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The King and Queen of Cotton, Bob Smith and Dorothy Mahrum, pose during the Cotton Pageant and Style Show ceremonies. Also shown are the crown bearers Jean Potts and Billy Crain. The cotton royal figures were crowned at the Cotton Pageant last week-end.

Alert Reporter Uncovers Plot . . .

Hamlet To Go Western When Hollywood Revamps Tragedy

By CARROLL TRAIL
(Editor's note: Rovng Reporter Trail was on a hot story in Hollywood when, hearing voices coming out of a studio window, he drew near and heard the following story.)
(Scene: The office of Darryl F. Gamuck, Hollywood producer. Gamuck is seated at the head of a long table, along the sides of which are numerous directors, script writers and other officials of the Warner Bros. studios. On Gamuck's left is his right-hand man Benjamin Carstairs.)
Gamuck: I trust you have all read Shakespeare's play Hamlet as I suggested last week?
All: Yes, Mr. Gamuck.
Carstairs: Right, Dar.
Gamuck: Good. Well, I just had the idea that the play would make a successful motion picture.
Carstairs: Splendid idea, Dar.
Gamuck: Thanks, Ben. But I would like your ideas on subject. What does the script writer have to say about using the same script to the original play? Incidentally, I checked with authorities in London and found that Shakespeare has been dead a good many years now, so, no one owns the rights to the play. Hence we can reproduce the original verbatim, if we want to.
Script Writer: Well, Mr. Gamuck, I think that one or two modifications could be made to suit the American audience. I decided that instead of Hamlet being a Danish prince, why not

let him be a Texas rancher?
Gamuck: That has possibilities, S. W., but I don't think that will do.
Casting Director: Mr. Gamuck, I think the script writer's idea is a good one. Since I had already cast Randolph Scott for the part of Hamlet, it is quite possible that the western role would fit him better than the one of the Danish prince.
Gamuck (smiling): To be or not to be, that is the question. (All laugh.)
Carstairs: Dar is quoting from the play. Well said, Dar.
Gamuck: Thanks, Ben.
Script Writer: Well, I thought that perhaps since we modified that setting, we have to make a few minor changes in the script. To bring the story right home, I have changed Hamlet's father from a king to a big cattleman. And then I let his brother ambush him to get control of his cattle empire.
Gamuck: That's a good idea. Tell us more, but remember (a sly twinkle is seen in his eye): Brevity is the sole of wit.
(All laugh.)
Carstairs: Dar is quoting from the play. That's pretty funny, Dar.
Gamuck: Thanks, Ben.
Script Writer (still holding his sides): Well, Hamlet comes home from an eastern school to attend his father's funeral only to find his uncle in complete control of the ranch and married to Hamlet's mother.
Gamuck: Speaking of mother, I went to a greeting card store yes-

terday to get a card to send my mother on Mother's Day. And honestly, those cards were awful—absolutely rotten. I immediately surmised that something's rotten in Hamllark.
(All roll on floor.)
Carstairs: Dar is quoting from the play. Well said, Dar.
Gamuck: Thanks, Ben.
Script Writer: Well, anyway, Hamlet is suspicious of his uncle and sets about to trap him in his devilry. In the meantime, he falls madly in love with Ophelia who is trying to operate a neighboring ranch since her dad died, but she is having all kinds of difficulties. It seems that all her cattle have been shot.
Casting Director: That's splendid since I had cast Dale Evans for Ophelia and Victor Jory for Hamlet's uncle.
Script Writer: Well, to make a long story short, after numerous escapades, Ophelia and Hamlet decide that the cattle were not accidentally shot from stray hunter's bullets, but some sort of foul play is working. In the end, however, Hamlet is made a United States marshall and solves the whole mess. When he discovers his uncle is the perpetrator of the crimes, he has him sent to prison; then resigns as marshall, marries Ophelia and goes into politics, getting elected to governor of the state. He then gives his uncle full pardon and all live happily ever after.
All: Splendid! Bravo!
(Gamuck's secretary enters and gives him a note.)
Gamuck (crestfallen): Gentlemen, I have bad news: An English studio has already produced Hamlet.
All: O, gee.
Gamuck: But wait, why not change the script a little, change the characters, change the name and produce it anyway. Nobody ever sees those English pictures here anyway.
All: (shouting): Egad what an idea!
Gamuck (screaming above the din): And what's more we could serialize it! We'll make millions.
All: Yippee
(They lift Gamuck to their shoulders, and singing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" they march out of the office.)



Miss Jo Ann Moore will represent A&M at the Baylor May Day Coronation in Waco May 4. Miss Moore was Red Bud Queen at TSCW this year. She was selected to represent A&M by the Social Committee of the Student Senate.

