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## Assumption of Responsibility . . .

It is a natural trait of the character of human beings to seek to hold on to what they like and cherish. It is also another characteristic of human beings to seek what they believe what is rightfully theirs. And it is the natural trend of nature, that when two such inherited forces are put into action as the same time, there is an intervening conflict of which only one can emerge triumphant. It stands to reason that one group or body of people can assume certain responsibilities and possessions and handle them with sufficient care, but there comes a time when these responsibilities and possessions must be transferred to another group, no matter how much they wish to sustain them. And when it is legal and properly right for another group to receive these obligations, what argument and right has the group in power to say whether or not the minor group shall receive their just duties?

Responsibility is a great thing, and one characteristic of life that should be treated with great care and thought. However, it is not something that should be entrusted to one body forever when it embodies the principle of being transferred from one group to another. Certain responsibilities involve rights and privileges that should be passed on from one assembly to another when the time for such action is plausible. When a group is reluctant to hand over such responsibility to another group, then they must have sufficient reason not to do so and they must satisfy the minds of the group that they are justified in their actions. If they can present no such argument, then what right besides personal ambition would such a group have for maintaining such responsibilities?

It is true, that in some areas, where representation in the government of an assembly by the people is not practiced, only the word of a certain group is the governing power. In such a place as this, individual enthusiasm is killed when in its beginning stage. But in a populace where representation by the mass is present and the right to express opinion is practiced, then such individual government can be done away with. This embodies the principle of fighting for the right of representation. If this principle is worth fighting for, the right to assume power and responsibility to the laws of natural ambition, is worth fighting for too. Power is a wonderful and great thing, but when it becomes an instrument by which to suppress ideas of a democratic form of representation, then it is time such power were reduced.

Argument may be given by a controlling group that the powers and responsibilities of its assembly are too great to be passed on to another minor group. Such ideas are sound and worthwhile if that were true of the minor group, but when judgement is in favor of the minor group and the assumption is that they are able to handle the affairs of control, then is the group in power still liable. A plan is never proved, no matter how theoretically perfect until it has been put to the test of practicability.—D. O.

## War Student Service Fund Aids Education In War Torn Countries

By S. K. Adler

In December the World Student Service Fund will start a drive for donations at A. & M. The fund has an excellent record in the past as is demonstrated by a look at its record.

The World Student Service Fund was organized in 1939 by the students of America to help students in war torn countries throughout the world. Unsettled conditions at that time in China and Spain had rendered education almost impossible.



The first country to benefit from the generosity of this organization was China. Her universities and colleges were being annihilated by the Japanese in an attempt to wipe out the backbone of Chinese culture. This culture being kept alive in the colleges was doing much to hold the Chinese people together in the face of the ruthless invaders. In order to stave off destruction of education in China, whole universities including faculty and students moved to the western parts of the country. Naturally this migration caused endless difficulties for the students. Starvation, lack of living space, lack of adequate clothing and heat took their toll in suffering. The World Student Service Fund pitched in to help these students. The fund furnished food, medical attention, books, lamps, clothing, warm bedding and many other items that have probably saved many a student's life. The students were also encouraged to help themselves by raising their own food in contradiction to the age old custom of scholars never doing

manual labor. Student Service Centers were built. These con-



sisted of reading rooms, a meeting room, barber shops and bathing facilities.

In 1939 the Revolution was raging in Spain. Her universities had almost without exception been destroyed. The World Student Service Fund helped Spanish students to flee their country and continue their education in France. Much the same things were done for these students as was done in China.

With the coming of this war the Student Service Fund really came into its own. Great expansion took place and students all over the nation wholeheartedly supported the effort. The first ones to benefit from this generosity were the refugees. As each country fell, one by one at the hands of the aggressor, students flooded southern France and Switzerland. Thousands of young refugees entered these two countries during the early war years. They were placed in internment camps. However, as soon as funds could reach them, many of them were transferred to universities. In this the World Student Service Fund played a large part.

At the present the fund has reached its peak of effort. War needs have made it one of the most vital of our charitable organizations. The goal in the drive to start next month at A. & M. is high, but let's donate even more, ole Army, and make this drive the best yet.

## BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

**PUBLIC OPINION** surveys were a fad for a time but now they seem to have taken a hold on American people that is nothing short of a habit similar to the morning cup of coffee.

