"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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## Time Clocks In Class Rooms . . .

There is a whistle on the power house which starts our eight d'clock classes on time with a mournful wail, and which cuts off tardy classes at noon. It marks the beginning of our one d'clock schedules, and keeps labs from running past five. But what times our other classes? Rusty watches. And the result is not good.

A. & M. class rooms are now spread from the Music Hall on the south to the quondam Army barracks at the Morth Gate It is practically impossible to make consecutive classes so far apart even when all classes end on time. If class sessions run over it is often impossible to make "the barns" from the Aca- but they are so spread out today that only demic Building, or vice versa. Most students realize that; some teachers apparently don't.
The result is a mounting tension between instructors who lock their doors when their watches say "straight up," and students who are released in some far couner of the campus by somebody else's watch-and who knews which watch is correct? Some teachers don't quit until the next class starts to break down the door.

For the good of the school, we suggest that the powerhouse whistle or some such loud noise-maker be used to mark the begin-ning and ending of all class hours.

Does this sound too much like a factory?

Yes, but some student have to punch "time clocks" at class room doors—that is to say, they may be locked out of classrooms or, in the case of Military Science courses, be docked for unpreventable lateness. Punctuality is a wonderful thing. We are

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all for it. But we remember the case of the Broadway columnist who went to Hollywood and made a date to be at MGM studios in Culver City five minutes after he left Walt Disney's in Burbank. He learned to his grief that the studios were twenty miles apart. with a mountain range in between.

Our buildings aren't twenty miles apart, extremely careful timing can students get from one teaching area to another in

We don't need to take busses to get from class to class. And roller skates wouldn't be practical. The only usable device we can think of is to press the steam whistle into service, so that classes will always end on time. That way, we can make the next class when the first spadeful of earth if we run like fury between sessions.

## The Problem of UMT...

tossed around like a like wire since the first world war, has hopped right back into the news as a result of its endorsement by President Truman in his state of the Union speech to Congress January With the issue clouded with religious,

political and military interests, the Eightieth Congress will have on its hands a form of legislation that most Congresses settle by a neat side-step. The fact that 1948 is an election year throws even night importance to the political repercussions implicit in the bill.

on Capital Hill today tre: Will the Eightieth Congress do what se many other Congresses in the past have decided not to do—settle UMT once and for a ? Have the nation's representatives yet reached the stage of "service to the people" that they will be willing to subordinate—for once their own political futures to the welfare of the nation

The answer to both questions, unfortun-

ately, will apparently be "no."

The increasing rift in litternational relations with Russial has added to the measure's support in many quarters, but UMT is still a political football that is being kicked around with abandon.

Yet the very fact that the international situation is getting more critical should cause Congress to wake up to its responsi-

Universal Military Training an issue bilities and act on UMT, election year or no north of the campus. election year.

Compulsory Military Training has been pushed by the American Legion for the past 25 years but has met with determined resistance by penny pinching congressmen members and friends were present. and midwestern isolationism.

through congress occurred in 1946 as a result of a report by a commission of civilians appointed by Truman.

The commission worked five months, gation at College Station was orheard more than 200 witnesses, and turned ganized and chartered in 1939 to The important question being asked in a 450 page report asking for UMT right serve members of the eight Lunow. Spurred on by this report, the House National Lutheran Council and all Armed Service Committee okayed a bill for other persons preferring this UMT but Congress adjourned last summer church in the College Station-Bry before taking action.

Now President Truman's call for UMT has dumped the matter squarely into the of organization. hands of Congress.

If the behind-the-scenes whispering on Capital Hill is indicative of things to come, Congress is going to respond to the President by dumping UMT into the ash can.

This move will probably appease a lot of church groups who insist that military On Ag Economics training will "indoctrinate our fine American youth with militaristic tendencies" and pacify objecting parents who don't want to see junior leave home for a year-but will it prepare America for possible future developments on the international front?

