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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Our New Role in World Affairs . . .

The United States now confers a new title on all of its citizens. They get this title and its concurrent obligations automatically, whether they want it or not and whether they merit it or not. That title is "Citizen of the World." The grand old days of our individualism and isolationism are gone forever. The limits of our freedom and the extent of our duties are no longer determined by national and personal considerations but by world considerations.

The Marshall Plan (Economic Cooperation Administration) is but one small aspect of our new position. We must not only subsidize the economic recovery of Europe, we must also subsidize the economic recovery of the world. And that will not be enough. We must also furnish the spiritual vigor for the moral rehabilitation of the world . . . that will be exceedingly difficult and exceedingly demanding.

What series of events thrust this new responsibility on us? Was it the growth of a new Russia; the economic after-effect of the war? Some tell us that it was the machinations of Wall Street and ambitious politicians. It was something more basic than these. The center of western civilization has crossed the Atlantic. England is now only a tiny little isle. When she grows the world no longer jumps. The lion is caged.

The Second World War destroyed British imperialism. With her strength gone Britain is no longer able to furnish the ships that police the seas. She is no longer able to control the trading of the world, no longer able to dominate a third of the globe. The far east is free of her influences. She no longer dominates India,

Palestine, Turkey and Greece, Iraq or Egypt. She in fact dominates no one.

Our dollar transfusions will not be able to resurrect her again. Step by step we have had to fill the vacuums made by Britain's hasty retreat. We have not had a choice. The alternative has always seemed too severe. We did not choose to fight Germany and Japan and Italy to prepare the world for Communist domination. Communist "democracy" grows more distasteful each day.

When British first ran short on dollars we gave her a \$3,750,000,000 loan of temporary effectiveness. She soon exhausted that and had to cut military and naval expenditures. We were forced to extend our influence to cover her recession. President Truman directed the first steps in our attempts to contain Russia. His 'Truman Doctrine' took us to the direct aid of Greece and Turkey.

Since that first step we have taken many more serious ones. We have now committed our entire resources to the rehabilitation of the world and its defense against Russian "democracy." We will fail completely if we do not rapidly show more vigor, more nerve and more character in our diplomacy.

This new job will require a more selfless economy, a more tolerant labor-management relationship, a more charitable nation. It will require more than taxes and a man power draft, more than a 70 group air force. It will take intelligent, conscientious legislators, diplomats and executors. It will take an enlightened public, cognizant of their responsibilities and willing to meet the demands of the challenge. It will measure our interest in mankind.

The Joy of Being An Editor . . .

Getting out this newspaper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't they say we are too serious. If we stick close to the office all day, we ought to be around hunting material. If we go out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate genius; and if we do print them, the

paper is filled with junk!

If we edit the other fellow's write-up, we're too critical; if we don't we're asleep. If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.

Now, like as not some guy will say we swiped this from some newspaper. We did!

A Constructive Program Neglected . . .

When a company develops a method of improving its services or its product without incurring additional expenses, it seldom abandons that method without some good reason. A&M developed a method of improving its services and itself last spring when the prof rating program was inaugurated. But for some reason that program has been forgotten or relegated to the shelves for little has been heard of it since its introduction.

Approval of the program was general throughout the college. True, some students used the opportunity afforded by the program to "get even" with some particular prof, but the majority of students used the rating program for what it was

intended—to give credit where credit was due, and to constructively criticize where criticism was due.

Those profs who received well deserved praise were given the satisfaction that comes from knowing their efforts are appreciated. The majority of those profs who were criticized made noticeable efforts to correct faults in their teaching methods. This latter group has not had the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts have been noticed and appreciated.

We believe that the prof rating program was a significant step forward in student-teacher relationships at A&M. We believe it should be re-introduced and continued on a regular basis.

Europe may have a coal shortage this winter but the natives will do the best they can to make it hot for each other.

A syndicated article says there are "entirely too many" sex crimes in America. What would be the ideal number?

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Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

Dear Sir: Can you tell me how many words there are in the Bible? I would like to know so I can get the jump on my Sunday School class teacher.

Thanks a lot, J. V.

Answer: I really don't know the exact number, J. V. And you gave me such short notice. Glancing through the Bible, I would guess that there were approximately 926,878 words, including those in the Apocrypha.

(Editor's note: Columnist Trail's guess is just a little bit off. An Englishman spent three years counting the words, and set the total at 926,877, the only official count ever made. Trail's estimation was one word off. But after all, he's just an amateur.)