When someone begins wondering about how a certain group feels about a question someone always pops up with a public opinion poll. TSCW is no exception.

A representative group of Tescies were asked questions regarding post war marriages and surprisingly enough their answers showed that home is still foremost in young womanhood's mind.

Despite tendencies to the contrary when asked, "In view of the fact, that there will be more women than men after the war, would you consider along with your love for a man, his economic, social, and family background?" Two hundred and seventeen answered yes, 22 said no, and 3 had no opinion.

It seems that Aggies still have a chance in Denton because of the girls interviewed only 42 were engaged while 203 weren't. Of these 5 were married. That makes the percentage in favor slightly less.

### Also at TSCW

**THE GIRLS AT TSCW** get a pat on the back for their participation in the Colleges At War stamp and bond campaign. They are flying the flag in November for their work in October. When is A. & M. going to hoist the College At War flag?

### Time for It Now

**IT ISN'T LONG** before that last conference football game of the season with Texas university. It is an even shorter period until bon fire time. Every year A. &

M. has the biggest bon fire anywhere in Texas. Let's not make this year an exception.

While gathering wood for the fire there is one thing that the foragers should remember. A few isolated instances keep pushing themselves obtrusively forward at wood gathering time. It is true that Aggies have destroyed property in their zealous search for timber. Care must be exercised this year.

### Gang Fight Strategy

**REGRETABLE INDEED** was the incident between A. & M. and Rice at half-time last Saturday. Both sides were at fault but A. & M. wants to apologize for their part in the fracas. Spirit is wonderful but not when it frictionsizes and sparks like it did in the rain on Rice field. A. & M. has forgotten it.

### Overheard Somewhere

**AN ARMY OFFICER** once said that never was it good to get into a gang fight but if there was one he wanted it to be a good one and he was going to be the hardest hitting man there.

If ever the Aggies do get into another situation, and it is hoped that they don't, they should use a little battle strategy. The British found the folly of attacking with a straight front in New Orleans. Surround the enemy ask him if he wants to give up, then act from there.

### Drifting Around

Best comment on the game was by Morris Frank in the Houston Post Monday. He said something about both teams running from a T formation but who wants "T" on a day like last Saturday.

## :: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

One thousand and eighty-nine country newspapers have gone out of business since January, 1942, in spite of the increased demand for accurate news coverage. This mortality has been due to government regulation, newsprint rationing, and manpower shortage among other causes. Most other small businesses have been affected to the same or greater extent until today, big business is growing bigger and the small business men are falling.



Nelson

The Allied Armies seem to be on the verge of a major breakthrough in Germany, ten mile advances having been scored in several places in the last day or two. Metz, the great French fortress city near the German border has been entered by American troops, and it seems that only a short time may elapse until all German armies will be forced back beyond the Rhine River.

Two recent incidents seem to show an "unofficial" determina-

tion to persecute those who opposed a fourth term for the present administration. One Dallas paper reported that Frank Sinatra threatened to cancel his engagement at a New York Hotel unless that hotel made Westbrook Pegler move out of his apartment. Another report is that important interests backing the administration have forced the sponsors of Upton Close, the newscaster, to cancel his contract for the Sunday afternoon broadcast because of his pre-election broadcast against the communistic influence in the United States.

Washington observers are predicting not only that the new congress, under firmer control by the Democratic Party, will abolish the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities, but that a probably successful attempt will be made to destroy completely the immensely valuable record of communist activity and infiltration into government offices within the last few years.

Organized Labor, having voted F.D.R. into office for a fourth term, is now to be rewarded by a wage increase, according to Washington observers.

### State Health Head Appeals to Citizens For Safety Measures

The first Thanksgiving Day in this country was proclaimed for the purpose of expressing thanks not only for the bountiful harvest which the colonists had reaped but for the sturdy health and endurance that had permitted them to survive the hardships and exposure, that first rigorous year in America. On the occasion of this Thanksgiving Day the State Health Officer, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, is appealing to every citizen of Texas to give serious thought to the preservation of his own health and that of his community as a contribution to the world war effort.

"We have much to be thankful for in that our national health level has remained high despite the nervous tension, the sacrifices, the deprivations of war," Dr. Cox stated. "Our people have maintained a remarkably high health level and even under existing war conditions, Texas has shown a continued decline in maternal and infant deaths.

