

We Love A.&M., But . . .

"A. & M. forever!"
"Men may come, and men may go, but A. & M. goes on forever!"
"We have the interests of the school at heart. Our argument is with the President."
Pretty words. They have been spoken repeatedly by former students of this institution. Ex-Aggies.

Now look at a newspaper clipping reporting a resolution passed unanimously by the Ellis County A. & M. Club:
"The club unanimously voted to continue in operation, but that its members would not make any further contributions to the Former Students Development Fund until the Former Students Association is actively doing what it can to bring about the removal of Gilchrist . . . and the restoration of A. & M. to its former standing."
Everybody knows what the Development Fund is for—the presentation of scholarships to deserving students and other worthy enterprises. Many of us have contributed to it. Gilchrist has no way of using the funds. He isn't even connected with its administration. The money is for students, for A. & M.

The pettiness of the Ellis County Club's action is readily apparent, regardless of whether you are against Gilchrist or for him. Surely they did not think very deeply about the action they were taking.
The Ellis County Club, and others as well, would threaten with failure the most ambitious program ever undertaken by the former students, merely because of disagreements.
Fight Gilchrist if you will, A. & M. Clubs, but don't fight Aggieland while you're doing it.

Wildcat for Justices . . .

The Supreme Court has smiled twice on this part of the nation in recent weeks.
By its decision in the freight rate question, the Court at Washington has fulfilled a long-time dream of those who wish to encourage Southern industry. The freight differential, established generations ago, has been swept away, and the South can now compete with the North—even in the North!
This development may change Texas greatly in our lifetimes. The change has already begun, of course, with Houston a major manufacturing center and even so dignified a city as Dallas, boasting huge factories in its outskirts. But the trend will surely be greatly accelerated by abolition of the freight rate differential, long considered the greatest single handicap a southern manufacturer had to face.
In our rejoicing, Texas, must consider one sobering fact. If "big manufacturing" succeeds in Texas, we will also have to get used to "big labor." You can't have one without the other, no matter how hard you try.
The other Supreme Court decision, dismissing the contempt case against three Corpus Christi newspaper men, is also a legal milestone. In the future, judges will not be able to use contempt actions to gag newspapers. As Justice Douglas pointed out in the majority opinion, "Judges are supposed to be men of fortitude, able to thrive in a hard climate. . . The law of contempt was not made for the protection of judges who may be sensitive to the winds of public opinion." Ringing words!
The contempt laws exist for a worthy purpose: to prevent newspapers from interfering with the administration of justice, (a misuse of public service which no reputable publication would wish to commit.) But in recent years there has been a tendency for judges to misuse the contempt provision for petty ends. By carrying this case to the highest authority in the land, Conway Craig, Bob McCracken and Tom Mulvaney have won a noble victory in the fight for freedom of the press. Fifteen for them!

Origin of Finals Traced To Tenth Century Monk

By Ivan Yantis
A group of men squat tensely by a radiator. Their foreheads glisten with beads of perspiration, and they anxiously consult their watches while casting furtive glances around them. In their clammy hands are clutched well-thumbed books and reams of paper. This as they say in the movies, is it.
A door opens, and they rise nervously. As they file through the entrance, the resignation written on their faces is plain. Surely the end of the world is at hand.
These men are not entering a gas chamber. They are not going out to do battle with "the shameless Hun." They are not giving their lives in Dengue Fever research. These ill-starred creatures are going toward a fate more harrowing than slow death, more wracking than the "Iron Maiden," more trying than boiling oil. Final exams await them in the chamber at hand.
That excruciating brand of punishment, the Final, antedates the infamous Marquis de Sade by several centuries. It is thought to be the product of the demented Monk Echsamis who taught at Palermo in the tenth century. Echsamis was given to migraine headaches which completely un-hinged him, and these toward the end of the semester when tests of improvement were given.
Echsamis devised this one last trial for the students just before

he died in a drunken fit. The trial bears his name today—Echsamis' Final, or, sometimes, the Final Echsamis. (In English Exams.)
The final exam, as it is used now, holds a fascination for people of a morbid bent. Much mental anguish, weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth accompanies them.
Only a few professors in America know how to administer a real final, but every school thinks it has those profs on its rolls. The students at A. & M. are certain beyond the shadow of a doubt where those profs teach.
The valiant little band of men is inside the room now. In a cage at the front of the room, frothing and shouting, is the prof. He laughs diabolically and tries to claw at the students on the nearest seats. At the appointed hour the cage opens automatically, and he jet-propels himself out, flailing a cat-o-nine-tails. Once out of the cage his anger assumes a subtler form, and he passes out mimeographed pages of questions so cleverly designed that no human can answer them.
Victims of this torture, during its entire length, smoke on the average 67 cigarettes apiece, lose 12 pounds, gnaw down 4 lead pencils or one plastic pencil, and sweat five and one-half liters of blood. Exams are the reason so many people lay out every other semester, to recuperate and recompose the nerves.

