

For the Record . . .

To set the record straight:

The night before the Battalion ran an editorial "Unanswered . . ." about the Exchange Store, pointing out that no answer had ever been made as to why that "non-profit" store made such a profit last year, W. H. Holzmann gave an answer to the state investigating committee. Whether it is a fully satisfactory answer or not, every man must weigh for himself. But the statement should not be ignored in trying to understand our tangled situation.

Mr. Holzmann quoted Carl Birdwell as learning, shortly before the '45-'46 semester, that it would be difficult indeed to get adequate supplies from wholesalers if the Exchange Store followed a cut-rate price, as has so often been urged. Standard prices were therefore set, with expectation of a moderate profit to be returned via the profit-sharing plan. Because of the enormous increase of enrollment, the actual profit was about four times what had been computed.

It was admitted that the profit-sharing plan, which the management had hoped would meet with definite student approval has not succeeded. Few stubs were turned in; that is why the amount refunded was so small. That amount was based pro-rata on purchases, and funds not taken by stubholders were turned over to other student affairs, as previously announced.

This statement probably won't make any one love the Exchange Store, which has been a standard target for gripes. (As were the PX's and Ships' Service Stores in the armed services.) But it does fill a hole in the record.

Stick With It, Bud . . .

Hundreds of veterans on the campus are losing thousands of dollars worth of estate equities and, in some cases, retirement income, by thoughtlessly allowing their National Service Life Insurance policies to lapse.

The country's leading insurance executives heartily endorse this government measure, and admit that it cannot be touched in the matter of having lowest premium rates—due to the fact that Uncle Sam assumes the administration and clerical costs.

A veteran has until August 1, 1947 to reinstate his policy without a physical examination, by declaring his health to be the same as when he was discharged. By paying one back installment and the premium rate for the current month, you can reinstate your policy.

Strange Bedfellows . . .

Strife, and politics, make strange bedfellows.

Although the Daily Texan has reserved editorial comment on the A. & M. situation, the student body of Texas University appears to be behind efforts of the Aggies to get our "house" cleaned up. While in Austin last week for the first of the hearings of the legislative committee, we were frequently besieged by Texas students. They commonly expressed their sentiments in this manner:

"Rivalry in football games and sports is all right, and we may kid you all at A. & M. a lot, but brother, we're behind you in your fight!"

Texas students often make caustic comments on the sportsmanship of the Aggies and athletic ability of Aggie football teams, and Aggies are equally vitriolic in their denunciation of the "Teasippers". But when it comes to questions involving the future of higher education in this state, they both are perfectly willing to slumber in the same ideological bed.

Last summer, The Battalion published numerous editorials supporting Texas students in their fight for academic freedom. Both student bodies have stood together in demanding improved salaries scales for their professors. Both, it seems, want state college administration divorced from the spoils system of state politics.

It is a tribute to the logic of students of Texas University and Texas A. & M. that they do not carry their prejudices far beyond the sports arena.

Chevalier Maxims . . .

Col. Willard Chevalier, Aggie graduate and McGraw Hill Publishing Co. executive, is now on the campus speaking to many groups. At the Kiwanis Club luncheon Monday he left his hearers these statements to ponder:

"The measure of democracy is MY respect for the OTHER fellow's liberty.

"There are two kinds of discipline; self-discipline and imposed discipline. If you don't exercise self-discipline then it will be imposed on you, by outsiders or, even worse, by some group within.

"We believe in academic freedom and freedom of the press. But responsibilities go with that freedom. Free enterprise must also remember that it has obligations.

"Here in America we'll have to learn the difference between pleasure and happiness. Pleasure can be purchased. Happiness can not."

Aggie Muster . . .

The outburst of dissatisfaction on the campus has allowed the annual Aggie Muster to creep up on us. But it will be held Monday night, April 21, just as it has been celebrated since 1908.

Main topic of discussion following the ceremony will undoubtedly be the "A. & M. situation"; that is only natural, and as it should be.

