

Arkansas Faces Life ...

If a popularity contest between the Supreme Court of Arkansas and the Spanish Inquisition were to be held today, the Inquisition could be sure of 3500 votes. And it's all the Supreme court's own fault.

That august Arkansas tribunal declared the other day that a 1947 act creating a certain Little Rock chancery dourt was unconstitutional. Consequently, all the divorce decrees granted by the court are invalid, and 3500 people who thought themselves safely single find themselves married again.

One of the first problems that leaps to mind is that of alimony. Arkansas will probably have to set up an AAA-Alimony Adjustment Administration to untangle the fiscal faux-pas. And improvements will be

made on Ben Franklin's "penny saved" adage that will make Poor Richard seem a spendthrift.

In a case like this one, bigamy invariably gets into the act. All over Arkansas people are waking up to find that they are not married to whom they thought, because of a pre-vious engagement. And no matter how Bertrand Russell feels about such a thing, many God-fearing Arkansans will feel rather strongly.

For those who always look for the silver lining, there is one in this mess also. With the invalidation of so many divorces and. consequently, so many marriages, there is hope for the Western World that all this business about someone's being his own grandpa can be cleared up.

Education Vs. 'Rights'

highly controversial issues facing post-war America, is a problem which has not failed to arouse its share of attention at A. & M. The Battalion's stand of "Education-Not 'Rights'!" (Friday, February 6) was received with mixed impressions. (See yesterday's Letters to the Editors) It was with just such a hope that it would provoke argument that the editorial was written.

For only by thrashing out the issues in-volved—and they are indeed clouded—can we hope to arrive at a workable solution. And one glance at the present status of this country's educational system is enough to convince even the most biased conservative that a solution is needed.

The past record of American education is not one to be wholly ashamed of. We have built the most complete and comprehensive system of private and public education the world has ever seen. Except for government and the railroad industry it is our biggest single business.

Yet we are a long way from our goal even in the eradication of illiteracy, let alone ade-

Education vs. rights, one of the most combination of the two: or a system of federal scholarships-but whatever the nature of the plan itself, federal aid seems the most logical answer.

> Of course, the question of direct grants to privately endowed institutions would seriously endanger our dual system of endowed and tax supported schools. But there are other answers. The issue it seems, is not over the minute details of any one proposed plan, but rather over the idea of the plan itself.

> Although frequently clothed in other language, most arguments against federal aid evolve around the theory that it will, in the long run, breed socialism, destroy "competition" (the uses that term has been put to!) and is, inherently, un-American.

Is it un American to provide money with which to raise the quality of instruction in rural secondary schools across the country by giving teachers a living wage? Is it un-American to thus fortify our youth to meet come?. And, most important, is it un-Ameri- was captured." can to erase the cost barrier which is pre-

venting so many high school graduates from

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

Lawton Preps for Onslaught of Aggie ROTC Students by Withstanding 'One-Man Riot'

"Traveling Through History With President Truman"

By LARRY GOODWYN

"Who says it was settled in '65?"

Lawton, Oklahoma, site of the Army's top field artilleny school which will play host to A&M advanced R. O. T. C. students this summer, should be prepared for anything any inebriated Aggies might pull during their off duty hours.

The town of 20,000 got a preview of what to expect last Saturday when a near-panic was started after a one-man blitz conducted by a Fort Sill soldier wrecked three dars and sent citizens calling police for aid and diving for shelter.

The commander at Fort Sill, Maj. Gen. Cliff Andrus, identified the soldier at T-4 Donald S. Williams, 24, of Decatur, Texas. Andrus said the youth the problems of democracy in the years to and didn't realize what was going on until after I

Andrus went on a midnight joy ride in a 21-ton self-propelled 155 mm howitzer that ended in a movie comedy 12 mile chase. Lawton police got first word of the soldier's The questions answer themselves. As for one-man expeditionary force when an excited man ran into the police station shouting "an Army tank just smashed my car! "I thought he'd flipped his lid," Desk Sgt. Al Hennessee said. "Then the phones started ringing. Everyone was phoning to tell us about the mad tank The howitzer is mounted on a full-track motor carriage similar to that of a tank.

and wrecking three cars, the soldier headed for the business section, leaving scars on the pavement. With a task force of jeeps, command cars, Black Marias and police cruisers trailing, the howitzer

headed back for the Fort. A make-shift road block rigged of painters' scaffolding fooled the soldier and he halted at the Fort.