Wiggins Slated To Speak At Commencement

Dr. D. M. Wiggins, president of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, will deliver the commencement address June 8 to 1244 A&M graduates.
Dr. Wiggins has been president of Texas Tech since September 1, 1948. He went there from the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy at El Paso, where he had been president since 1935.
A native of Crowley, La., he came to Texas with his parents at an early age. He is a graduate of the Canadian high school and graduated from the Goodnight College in 1917. He has been principal and coach of the Burk Burnett high school and has served in the army.
The speaker received his BA degree from Hardin-Simmons in 1919 and was named principal and coach at Vernon high school. In 1920 he went to Canadian as principal and coach and was elected superintendent. He received his MA degree from Yale University in 1925 and his Ph.D. from Yale in 1929. He did graduate work at the University of Chicago in 1925-26. Hardin-Simmons conferred an LL.D. degree on him in 1943. In 1926 was professor of education and dean of students of Hardin-Simmons. In 1935 he went to Texas School of Mines at El Paso as president.
He is married, a member of the Baptist church, a Rotarian and holds membership in the National Education Association, the Texas State Teachers' Association, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, Texas Curriculum Revision Committee, and is listed in "Who's Who in America."

Understanding, Not Guns, Key To World Aches--Eisenhower

"The World cannot defeat Communism by shooting guns," said Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Kansas State College, to the Great Issues Class and visiting faculty last night.
The brother of Dwight Eisenhower told the audience of approximately 250 that a free flow of information between the nations of the world would be one of the things to remove misunderstanding and friction. "Differences cannot be settled on battlefields," he said. "Democracy thrives during peace while Communism lives and grows in devastation and chaos."
President Eisenhower, who was introduced by President F. C. Bolton, spoke on "The Work and Influence of UNESCO." He answered questions for the Great Issues Class and continued his discussion this morning in Bolton Hall.
Beginning with a history of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, he pointed out the similarity between its history and development and the U. S. Constitution. He emphasized that the U. N. system must continue to develop and improve. "The United Nations must progress and improve, and its decisions must be followed," he said.

Language Problem
In describing some of the problems of UNESCO he said that even speech translation became a great problem with so many different languages represented. He said that only general translations could be given, and members had to read the exact translated speech later in order to be sure of the speaker's true intent and meaning.
"Ideas and ready access to them are the turning points in history," he pointed out. "We believe that 'Truth will prevail, and lies will die.' Freedom of speech and a free exchange of ideas are absolutely necessary."
"On the other hand Russia believes that economic forces are the turning points of history. They believe that ideas may be bought, sold, and traded. The Iron Curtain doesn't violate their basic Marxist doctrine.

Truth Withheld
"Seventy-five per cent of the
In discussing some of the stumbling blocks of his organization, he said they were bombarded by a "parade of Hobby Horses." People in and out of the organization had pet projects which they fostered. He told of one musician that asked UNESCO to standardize the pitch of music. Another asked that all high altitude research in all countries be coordinated. He confessed that his "Hobby Horse" was the free exchange of information and ideas between all people in all countries.
The organization was also hampered by having an anti-religionist as secretary-general for two years. He said that this man, Dr. Julian Huxley, was a compromise candidate who was ushered into office largely through the efforts of the U. S. delegates.
Three Essentials
In summarizing the work of UNESCO, he gave three things which he believed would provide a "Systematic Program of Peace."
(1) There must be a common understanding between the people of the different countries.
(2) There must be economic and social cooperation to the point that the countries could get on their feet. He emphasized that this helping hand should be extended temporarily and only through organized means.
(3) Power must be so centralized that it can be forced down the throats of violators. The police power clause of the U. N. Charter must be used, and all nations would probably have to make concessions.
Russia Eligible
"But people will ask: Why is there a need for UNESCO when Russia is not a member? There is a place in the UNESCO for Russia; she can enter at any time."
"That is not the greatest problem facing UNESCO. All countries are ignorant of each other. For example foreigners believe that the U. S. is frivolous, rich, and insincere. We must get to know and understand them, and they must understand us. Only then can we say UNESCO is succeeding."