# History & Mr. Wallace.

In an attempt to shed some light on today's most popular political riddle AP Columumnist Alexander George has unearthed some interesting historical information. Of the three most formidable third party candi-dates in the past, all of them ex-presidents, only one polled enough votes to influence an

The one deciding hid was that made by Republican Theodore Roose elt, a Progressive Party candidate in 1912, which divided the normally Republican with with President Taft and enabled Democrat Woodrow Wilson to attain the presidency. The two most prominent failures were those of Democrat Martin Van Buren who ran as a Free Soiler in 1848 but failed to get any electoral votes, and Whig Millard Filmore viso moved into the Presidents chair when Zachary Taylor died. He failed to stay in the chair when he ran on the American or "Know Nothing" Party ticket in a race which lames Buchanan won. The "Know Nothing" downfall resulted from their affiliation with the secret association which fostered the party.

The list of the unsuccessful doesn't end here however. At one time or another the names of Robert M. LaHolette, Sr., James B. Weaver, Thomas E. Watton, and General

John Palmer have appeared unsuccessfully on ballots. Palmer's bid gave an indication of the opinion held of the military and his Gold Democrat party at the time as he redeived no electoral votes.

After the magnetic Teddy Roosevelt was defeated the first time, he was offered the Progressive nomination again in 1916. He had learned his lesson however, and return- books, "Marketing Problems and Streets. The American Lutheran ed to the Republican fold.

Until Wallace's candidacy this year, the lems and Policies." most recent Third Party Movement was by William Lemke of the Union Party in 1936, but he was caught in the great wave of Rooseveltian popularity and went unnoticed at the polls.

Through all this maze of historical fact, Mr. Wallace can find very few trends to guide him. From the "Know Nothings" he The John Brown University Press, can see that the voters do like to hear a plat- Siloam Springs, Arkansas for inform although they may ignore it for a per- formation and prices, Barger statsonality. The same group demonstrated that ed. there is political danger in associating with unpopular secret associations or foreign po-

He can hardly help noticing one striking To Hear Head Of fact however. Of the several third party bids, only one has affected an elections outcome, and not one has been in itself successful.

# The Battalion

The Battalian, official new paper of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the City of College Station, Texas, is published five times a week and circulated every Monday through Friday and related fields, it was announ-membership. The pastor's office is afternoon, except during holidays and examination periods. During the summer The Battalion is publiced. lished semi-weekly. Subscription rate \$4 per school year. Advertising rates furnished on request.

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WITH SOUND EFFECTS



\$25,000 Project Started .

# It does no good to long for the "good old days" when A. & M. had five classroom building and the classroom building the classroom buildin buildings, all within sight of Sully's statue, and half a dozen dormitories, all on Military Hold Ground-Breaking Service owner, involved having the customers post a weekly fee of \$1.50 and thereby entitled to buy as many glasses of beer as they wanted at five cents each.

REV. FRED MGEBROFF

Lutneran Pastor

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can Lutheran congregation.

Gift-Grant of \$25,000

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tor's counseling room, a kitchen

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Members and friends of the American Lutheran congregation at College Station saw the beginning of a dream come true Sunday was lifted at a ground-breaking ceremony for the church's threeunit combination parsonage, student center, and chapel to be located on a site at College Main and Cross Streets, three blocks

The impressive ground-breaking ceremony was held Sunday morning at 11:15 a. m. with Rev. Fred Mgebroff, pastor of the church, officiating. A large congregation of Charles Rohloff, oldest charter The last attempt to get a UMT Bill member of the church, loosened the first spadeful of earth.

Chartered in 1939

The American Lutheran congrean area. Regular Lutheran preaching services had been held for this group many years prior to the date

In the spring of last year the Student Service Commission of the

# Series Published

A series of books concerning agricultural economics written by Dr. Henry White of John Brown University has just been published, according to information received debt-free the buildings for the Luby J. Wheeler Barger, head of the A. & M. agricultural economics and rural sociology department.

tural Problems and Policies," "The and "A Syllabus to Accompany the the National Lutheran Council. Farmer and Economic Progress." Their prices range from \$2 to \$5, the John Brown University Press

"The Farmer and Economic Progress" is a combination of the two Policies" and "Agricultural Prob-

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Persons interested in purchasing any of these books should write

