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## A Time for Mature Thinking . . .

In any group which is working for a common interest there always exist a few jealousies and some ill-feelings which if not curbed will defeat the efforts of everyone involved. These things that arise are not always petty in nature but frequently they are. Viewed with perspective of the undertaking as a whole they look insignificant and when analyzed seem even smaller.

All persons have individual likes and dislikes and each has private ambitions but in a successful organization these personal feelings are forgotten. The very foundation upon which an institution is founded can be undermined by things of this kind. Many worthwhile causes have been given up as failures because some few persons were unwilling to subordinate their personal interest for the welfare of the whole.

Even though these individualistic tendencies are seemingly justifiable there is one thing that must be considered. If allowed to grow will these personal feelings jeopardize the good of the whole?

After it is decided to eliminate these things that endanger the entire body another question presents itself. Should the jealousies be allowed to smoulder in the depth of the soul or should they be brought out in the open and discussed and eliminated?

This question can only be answered by the individuals composing the group. If the question is one of such magnitude that if brought into the open it is likely to split the organization, then perhaps it would be better to keep it hidden and subordinate it so completely that it is forgotten in the enthusiasm that is developed for the big job at hand.

If it is one of minor significance, then by all means it should be introduced to the group, discussed, and solved to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.

Deciding which of the two procedures is the wiser is the difficult task. No one person can be sure that his judgment is mature enough to decide an issue of this nature without careful thought. Any problem of this nature should be thoroughly digested before it is acted upon. After a course of action has been dictated by the sobering thought of time, then it should be pursued to the end.

## Personal Selfishness . . . Disaster

Since the beginning of the ROTC system Texas A. & M. has operated under an organization of cadet officers. Closely allied with the cadet officers was the senior class, and the two working in conjunction with one another formulated and carried out most of the policies concerning student life.

Back through the years there has been one feature that stood out as the directing force guiding the activities of all working with the discipline of the cadets and administration of A. & M. Always there has been the desire that things be done and in such a way as to best nurture the growth of A. & M.

A. & M. has been through some trying times and in all likelihood will pass through many others. The fortitude and courage of those that love A. & M. has carried her safely across rough seas which would have swamped A. & M. had they not been at the helm.

Disagreements have arisen from semester to semester but triumphing over all these has been the driving desire to see A. & M. continue to grow. Cadet officers have given freely of their time and ability in order that they might contribute something to the greatness. The senior class counseled long hours to determine the best policies to follow that would best protect the welfare of the cadet corps and fortunately there have been intelligent men leading the senior class and as a result the policies as a whole have been successful.

What does an analysis of the situation reveal as the underlying cause behind this wealth of success? First, there was complete agreement in action among those holding positions of responsibility. Though they had differences of opinion they presented a solid wall of concerted action to the world. Even in times of uncertainties and unusualness they set standards and forced not only the corps to those standards but held themselves to an even more rigid code.

The success of the cadet system stems primarily from the fact that these rigid standards were maintained even at the expense of personal inconveniences. The calibre of men at A. & M. has been such and is still such that they could always be depended upon to carry out orders.

These former seniors worked for the benefit of their class and the classes below them. They worked in a spirit of futurity. They thought not only of the present but also of all those that would be coming after. Most of the things that they did have endured. Even those things that were buried for a few months are again operating for the benefit of the students. May it never be that the responsible members of the cadet corps again let those glorious traditions be buried even before the gravel of the last burial be entirely brushed off.

## COLLEGE

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the Ag Experiment Station.

These men met with a number of feed manufacturing executives here on the campus on June 15 and it was agreed that four subjects should be discussed—fats, vitamins, minerals and proteins.

Two outside speakers of national reputation were contracted; R. V. Boucher, Professor of Agricultural and Physiological Chemistry, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Penn.; and George O. Burr, Head of the Division of Dairy Husbandry, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Approximately 100 feed manufacturers, feed salesmen, and livestock producers attended the meeting, which was held October 11-12

in the Agricultural Engineering auditorium, in the Ag Engineering Building. Those present have reported obtaining much benefit from the information given out in the two day conference.

Practically all the large feed manufacturing plants in the state were represented by several men. The whole group of Animal Industry men on the campus cooperated to the highest degree and the men attending the conference announced it to have been a very successful meeting.

— BEAT T. C. U. —

Of the total area of the Republic of Panama, five-eighths is unoccupied, and only a small part of the remainder is being actively cultivated.

# BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

NO ONE, not one single individual, who went to the station last Thursday night to see the team off can say that they didn't feel a chill down the spine, a twitch across the shoulders, a quiver in the stomach, and a constriction across the breast when the band played the Spirit of Aggie around the curve bound for Louisiana to hand the Tigers a defeat.

Can anyone doubt that love of Aggie is the prime mover in an Aggie's life? Aggies have a loyalty and love for their school which is surpassed only by a man's patriotism for his country.