THE SAMARITAN VS. THE SKEPTICS

Bob Bowers, operating a manufacturer's outlet store in mansas City, advestised that he would sell 25 ditten \$1 bills at 93 cents, limit of three to a customer-but the customers, in typical American fashion, wouldn't buy. By mid-afternoon the following day, only fifty

and tiles. had been purchased at that price. Most customers just shook their heads and said, "There's something Leaving Puebla, the camera gives to Orizaba, the gateway to the junwrong with them." A policeman tried to reassure a where orchids, camelias, few of the prospective buyers. Even that did no good. other tropical vegetation are found "It took us 70 minutes to sell the first bill at 93 in abundance. cents, and we had quite a lot of customers in that Shots of the natives using the time too," Bowers said. rails of the cable cars between Other than giving him a chance to observe hu-Orizaba and Tuxpango, whe cars are not scheduled, are in economical, if bizarre, transactions. cluded to amuse the audience. SHE FEELS SHARP, NO DOUBT . . Continuing on through Forili and Vera Cruz, sightseers arrive Health officials in Sarasota, Fla., conducted a at Jalapa, where camellias gra-18 feet high.

Biologists to See Film, 'Trip Through Mexico,' Tonight

"A Trip Through Mexico," a new color sound film pro-duced by the Gulf Oil Corporation, will be shown to the Bi-ology Club Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Chemistry Lec-ture Room, Club President Bill Lewis announced Friday.

writers made two trips through Mexico. Prior to each expedition, research was done and authorities sils in a primitive way with super-lative craftsmanship.

Laredo, Texas, is the point entry used for the trip, due its geographical location, it b ing the northern terminus of Pan-American Highway.

Leaving Nuevo Laredo, the ture takes the audience to Monte rey, Mexico's machine-age town American, but a mixture of boar Following a parameter which is neither Mexican Following a panoramic view of t city, scenes from a bullfight, Me co's national pastime, are shown in all the pomp and color atten-dant to this sport.

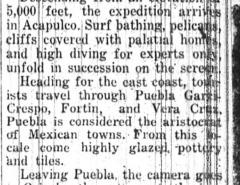
Continuing south, a henequ plantation near Victoria is visitia allowing a break in the trip to Ta-mazunchale, "where Mexico begins.

Arriving in Mexico City, the fil pictures a modern city, cosmopoli-tan and foreign. A few of the most noted places visited through the film are the Zocalo, the Cathedra Government Palace, Palace of Fin

Arts, Shrine of Guadalupe, Juarez Monument, Chapulteper, and Xa chimilco and its floating garden Leaving Mexico City, the film takes the arm chair tourist to the Pyramids of Teotihuacan, a short distance northeast of the capitoli Leaving the Pyramids, the trip

Leaving the Pyramids, the tap takes the audience through Cuen-navaca, and Taxco to Acapulci, Mexico's fisherman's paradist. Cuernavaca is a fashionable weeks-end resort and vacation spot for wealthy metropolitans. Among its residents of the past were Cortex, Bords and Maximilian Borda and Maximilian. Driving into Taxco, one sees the old silver mine on top of the hill

In addition to its silver, the city is famous for its cathedral-an arcs tectural gem-and textiles. Descending from an elevation s 5,000 feet, the expedition arrive



Patzcuaro rewards the traveler with its fishing village scenes and the use of dugout canoes. On Ja-nitzio, island of fishermen in Lake Patzcuaro, the camera recorded the fishermen skillfully handling the graceful butterfly nets. Undoubtedly, the most dramatic and thrilling scenes of the nicture

and thrilling scenes of the picture were filmed at the Paracutin Vol-cano. The camera crew with considerable transportation difficulty took themselves and their equip-ment to the closest point of van-tage where the remarkable shots of the eruptions were made.

At Guadalajara, glass-blown articles fascinate the tourist.

On the return trip, a stop is made at Juanacatlan Falls, which plunge over a 524 foot ledge into a hidden gorge.

Visitors are invited to see the movie this evening, Lewis said.