However, let's not allow our personal feelings to mar the sacredness, the reverence, and the solemnity of the Muster program.

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Researchers Trying to Use Earth's Heat

Possibilities of using the earth as a source of heat for households are being investigated by the Research Foundation, through the Texas Engineering Experiment Station here, it was announced today.

Donald M. Vestal, Jr., 1938 A. & M. graduate and more recently a Consolidated-Vultee aircraft engineer, has been appointed supervisor of the fuelless heat project, which is sponsored by the Texas Electric company of Fort Worth.

Vestal said that research into the feasibility of using the heat stored in the earth is progressing on a national scale, and that the chief purpose of the work is to determine the thermal characteristics of various types of soils at different depths.

The process of extracting heat from the earth he explained as a reversed refrigeration cycle, involving a coil buried in the earth, a compressor and a blower. A refrigerant fluid in the coil would carry heat extracted from the earth above the ground, where cold air blowing over another coil would become heated as it entered a house.

Vestal added that the same equipment could be used in the summer as an air-conditioning system.

Professor Wayne Long and a number of mechanical engineering graduate students will assist in the project by making studies of sub-surface temperature gradients.

The theory of the heat pump, or reversed refrigeration cycle, is an old one, Vestal said, but pointed out that only in the last few years has equipment become available which may make it possible to develop highly-efficient fuelless heating systems.

Silver Tea to Be Held by Methodist Women's Society

The annual Musical Silver Tea, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the A&M Methodist Church will be held at the church Sunday, April 20, at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Ralph Steen, general chairman announced the following program for the afternoon:

Harp Solos, Miss Cynthia Lancaster "En Bateau" Claude Debussy "Whirlwind" Carlos Salzedo Reading, Miss Betty Jo Cook "The Guardsman" William A. Drake

Piano Solos, Mrs. Albert Goodman Overture from the 28th English Cantata, J. S. Bach (Piano transcription) C. Saint-Saens

"The Singing Fountain" Walter Niemann

Malaguena from the Spanish Suite "Andalucia" Ernest Lecuona

String Quartette, Mrs. Chris H. Groneman, 1st violin; Mrs. Earl Vezev, Jr., 2nd violin; Mrs. Louis Hauer, viola; Mrs. Tom Leland, cello.

"Opus 18, No. 4" Beethoven Allegro ma non tanto Scherzo Minuetto

Allegro Stephen F. Austin A Capella Choir Claude Gatharie, Director

"The Creation" Richter "Gloria Patri" Palestina "The Lone Prairie" Wilson "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" Arrangement by Nobel Cain

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin

What's Cooking

THURSDAY, April 17

7:00 p.m.—Tyler Club meeting, Room 108, Academic Building.

7:30 p.m.—Heart of Texas A. & M. Club, M. E. Shops Lecture Room.

7:00 p.m.—Amateur Radio Club meets in E. E. Building.

7:30 p.m.—Heart of Texas Club meets in M. E. Shop Lecture Room.

7:30 p.m.—Lamar County Club meets in Academic Building.

FRIDAY, April 18

7:00 p.m.—Chess Club meets in Vet's Lounge, Sbis Hall.

SUNDAY, April 20

3:00 p.m.—Annual Musical Silver Tea, A. & M. Methodist Church.

Martha Bonnen to Be Cotton Ball Duchess

Miss Martha Bonnen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bonnen of College Station, has been chosen duchess to represent the AICHE student chapter in the Cotton Pageant to be held Friday night, according to committee chairman Bob Huston. Miss Bonnen will be escorted by W. S. Dixon.

Cathy Wilson to Represent Bryan-College C. of C.

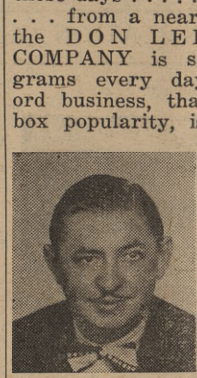
Cathy Wilson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Wilson of Bryan, will represent the Bryan and College Station Chamber of Commerce at the Cotton Ball.