Where else does a student body follow the team to the station before a game and then meet them there after the game, win or lose? How can a person, student or otherwise, deny the force that is the Aggie Spirit? It is indomitable, unconquerable, everlasting, immortal. It is a living, pulsing, throbbing Spirit which is as irresistible as the electricity which flashes through the clouds. The Aggie Spirit is something that will endure and adjust itself to the times and ultimately envelop and devour anything that attempts to suppress or snuff out its life. To kill the Aggie Spirit or to dampen it would be to wound thousands and tens of thousands of Aggies in civilian life and in the service. The ghosts of the past cry out to the seniors, the juniors, the sophomores, and the freshmen to keep the lamp burning, to fan the flame. BEAT T. C. U.!!!

### BOOTS AND SADDLES

NOW THE ENGLISH Tommies know about senior boots. At the All College dance at TSCW the 7th, four English lads saw some Aggies in boots and got quite the laugh until they saw the way that the girls were attracted by the shine. Looks like four RAF boys will be enrolling at Aggieland immediately the war ends.

### THE BETTER HALF?

A. & M. is not just one school, it is two. The Tessies are beginning to quicken again to the old Aggie line. Listen to this bit of pulsation taken from the Lass-O. "Oldsters on the campus can remember when weekends saw male Tessies (Aggies to you) swarm this territory." . . . Corps trips—big white mums, informal dances, yells for 'ole Army, hoarse throats, the Aggie 'T', and the Aggie Sweetheart. Trips to Aggieland—corps balls in Sbsa, movies at Guion food at the Inn, Jaunts out to Ed's. . . . They are the only men in the world that belong to a girl's school, and we can sing rightfully, that "We are the Aggies, the Aggies are we; We're from Texas AMC. . . ."

Mighty nice tribute lassies. Mighty nice. Could say that the same goes here.

### RETRACTING A BIT

YES, they have the Spirit at Tessieland. Yes, they are the Ag-

gies. They are the sweetheart school. But individually it is still, "Don't sweetheart me (too much) dear if you don't mean it." It is a fine tradition to have a whole school full of sweethearts that are just like the Aggies.

Maybe that is the trouble. Aggies and Tessies are too much alike. Constant flirts. The grass on the other side of the fence is always greener. The next dormitory is always sweeter.

Being a TSCW is like being turned loose in a shop full of desert dew with only a very few minutes to lap the nectar before the 11 o'clock CQ.

### TESSIE IDEAL

WHEN the wind gets nippy and the footballs start booming then is the time for Aggie and Tessie to get together. Get together at the SMU game and all the rest of the corps trips. All night and tomorrow. Parting is such sweet sorrow. Tessie lady, if you don't mind being called a lady, get your little grip packed with your toothbrush and what ever else girls pack and meet that Aggie in Dallas the night before November 11.

— BEAT T. C. U. —

## RETIREMENT

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year of continuous service to the College, provided that in no case will the annual rate of pay so calculated be greater than fifty per cent of the average annual rate of pay received during the last five years of employment.

In calculating the rates of pay for modified service, the value of perquisites received during active service shall not be considered.

Nothing in this section shall affect the rates of pay of persons now in modified service.

By this retirement policy it is intended that all persons holding administrative positions with the College shall be retired on their sixty-fifth birthdays, and such modified service to which they might be assigned shall not be in administrative capacity.

According to law all employees of the College appointed on or after September 1, 1937, and otherwise eligible, are required to participate in the State Teacher Retirement System, and

1. Pay 5 per cent of their total salary (monthly) through the college to the State Teacher Retirement System with a maximum payment of \$180.00 per year.  
2. Pay \$1.00 per year as an expense fee.

3. Be subject to the rules and regulations of the State Teacher Retirement System as well as its privileges and benefits.

No employee appointed after September 1, 1937, and who is eligible for retirement under the State Teacher Retirement System, shall be eligible to modified service after the age of seventy.

No employee eligible for retirement under the State Teacher Retirement System and having passed

## :: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

Vice President Henry Wallace has paid dues and formally joined the Political Action Committee of the C. I. O. Shortly after joining he waived his membership card in the air during a speech and extolled the PAC as a group fighting for the rights of the common man. Wallace is taking his commander-in-chief's kick in the teeth at the Chicago Convention without a grumble in the hope that by playing up to the Communist-C. I. O. organizations he may get the presidential nomination four years from now. The question is being asked in many newspapers over the land: "If changing horses in the middle of the stream is bad policy, why has the President changed vice presidents twice?"

The Dallas Morning News and the Galveston News, two old time and old line Democratic newspapers have come out for Dewey for president in the last few days. In the case of the Dallas News this is equal in news value to the famous illustration of the man biting the dog. In its editorial statement the News pointed out the folly of building up a possible dictatorship here

at home while fighting to destroy dictatorships abroad.

Air battles of tremendous importance are being fought near Formosa and the Japanese claim that a great naval battle is in progress. While there is no confirmation of the latter report as yet there is great possibility that it is at least partially true.

Each of the two great national political parties has lost by death one of its former presidential candidates. Alfred E. Smith, who took the Democratic Party down with him to the most disastrous defeat it has ever suffered in the electoral college, and Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 Republican nominee. The death of each solves a problem for his party. Al Smith considered that Roosevelt had betrayed him and bolted the Roosevelt standard and Willkie, with his tremendous personal political following could have exerted a tremendous weight on the future foreign policy of his party.