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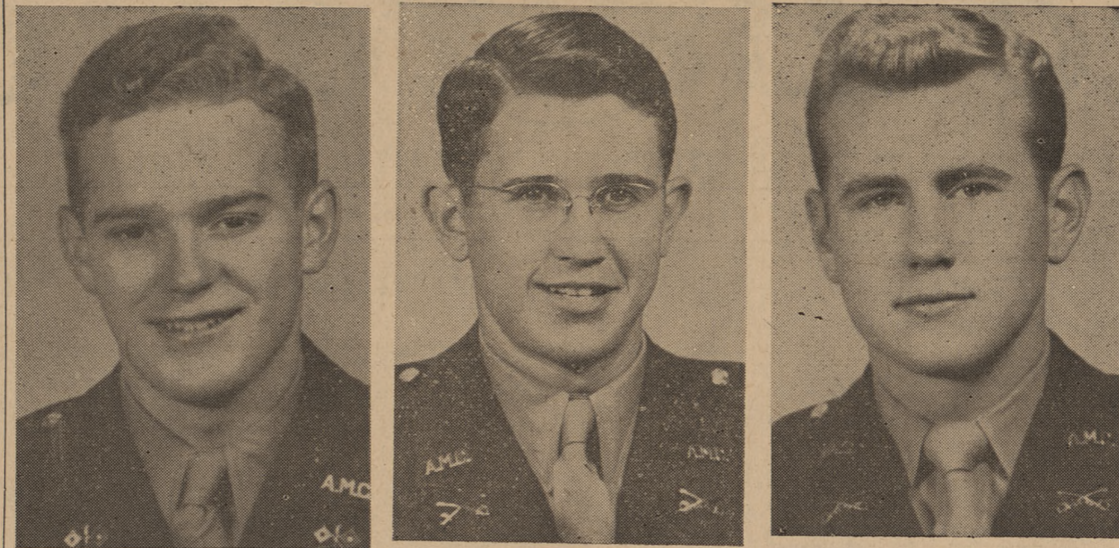
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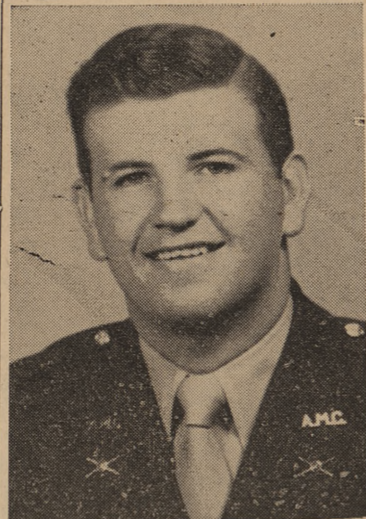
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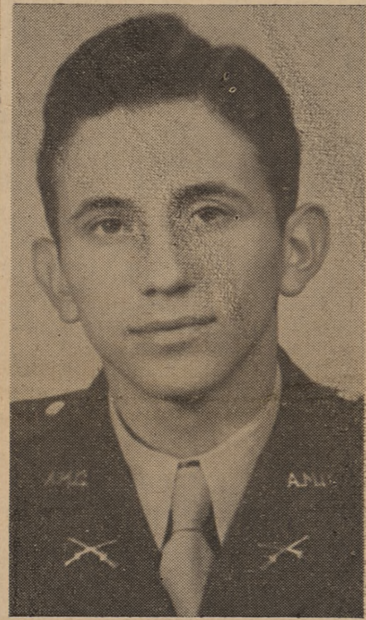
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Musician's Symbols Are 'Worse Than Inadequate'

By Science Service

NEW YORK, May 12.—Those musical notes which confuse the beginner on the piano drew fire from another quarter today. A scientist termed the musician's symbols "worse than inadequate" for scientific use.

M. F. Meyer of Miami, Florida, told the Acoustical Society of America that musical terms in "fractions" are no help to science, either. He called for a clear, simple numerical system to replace the musician's present terminology.

Music may be "written for the soul" but musical experience is a scientific matter, Prof. Meyer explained.

"The casualty of musical experience can be no other than basic facts of neurological chemistry," he declared.

Although music is used in some hospitals, more study is needed to discover how music can be used to aid healing, a group of scientists cautioned at the Acoustical Society meeting.

