More Popular Reading! . . .

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"I'm an Irvin S. Cobb fan myself, but do you know that there isn't a single book of his in the library?"

This editorial is not directed at the library officials; nor is it directed at the selectors of books for the library. Instead, it is intended as food for thought for the administration

First, a few facts about the Cushing Memorial Library, as given in a recent interview by Paul S. Ballance, librarian.

There is a \$15,000 Special Agricultural Book Fund, derived from fees of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Veterinary medicine books have also been included in this field

Next is an Agricultural Experiment Station Book Fund, amounting to \$10,000, to be used for this specific purpose. This amount consists of state appropriated funds.

The General Book Fund totals \$10,000, or two-fifths the amount of both agricultural funds. From this fund come fiction for several required English classes, books on architecture, engineering, liberal arts, chemistry, periodicals, and other various and sundry fields. As Mr. Ballance phrased it, "I bleed \$500 from this fund for popular reading books". In addition, this General fund is supplemented with dona-tions from several A. & M. Mothers' Clubs throughout the state, amounting to \$200-\$250. Yearly periodical subscriptions amount to about \$4,500, deducted from this fund. All total, \$10,250 minus \$4500, equals \$5750, to be used each year

for fiction, popular reading and other non-agriculture fields. The librarian has asked the Former Students Association for \$10,000 as a special fiction and popular reading fund to be spread out over a period of three or four years. This would ease up on the situation to a great extent. Whether or not such a scheme will result is not known.

Reading broadens the mind—it broadens the all-round thinking ability of a person. Since many students enjoy reading as a pastime during the off-class hours, an increase in fictional books would be greatly appreciated.

More Money for Vets? ...

Dear Editor: A \$500,000 chapel! Ever since The Veteran Collegiate Association of New York University, which corresponds to our Veteran Student Asso-I read that article in the Batt, my blood pressure has been hit-ting a new high. In every classciation here, has sent to this campus a petition which they are circulating in Gotham, asking the Congress of the United room and on all parts of the cam-States to increase our monthly allottments from \$65-90 to pus, we see an inadequacy of \$90-125. Our first impuse is to yell "That's for us!" and jump on the band wagon, starting such a petition here. Such an increase would help us catch up-temporarily, anyway—with the increased cost of living.

But it is always easy to ask for more money. Somebody has to pay that money eventually-and it is apt as not to be us. As college men, we are supposedly those on whom the burden will rest most heavily in future years. So before adding our names to such a scroll we want to think the whole thing through carefully.

The Batt is not saying at this time that we should or should not join in petitioning Congress for an increase. There is no simple answer.

At its first January meeting the Veteran Student As-sociation will probably discuss this petition, and decide whether or not to circulate a similar document on this campus. In the meantime, we believe that veteran students should study the matter and be prepared to treat the matter thoughtfully when it comes up in meeting.

We don't want anyone to be forced out of school by inadequacy of the subsistence allowance. Neither do we want to be "pigs at the public trough."

So we ask for expressions of opinion from all veterans on the campus. Write your thoughts as letters to the Batt, if you like, or prepare them for the January meeting. We agree with the N.Y.U. group that "we must not disarm ed- not available. ucationally." Whether or not we agree with the rest of their program will have to be settled by the veterans here in the next month. ucationally." Whether or not we agree with the rest of their next month.

Whatsis 201 and 3-cent Stamp

We all are aware of the fact that progress and growth must go hand in hand. A. & M. has grown considerably in must go hand in hand. A. & M. has grown considerably in the past few years but one division has not planned pro-gressively for this increase. We are referring to registra-We are referring to registragressively for this increase. We are referring to registration of the students for each successive semester.

At the present time the University of Texas is experimenting with a new technique of signing for classes in advance by mail. While this activity is only in its trial stage, it nevertheless has a great number of possibilities of becoming a useful and advantageous procedure. One of the benificial accomplishments possible with a system of this type is the elimination of slow, tiresome lines during registration day when 8,500 students attempt to sign for their classes in seven hours. It would be well for the registrar's office to make a study of the tactics used by T. u. this season, observing their mistakes and obstacles with the idea of incorporating the system here at A. & M. in the near future. Several other schools are employing this method of registration successfully and it was through a study of their actions that T. u. decided it would solve its registration problems brought about by an increased enrollment. There can be no doubt that a need has arisen for some new method to carry out the enrolling of students. We cannot be absolutely sure that this registration by mail can be successfully carried out, but either that system or some plan to do post graduate work. other must soon be used to handle the situation. The suggestion of a study of the university's idea is not so much a support of that method but is made to help further progress in facilitating the registration procedure.