The picture of Carole Landis, film star, lighting a cigarette for a half naked black native of New Guinea has aroused a storm of criticism in Australia where she has already made herself unpopular by her slurs at Australian girls. The picture in question was printed in the last issue of NEWS-WEEK and bids fair to arouse its share of adverse comment in the United States.



Nelson

## The Lowdown On

# Campus Distractions

By Dick Osterholm

For the movie-goers who will visit the theaters in Bryan this week, top-notch screen entertainment can be expected if they see the shows at the Palace.

Playing tonight and tomorrow night, are the shows already reviewed previously. Starting Wednesday night and playing through Saturday is the colorful "Bathing Beauty" with Red Skelton and carloads of gorgeous girls. Here is a show that will set you back in your seat and fill you with laughs and eye-fuls throughout the whole show. This is Skelton's comical self at his best, with a musical background of the nation's top bathing beauties. When Skelton

mixes with the "minks," well, things will happen. The lowdown: This is one of the theatrical world's latest comedy hits. The show is in technicolor. It's an eye-ful and a laugh-a-minute with Skelton. You'll be sorry if you miss it.

Tonight at Guion is the feature as previously reviewed, "The Constant Nymph" with Charles Boyer and Alexis Smith. You still have time to see this show if you have not seen it already. "Whistling in Brooklyn" with Red Skelton and Ann Rutherford is showing at Guion Wednesday and Thursday. This is another Skelton comedy that came along with the series of comedy mysteries that brought Red to the public's attention. But it's good. It's filled with laughs with the usual Skelton antics and love-making with Ann. The underworld pries into Red's life and things really pop. You'll like the Skelton routine if you like Skelton.

The lowdown: It's not too new, but you will like it. But there's a better Skelton picture showing elsewhere. See them both if you can. On the entertainment bill for the Campus, playing Tuesday and Wednesday, "Curse of the Cat People," with Simone Simon and Kent Smith. This is the usual freak story with people who change from being to animal and followed with the usual superstition story. Simon plays the part of a vivacious cutie who changes to a panther whenever she is kissed. Of course, the plot involves men who try, and curiosity killed the cat. It will give you the creeps and make you wary.

The lowdown: It's not an ordinary picture and not too new. You may like it if you like the suspense plots, but if you want to see good acting, this picture definitely hasn't got it. The plot has been over-used before and kills the picture. Don't exert pressure to see it. Showing Thursday and Friday is the not too recent musical, "Hello Frisco, Hello," starring Alice Faye, John Payne, and Jack Oakie. Here is a good musical of the old vaudeville days and the trials and pains they went through to get to the top of the billing in the theaters in which they played. It is full of hit tunes of the time

— BEAT T. C. U. —

U. S. Military authorities say that many hours of flight training were lost last year by Army student pilots in some parts of the South because of the blinding haze of smoke resulting from woods fires.

# Tessie Talk

By SuSu Beard



Whether or not absence makes the heart grow fonder, some will note with repulsion the return of Tessie Talk.

Seems that as time passes, the need for information about where to spend the weekend increases. Not that you all don't have your favorite haunts in some dark corner. Thus, the answer should be Dallas or Ft. Worth (here both Chamber of Commerce toss peanuts) accompanied by a creature from TSCW. We, too, enjoy the escape element.

Have written notices in the Lass-O giving dates for the approaching dances at A. & M. O. K. fellows, the girls know—and will want to know "why" if the invitations fail to appear.

Plans are in progress here concerning "watcha gonna wear on the 20th?" referring to the TCU game and dance. Looks as though that will be another weekend of the combined Aggie-Tessie errr, spirit!

Sure was a blow to our A. & M. fans when "Gums" Butchofsky, managed to get his jaw fractured. One swell player temporarily 'out of order.' Am now taking up a collection to send him taffy and gum drops, with chewing gum included. Speedy healing "Butch".

Our literary societies, very misnamed, have just completed pledge week. How nice to enjoy the break-

fasts in bed, clothes washed, ten o'clock cokes and such trivial luxuries at the expense of the pledges. Rather, members monetary expense and physical expense versus pledges energy expense and muscular expense.

Rain—yes, monsoon has set in! Such heavenly drippings aren't bothersome except when they interfere with trips to the holy grill, our postoffice. Last week I was expecting a very important letter, my first in ten years, and had a time attempting to convince my roommate that she should be the one to float over to the P. O. However, the clever girl wanted to be fair so she flipped her two-headed coin, and I had to don all water repellent garments, adjust the diving goggles then dog-paddle out.

A firm refusal to say of the letter was there.

Everyone here enjoyed the visit of Aggies en-route to Oklahoma, and the visit of the 12 fortunate fellows. Don't tell me that fluttering lashes and gleaming teeth are unnoticed.

Then too, those Senior boots warrant the attention they get—or does that high-powered gloss naturally attract?

Again soon, with no comments please.

SuSu

it portrays and good musical entertainment. However, the acting and love angle is not of the best.

The lowdown: A good musical. You will like this picture if you like Alice Faye. It's light and will take your mind off your studies and other things. Take one, and see this picture.

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