Dear Sir: How many persons in the U. S. have annual incomes of a million dollars or more?

Sincerely, S. G.

Answer: According to the figures I have, S. G., seventy-one

persons had an annual income of a million or more in 1945.

And, this may come as a shock to you, I was not one of them. Possibly you think such talent is going unrewarded. I don't think so. I get my reward from the joy of knowing that I am straightening out some poor, lost, misguided soul. Money isn't everything, you know.

Dear Sir:

My roommate and I have been arguing over what is used for the laundry to smash the buttons on shirts. It is his opinion that they use a pile driver, while I contend that it must be a hydraulic press. Can you help settle the question?

Sincerely, H. T.

Answer: H. T., I am afraid that you are both wrong. They use a Boyer hand riveting hammer made by the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company of 6 East 44 Street, New York, New York. They used to use one of the stationary model, but they switched to the hand type because it allowed the personal touch.

Between the Book Ends . . .

Psychiatry Takes Minor Role In Book 'Sword From Galway'

By CHUCK MAISEL

Bookselves these days are filled to overflowing with stories of psychologically frustrated men and women who fail to marry the lover of their choice because of the resemblance to a great aunt who beat them in childhood. It all gets a little boring.

Seldom do books without a trace of psychiatry appear. So if it's a tale of lusty adventure you're wanting, this doctor prescribes curling up with A Sword From Galway by Drayton Mayrant. It's all one could ask.

Essentially it is the story of an Irish knight in love with a daughter of the chieftan of a fading tribe. Irish superstition and legend abound between its covers. DeCulry, the Galway knight, thinking his true love has led him into a trap of her kinsmen, decides to let his scars heal with time. He sets sail with a stupid continental named Christopher Columbus who thinks the world is round.

Upon discovering the New World, the Irish is left in command of a small fort while Chris rushes back to Spain for more shops. After many adventures, the fort is attacked by cannibalistic Indians and, when the smoke has cleared, DeCulry is the only member of the garrison still breathing.

He manages to escape back to Ireland and finds the lady of his choice; but she wants no part of him until he conveniently receives a wound. Then the woman in her comes to the front and they settle down for the purpose of raising children.

All the pagentry of chivalry runs through the story adding spice. Columbus plays quite a minor part in the tale, being pictured as slightly assimilated. Many of the escapades seem impossible as a movie serial, but the book has a definite charm. It is well written and holds interest throughout.

A Sword From Galway will never be considered a great book, nor will it linger in the readers' memory long after the last page is turned. But it is enjoyable and a welcome relief from the bedroom novels we choose to call modern.

THE FLAMES OF TIME BY BAYNARD KENDRICK One of the better historical novels now glutting the market is The Flames of Time by Baynard Kendrick. It is the story of a little-known episode in American history: the unhand attempt of the United States to wrest Florida from Spain. The time element is stretched over a 2 year period near the beginning of the 1800's.

One bright feature is that everyone doesn't get married and live happily ever after. After the central character, Artillery Armet, has had parents, wife, children, friends and two horses shot from under him, he remarries and becomes the father to a son, Kendrick, realizing that it's high time for the novel to come to an end, just can't resist the desire to make his hero suffer more.

The book ends with the farm under Indian attack—the fourteenth in the book—and Armet is giving the same prayer his father gave the night of his birth, "to take him but to spare his son."

There is certainly never a dull moment in the story. Every page finds Artillery in the process of killing some enemy or wiping the blood from his hatchet after doing so.

Kendrick shows strains of being a most excellent writer. The Flames of Time might have been a most lasting book had he resisted the impulse to make immediate profit. Writing from good literature, he stooped to type the story as the typical historical novel. His hero is pure in heart, possesses the courage of a lion, and simply can't keep every woman he meets from falling madly in love with him.

There is the usual number of bare breasts and women of the streets. Actually Kendrick is an amateur at writing such cheap material and shows it. In the sections of the story which approach good literature, however, he shows much promise.

Is the book good or bad? As a whole, it is very good, but the trashy passages which make it sell are, as might be guessed, so much debris.

Ag Writers Meet To Inspect A&M On September 4-5

A comprehensive picture of what Texas A&M is doing in the field of agriculture will be presented at the Agricultural Writers' Conference to be held here September 4-5. More than 100 writers, representing every section of the state, are expected to attend.