THE BATTALION



Special to The Battalion - Far North Correspondent

Rather than face Santa and the cold winds of the North Pole yes-terday, our Far North Correspondent decided to enjoy the tropical weather of the southland, and filching a few pfennigs from the Student Publications treasury, placed a long distance call to old Kris Kringle. After having the long distance operator in Bryan tell him there

was no North Pole in Brazos County, an explanation to the switchboard supervisor, whose illusions about Santa had not been shattered by street corner conversations, finally brought connections.

Santa at first refused to speak to our correspondent, but the promise of a one-month pass to Guion Hall persuaded him to give out

promise of a one-month pass to Guion Hall persuaded him to give out a little more information. "But I'll accept that pass only if Tom Puddy orders first-run movies for 1947. I can't stand the heat, so Guion will have to be air-conditioned, too," declared Santa. "To Claude Buntyn, the Batt reporter, who is reduced to the deg-radiation of working for the publicity office, I'll give tolerance and un-derstanding to bear up under the strain of his burden. "And here's a gift I give willingly, for I've detected the need for it with my own ears. Prof. Al B. Nelson gets a sound proof classroom for his tirades against the Roosevelt administration. To Consolidated Air Speaks on "Influence of Jets Turbins in Aircraft Design".

for his tirades against the Roosevelt administration. "Friends of Joe Putegnat, Town Hall manager, wants me to pre-

sent to Joe in recognition of his past performance a medallion with these words inscribed, "They also serve who only stand and wait." "For Grady Elms, club advisor and expert on national affairs, a

ly criticized. We are proud of having had the privilege of playing under his leadership and point with ear's subscription to all the daily newspapers in the state." At this point, the operator interrupted saying that the three minpride to his achievements and reutes were up. Our correspondent slushed her with "Money means nothing to the Battalion!"

Santa continued, "No doubt Col. Meloy would prefer a silver star, but I'm sending him the Blue Star.

"For George, advice. 'Keep your eye upon the doughnut, and not upon the price."

"And to another preparer of gastronomic delicacies, Jay Peniston, I'm sending this poem:

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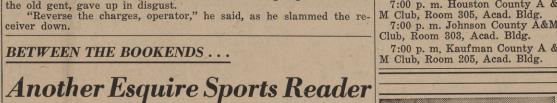
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 Norton Higgins

With this bit of poesy, Santa closed the conversation. The Batt's correspondent, after trying vainly to wheedle more gift previews from the old gent, gave up in disgust.

ceiver down.



WHAT'S COOKING?

7:00 p. m. Eastland and Steph-ens County students invited to organizational meeting of club. (Ed. Note: All organizations who wish their Christmas dances listed must submit name, time, and place by Wednesday Christmas dance plans. 7:00 p. m. Young County A&M Club, Room 125, Acad. Bldg. December 18th.) noon,

TUESDAY, December 17 7:00 p. m. Galveston A&M Club, Room 32, Science Bldg. 6:00 p. m. Spanish Club picnic Members meet on steps of YMCA. 7:00 p. m. East Texas Club, 7:00 p. m. Land of the Lakes Club, Room 324, Acad. Bldg. YMCA 7:00 p. m. Victoria County A & M Club, Room 107, Acad. Bldg.

7:00 Engineers Magazine staff, Room 109, ME Bldg. 7:00 p. m. Brawn County A&M

Club, Room 123, Acad. Bidg. 7:00 p. m. Panhandle A&M Club, Room 228, Acad. Bldg. 7:15 p. m. SAE, ASME, and I Ae S, Physics Lecture Room. D. H. Levin, Consolidated Aircraft, Speaks on "Influence of Jets and Turbing in Aircraft Design" Turbins in Aircraft Design". 7:15 p. m. Houston A&M Club, Room 129, Acad. Bldg.

7:30 p. m. Kream & Kow Klub, Creamery Lecture Room.

8:00 p. m. Palestine A&M Club, Room 303, Acad. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, December 18 7:00 p. m. El Paso A&M Club, Room 128, Acad. Bldg. 7:30 p. m. AIEE, EE Lecture Room. "Sign of Reactive Power".

7:30 p. m. United Science Clubs, Room 32, Science Bldg. Reports from Texas Academy of Science convention

THURSDAY, December 19 7:00 p. m. Ellis County Club, Room 225, Acad. Bldg. Christmas dance tickets for Ellis County Ag-gies, Room 426, No. 16. 7:00 p. m. Houston County A &

M Club, Room 305, Acad. Bldg. 7:00 p. m. Johnson County A&M

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equipment, buildings, and teachers that is appalling. Into this ter-rific shortage comes an announcedollar chapel, when about the only thing A. & M. has enough of is church space, and the one church that is really lacking is making space now. In fact College Station can well be proud of the beautiful churches built and being built to accommo-date students and residents. They

say the chapel will be non-denominational. That means it will be everybody's chapel—and nobody's particular.

