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A Matter of Balance . . .

Reports at present indicate that the two weekend dances, the First Regimental Ball Friday night and the all-service dance Saturday night, were tremendous successes socially but barely successful financially. Outside bands are expensive and unless the ticket sales are sufficient to pay the cost of the bands, the decorations, cost of Sbisas, and other expenses it will be impossible to continue to obtain outstanding music for the enjoyment of the corps and their guests.

Complete tabulations may or may not show a balance between income and expenditures connected with the dances last weekend but it is too late to worry about that. The immediate problem rests with the Second Regiment. They have engaged a band to play for their dance and they are planning decorations and other things concerning the dance in such a manner as to assure a setting for an enjoyable weekend.

Future dances may depend upon the support given to the Second Regimental Ball. It is not necessary to point out the things that contribute to a good time nor is it necessary to indicate those things which will assure a financial success. No one wishes to make any money from the dance but it is definite that enough has to be taken in to provide for the expenditures.

Unjust Condemnation . . .

Education may teach the fundamentals of business, science, engineering, law, medicine, history, agriculture but perhaps the most important phase of education is that part which teaches the scientific method of thought.

Success in business, success in politics, success socially, or success in any other line of endeavor is dependent largely upon scientific thinking. Many of the people who are graduated from educational institutions forget that it is vitally important to continue thinking carefully and to continue weighing all of the information available before reaching a decision. Mental laziness is inexcusable. Persons who think carefully about matters concerning their particular business sometimes jump at conclusions concerning things related to outside events.

It is human nature to form opinions without evaluating all the information available and often opinions are formed which are entirely unjustified because the facts are not all present which are pertinent to the proposition. Most things take place because there is a reason, and usually a good reason, but sometimes reasons are not obvious. In other instances the reasons are secret and cannot be disclosed because of security purposes.

At other times people who ordinarily think clearly upon subjects and hold informed opinions notice some particular incident and from that incident form incorrect opinions and report these opinions as having a basis on facts. Misinformed opinion will grow rapidly when passed by word of mouth and it often results that a perfectly innocent person is injured beyond repair because someone failed to think scientifically.

Other people judge and condemn an entire organization because of a few indiscreet acts by one or a few members of that organization. It is never safe to form an opinion from one set of facts nor is it fair play to condemn the whole for the acts of a small minority.

Home Town Club News

Rio Grande Aggies Convene Wednesday

A special meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Club has been called by the president, R. Wade. The meeting will be held on Wednesday in Room 123 of the Academic Building at 7:15. All members are urged to be present said Wade.

Galveston Aggies To Meet Wednesday

There will be an important meeting of the Galveston Club on Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in Room 214 of the Academic Building. Earl Logan urged that all members be present.

Alice A. & M. Club Meets

There will be a meeting of the Alice A. and M. Club in Room 123, Academic Building, Wednesday night at 7:15.

United States battleships are states of the Union.

Civil Service Names Discontinuance Dates

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following discontinuance notices. The closing date for acceptance of applications for the four following positions will be August 21, 1944: Radio Operator, \$2,188 a year; Radio Monitoring Officer, \$3,163 and \$3,828 a year; Assistant Materials Inspector, \$3,163 a year; and Radio Intercept Officer, \$2,433 and \$3,163 a year.

Announcement 203 of 1942 gives complete information on Radio Operator positions. Complete information is contained in Announcement 166 of 1941 on Radio Monitoring Officer. In the Announcement 270 of 1942 will be found information on Assistant Materials Inspector positions, while Announcement 288 explains the position of Radio Intercept Officer.

The Commission names Sept. 6, 1944, as the closing date for application for the position of Junior Engineer, \$2,433 a year. Announcement 281 gives complete information on this position.

A&M Holstein Sets Production Record

A registered Holstein-Friesian cow in the dairy herd of Texas A. and M. College, College Station, has recently completed a 363-day production record of 516 pounds of butterfat and 17,915 pounds of milk. The Holstein-Friesian Association of America announces. This is nearly 3 times the production of the average dairy cow in the nation.

Her official name is Poulantha Princess Canary. She was milked three times daily and was 8 years 9 months when she began test period.

