

What It Is . . .

Big doings are on this week-end at the campus of dear ole' Texas A & M. Years have flown by since the Aggies enjoyed such a weekend; one so chockful of fun and dancing and football that it will slow down anybody, even some of you rough, tough, Aggies.

Things start jumping at 8:00 Friday night when the Aggie corps, visitors, students from S. M. U., and almost everybody around will be treated to an opera, "The Bohemian Girl" at Guion Hall. Admission will be free to S. M. U. students, while A&M students will obtain entrance on their Town Hall Tickets, and other persons' fees will be nominal. "The Bohemian Girl", with a cast of 53, has shown to marked advantage in six Texas towns recently. Immediately after Town Hall, a dance in honor of SMU will be given at Sbsa Hall. There will likewise be no charge for this dance and everybody is invited to the bargain twirl. It will last until 1 o'clock Friday night.

Saturday, with the campus over-flowing with visitors, the Aggies will take on the Southern Methodist University Mustangs in an important Southwest Conference tilt which will see the loser all but mathematically eliminated from the pennant chase. Saturday night, after we are quite through with the Mustang riding, the Senior Class will present a gala Corps Ball, which will be informal. Admission prices are \$1.50 per couple and it will be well worth the price just to listen to the sweet music of the Aggieland Orchestra, which will play both nights of the dual-dance program.

Visitors who would like to stay overnight at one of the dormitories to be used for that purpose this weekend, may obtain reservations at the Student Placement Office in Goodwin Hall. Charged for this will be \$1.00 per person per night. Visitors will eat, if they choose, in Duncan Hall, and no extra charge will be made.

Sunday, November 11, the churches of Bryan, College Station, and surrounding areas will be opened to all persons, and a special invitation has been extended to all visitors to the campus, and to all the regular churchgoers of the community. Careful plans have been made at each church to care for a large congregation. Morning services will start at 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock.

This is a big weekend, Aggies, so make the most of it.

And Why It is . . .

This weekend will be as wonderful as it is, not because of any one person or group of persons working separately but because the whole College pulled together in the best spirit of cooperation that could be obtained. The Senior class is sponsoring the three day activities with the rest of the Corps backing it up wholeheartedly.

Cadet leaders went to Dallas this last Wednesday to personally invite the S.M.U. student body to be the guests of the Aggie Corps. While there, they were met with generous hospitality and friendliness. It is up to us to show the Mustangs that we can be as good or better hosts than they by putting everything that we can in to making this weekend one long to be remembered by everyone concerned.

There has never been a corps sponsored weekend in the past years, and it is a new thing to us, but definitely a good thing. It shows that when Aggies want to do anything that all that is required is everyone pulling together all of the time, and that thing is done, and done well.

Lets smear SMU on the playing field, Army, and treat 'em right the rest of the time.

Good Neighbors . . .

HONDURAS . . . Land of Bananas

By Ruben R. Caro-Costas

The story of Honduras is largely one of a common table fruit, the banana. With an area of 45,000 square miles and a population of one million people, the country has prospered for a good many years on a one-crop economy based on the production of this popular fruit.

At one time Honduras was a relatively wealthy country because of her rich gold, silver and copper mines, but these were so heavily worked that after several years they were out of production. Bananas now comprise two-thirds of the country's exports, with tobacco, sugar, coffee, and rice making up the bulk of her remaining products. Mahogany, rubber, and rosewood are furnished to the world market from the Honduran forests, while copper, silver, lead and antimony still play a secondary role in the nation's economic life. Under way at the present time is a project of providing more food for home consumption.

Morazan Was Honduran

Honduras achieved her independence in 1821 along with the other Central American countries, and was a member of the Central American Federation until it was disbanded in 1838. Francisco Mora-

zan, one of the outstanding figures in Latin American history, was a native of Honduras, serving not only as president of the Federation but also as president of his country and of Costa Rica; he was executed in 1842.

Spanish is the predominant and official language of Honduras, with English taught as an advanced study in the educational system. Education is free and compulsory in the primary grades, The Central University, located in the capital, offers facilities for the study of medicine, law, politics, pharmacy, dentistry, and engineering.

Colonial Air Prevails

Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, is a city of pleasing contrasts, with colonial streets and residences set against a background of modern commercial buildings. The city's population of about 70,000 people is connected by plane with the rest of the country and with the outside world. Near Tegucigalpa is located Comayagua, the original capital city, which retains still more of the colonial flavor with her white stucco houses, cobbled streets, and the ever-present Catholic churches which are an integral part of her people. One of the most perfectly preserved cities in Honduras, it is the place

BACKWASH

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

By The Collaborators

Three cheers for the Office of Student Affairs. Backwash is sure that it speaks for all the students involved when it takes this opportunity to thank the members of that office for acquiescing to the wishes of the students on the problem of moving which arose last week. By letting the men decide their own fate the Office of Student Affairs has broken a long standing precedent.

