a gal with real talent, they plot to get their backs out of the way. One of the best spots in the picture is the one of Hazel Scott's piano playing. In this she knocks out some Boogie that is fast enough to satisfy anyone. The Lowdown: Top-notch entertainment.



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SPECIAL STAGE ATTRACTION Saturday and Sunday Only Table Tennis Exhibition

See CARTLAND and COOK, Table Tennis champions in exhibition and challenge matches on the stage . . . A \$25 War Bond offered at each performance to Aggies or servicemen defeating this team.

ON THE SCREEN SATURDAY



DODGE CITY

VIRGINIA CITY

SANTA FE TRAIL

"BAD MEN OF MISSOURI"

A WARNER BROS. HIT

MORGAN WYMAN MORRIS KENNEDY

Directed by RAY ENRIGHT

Stage performances at 2:30, 4:30, 7:45 and 9:30.

ON THE SCREEN SUNDAY



CAGNEY in CAPTAINS OF THE CLOUDS IN TECHNICOLOR

A NEW WARNER BROS. HIT

Dennis Morgan-Brenda Marshall

Directed by MICHAEL CURTIZ

ALAN HALE - GEORGE TOBIAS - REGINALD GRADNER - REGINALD DENNY

Stage performances at 1:30, 4:00, 6:00 and 8:30

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES 9c and 20c (Tax Included)

The Yell Leader Election . . .

Elections for any office whether it be in public life or as an officer of the Corps here at A. & M. should always be kept clean until one of the candidates has been elected and put in office. This is the American way of life. A man's character, if it is good, should need no other qualifications than that; he is just as good an American as the rest. In Thursday's election, one of the first semester sophomore candidates brought in religion as a stigma on his opponents character. This should never be done, and no true American or a real Aggie would have made such a slanderous remark. These student elections must be kept clean, and it is up to the candidates themselves to keep them clean all the way through. Why can't we keep such remarks off the campus? Let's stay American and Aggies.

The "Brandings" column in Thursday's Battalion predicted a count of five hundred votes in the election. The final vote of 527 didn't miss the number of votes cast very much, and that was a pretty nice turnout considering the student body of seventeen hundred. However, this isn't enough when you think of the number that could have voted. There will be a run-off between two of the first semester candidates in the near future, so let's go to the polls and cast at least eight hundred votes. What do you say, Aggies?

\$25 Per Capita - - -

The announcement of the apportionment of \$25 per capita for 1943-44 brings to a new peak Texas state support of public schools. The rapidity with which state support has developed is attested by figures which show that the apportionment never exceeded \$8.50 until 1920. The first big jump was achieved the next year, 1921, when it was

ARMY ENGINEERS

Correction Please! ! ! !

The "Engineers" are still at the college this week. In fact, there are quite a few of us, perhaps a little new and strange to Aggie land and Aggie customs and traditions, but we are here nevertheless.

Yes, we are the "new men," but not for long. We are learning and learning fast. Going to classes or refresher courses, physical education, military training, and learning in all other ways and means how to be a credit to our company, and how to be proud of being a part of it.

When the "old men" who are on furlough come back, they will be surprised; first at our growth, and second at our appearance. In the few days we have been together, we have "clicked" and the results are apparent.

We do not wish to remain as "old men" and "new men" in two separate groups. We do want to get to know everyone in the company. We want to know each others habits, strengths, and shortcomings; so that we can correct and better ourselves. We want to work for our company and to help fuse it into a solid company, the best in the "Engineers", on the campus, or anywhere.

These are our aims—and we will live up to them!

Stick Slip . . .

"Professor Red Williamson teaching trig to his class before the arrival of teacher. Will you explain the "elimination method" of solving radicals again please? Wally Strittmater going into the shower with his clothes on. He claims that he doesn't get wet

that way, Or was he persuaded to do it?

Recommended—Oetjen's and Morrison's collection of "pin-ups". You'll have to go a long way to beat them, and we're not kidding.

The largest alarm-clock in the company is in room 321. If you can call it an alarm-clock in its present state. First it wouldn't even peep, then it wouldn't stop ringing, now its apart and won't go back together; Flenniken's hair is rapidly being pulled out,—by Flenniken! At least Bob Jones can sleep now.

Four beds in one room! what

Diet For Southwest Indigent Families

A project designed to improve the food selection and preparation habits of families having low income is now in progress under the sponsorship of the Nutrition and Food Conservation Branch of the Food Distribution Administration with families living in three low-cost housing units at Austin. These units are occupied by Anglo-American, Latin-American, and Negro families; the three population types common to the states of the Southwest Region.

The project was outlined by the research, sub-committee of the Texas State Nutrition Committee headed by Dr. Jet Winters of the University of Texas, Austin, who also is giving consultation services throughout the project. Mrs. Margaret B. Land and Mrs. Isabel Work Cromack are the home economics specialists conducting the program under the supervision of

are you doing, Wolf and Marohn, opening a rooming house?

Gambardella has decided to reduce—He claims that his table mates keep him passing food so long and often that he doesn't get time to eat anything at all. We would only like to know where all the food on his plate does disappear to.

Have you all seen our new mailbox? It will take plenty of writing to fill it, so let's see what you can do.

Have you heard about Ted Flum's nephew? You haven't. Don't worry, you will

Miss Hazel Bradley, Regional Nutrition Representative of the Food Distribution Administration. Miss Mildred Horton of Texas A. & M. Extension Service is chairman of the State Nutrition Committee.

The objectives of the program include the instruction of the homemakers in improved nutrition for their families and the development and use of methods and materials within the understanding and use of each racial group. At the conclusion of this experimental demonstration recommendations will be made by the personnel working on this project for conducting effective nutrition work among low income groups throughout the nation.

Homemakers at each housing unit have enrolled in a club entitled "Women on the Food Front". These women attend demonstrations, and group and individual conferences at which purchasing, nutritive value and preparation of foods given in the Texas Food Standard are discussed with emphasis on their place in adequate low-cost diets.



The Church Of Christ Invites You-- Service Man or Civilian To Worship With Us

Sunday:

- 9:45 Bible Classes
- 10:45 Morning Worship
- 7:00 p. m. Evening Worship

Wednesday:

- 7:00 p. m. Prayer Meeting

You Will Be Most Welcome!