Press conferences will be held for the writers by department heads who will place themselves at their disposal in question and answer sessions. A nationally known speaker will deliver an address.

The Agricultural Experiment Station, the Forest Service, the Extension Service and the Department of Information, will have charge of the sessions. Field trips and inspections of departments are on the program. R. Henderson Shuffler, director of information and college publications, announced.

A garden style luncheon is planned for noon on Saturday, September 4.

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

Reminiscing Not the Keynote As Old Friends Hold Reunion

By JOE HOLLIS

A Fort Worth man suffered one of those embarrassing incidents of name forgetting that happens to most of us. However he has a different twist to his predicament. The forgetful one was standing in his place of business when a gunman gave him the usual hands up routine.

Recognizing the robber's face and recollecting their past shared school days, the victim called the gun waver's first name and asked the somewhat ambiguous question—"What in the world are you doing?"

The school mate didn't seem to be too happy at the prospect of spending some time reminiscing about the good old days. Instead he made a semi-try at finishing the business at hand, gave it all up as a bad job, and departed without so much as a, "glad to have seen you again."

Now the near victim wears a puzzled and frustrated look. He just can't seem to remember his old friend's last name.

A butcher in Kalamazoo, Michigan, is extremely thoughtful of his customers. Sympathizing with their price worries, he attempts to make their shopping easier. With the cash register tally of their purchases he presents each customer with an aspirin tablet.

The principle of the thing is fine but with the present inflation we have it seems to be rather ineffective. A better aid might be a slight shot of arsenic with each amount due.

Golf club professionals breathed easier recently when an entry in a golf tournament in Atlanta, Georgia, was eliminated. The in-

Playing Bull and Toreador . . .

Correspondent Finds Mexico Interesting But Bewildering

By DAN JACKSON

I have been in Mexico City a little over a week, but already I have seen many interesting things. The bus trip from Laredo to Mexico City took about 29 hours, but I was so interested in watching those little ribbons at the bottom of the mountains—they always turned out to be creeks and rivers—and listening to the conversation of the French couple, the Cuban family and the Mexicans on the bus that I didn't get very tired.

There was also a woman doctor of languages who writes books on psychology, anthropology, life in Haiti, and life among the Indians in South Western United States.

It was not the parks, and building which first impressed me. I was amazed that a fat, well-dressed man should chase me three blocks just to give me the name of a hotel for which he was the agent. This happened just about the time that I learned that the cars in Mexico don't slow down—the pedestrians just speed up. Next

Applications Open For Civil Service Agricultural Jobs

Announcement of two examinations, for filling Agricultural Research Scientist and Cotton Technologist positions, was made today by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Agricultural Research Scientist positions cover the following optional fields: Agronomy, Bacteriology, Biology (wildlife), Botany, Cereal Technology, Dairy Husbandry, Dairy Manufacturing Technology, Entomology, Fisheries Research Biology, Genetics, Horticulture, Meat Technology, Microanalysis, Mycology, Parasitology, Plant Pathology, Plant Physiology, Poultry Husbandry, Poultry Physiology and Soil Science.

Salaries range from \$3,727 to \$8,509 per year. To qualify, applicants must have completed 4 years of appropriate college study and must have had research experience in the appropriate agricultural field. Graduate study may be substituted for part of the experience required. No written test will be given.

The Cotton Technologist positions to be filled are in the branches of Cottonseed, Fiber, Ginning, and Textile Technology and are located in the Department of Agriculture, principally in Washington, D. C., South Carolina, Mississippi, and Texas.

Salaries range from \$3,727 to \$6,235 per year. To qualify, applicants must (a) have completed a four-year college course leading to a bachelor's degree in cotton technology, or (b) have had four years of technical experience in cotton technology, or (c) have had a combination of such education and experience. In addition, they must have had professional experience in one of the branches of cotton technology. Graduate study may be substituted for part of this experience. No written test is required.

Announcements and application forms may be secured from the Commission's Local Secretary Roger Jackson, located at the Main Post Office.

structors were worried about the possible demoralizing effects that the individual's playing might have upon their pupils if he won.

The character who firmly believed in every man to his own style, lasted through the fifth round of the playoffs in the National Public Links championship.

His unorthodox playing manner consisted of left-handed putting, right-handed swinging upon other shots, cross-handed grip on all shots, and lifting his left leg while swinging. Perhaps a needed boost would have been given to many dubs if that sort of technique had won the trophy.