Former Dean Edwin J. Kyle, now ambassador to Guatemala, went down to one of the picture studios in the capital of that country to check over a number of motion pictures he had taken. In the course of the discussion with the man in charge Dean Kyle discovered that they had on hand a film of Texas A. & M. To quote Dean Kyle, "He then, to my amazement, showed me a full reel picture of A. & M. in all its glory. It was wonderful."

"I asked him if he did not have a picture of the University of Texas. He said, 'No, we have never heard of that institution down here.'"

"Sleepy"

One more bloody day's exam Only one blooming night to cram Ain't half through . . . Don't give a D - - - I'm sleepy

Two more hours would load me well As it stands I haven't a smell Diploma?? Let it go to H - - - I'm sleepy.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WOMAN

Symbol: Woe Atomic Weight: 120 (varies from

meal to meal) Occurrence: (1) Can be found wherever man exists. (2) Seldom occurs in pure undefiled state.

Physical Properties: (1) Extremely active in the presence of man. (2) Great affinity for gold, silver, and other precious metals, and valuable stones. (3) Able to absorb fats, proteins, mineral matter and especially carbohydrates in highly refined form at any time. (4) Turns green when replaced by a better specimen. (5) Reactions usually unpredictable. (6) Heats to an extremely high temperature when handled excessively. (7) Highly explosive and dangerous in inexperienced hands. —AIN'T SCIENCE GRAND?

Kay was the star guest of honor at the mammoth Baptist rally which was held at the good ol' Aggie Campus this past weekend. "Everything was simply wonderful," said Kay, who as yet has not made a single meeting of the B.S.U.'ers. It is thought that no doubt she had reference to the rather chilly night that she spent in and around the Ad Building with an unidentified Aggie. Maybe Kay was cold, or maybe she really was sleepy, who knows the real reason that she used this unidentified Aggie's shoulder for a pillow. At any rate, she did, and let us hope that the dreams that she had were pleasant ones. Though she claimed that that same shoulder had no doubt been used to support many other sleepy heads, according to Kay, she just was too tired to care. So, as far as we know, she and the Aggie are still down there. If anyone finds same, please turn them in to the Lost and Found Office at Goodwin, as both parties must eventually be accounted for.

Was This Hitler's Secret Weapon?

Japs Almost Had Atomic Secret

Hitler's threat to give Japan his "most secret vengeance weapon" caused the United States to intensify the perfection of the Atomic Bomb and to hasten its use, reports Major Donald Keyhoe,

in the November issue of True, The Man's Magazine.

Jap scientists had worked on the Atomic Bomb research in Germany with Nazi technicians, knowing that the perfection of it was the prize for which warring nations had been desperately striving. "These scientists could have reached Japan by U-boat, taking with them heavy water, uranium, and plans for their almost completed bomb. It was not likely, but it was possible," continued Keyhoe.

There was evidence that the Japs were as far advanced on this research as Germany and that they might have had the Nazis' secret formula which had produced an atomic bomb for testing purposes. At this same time, an authentic report of a weirdly devastated area in the heart of a German forest proved that the Germans had brought the Atom Bomb to a testing stage.

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BRING YOUR GIRL

For the crowning climax to a perfect Saturday afternoon, bring your girl or other friends by after the ball game.

We have those just right sandwiches and those delicious fountain drinks that will whip up your flagging energy and put you in the groove for the Aggieland Corps Dance.

GEORGE'S CONFECTIONERY

ANNOUNCING THE RE-OPENING OF HRDLICKA'S PLACE Under New Management on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th • DELICIOUS BARBECUE • PLENTY OF COLD BEER • EXCELLENT DANCE FLOOR ON OLD NAVASOTA HIGHWAY

BETWEEN THE BOOK-ENDS

By Edna B. Woods (Readers' Adviser for the College Library)

CANNERY ROW

by John Steinbeck CANNERY ROW, another Steinbeck masterpiece of American folklore, was published early in 1945. For those already familiar with John Steinbeck's books, little introduction is needed. He is, without doubt, one of the foremost modern American writers, unexcelled in the field of sociological fiction.

Steinbeck's widespread popularity is not due to his fine writing alone but to the fact that his three most important books were made into movies and were thus brought to the attention of the Motion picture public.

