

Investing in Brains...

An editorial in the Arkansas Gazette calls attention to a point with which A&M may well be concerned. Noting that the Stanolind Oil & Gas Company has just recently announced that it will give the University of Tulsa \$125,000 toward the construction of a \$750,000 Petroleum Science building at that school, the Gazette points out that "no industry in Arkansas has ever made a substantial effort to endow an appropriate department at the University of Arkansas."

Why did Stanolind offer the money for such a building? Evidently they recognize that the establishment or betterment of facilities of institutions of higher learning will benefit them directly. Particularly is that true of vocations or professions which demand advanced training for even a basic understanding of the subject.

It appears to us that many Texas industries are ignoring the benefits to be derived from such action. They are missing a bet in not recognizing what Stanolind did recognize... that our colleges and universities are the most logical places for training future

employees. Why must industry spend enormous sums undoing some of the work taught them in universities? Why doesn't industry save itself both money and time by working with and aiding in the financing of higher institutions of learning? It won't be simple, but surely a definite program based on just this one thought could prove invaluable to this state, to the employers, to students, and to the college concerned.

A&M has made a step in this direction, although of a slightly different nature than the program mentioned above. Its Business and Industrial Advisory Service, offering Texas industries specific and detailed advice on pertinent problems arising within their organizations, will provide an actual laboratory for students who intend to deal with labor and management problems after graduations. The service will be financed by donations from industry, presumably from those who take advantage of its facilities.

Nevertheless, it is a wonder that some of the larger cotton firms, oil refineries, sulfur companies, and related industries don't assure themselves of larger profits in the future by investing in brains now.

Italy Looks Westward...

Election time in Italy has opened the American eyes to the more practical aspects of world politics.

This nation, which heretofore insisted on complete "hands-off" in foreign elections, did an about-face. With all the means at hand it has shoved aid, encouragement, threats, promises, and seductive offers to Italy to prompt a non-communist vote. Apparently Italy has decided to join our "Western sphere."

This policy of acting where our interests lie bespeaks a new American awareness of world affairs.

To swing the Italian elections toward the West the United States renounced treaty rights to a share of Italy's navy, and persuaded Britain and Greece to do the same. Twenty-nine merchant ships were transferred outright to Italian colors. Food, clothing, machinery and money have been shipped over.

The State Department urged Italian-Americans in this country to barrage their homefolks with letters. The Marshall Plan was set up to give aid to needy countries with the restriction that communist nations would not be eligible for assistance.

The warning was given out that no communist could enter the U. S., long the goal

of thousands of Italians. We are shipping back the gold the Germans stole during the occupation. We probably had a hand in having France return some border land to Italy. We are paying for work done in this country by Italian war prisoners.

We are sending coal to aid Italy's gas industry. At every turn we have maneuvered Russia into positions where it would be impossible for her to swing a veto without marking Italy off as a total loss.

The shrewdest move was the announcement of a plan to return Trieste to Italy. Russia couldn't open her mouth after that without alienating either Italy or Yugoslavia, both of whom had hungry eyes for Trieste. Italy was overjoyed at the suggestion.

This is a far cry from our past policies. It's an active policy with some meat on its bones. In the past we let the other nations call the tune, then we joined with the one most like unto our own beliefs. Today we call.

The disadvantage to the new system is plain. We have no one to blame but ourselves if we suddenly become weak of heart. But our successes will be our own.

There is light on America's diplomatic horizon after a long, dark night. Let's hope it isn't false dawn.

: Letters to the Editor :

BWARE OF SWTS!
Editor, The Battalion:

On February 20, 1943 I delivered my automobile to the Southwest Technical School at the Bryan Air Base to have repaired and the body repaired. At that time all I knew about the school was what I had heard from another fellow who had his automobile painted there. He told me that for students the work which they did was satisfactory. After seeing this fellow's automobile which had been painted by the students at the Southwest Technical School, I had to admit that the paint job was good. Thereupon I decided to have my automobile painted and the body repaired.

On the particular day I delivered my auto, the instructor who was to supervise the work on my car was not the least bit hesitant about it. He said that he needed a vehicle that very afternoon because he had a crew of students for whom he needed an automobile. This same instructor also informed me that if I could leave the auto that afternoon, he would put this crew to work on it immediately after I had filled out the necessary releases at the office. The release was to the effect that the school was not responsible for loss by fire and theft.