Gilchrist Opposes Four-Year NTAC

AUSTIN, May 3.—Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist of the A&M College System Monday announced his opposition to a bill which would make a four-year college out of NTAC at Arlington.
The announcement was made in a letter to Representative Shannon of Fort Worth, author of the bill.
The bill was approved early in the session by the House state affairs committee, despite the objections of several members of the committee that an effort should first be made to determine the attitude of the A&M administration. NTAC is a branch of the system.
"It is not so much that I wish to plead opposition to the bill, but rather that the future of NTAC seems to lie in the continuance of a strong system of college courses for the first two years and the development of terminal courses with the length varying up to a maximum of two years, which will equip students for life," Gilchrist said.
Pointing out that only 35 per cent of enrolling students at A&M continued to graduation, and that those that drop out have not been prepared for a career trade, Gilchrist said, "there is a great need, particularly in agriculture and engineering, for intensive training between the high school level and the upper class highly specialized training usually obtained in the junior and senior years."
He added that NTAC is such an institution.
The chancellor commented that making the school a four-year college would require expenditure of a "few million dollars," and a resulting diversion of state funds needed for strong agricultural and engineering advanced training. The bill had been given little chance to get past both houses because of the lateness of the session even before Gilchrist took his stand.

Plans Made To Hold Children Clinic, May 9

Crippled children of eleven neighboring counties have been invited here May 9 for the Fourth Annual Crippled Children's Clinic. Dan Russell, chairman of the sponsoring committee, reported.
Children under fourteen years of age who are in need of medical assistance will receive attention and help at the clinic, Russell added. The Clinic is sponsored by the Brazos Valley Shrine Club, the Bi-County Medical Society, and other civic organizations.
Registration will be from 8 a. m. to noon Monday morning in the basement of the A&M Hospital. Children brought to the clinic will receive ample care because an adequate number of doctors and nurses will be present, Russell added.
Dr. G. W. Eggers, head of the Orthopedic surgery department of the State Medical School at Galveston, and H. E. Hipps of Waco, orthopedic surgeons, will be present. Dr. T. G. Blocher, plastic surgeon from the medical school at Galveston, will also be present.
Other members of the committee besides Russell are Joe Morford, Robert Lyle, M. M. Erasing, Claude Edge, J. M. Abernombie, and G. W. Schlesselman.
The counties from which the crippled children are invited are Brazos, Burleson, Gillespie, Lee, Houston, Madison, Milam, Roberts, son, Trinity, Walker, and Washington.

Stark, Gent Go To Union Meet

J. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center, returned Saturday from Colorado Springs, Colorado where he had been attending the National Convention of the Association of College Unions. Accompanying Stark upon the trip was Chris E. Gent, who is presently concerned with planning for the businesses of the Student Center.
The convention, which started April 27th and continued through Wednesday, the 30th, had representatives from approximately 100 universities and colleges in the United States and Canada. Many of the groups included student delegates as well.
Subjects covered during the meeting were programs of student unions for student life and activities, and business aspects of student unions. Keynote speakers were Porter Butts, director of Wisconsin University's Student Union; President George L. Cross of the University of Oklahoma who attended as a delegate; and President James A. McLain, Montana State University.
The convention was held in the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.

A&M's Rodeo Team Wins Abilene Meet

A&M's Rodeo Team came out on top last week in Abilene to defeat Top Ross, champions at a recent rodeo at San Francisco. The team amassed a total of 380 points as compared to 330 for the cowhands from Top Ross.
Third place winner was Texas Tech with 300 points.
A two-foot gold trophy was awarded the team for taking the first-place honors. Students from A&M who participated in the events were Bubba Day, Maxie Overstreet, Lucien Cruise, Loyd Griffith, Charlie Wampler, and Pat Mitchell.
These men were competing against teams from Hardin Simmons, New Mexico A&M, University of Wyoming, Oklahoma A&M, Abilene Christian College, Baylor, TCU, Texas, and Texas School of Mines.
Bubba Day
Bubba Day received a pair of boots at the rodeo and made a total of 130 points for the team. He placed second in bull riding, and first in bareback riding in the second go-round.
Overstreet received a belt buckle for being the champion bareback rider. He got 110 points during the event. He placed first in the first go-round of bareback riding and second in the second go-round of the same event.
Receiving a total of 30 points, Cruise took second place in the wild cow milking on the second go-round.
Pat Mitchell was fourth in the second go-round of wild cow milking and received a total of 10 points.
Griffith
Winning a pair of boots, Griffith amassed a total of 100 points for the team. He was second in the first go-round in saddle bronc riding and was second in the average of the two go-rounds. Also he placed second in the second go-round of bulldozing and was fourth in the average of the event. He received a total of 40 points.