TORTILLA FLAT is the story of a tumble-down section of Monterey, California. Danny, the central character, came back from the World War to discover that he had inherited two houses. He and his friends, all paisanos, live a carefree life, gay and pathetic in turn.

OF MICE AND MEN is the story of George and Lennie, two wandering ranch hands, who dream of owning some "land of their own." Lennie is awkward and dull-witted, but perfectly docile under George's control. However when physical strength and a poor memory overcome his timidity, trouble ensues.

THE GRAPES OF WRATH, which was the most talked of novel of 1939 and which is the best known of all of Steinbeck's books, is the story of the Oklahoma dust-bowl farmers who struck out for California to make fortunes in the fruit-picking industries of that state. When the Joads started out in their ancient car, made into a truck, they were thirteen in number. Death of the Grandfather and the Grandmother decreased their

number, and the fortunes reaped by these simple but courageous people were mostly misery and disillusionment.

CANNERY ROW is more like TORTILLA FLAT than any other Steinbeck novel, because of the simplicity of the town in which it is set and because its atmosphere is colorful and distinctively different. The story centers around Doc—who runs a marine laboratory and collects marine fauna, tomcats, and rattlesnakes, which he supplies to the laboratories for experimental purposes. Doc administers to all the unhappy and unsettled souls and is adored by the whole community. CANNERY ROW is told with warmth and understanding and a brilliant grasp of human values. When Mack and

the boys gather specimens to raise funds to give a party for Doc, the story approaches hilarity.

Persons who criticize Steinbeck usually do so by saying that he is too realistic or that his plots are not exciting. John Steinbeck's inherent honesty refutes both of these accusations. He writes of what he knows, exactly as it is, and the stories he tells are those which he takes from everyday living, whether he is writing about the Mexican paisanos, the dust bowl farmers, or the workers in the fisheries in Cannery Row. He is a master of the art of creating scenes, people, and situations with what might be called a scarcity of words, but fords combined so skillfully that they produce a final effect of near perfection.

Tales from Tessieland

Just read the letter the Lass-O received from an Aggie concerning the A&M-TSCW spirit and such. It really helped our morals, too.

The letter stated that this Aggie was glad to see the relationship to par once more and that with cooperation between both schools the spirit would continue.

It was a congratulatory letter, and we who read it certainly okehed this Aggie. Although he did not give his name, he expressed a thought we hope all you Aggies hold.

This weekend you'll be judging the Yearbook beauties, and believe me, if you're half as enthusiastic as they are, then this A&M-TSCW partnership is strictly o.k. The group will arrive Friday evening and will be on the Campus until Sunday around noon. So, all this time, you'll have the chance to pick your choice for class beauty.

campus (as well as whole-hearted SMU).

We missed Bill's corresponding column this week—guess the weekend was just too much. It couldn't have had anything to do with the Baylor game, could it? After reading the "Backwash" one draws his own conclusions about the situation. All kidding aside, we did miss your column, Bill.

Just rambling . . . Aggie Sweetheart Mary Ann Barrier has been receiving fan mail, but plenty, as a result of her recent honor. One Navy man wrote that he had heard much about the beauty of Texas women, but until he saw her picture as Aggie Sweetheart, he had never believed it. This must be a good example of Aggie judgment.

More cheers for the Aggie team. In fact, this past Saturday's news concerning the A&M-Arkansas game was just about the best heard up this way in ages. Predictions are going around on the

From news via the grapevine, I've heard that a good majority of Tessies will be on the campus this weekend for the game, dance, and other events. Sue Jones TSCW correspondent.



HEADS GOT TOGETHER

RESULT: MORE TRANSCONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CIRCUITS

With wire scarce and wartime calls increasing, telephone engineers made existing pairs of long distance wires carry nearly four times as many calls as before. This was done through installation of additional carrier equipment, requiring closer spacing of the wires on the line and transpositions at shorter intervals.

Three pairs on the Southern Transcontinental Route were rearranged, and in a 430-mile section this had to be done while keeping the urgently needed wires in service all the time. To do this, new tools and new methods had to be devised in the laboratories and on the job.

This is another among many examples of how Bell System teamwork and engineering skills maintained telephone service under wartime conditions.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

PALACE PHONE 2-8279 WED. - THURS. - FRI. - SAT. Joan Leslie — in — "RHAPSODY IN BLUE" PREVIEW SAT. NIGHT SUN. - MON. - TUES. Bette Davis — in — "THE CORN IS GREEN"