

### We Have A Suggestion

We've said it before, but Following the time tested maxim "if. at first you don't succeed, try, try again" the question of study conditions in Cushing Memorial Library must again enter our editorial columns.

Despite earnest and repeated efforts to encourage improvement in the library that building remains its usual hot, stiffing self. Why?

Surely none of the administrative nersonnel in position to recommend improvements are of the opinion that all is satisfactory at the library. Or perhaps they haven't been called upon to spend several hours on a hot day attempting to prepare some work which even the instructor has described as "rather dry.",

Conditions in a library should be conducive to work. Not, as is the case at A&M obstructive.

The protest has been offered in the past that funds are not available for in-

### Who Misses the Dodo? . . .

Generalizations are traps for fools, kind in general.

An example of their disservice can be found on the headlines of any newspaper or in the conversation on any street corner. One that particularly offends us because it is used so often is this. "It takes all kinds of men to make a world."

stalling air conditioning equipment. And air conditioning definitely would be the ideal solution of both the students' and the employees' problem.

Thus we are forced to suggest another possible solution, ceiling fans.

With due appreciation for the fact that A&M has gained by the presence of the pleasant feminine help at the library, it might be even more beneficial to substitute on the library budget one ceiling fan for one extra assistant.

We don't mean to take a job away from someone now employed at the library. But when the occasion arises for the employing of a new assistant, investigate and see if the students would not prefer to do a little extra work for themselves and spend the money on a ceiling fan.

Twelve months of spending this saved salary on fans could mean twelve fans to help improve library conditions.

Cooling thought isn't it?

almost any part of our globe. An excellent hazards for the wise and a curse to man- specimine is existing new in South Africa.

His name is Daniel Francois Malan. Dr. Malan replaced Jan Christiaan Smuts as Prime Minister by a campaign of fear and prejudice. Malan's party has completely disinfranchised over 7,700,000 natives and 282,000 Asiatics.

He attained his power by appealing to We hear this platitude often but we emotionalism and nationalism. He used



**Between the Bookends** 

## **Road to Survival Provides Economics Exchange Course**

By T. NANNEY Road to Survival, William Vogt, William Sloane Associates, New

York, 1948, \$4.00. Vogt's Road to Survival introduces us to a new branch of economics which does not concern itself with the exchange of commodities between man and man, but between man and the earth. Vogt's main problem is a paradox. It concerns the fact that man is committing mass suicide by multiplying too fast. The populations of the earth have increased tremendously in the last 200 years and the strain upon the resources of the earth has consequently increased.

The lands of the earth are limited; all of our science and skill can not extend that limit. As a result there are now more men living than the earth can support. Millions of men, women, and children now living are existing on starvation diets and are doomed to eventual death from lack of food. The arble areas of the globe are fixed beyond expansion by such things as water supply, sunlight, temperature, grade of slope, insects and disease, and wind. Science has enabled us to increase greatly our yields in certain areas but these yields have never kept pace with the demands on the earth.

the land from which we draw our sustenance. Millions of acres of once arble land are now desert waste because we have gutted and mined the soil. The food producing soils of the earth are not being

explained. They are not even held stationary. They are shrinking. If all the arable acres on our small globe were equally divided among the populations of the earth each individual would have only one acre and a half of ground from which to draw all of his food and clothing. This obviously is not enough to support any standard of living. It is a standard of death. An acre and a half of most western ranch lands won't even sup-

port one cow. Famine now rules the earth. Millions are born but to die. The populations of the earth must be brought back into a balance with the food producting potenof the earth. The factors tial which control birth rates are complex and not completely understood but they must be understood if this mass suicide is to be stopped. Vogt explains this intricate problem much more lucidly and accurately than I can-they are his ideas. His book is never dull, sometimes dramatic, and always interesting. I can not determine the accuracy of his observations for they are based upon sciences with which I am not familiar. The logic of his conclusions does not seem to be faulty. I recommend his book for all those not afraid of new ideas.

Trampling Out the Vintage . .

# Embarrassed Elders Exposed By Not So Naive Boy Scouts

#### By FRANK CUSHING

In an Ohio town, name unmentioned, the elders have stopped bemoaning the younger generation's delinquent actions. Youth had its day there, and the results were surprising not to say embarrassing.

An annual event in the town is the turning over of the city government to the Boy Scouts. In the past that day had been rather peaceful. The lads would take over, have their picture taken in the offices assigned to them, be written up for the papers, and that was that.

Not so the last Boy Scout day. When the city officials handed over the power, the boys eagerly seized it. They worked fast and accomplished much.

Before the townsfolk knew what was happening the boys had broken up a poker game, raided the local numbers-racket headquarters and were preparing for more action. The red-faced officials halted the proceedings just in time. The Scouts next raid was going to be upon a brothel.