Upon going to the office I had a short conversation with the man who handed me the release. During the conversation this man told me that the students did good work

insofar as students are expected to do. I asked him if there was any danger of anything being taken from my automobile, to which he merely said that if there was anything lying around in my car I should take it out. He casually mentioned that a few things had disappeared a few times. (I would like to add at this time that he did not even scratch the surface, which is the main purpose of my writing this letter. I want all Aggies as well as others to know all the facts before they release their automobiles for work by students at the Southwest Technical School.)

After my automobile had been at the school a couple of weeks, I was notified by means of a postal card that I would have to deliver another piece of sheet metal in order to complete the work on my car. According to the policy of the school, the owner of the car furnishes the necessary materials whereupon the school does the necessary work without charge. When I delivered the sheet metal, the instructor admitted with some regret that one of the other pieces which I had delivered before had been stolen. I took the information and the loss without complaining.

About one week before Easter, I went out to the school again to see what progress had been made. I found that the fender had been straightened and the body work had been done. Nothing had been done in the way of painting yet.

What surprised me was the attitude of the instructor. He complained he could not keep the fellows at work. Upon asking him what sort of discipline they had and why he tolerated such conditions, he merely shrugged his shoulders and said that if they didn't feel like working all he could do was to give the students a low grade. I asked him when my car would be ready to which he said he would try to have it out by Easter. I received a postal card April 9 that my car was ready.

When I went out the following day, my car was ready insofar as the school was concerned. With all due respect to the honest students at the SWTS, I would like to point out the true conditions as they exist at the school. My car was ready insofar as the body work and the painting was concerned. However, something else which must be said and which is of such vital importance to anyone who is going to take his car there is what one might find when he goes out for his car which is ready according to the school.

Upon looking over my car, I'll admit that the students painted it well and repaired the body. Some of the other things which had been done were the following:

Two of my hub caps were gone one door handle and two handles for rolling the windows up and down were gone; the glass in one of the doors was broken, and

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BEHIND THE FALSE FRONT



Classes of '13 and '23 to Hold Reunions Here, April 24-25

Two groups of Aggie-axes, the Classes of '13 and of '23, will convene here Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, for their 35th and 25th anniversary reunions respectively. J. B. "Dick" Hervey, secretary of the Former Students Association, has announced.

Members of both classes will register at 11 a. m. Saturday in Sbis Hall. About 65 are expected to register in the Class of '13 while the Class of '23 expects an attendance of about 160.

The Class of '13, which calls itself "The Firemen," will hold a class dinner and party at The Oaks in Bryan at 6 p. m. Celebrating its Silver Anniversary, the Class of '23 will meet at 5 p. m. in Sbis Hall Lounge to honor with a coffee those professors who were teaching here in 1923 and still reside in this area. At 7 p. m. the class will hold a dinner and party in Sbis Hall. Sunday morning the class has

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planned to meet at 8:30 in Sbis Hall for breakfast and a class meeting. Immediately after the meeting, the reunion will be adjourned.

Plans for the Class of '23 meeting have been made by a committee composed of local members of the class with E. R. Alexander as chairman.

Ben F. "Reveille" Brown of Waco is class agent and class president.

The Class of '18 will also meet Sunday morning at 8:30 for breakfast and a class meeting. The reunion will adjourn after the meeting.

Two local members of the Class of '18, T. R. Spence and Ernest Langford, were in charge of making plans for the reunion.

L. D. "Dad" Royer of San Antonio is class agent, and J. A. "Beet" Scofield of Vernon is president of the Class of '18.

Physics Students To Plan A-E Show

Students interested in participating in the demonstration to be presented in the physics department for A-E Day open house will meet this evening at 7 in Room 89, Physics Building.

Coryell County Aggies to Meet

All Aggies from the Gatesville area are invited to attend a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Coryell County Club.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 Thursday evening, April 22 in Room 307, Academic Building, Ted Copeland stated.

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What's Cooking?

BAYTOWN CLUB, Thursday, 7:15 p.m., 106 Academic.

BRAZORIA COUNTY CLUB, Thursday, 7:15 p.m., 327 Academic.

CORYELL COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Room 307, Academic.

CATTLEMAN'S BALL, 9 p.m. Friday, Sbis Hall, (Music by James and all the boys).

DEL RIO CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22, YMCA Boarding Room.

FISH AND GAME CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Thursday. Talks by J. L. Baughman and Dr. Thomas Scott.

LAMAR COUNTY CLUB, 7 p.m., Thursday, Room 126, Academic.

PANHANDLE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Room 228, Academic.

PHYSICS STUDENTS, 7 p.m., Thursday, Room 39, Physics Building. Plans for A-E Day open house.

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