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

September 23, six more weeks, and Coach Homer Norton will unveil his 1944 grid squad in a game against Bryan Army Air Field on Kyle Field. No one knows what the Aggie team will look like this fall but one thing is certain and that is it will be a fighting team. A fighting team will need a fighting corps behind them. No, they will need a fighting spirited corps with them. Is the Twelfth Man ready? Do the Fish know the yells?

Next Monday those boys out for the team will begin a hard five weeks of practice that will mold the players into a fast crushing team. They will be down there on Kyle Field every afternoon in this hot weather working hard for Aggieland and if the best is to be expected a large group of Aggies will have to be down there watching them work out. Go down there "Army" and get the "Spirit."

Between semesters

Two games are scheduled this fall between semesters. One will be played on Kyle Field and the other will be in San Antonio against Texas Tech on September 30. The game against the Texas Tech Red Raiders is a night game and a football weekend in the "Alamo City" is one not to be missed. Begin planning now to leave that hometown girl one night early so as to be in San Antonio yelling for the Maroon and White.

Weekend Well Spent

Sleep. Sleep. It's wonderful stuff. Stuff which there hasn't been

much of around. Some of the guys that didn't keep their dates in the dormitory are wishing that they had. Seems that that little practice is a form of sleep insurance. It is guaranteed against anything except late dates.

Dark brown music

Ernie Fields, "The Crown Prince of Swing," lived up to his press releases. He came in Friday night wearing a gleaming white crown or something. Maybe he bumped his head on the top of the bus as they were coming in.

Laying all kidding aside Fields certainly played the music that the Aggies like, sweet and in the groove. He promised Friday night that, "We try to play in between, some hot and some sweet."

If the music for the Second Regimental Ball is as good as that of last weekend, well—better write her tonight and tell her to get a new dress and to begin resting for another weekend at Aggieland beginning August 25th.

A Small Bleed

Reports have been coming from Bryan that the Aggies are beginning to overrun the USO. Even though the USO is maintained for the exclusive use of servicemen. The Bryan USO has never complained until the recent influx of Aggies. Perhaps the Fish should be reminded that the USO is not for their use.

Another bit of editorializing is out of order. The corps is a uniformed body. If Aggies are going (See BACKWASH, Page 3)

:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

President Roosevelt's recent secret trip to the Pacific, including the Aleutian Islands cost the United States twenty million dollars and took a large portion of the fleet off active duty to protect him, according to one of the most prominent radio newsmen. The charge is made from other sources that the trip was a political campaign move and the republicans are expected to emphasize that angle as well as the cost in money and naval efficiency.

The old Battleship Texas was used to destroy the Cherbourg harbor defenses during the siege of that city. For three hours the fourteen-inch guns of the old battleship slugged it out with the harbor forts. The Texas sustained two direct hits from the big guns of the forts and suffered many casualties.

Mid-west truck drivers have been on strike for a week now seeking a raise of seven cents an hour. The Government is now taking over the companies and will force the companies to pay the increase. Of course the patriotic drivers will now go back to work and help win the war.

Heavy bomber production figures are to be released about the first of next month. The figures have been a military secret so far

but the revelation of actual numbers is expected to be a heavy blow to enemy morale.

The Government has ruled that the Pullman Company can no longer both manufacture and operate the Pullman cars. It is expected, therefore, that the railroads will purchase and operate the system. The Gallup Poll and the Newsweek Poll disagree over the coming election. Newsweek says the people are all in favor of Roosevelt at the present time, but the Gallup Poll says that Dewey is leading in the nation so far. Take your choice.

Wallace is still to be a leading figure in the New Deal if Roosevelt is re-elected, according to reports. In spite of the fact that the people would not have Wallace again in the vice presidency the President is said to have promised him a prominent post next year, if elected.

Clark Gable is now out of the Air Corps and is to be starred with Lana Turner in a new picture.

The C. I. O. unions charge that doctor bills, hospital bills and drug bills have been raised twenty-four per cent in the last three years and are demanding an investigation. They seem to want to be the only ones with the privilege of additional profits.