Miss Wilson is a former student of TSCW where she majored in journalism. She attended A. & M. last summer and was on the staff of The Battalion.

Hollywood Revelations

By Harry Revel

H'iya Aggies . . . Dancetorium thruout the nation are complaining about the decline in business and many famous bands are losing their drawing power . . . smaller dance combos are much in demand these days . . . out here in Hollywood, Television is on the upswing . . . from a nearby mountain top the DON LEE TELEVISION COMPANY is sending out programs every day . . . the record business, thanks to the juke box popularity, is still doing big business with millions of discs being sold annually . . . the major studios producing pictures have completed their re-entertainment period and less films will be made this year, but the quality will be much better . . . the night club business thruout the nation is not as healthy as it used to be, and in the East, several well known bistros are in financial straits or have already folded . . . The theatrical season on Broadway in Manhattan hasn't been as great as had been anticipated although the old standbys such as OKLAHOMA, CAROUSEL, ANNIE GET YOUR GUN are still packing 'em in . . . and there you have show business conditions as they are today.



Harry Revel

It seems only yesterday that VIRGINIA WEIDLER was a little gawky kid prancing thru role after role in many successful movies. Last week she hopped and got married . . . my, how tempo fugit.

ALICE FAYE seems to be veering away from her cinematic career . . . she keeps turning down all offers that come her way . . . guess she prefers the quiet happy martial life she lives with hubby, PHIL HARRIS, to the turbulent movie one . . . there are, believe it or not, some very happy couples out here . . . GINGER ROGERS and JACK BRIGGS . . . BILL POWELL and his MOUSEIE . . . MARJORIE REYNOLDS and her hubby, The JEAN HERSHOLTS . . . THE JACK HALEYS . . . BURNS AND ALLEN . . . THE JACK BENNYNS . . . THE EDDIE CANTORS, to name a few. Movie careers are hectic ones at all times . . . calls for lots of stamina and is a constant strain on the nerves . . . emotions run rampant . . . temperaments run riot . . . and after working hard year after year . . . what have they got for their efforts? . . . a lousy fortune . . .

With this parting thought, your Hollywood snoopster bids 'y'all adieu till next edition.

: Letters to the Editor :

AID TO GREECE

Dear Editor:

This letter has a double purpose, to answer a correspondent in your issue of March 1, and to compliment you for your editorial page of an earlier issue of the Batt.

Your correspondent in the April 1 issue took R. E. Scruggs to task for raising questions about President Truman's proposed aid to Greece and Turkey. Rather he assumed that everything has been said on the subject, and without offering evidence for his position, he started name-calling. The names were not very pleasant either—Communist and an infant. I submit that there is much more to be said on this matter. It would be more helpful if the correspondent gave us some facts which might enable us to see through this major shift in our foreign policy.

Most Americans are not sure just what is involved in this move. We need a lot of light on the subject. The proposed aid to countries at Russia's back door, including some fifty per cent military aid, doesn't look right, however. It bypasses the organization which surely offers the best hope of peace in our time, the U. N. O. President Truman's reason for not turning the problem over to the U. N. O., as was done in an earlier crisis like getting the Russians out of Iran, or in a more recent crisis like the Palestine problem, sounds like a cover up of the real motives. What is worse, we read reports in the press that the real issue is oil, not aid for a down-and-out nation. To the extent that these reports are true, our country is therefore launching a policy of expansion under the pretense of the protection of weaker nations.

Finally, we hear from observers of the Washington scene, like Walter Lippman and Thomas L. Stokes, that Congress itself is confused about the meaning and motives behind the aid to Greece. The point is that the problem needs considerably more airing, in such discussions as Mr. Scruggs started in his letter.