R. C. Lewis of the War Department Special Staff, Washington, D. C., Dr. Harold Burris-Meyer, Stevens Institute of Technology here, and R. L. Cardinell of Muzak Corporation, Hoboken, N. J., said that "a considerable amount of circumstantial evidence has been accumulated testifying to potential values in music as a therapeutic aid."

Reporting that Russia, England, and possibly Italy are also doing some work on music in medicine, the scientists urged an organization at the national level for research on the problem.

Music in industry also needs for scientific study, Mr. Cardinell and Dr. Burris-Meyer reported. They said that the number of people hearing music while they work jumped from a few hundred to an estimated 5,000,000 in six years.

They warned against "haphazard approaches" to the use of music, but added that increased production and better relations between employees and employers have been demonstrated.

Clues to Early American Mystery Found in Diggings

by Z. F. Bettis

Clues in the first great American mystery case, the disappearance of the "lost colonists" from Roanoke Island, North Carolina, have been discovered in excavations on the site of Sir Walter Raleigh's old fort.

The Department of Interior has stated that diggings at the site of the fort where the English colonists disappeared more than three and one-half centuries ago have revealed the ditch of the fort. Further probing by archaeologists uncovered near the bottom of the ditch a hand-made brick and a large piece of strap iron. Not far away was found a pit with expertly fired charcoal which probably had been prepared for use in heating homes or for gunpowder.

Colonists first settled on the island in 1587 under the leadership of Governor John White. Later White returned to England and did not return to Roanoke until 1591. The colonists had completely disappeared and the only remaining trace left behind was the mysterious inscription, "Croatoan" found carved on a tree. Continued search by Sir Walter Raleigh and other colonists failed to reveal any more evidence as to the strange disappearance of the colonists.

Outlines of the fort have been reported as late as 1896, but excavations now under way may dig up more clues to help unravel the historical mystery.

Rare Want-Ads Collection Reveals 'Gems' of Humor

By W. K. Colville

"Young man who gets paid on Monday and is broke on Wednesday would like to exchange small loans with a young man who gets paid on Wednesday and is broke on Monday."

This is one of a collection of rare want ads collected by Lockwood Barr, former managing editor of the Wall Street Journal. It's Barr's hobby, collecting these oddities, and it is surprising the measure of drollery that can be found in the classified ads. The following are a few examples.

"Positively no more baptizing in my pasture. Twice in the last two months my gate has been left open by Christian people, and before I chase my heifers all over the country again all the sinners can go to purgatory."

"If J. M., who 22 years ago basely deserted his helpless children, penniless wife and son, Michael,

will return home Mike will take pleasure in knocking the hell out of him."

"Brown, the furrer, begs to announce that he will make up coats, capes, etc., for ladies out of their own skins."

"Found: lady's purse left in my car while parked. Owner can have same by describing property and paying for this 'ad. If owner can explain to my wife how purse got into car, will pay for 'ad myself."

To prove that all editors are not completely crazy, John Quill, the editor of a country newspaper, recently retired with a fortune. When asked the secret of his success he replied: "I attribute my ability to retire with \$100,000 savings, after 30 years in newspaper work, to diligent application to work, pursuing a policy of strict honesty, always practicing rigorous rules of economy, and to the death of my uncle who left me \$110,000."

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Glider That Flies And Floats Assures Life-Saving Usage

By Science Service

HOBOKEN, N. J., May 10.—A glider that flies and floats gives promise of becoming standard life-saving equipment of the future to rescue the shipwrecked or downed aircraft crews. Hull tests have just been completed here in the experimental towing tank at Stevens Institute of Technology.

As a glider, the 36-foot long life-boat is towed by a searching plane to the scene of a disaster and released when survivors are spotted. Wings and tail are ejected when it rests upon the water. A small gasoline engine then powers it as a motorboat. Its guide in locating survivors is its mother plane which circles the region, constantly in touch with the lifeboat by two-way radio.

Development of this "flying life-boat" is a project of the U. S. Coast Guard which expects to use it in rescue work where other methods fail. It was designed by Aeroaffiliates, Inc., Tuckahoe, N. Y. One of the major problems was the design of a hull to meet landing requirements and also be seaworthy. The tests indicate these essentials have been met.

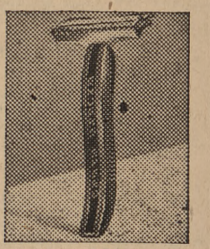
East Texas Club To Make Plans For Party

The East Texas Club will meet Thursday night May 23 at 7:30 in the Ex-Student's Lounge to discuss plans for its summer party. All members are urged to be present so final plans can be made suitable to all concerned.

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