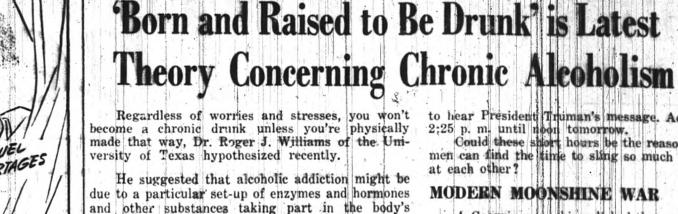
# **Entomology Club Fumigation Firm**

H. T. McGill will speak on "Grain Fumigation" before a combined meeting of the Entomology Club and the 421 seminar class Wednes- Lutheran Student Association, a day evening at 7 p.m. Scheduled children's Confirmation Class, is to be held in Room 10 of the Sci- being instructed, and interested ence Building, the meeting is op- adults may enroll in preparatory ened to all students in agriculture instruction courses for church

The speaker is the head of the H. T. McGill Company of Houston which specializes in industrial fumigation of rice warehouses, elevators, boxcars, and ships. J. A. Deer, president of the Entomology Club stated that McGill has had many years of experience in the field of fumigatioin, being regarded as one of the ablest men in the profession. He added that McGill nas conducted schools for training fumigators throughout the rice producing areas of Arkansas, Louisiiana, and Texas.

## Geology Meeting Cancelled

The Geology Club meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled, Bill Davis, president of the club, announced vectorday



pecome a chronic drunk unless you're physically made that way, Dr. Roger J. Williams of the University of Texas hypothesized recently. He suggested that alcoholic addiction might be due to a particular set-up of enzymes and hormones and other substances taking part in the body's metabolism (the process of tissue change). In plain language, this means that the bar fly has his own individual metabolic makeup which pre-disposed him to addiction; whereas the soberas-a-judge individual has a different type.

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

"According to this hypothesis," Williams told the 114th meet of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, ". . . environmental factors are potent and indispensable for bringing about alcoholic addiction, but they do not do so unless the person involved possesses the type of metbolic individuality which pre-disposes toward addiction.

"If our hypothesis is correct . . .," he said, "in order for addiction to take place, the individual must be in an environment which is favorable to addiction; otherwise, the tendency toward alcoholism never becomes known nor could it be registered in any statistic.

#### LIQUOR CONTROL

One more "ingenious" attempt to make drinking more convenient to the alcoholically inclined public has run up against a state Liquor Control Board; but although disapproved, the idea still goes down in the books as a good one, if you happen to like your beer on a subscription plan.

The idea, conceived by a New Jersey tavern Erwin B. Hock, Alcoholic Bevarage Control Commissioner, disapproved the scheme as not conducive to wise liquor control, saying that patrons would have to consume thirty brews each "to break

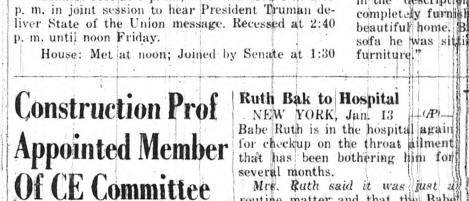
#### NO UNION NEEDED

If your regular eight-hour working day is getting you down-get wise, pal, throw your hat in the ring and run for public office. If you make Congress, you're in.

· A sample of the working conditions for congressmen can be found in a January 7 news release listing the activities in congress for that day.

Senate: Met at 1 p. m.; met with House at 1:30 p. m. in joint session to hear President Truman de-

House: Met at noon; Joined by Senate at 1:30



R. L. Peurifoy, professor of construction engineering, has been days. with the American Lutheran conregation of College Station in invited to serve on the construcsupporting the Lutheran program tion committee of the Civil Engiat College Station. The National neering Division of the American Lutheran Council employed Rev. Society of Engineering Education. The appointment is for a two-year Mgebroff as paster to Lutheran students of A&M and of the Ameri- period.