Phi Eta Sigma Plan Initiation

Seventy-one freshmen and sophomores will be initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, national society, at 5 p. m. Wednesday, according to L. V. Massengale Jr., local chapter president.
The initiation ceremonies will be followed by a banquet in Shiba Dining Room. A photograph will be taken just before the banquet.
Of the 71 new members, four are sophomores, and the remainder are freshmen. There are now 72 chapters of Phi Eta Sigma in the United States of which the A&M chapter is the sixty-seventh.
Deans H. W. Barlow and C. N. Sheppard will be honorary candidates for initiation. Prof. W. W. Smith, a graduate of Montana State, will direct the ceremonies.

Penberthy and Shepherdson To Rope Pigs at Livestock Show

A pig roping contest between Dean of Agriculture C. N. Shepherdson and Dean of Men W. L. Penberthy will be a feature attraction of the Little Southwestern Livestock Show to be held Friday and Saturday night.
This was announced today by Don E. McInturf, general superintendent of the show who is in charge of arrangements for the annual event. Dean Penberthy accepted the Dean of Agriculture's challenge to meet him in the pig roping arena of the Animal Husbandry Pavilion to do battle.
On the more serious side of the show, McInturf said, there will be livestock judging in four classes—horses, sheep, beef cattle, and swine. Livestock men from the Extension Service and surrounding towns will judge these events.
The first class of livestock judging will be held Friday night and the champion class on Saturday.
In addition to the livestock showing, there will also be events in other fields. Calf roping, reining contests, cutting horse exhibitions, and showing of gaited horses will be included in the two night shows.
As a special feature for Open House Day, a Freshman-Sophomore judging contest will be held Saturday morning in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion. It will be open to the public.

Students Sign Now for Rooms

Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men, is making Post Graduate Hall and Ramps 1, J, and K of Walton Hall available for guests visiting the campus this weekend for Mother's Day and Open House Day May 6, 7 and 8.
Students who wish to obtain room assignments for guests Friday and Saturday nights may do so now. For those wanting accommodations one night only, assignments can be made beginning Wednesday morning, May 4. All Room Assignments can be made in Room 100, Goodwin Hall, Zinn said.
Charges for guests staying in Walton Hall will be at the rate of \$1.25 per person per night. For those staying in Post Graduate Hall, \$1.00 will be charged.
In compliance with college regulations, guests staying in the dormitories must be in not later than 2 a. m. Friday and 1 a. m. Saturday night. Guests must check in with the matron upon their return to the dormitory. When guests check in, they will not be permitted to check out until departure for their homes, Zinn stated.
Students having men guests on the campus this weekend may make their own arrangements by utilizing single vacancies in the various dormitories.

'Follies' Tickets Placed on Sale

Tickets for the Aggie Follies have been placed on sale for 50¢ each at the following places, according to Pat Henry, chairman of the Open House Day committee: Student Activities Office in Goodwin Hall, Black's Pharmacy, A&M Grill, Lipscomb's Pharmacy, and Madeley's Pharmacy.
In Bryan, tickets may be purchased at Caldwell's Jewelry Store, Canady's Pharmacy, and the Delux Cafe.
The Follies will be staged at 8 p. m. both Friday and Saturday nights this weekend.

Chronicle Writer To Address Group

Chester Rogers, feature writer for the magazine section of the Houston Chronicle, will speak in the YMCA on the evening of May 10.
Rogers recently wrote a feature article on the Ross Volunteer Company at A&M. In his discussion that night he will attempt to explain exactly how he wrote the article.
The story will appear in the Houston Chronicle on May 15. There will be a colored picture of the Ross Volunteers on the cover of the magazine section of the Chronicle. Six other pictures of the company will appear in the section with the feature article.
Rogers began in the newspaper business as a photographer for the Daily Sun of Baytown. He has worked his way up in the newspaper world and is now feature writer for the magazine section of the Houston Chronicle.

Meeting Scheduled For IE Freshmen

An orientation meeting for freshmen interested in Industrial Education has been scheduled, according to Chris Groneman, head of the IE Department.
All freshmen taking or interested in IE should meet in the center room of the Engineering Drawing Building at the Annex Wednesday night at 7, Groneman said.
Members of the Industrial Education staff and a representative of the Industrial Education Club will be there to discuss IE. There will be shown a film on metal working processes, Groneman added.

Ghandi Slayer Tries Last Appeal to Court

SIMLA, India, May 3.—N. V. Gode, convicted slayer of Mahatma K. Ghandi, appeared Monday before the East Punjab High Court. This is his last court of appeal from the sentence of death by hanging.



Three A&M students who have been presented Certificates of Merit by the Texas Academy of Sciences are James L. Livrman, left; John P. Classes, Jr., center; and William D. Lewis, right. These awards were given for outstanding contributions to the activities of the Collegiate Academy, an undergraduate organization sponsored by the Texas Academy of Science.