My second purpose in this letter is to congratulate you upon your editorials and editorializing letters in the Battalion for Thursday, March 27. The piece on "Seven Blind Spots" for research people to work on, W. B. Stone's letter advocating a means of cultivating in the college student an informed, intelligent interest in public affairs, and Scruggs's letter on the Greek situation are welcome signs of a healthy attitude on the part of the A. & M. students. Naturally the column of A. D. Bruce, Jr. on the need of higher salaries for teachers was easy for the faculty to take, particularly as it said the right things well. In fact, that article was pure lagniappe, (something added for good measure).

Give us more of such editorial pages.

Sincerely yours, J. Q. HAYS Department of English

SCRUGGS REPLIES

Dear Editor:

I have just read Mr. Beychok's letter to the editor in which he very thoroughly discussed my earlier letter, "War Bosh!" I wish at this time to compliment Mr. Beychok on his analysis of the question. Although I cannot agree with his conclusions, his letter does represent considerable thought on the situation which is of vital interest to every American at the present time. None can say what may take place in the future; we are able only to theorize and base our conclusions on the knowledge we have at our avail, on our faith, and on our variously acquired beliefs. I want the answers just as well as you do, Mr. Beychok, and these are the best obtained through an exchange of opinions and information which, insofar as our foreign policy is concerned, my letter has encouraged. I might add, in

means to cover up some deep-seated cause for complaint. I heartily agree with Mr. Newton that the employment of a college president is not an issue subject to student advisement. However, when conditions at the college, under the leadership of such a president, become such that the parents of sons attending said college find that their sons are not receiving the education their parents are paying for and have a right to expect, then I consider it high time a thorough investigation should be made to uncover the real reasons and not be shunted aside by the smoke screen of hazing.

Furthermore, supposing hazing were the chief cause of the trouble, why pick on A.&M. when, if there is a college in the country which does not have some degree of hazing (not excluding the Military and Naval Academies) then I wish Mr. Newton would name it.

As to the effect hazing has had on freshmen, we here at Eagle Pass have a pretty good idea. For instance, out of a total of seven boys, including my son, who entered A. & M. from Eagle Pass in 1945, not a single one left college on account of hazing, all having finished their freshman year, yet only two of the seven are still there.

This is not just a fight between the students and the administration of the college, but is a matter in which the parents are greatly interested.

Let's quit trying to confuse the public by throwing in their faces that hazing is the main source of the trouble.

Sincerely yours, W. M. STAFFORD, '01.

Amateur Radio Club to Meet

The Amateur Radio Club will meet this evening at 7 p.m. in the Electrical Engineering Lecture Room, according to Robert H. Rudasill, president. All new and old members are invited to attend.

passing, that I have received more favorable comment on my letter than attacks against it although this of course could not be an accurate index of even campus sentiment.

You have condemned me, Mr. Beychok, as an isolationist for stating that "the future of the U. S. lies within itself." If it is the policy of true isolationism to respect the needs and rights and privileges of other nations to an equal extent as we believe in those of our own nation, then I am certainly an isolationist. And if I must be labeled a "Communist" by refusing to begrudge Russia her economic interests in her sphere of economic influence, then a Communist I must be!

Very sincerely, R. E. SCRUGGS, '47 HAZING

(The following letter was sent to the San Antonio Evening News by W. M. Stafford, '01, Eagle Pass, a copy of which was forwarded to The Batt for publication).

I have reference to an article published in your paper, April 11th, reporting a statement made by Mr. John W. Newton, a director of A.&M. College. This has to do with a matter of great interest to a large number of people in this community and not knowing Mr. Newton's address, I respectfully beg permission to answer him thru the medium of your paper.

Mr. Newton seems to stress hazing as the chief source of all the recent trouble at A.&M. College. This has become extremely tiresome to all of us who have been students at A.&M. College and is not the chief source of dissension and should not be continually thrown into the faces of the public. If hazing were the chief source of the trouble I feel sure the veterans would not be complaining, as they are not, generally, members of the corps, thus not subject to the hazing, and everybody knows this; therefore, the only conclusion can draw from statements continually made by the President and Directors of A.&M., can only mean that they are using this

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