Sul Ross Masons To Meet Thursday

Sul Ross Masonic Lodge 1300 College Station will hold a regular-ly scheduled meeting Thursday evening at 7 p. m., Secretary W. H. Badgett announced today.

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quate schooling for all. Nearly six percent of American children fail to get through the sixth grade. Forty percent do not reach the tenth; 55% never reach the twelfth and 93 percent do not arrive at the fourth year in college.

The effect of the GI Bill has been to eliminate the factor of cost as a barrier, at least temporarily. The door has been opened; it is doubtful if the next generation of high school graduates is going to stand around idly and see it swing shut.

What is the answer? We say, federal aid, not necessarily outright grants to colleges (though actually we can find little fault in such a program as applied to public schools) nor outright grants to students. Possibly a

pursuing their education in college.

the government "taking over" the schools. hasn't the situation reached the point where we can better risk government "intervention" that see many of the precious few highly trained teachers we do have leave the pro- driver." fession for better paying jobs and thus add to our present woes?

Moreover, we think it not impossible that some plan, insuring just and adequate dispen- gates. Military police gave chase immediately but sation of federal funds to schools, can be drawn up to meet this problem.

Today, America is at the crossroads in education. She can either grasp at the chance of federal aid or-she can do nothing.

Nothing' isn't going to get the job done. Federal aid may.

"Plato, one of the intellectual rockets of

history, was an able wrestler. Most of the

football players I knew did better than fair

in their studies, and their only complaint was

in the stadium which was true-at that time.

erally are better paid, and that is as it should

the fraternity-hating Dr. that, at last re-

ports, Robert Hutchins is listed belong-

ing to "eight social and business clubs and

two honorary clubs in three cities on two

football, when the opposition's blows begin

To which we have only this to add: In

"I understand now football players gen-

As a final passing shot, Boyle reminds

the hav harvest from the fields."

education.

The officer gave the following account:

The soldier drove the howitzer through the Fort were unable to stop the machine as it rolled to Lawton five miles away.

After weaving through the residential district

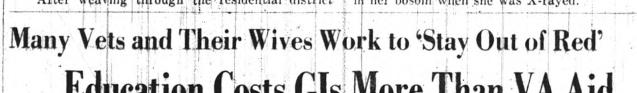
man nature, Bowers offered no reason for his un-

mass checkup for tuberculosis through chest X-rays. Comments from the State Board of Health on

returned X-rays included: "Concealment of a deadly weapon."

A check disclosed that a Negro girl had a razor her bosom when she was X-rayed.

JOEL McGREA Traveling toward Guadalajara **VERONICA LAKE** the expedition stops in Toluca to visit the teeming market and water **DONALD CRISP** the native craftsmen fashion utin



Education Costs CIs More Than VA Aid

By DAVID TAYLOR MARKE

AP Newsfeatures Writer On Education NEW YORK-Since the end of the war more than one and one-quarter million veterans have swelled the ranks of students in colleges and universities in this country to the bursting point.

And Boyle Inc. only warming up the good How these ex-servicemen subsist, what they think of their instruction, vocational choices and Dr. for the real fry, goes on: "As a graduate extra curricular activities has been made the subof a state university which had its share of ject of a nationwide study planned by a national 'football, fraternities and fun,' I find it difcommittee appointed by the American Council on Education, financed by the Disabled American Vetficult to understand the learned doctor's abhorrence of this harpy trinity of American erans.

The committee found that the average total monthly expenses of single veterans in college is \$106.13, or \$43.13 more than the \$65 allotted to him by the Veterans Administration, Married students spent \$175.38 but received only \$90, a difference of \$85.38,

To make ends meet, the committee reports, they weren't being paid enough for the labors many veterans work during school terms and summer vacations. Of the more than one-third employed, 92 per cent earned from \$10 or less to \$30 in a term. Earnings of the remaining 8 percent ranged from \$31 to \$105. Wives of 56 per cent of the married student veterans work to supplement their husbands

The answers to what the veterans think of their instruction, the committee reports, range

from "average" to "very good" with approximately per cent considering their teaching "inferior" or "very poor."