Kent Stater, the campus newspaper at Kent College, Ohio, had a story last week of a professor who became aroused by the cost of living in general and the price of pajamas in particular. The whole thing started when the professor was informed by a clerk that the particular pair of pajamas he had in mind were selling for the not too modest sum of ten dollars. The prof objected and stated that he could make a pair that good for half the price.

Some friend's learning of the claim, registered disbelief so the faculty member settled down to business. The pajamas were completed several days later and were a masterpiece of construction. They were adorned with special cuffs, monogram, and French seams. However the self-styled tailor's chest and head returned to a normal size when he computed the total cost, twenty five dollars excluding overhead.

The professor now realizing the true worth of his creation refuses to wear them for such a lowly pastime as sleeping. The top now doubles as a sport coat.

One night I asked an old gentleman which bus to take, and he left his wife on the street corner, walked me two blocks and saw me safely on the bus. That's manners! A policeman helped some friends of mine carry their bags several blocks to a hotel and helped them settle in a room on the third floor. All out of courtesy.

I have been wandering around Mexico City in street corners, parks, buses and what have you. I have listened to wonderful music in the Hotel del Prado (a very swanky place) and I have been seeing the town with a Harvard economics major and a Yale English major. The other night I had dinner with J. J. Woolket, R. E. Struggs and F. J. Serna (Aggie exes) and several other Aggies and Aggie exes.

Some friends and I had a very enjoyable trip through the lagoons of Xochimilco, where the Aztecs had their floating gardens. I hope to travel to some of the interesting cities and villages in the next several weeks.

Forest Service to Push More Aggressive Forestry Program

The Texas Forest Service, proposed to the State Legislature a million-dollar program to save Texas timber.

The Forest Service, part of A&M College, has its 1948-1951 budget which calls for \$2,405,000 including \$1,044,000 to expand forest protection. It now has a 2-year appropriation of \$669,000.

Known as "operation forestry," the program proposes:

1. A 11,000,000-acre fire control and woodland management system in twenty-eight Texas counties.

2. Increasing the annual seedling output from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000.

3. Establishing a West Texas nursery to furnish 1,000,000 seedling a year for windbreaks, at cost \$95,700.

4. A \$280,000 conservation program in Jasper, Newton, Hardin, Liberty, Harris, Grimes, Waller, Orange, Jefferson, Madison, Leon, Houston, and Chambers Counties. Fire protection and reforestation are planned.

5. A \$350,000 program for Camp Titus, Morris, Franklin, Upshur, Gregg, Wood, Henderson, Van Zandt, Smith, Red River, Bowie, Cass, Rusk, and Anderson Counties. It would include a modern radio-controlled fire-fighting system, replanting of about 420,000 acres of cutover land where timber volume slumped 39 percent in ten years. Fire in 1946 did \$2,400,000 damage in this area.

6. Research including \$25,000 for studying ways of using cedar, \$25,000 for increasing hardwood growth in East Texas bottomlands, \$25,000 for a Northeast Texas farm woodland experiment, \$30,000 for studying uses of Central Texas woods, \$20,000 for mesquite, 360,000 for improving methods of removing bark from sawlogs, particularly for pulpwood, and \$25,000 for testing at Lufkin materials used in public school textbooks.

Other research at Lufkin would be expanded, including use of wood waste, use of low-grade hardwoods, production of wood mulches for cattle feed, kiln-drying, and preservatives for fence posts.

Acting Director D. A. Anderson also pointed out that the program involves welfare of 1,000,000 owners of woodland, 50,000 employees in wood-using industries, and many other Texans. Texas ranks seventh

Local Legionaires Get New Officers

Richard L. Patrick, of the A&M faculty, was elected post commander of Earl Graham Post No. 150, American Legion, at the regular meeting, August 6.

The post also endorsed Rev. Sam E. Hill, chaplain of A&M, for state chaplain of the Legion.

Other officers elected were J. W. Hamilton, vice-commander; J. Stansy, adjutant; E. J. Blazek, finance officer; Hy T. Schovajsa, service officer; Louis Hannu, chaplain; John H. Stroud, sergeant at arms; and Walter Doney, historian.

All newly elected officers will be installed on Friday, October 1, when members will be entertained at a barbecue. The state convention of the Legion will be held at Corpus Christi, September 13, 14, and 15 and the local post is entitled to 32 delegates.