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(Editor's Note: The following

letter was sent to C. W. Craw-ford of the Athletic Council, a

copy of which was brought to The Battalion office).

TO THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

We, the undersigned, have heard numerous rumors and reports per-taining to Coach Homer Norton and his staff. We would like to

take this means of expressing our confidence in Mr. Norton. For the

athletics in general at Texas A. & M., we would like the Council to

stop these rumors. In our judg-ment, Mr. Norton has been unjust-

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of

best interest and betterment

Mr. C. W. Crawford, Chairman

Athletic Council

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Campus

cords.

Tom Murnane Marion D. Flanagan Stanley Hollmig Robert Gary

Now I'm religious myself, and drive from Bryan to College every Sunday to attend the fine preach-ing at our church, but being relig-ious cannot make me believe there is any excuse for blowing a half-million dollars on something entirely unnecessary when every department in the school makes excuses for not having this or that piece of essential equipment. Only today we were told it was neces-

sary to omit a lab exercise because the equipment to perform it was

a science building together ment. with equipment and specimens for t, engineering, chemistry, and veterinary equipment, research funds for other fields, air condition-

ng and so on far into the night.

nose! Sincerely,

Hugh M. Wallace, Jr., '46 **Lewis Appeals for Research Workers** An appeal for more students to take post graduate work and part time research jobs was made to the agriculture seniors by Dr. John Lewis of the Experiment Station, Thursday afternoon in the Chemistry lecture room. Dr. Lewis stated that at least for well-qualified scientific re-search workers and that due to the present shortage of well-trained men many of these positions will be broken down to part-time jobs and offered to men who have a basic interest in research and who Dr. Ide P. Trotter, of the Extension Service, also made a talk on the need of more men as coun-ty agents to disseminate the information from the experiment is or Dean Shepardson.

And a Story of Old Amarillo ESQUIRE'S SECOND SPORT'S pear the New Mexico line. For a READER: Edited and with an introduction by Arnold Gingrish. ing center of ten counties. In its

Not so long ago we reviewed prime the town was a hangout for Esquire's First Sport's Reader; It the roughest and toughest racketwas such a hit with the students that I can not resist telling you about the Second Sports Reader gered about their shady business, which has all the ear marks of a very popular book indeed among the sports-minded public. and here the setting of the ro-mance of Frenchy, a girl from Louisiana and a little Irish gam-

Reader's of the First Sports bler, Micky McCormick—"a love affair that is still remembered in for them. While it contained only miscellaneous non-fiction sports articles, this book presents a col-The cattle trails and the raillection of fifty stories of Esquires roads passed the town by, and it most outstanding sports fiction. Now Such a table authors as Irwin it is the headquarters of a boy's Shaw, Corrad Aiken, F. Scott Fitzgeral, and Paul Gallico have contributed stories. The table of contents boasts one of Ernest JOSHUA BEENE and GOD: By

Hemingways stories, a bullring Jewel Gibson. New York, Ran-story in his best Spanish manner; also a tale by Charles Grayson Joshua is a latter day prophet about Mexican cock fighting. To who spends his days exhorting the the reader who thinks Esquire is degenerate Texas cotton farmers a periodical devoted to the "well-dressed man and the undressed woman" this will be a pleasant and enlightening surprise. enlightening surprise.

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workmanship and factual report-ing. Mr. McCarty is an Amarillo newspaper man who has long been too. interested in the colorful and leg-end packed history of the Texas pan-handle, and his book reveals

WHERE ARE WE HEADING? By Sumner Wells. New York. the painstaking research which he has done in this field. Harper Bros. 1946. Mr. Well's new book brings up to date his survey of our foreign policy and what has happened since he wrote "Time for Decis-ion". This has been called an

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evaluation of our foreign policy since Roosevelt. In his character-Bill Turner's Aggieland Orches-tra will add another feather in their cap when they play for Gov-ernor-elect Beauford Jester's In-augural Ball on next January 17. Wells discusses a long list of fail-ures of our State Department. His accusations leave one wondering whether anything at all has been This will undoubtedly be the big moment on the social calendar at of the war. He believes that in the summer 1944 the United States Austin, so what could be more natural than an Aggie aggregation playing in Gregory Gymnasium!

passed up the greatest opportun-ity to "lead the world in peace and decency" and that our foreign polstation direct to the farmers. icy has lost its guiding principals set down by the late President Roosevelt. Advantages of extension and re-search work were pointed out by J. L. Matthews and any one in-terested was asked to see Dr. Lew-

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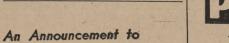
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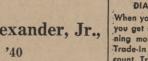
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