#### People in New York evidently are a bit forgetful at times. An auction held of items lost and unclaimed on the city's transportation services featured some things that shouldn't be mislaid too easily.

Among the several thousand assorted articles were these oddities. 4,970 umbrellas, a vacuum sweeper, a box filled with false teeth, 300 odd shoes, and an artificial arm.

The price of fame is high believes a dex-Aroma of Garlie Prevailed . . . **Snails Taste Very Similar** To Snails, American Finds

By MACK T. NOLEN Batt Correspondent in France Americans traveling in the cha-whelming Aips (which make the Rockies look like a prairie) and a customs fee I would have had to teau country of France are pri- pay to use the bike in Switzerland marily impressed with the cha- convinced me that a boat trip on teaux. Second most impressive to the lake would be more pleasant this particular American was his took two pictures from th encounter with shail-eating. beat with Mont Blanc in the bask Escargots, they are called-lim-pid, pitiful little creatures with ground (I'm thrifty with the film in case someone is assassinated while I'm in the vicinity) and such resigned expressions on their both of the pictures came out fine. The only trouble is that you can't see Mont Blanc. faces (one must use one's imagination), curled up in a manner peculiar to snails, without hope, without faith, without anything Swiss watches are tempting even but hot butter and garlic. They o people who make it a point of accept the thrusted fork without a nonor to be sate. When you see one whimper and make no outcry as of the dazzling timepieces, prized the fork wrenches them from the at only \$425, which would cost \$475 back home, you have to buy shell that has housed them. these many moons. They enter the the thing although you don't have mouth, all the while dripping butbut \$2.43 in your pockets. It neust ter and pieces of garlic, and are be the high altitude that affects masticated. Fini! your brain in Switzerland. What is the flavor of a snail? Fortunately, I was broke when priced watches, or I would prob-What does it taste like? This American couldn't tell you. All ably have them on both arms up he tasted was garlic. to the elbow in Russian fashion. The chateaux in the department My ten year old Micky Mouse will have to serve me another ten years of Loire and Cher seem to outguess.

terous individual in Ilorseyville, Pennsylva nia. The man, a farn er, complains that he hasn't had any peace since he won first prize in a chrocheted ablecloth contest from a field of thirty-six women entries.

The skilled wieldor of a crochet hook gripes that, since the contest, his time isa't his own. Hardly a day goes by that he isn't called from the fields to answer the telephone and explain, in detail, his prize-winning technique to some women.

Chivelry isn't dead, it's just a little more cautious. A woman in Baltimore, Maryland ran screaming up a street holding onto the coat tails of a burgler, he man had just looted her home of twelve dollars and was attempting a hampered get away.

The police eventually arrived on the scene but the robber was far gone. The cops quizzed the passersby who had made no move to assist the victim as she yelled and chased. Their answer was simple; "We thought

it was just a husband-wife spat," they said.

A volunteer fireman's life is not always one of work and danger. The Dickinson, Texas unit promptly answered an alarm the other day for a fire at a hamburger stand. The alarm proved to be false. The offender, son of the stand's propeietor, was quickly nabbed.

Swift justice was meted out. The 23 firemen collected a fine of hamburgers and 46 bottles of soda pop.

### Ag Experimenters Get 5.300 Chicks

A&M's Agricultural Experiment Station has received a gift of 5,-360 New Hampshire baby chicks for use in a research project. The clicks, valued at \$560, we're do-nated by The Western Hatcheries of Dallas.

R. D. Lewis, director of the pro ject said, "The effect of environment and genetic factors on the efficiency of production and the market grade of broflers ers will be studied." **TODAY** and **FRIDA** HE WOULD STOP AT NOTHIN GET ME OUT OF

rarely stop to challenge its validity; It doesn't take all kinds of other animal life to make a world. Only man's egotism makes him believe that all kinds of men are necessary for the "making of a world". The world is probably better off without the Dodo. We regret its passing merely because of our intellectual curiosity and not because we feel an intrinsic loss.

There are also human dodos that the world would be better off without. An example of this species can be found on

## The Passing Parade .

Here is food for thought from the editorial page of the Macon Beacon.

The deadbeat sauntered casually thru the beer parlor and seated himself beside a nicely dressed gent who apparatly was well in his cups.

"Listen, friend," he confided in a whisper, "I have here the most remarkable writing device you have ever seen." Whereupon, he reached a hand to his vest pocket with a flourish, produced nothing, and then made as if to write on the back I'm asking, but I'll take a couple of bucks." of an envelope.

The drunken gent rubbed his eyes and peered intently.

AN OPERATOR advertised in the Wakefield (Mass.) Doily Item for: "Part-time manyiel girls for soda fountain and sandwich work."

There will be a running man contest in November, the winner of which will receive a large white house in Washington. Tom S. Elrod.

the natives as scapegoat to justify the impoverishment of his country.