"The people of Texas have reason to be thankful for the steadily increasing interest and cooperation being shown in matters pertaining to general sanitation and the control of communicable diseases," Dr. Cox asserted. "Respon-

### Air Corps Men Study In Preparation For Post-War Adjustment

Officers and enlisted men at this Liberator air base in England, one of the strategic air depots in Brigadier General Donald R. Goodrich's Eighth Air Force Service Command, are preparing now for a successful readjustment to the post-war world.

Technicians and mechanics, whose duties are servicing and maintaining Liberator bombers, are eagerly attending classes, during their off-duty hours, in almost every phase of education.

This schooling is now made possible by the Armed Forces Institute, which supplies new, up-to-date, attractive textbooks. Classes are organized by the base Special Service Officer, who arranges classroom facilities, and engages instructors among qualified personnel. There is no cost whatever attached to the courses.

Interest is so keen in the Educational Program that all allotted evening time is filled. Subjects taught range from Psychology to Meteorology, from Business Management to World History.

FEATURED ON WTAW



Leah Ray, who is the "Listening Lady" of the Morton Downey program, represents lady listeners throughout the country. Downey can be heard Mondays through Fridays over the BLUE Network.

## The Lowdown On Campus Distractions

By Dick Osterholm

Playing for the last time at the Guion Hall theater today is the lovable "Claudia" with Dorothy McGuire and Robert Young. This is a human interest story filled with romance and laughter of a young married couple who are starting on their own. It has the home life plot but amply filled with good acting to make it a picture that you will enjoy. Claudia, played by the new star, Dorothy McGuire, will grow on you and take you right into the thought of the picture.

The Lowdown: A good picture and one you will enjoy.

Starting Wednesday and playing through Thursday is the comedy team, Monty Wooley and Gracie Fields, in "Holy Matrimony." For the people who like good acting and fine humor all in one picture, then they will like this picture. It has it. Monty plays the part of a very old bachelor who marries Gracie and does it under an assumed name to hide from the public. It's hilarious as to the things that can happen to one man, and this picture shows them.

The Lowdown: This show is good for what ails you, funny.

On at the Campus tonight and Wednesday is the romantic western, "The Woman of the Town" with Claire Trevor and Albert Dekker. Claire plays the part of a respectable dance hall belle who

tion of experience, by George O. May.

Price Control in the War Economy, by Julius Hirsch.

American Mirror, by Halford E. Lucecock.

Japan's Emergence as a Modern State, by E. Herbert Norman.

Agriculture And Its Sciences

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Weather and the Ocean of Air, by William H. Wenstrom.

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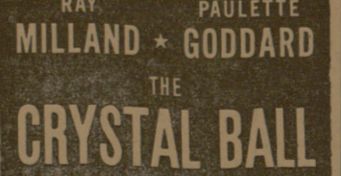
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isn't so thought of by the townspeople until she makes the town believe it. Dekker takes over the job of town marshal who is to clean out the town and clean it out he does. There's an interesting plot woven into the story and one that is good.

The Lowdown: For this run of pictures, this one is pretty good.

Thursday and Friday, the Campus presents "The Crystal Ball," with Paulette Goddard and Ray Milland. Another comedy that is filled with laughs and romantic messes. Paulette plays the part of a woman who keeps the men guessing and succeeds until Milland comes along. It has quite a bit of slap stick comedy in it, furnished by William Bendix.

The Lowdown: It's a good comedy, with a good team of actors that you will like.

Showing at the Palace in Bryan now is the musical comedy, "Show Business," with George Murphy, Eddie Cantor, Joan Davis, and a fine supporting cast. Take this one in if you have time because it's a musical swing hit. Starting Wednesday and playing through Saturday is the dramatic picture, "Mr. Skeffington" with Bette Davis and Claude Rains. Here is a great dramatic picture with a stirring plot. A selfish woman always straining for admiration and vanishing youth, honestly faces herself when her broken husband returns from Germany blind but filled with memories of her past beauty and their love. It's a great picture because of its acting and plot.

The Lowdown: A good picture and one worth seeing.

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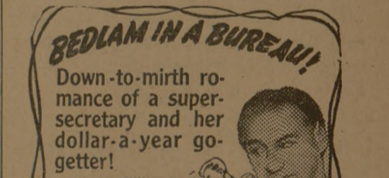
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