A&M is one of seven colleges in the United States now offering and

The council also sponsored the option in construction engineering. organization of the Lutheran Stu-Professor, E. W. Stubbs, Jr., lent Foundation, Inc. at A. & M. head of the School of Engineering The Student Service Commission at Purdue University, is chairman of the National Lutheran Council of the committee. S. T. Carpenter has appropriated a gift-grant of Swarthmore College, Swarth-\$25,000 which is being used to erect more, Pennsylvania, is chairman of the Civil Engineering Division of theran congregation and student the society. service program at College Station. The entire property will be owned In appointing Professor Peuri-

The four books comprising the and operated jointly by the Ameri- foy to the committee, Chairman series are rentitled "Marketing can Lutheran congregation and the Stubbs said: "Professor Peurifoy Problems and Policies," "Agricul- Lutheran Student Foundation, Inc. has been active in developing the and will be sponsored by the eight work in the construction option at Farmer and Economic Progress." Lutheran synods affiliated with his institution (A&M). He has been working closely with the As-The building site which was dedi- sociated General Contractors of cated in the Sunday's ground- America and with both national breaking service is located three and local units. He states that he blocks north of the A. & M. cam- feels the need for better subject pus and includes frontage on Colmatter materials as textbooks, lege Main, Cross, and Tauber manuals, and visual aids:"

The construction committee, newcongregation purchased this proy organized, was created to assist perty in 1944, paying for it in colleges and universities in esfull with no debt remaining. The tablishing better and stronger profirst building unit, for which grams in that field of engineerground was broken Sunday, will be ing, Professor Stubbs said. a five-room residence for the pastor's family. Building on this unit

QUEEN Construction of the chapel with seating capacity of approximately two hundred and of the student

TODAY & WEDNESDAY

"Pirates of Monterrey"

with

MARIA MONTES

several months. Mrs. Ruth said it was just routine matter and that the Babe would be out "in three or four



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to hear President Truman's message. Adjourned at 2:25 p. m. until noon tomorrow.

Could these short hours be the reason congressmen can find the time to sling so much verbal mud at each other?

## MODERN MOONSHINE WAR

A Georgia moonshiner licked the problem of the sapling which stood between him and freedom, but the barbed wire fence was too much.

United States Revenue Agent A. H. Ayers said he handcuffed the man to the sapling and began pursuing other manufacturers of illicit whisky. When he returned for his prisoner, said Ayers, he found the man had climbed the tree and escaped.

The escape was found, handcuffs and all, hung up on a barbed wire fence.

### BUT NOT IN THE BACK SEAT

Franking Institute tested the driving ability and judgment of 3,002 motorists and drew a con-clusion—men are better drivers than women. The institute reported about 750 of those who

took the tests failed to make a passing score.

The scores of men showed "far better" than those turned in by women and "the youngsters made the worst showing." the Institute said.

#### RAW COURAGE

Mrs. Henriette Kennis, who presented herself naked at a beauty contest in drew a suspended fire after the judge carefully examined a picture of her in attorney pleaded she was a "work of art."

Mrs. Kennis and her husband—a lampshade manufacturer who said he approved her action—were among the spectators at what had been announced none too literally as a nucle beauty contest. When the gris approved wearing certain articles of

When the girls appeared wearing certain articles of apparel, Mrs. Kennis shouted 'fake', jumped up and showed 'em.

No one can metall who won the beauty contest.

#### MORBID MANOR

Real Estate men hardened to almost everything, admit an involuctory shudder at a current release from the Hollywood Wilshire division of the Los Angeles Realty Board.

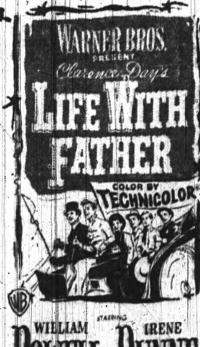
It is an announdement that a palatial 12-room, two-story house is for sale. The location, Linden Drive Beverly Hills. The Price \$160,000.

But that ist't the jolt. The blow is contained in the "description", as follows: "Italian-type stucco completely furnished at a cost of \$75,000. This is a beautiful home. Bigsy Siegel lost his life here. The sofa he was sitting on when shot, included in the



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