A majority of the veteran students, the committee says, feel that educational standards in their institutions actually had been raised as a result of the tremendous growth in enrollment. Increased competition among students, their greater maturity and present day higher college entrance requirements, 'more and better professors" and a "larger selection of new courses" were some of the reasons advanced. Veterans are more serious than non-veteran

tudents, the committee finds. They are more mature in their approach to college studies, have more practical and definite goals and realize more fully the value of the educational program which they are now undertaking.

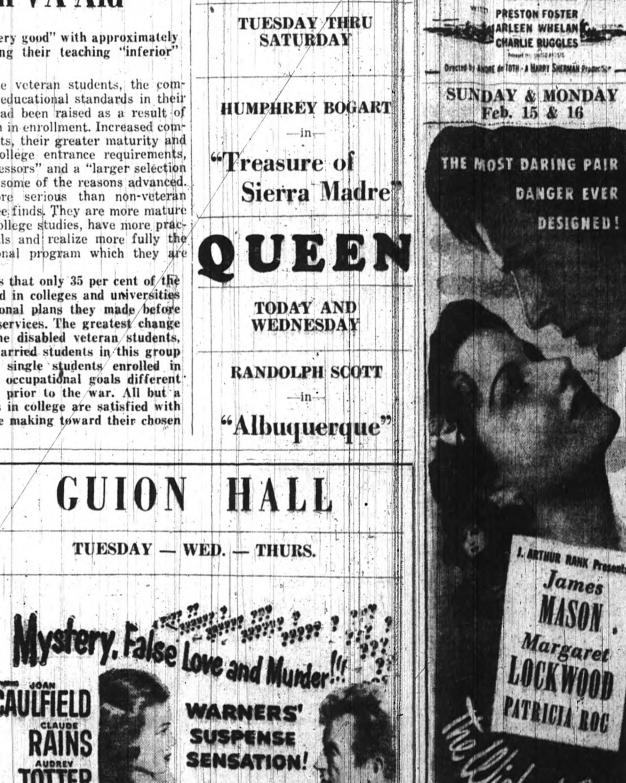
The report shows that only 35 per cent of the eterans now enrolled in colleges and universities have changed vocational plans they made before entering the armed services. The greatest change was found among the disabled veteran students, with 46 pr cent of married students in this group and 43 per cent of single students enrolled in programs leading to occupational goals different than those they had prior to the war. All but a few veteran students in college are satisfied with the progress they are making toward their chosen

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Education---Hal Boyle Style While the discussion on education rages hot argument in those days-but they weren't much help when somebody had to get in

through the country's hallowed halls of learning, a different type of discussion, on the lighter side has drained off the pen of Hal Boyle, the Associated Press humorist who is no mean hand when it comes to twisting a term to fit his purposes.

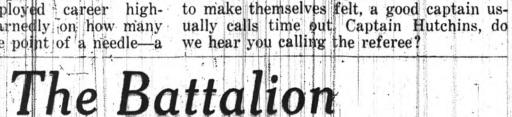
In his lates sortie into the field of education, "Prince Hal" chose none other than the University of Chicago's famed and fabled president, Robert M. Hutchins, to exchange blows with. On second thought, 'exchange' is hardly the word for it: Boyle did all the talking.

Apparently, as far as bur hero is concerned, the venerable President Hutchins, a 'radical "high-brow" educator, made the mistake of saying, "Football fraternities and fun were designed to make a college education palatable for those who shouldn't be there."

That was too much for writer Boyle. He not only raked R. M. H. over the coals, he let him sizzle a while and then fried him on the altar of pigskins-the kind college students are wont to throw around on a Saturday afternoon.

Says Boyle of the graduates of R. M.'s college: "These unemployed career highbrows could argue learnedly on how many angels could sit on the point of a needle-a

All-American



continents. Why, Doctor!"

be. Football is work.'

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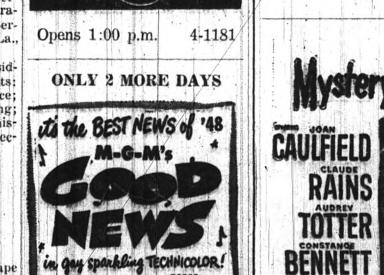
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Four problems were considered by the workshop participants: the job of the Extension Service; principles of Extension financing organization policies and administration of the service; and effectiveness of its work.

J. D. Prewith vice-director and state agent for the Extension Service, attended an administrative workshop for Extension Service members in Baton Rouge, La.

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