He has established a president who is irremovable by democratic techniques. He has also resurrected isolationism as it is being buried in the rest of the world. Malan's program for his country was pieced together in an electric fit with the wit of a Dode. It embodies most of the mistakes of the past generations of men and none of the idealism that of the present. It will inevitably lead to South Africa's sorrow.

"I don't see anything," he said.

"Of course not." confided the deadbeat. "That's why it is so remarkable-it's an invisible pen and it uses invisible ink. See? You can't see it."

"Well, I'll be darned," the other exclaimed enthusiastically. "That beats anything I ever saw. What will you take for it ?"

The deadbeat glanced cautiously about him and whispered, "It's worth more than

"Sold," said the drunk, reaching for an invisible checkbook. "Now lend me the pen and I'll give you my check."

**ROSTRUM** chosen by Pine Plains, N. Y. folk, says the Register-Herald: "Public Meeting on Local Dump Monday."

Personally, we don't believe the report about a Chicago boy who broke into 10 homes in one day and taking a bath in each one. A Chicago boy breaking into houses isn't unreasonable but taking 10 baths in one day is.

# The **Battalion**

The Battalion, official newspaper 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 afternoon, except during holidays and examination periods. During the summer The Bat-talion is published tri-weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Subscription rate \$4.30 per school year. Advertising lates farnished on request.

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We try desperately to solve our problems by drawing more from the earth than we return-and the result is that we are destroying

## **Even First Seduction Bores** In Lee's 'The Web of Days'

#### By ALLEN SELF

The Web of Days, by Edna Lee. (Harper)

If you're as sick of historical novels about the Reconstruction South as I am, you won't like this one by Georgia's own Edna Lee.

Hester Snow, a Yankee schoolmarm, comes down to the sea islands off Georgia to be governess to the scion of a queer segment of the landed gentry.

Through a truly marvelous train of circumstances, Hester manages to marry the owner of Seven Chimneys, get complete control of the estate, produce cotton and rice where only snakes grew before, murder her husband, and ran off with his dashing illegitimate brother (whom she loved all along, of course).

#### Pinky for President . . .

**Constitutional Right of A&M Under Fire of Denton Mayor** 

#### By CHUCK MAISEL

Something's gotta be done! All A&M stands for is about to be swept away from us. The Supreme Court should stop fooling around with unimportant trivia like the Johnson-Stevenson fight and get down to brass tacks.

No, it's not the Aggie War Hymn, it's Denton! With a test case in that lovely town's corporation court, all the traditional constitutional rights of Aggies arc being washed down the proverbian drain. Read this and rise up in defense of what's rightfully yours. Here's how it happened. Two Ft.

to utter, make, or produce any sound calculated to attract the attention of such female person or to annoy or embarass such person.

Said law has been on the books for years, but now the mayor, J. L. Yarbrough, says that he intends to enforce it.

Telegrams have already been sent by your alert Batt staff to Thurmond, Wallace, and Norman Thomas to see which will support the immediate overthrow of the Denton city government.

If none of these respond favorably in this, the greatest crisis number the people. Racing madly on bicycle (as fast as the incessant hills would allow) we covered three a day for five days, and still we missed half of them. Most of

the chateaux, which were the summer homes of the kings and great lords of France, date back to the middle 1500's, but as public monuments they are kept in repair now by the government and don't look a day older than three hundred.

From relatively inexpensive France, I climber a train to Geneva, Switzerland, where the people live a life of quiet extravagance. At least tourists live in extravagance. I could not be quiet about it however. I screamed like a panther every time I parted company with another franc.

I had checked my bicycle to Geneva ,planning to pedal from there to Lausanne but the over-

## **Hospital Benefits** Available to All **College Workers**

All regular full time employees, including members of the teaching, Experiment Station, Extension Service, Forest Service, clerical and auxiliary service staffs are eligible for membership to the College Hospitalization Group, J. W. Barger has announced. The benefits include payment of

\$5 a day for a maximum of 70 days for any one illness while con-fined in a hospital, regardless of the cost of the hospital room; reimbursement for surgeon's fees in maximum amounts varying in accordance with the seriousness of the operation, up to \$150; reim-bursement for incidental hospital services, such as X-ray, operating room anesthetic and laboratory fees, up to \$25; and reimpurse-ment for ambulance service up to

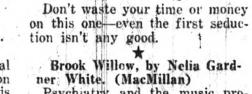
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Blum, the psychiatrist, and Mary

in the last. the latest in psychosomatic medicine and that hobgoblin anti-Semitism. Mary Pelotti writes long letters about her unhappy childhood

and nasty little love affairs. Easy reading, but slow. Dow-

Psychiatry and the music pro-fession are pleasantly mixed in this novel by an old but shaky hand at the writing business. Jake

Pelotti, ugly piano virtuoso, wind their respective ways among the chapters, each to find mental peace Jakey gives us the lowdown on

agers might enjoy it.