

PGS; A Break With Residence of the Past . . .

Post Graduation Studies received a surprise compliment this week in a letter addressed to V. M. Fairies, head of Post Graduate Studies, from Martin J. Bergen, official with the Du Pont Company. The letter is reprinted for it gives a praiseworthy reaction on the part of a prominent official in one of the nation's largest companies.

Mr. Bergen's letter: "I have just finished reading the booklet entitled, 'For Texas A. & M. Graduates Only, Please!', and have been sitting here analyzing my reactions. They can be summed up in the following statement:

"If the courses, and their manner of presentation are as good as the pamphlet was, I look forward to serious trouble in industry, because of the extreme competition that Texas A. & M. graduates, who take this course of Post Graduate Studies, will give the rest of us!"

"Seriously speaking, I believe you have set up, in your new experiment, one of

the finest pieces of educational thought and action directed at the real education of the graduates that I have ever seen.

"It is heart-warming to find educators in top-notch schools willing to break with the residence and other requirements of the past, in order to solve the problems of the present and the future."

Post Graduation Study planners and faculty members who have worked tirelessly toward establishment and recognition of their project should experience a feeling of satisfaction from Mr. Bergen's letter. Their plans and labors are not passing unobserved.

The Aggie who studies to gain his post graduation degree (Bachelor of Philosophy, known as Ph.B. wants it to mean something to other people besides himself, especially people in responsible positions.

Mr. Bergen's letter tells us that general industrial recognition of the post graduate degree is on the way.

Paul Robeson; Beautiful Voice, Damaging Words...

Paul Robeson, the negro ex-athletic and opera star now turned world traveler and self appointed ambassador for the Communist doctrine, celebrated his recent return from a tour of the Soviet Union with another ill-phrased outburst at a New York rally held last Monday.

Speaking before the welcome-home rally, sponsored by the Council of African Affairs, a group listed as subversive by Attorney General Tom Clark, Robeson made several strong statements.

Among other things, he said he loved the Soviet people more than any other nation. He then added that he would defy any part of an insolent, dominating America to challenge his Americanism. He summed it all up by commenting that he had the greatest contempt for the Democratic Press and (speaking of photographs) "there is something within me which keeps me from breaking your cameras over your heads."

This isn't Robeson's first or most violent attack on what most Americans consider their most cherished habits and customs.

Sometimes we just aren't able to figure Robeson out. Of all his race, he has been one of the most fortunate. First as a football star and later as an opera singer, Robeson gained fame and fortune far out of proportion to the less favored of his race. For him there have been no filthy, crowded living quarters, no hunger and privation and little of the general in-

dignities suffered by the mass of our colored population.

We aren't by any means condemning the things Robeson is fighting for. But we do heartily condemn his manner and methods. Robeson is not only doing his own personal cause damage by antagonizing the general public, but by his tirades (which would offend even the most sympathetic people) and flaunting of the Communist label, he is jeopardizing the position of the entire negro race.

We are even more astonished by Robeson's actions when we read of the accomplishments of such men as Jackie Robinson, the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball star, and former world's heavyweight champion Joe Louis. These two men have excelled in their fields of endeavor (in their case, athletics), made occasional dignified statements of the mistreatment of their races, and by reserve and example done a thousand times more for their people than Robeson. It must hurt these men to see Robeson tearing down the good which they have so painstakingly, and sometimes painfully, built.

No intelligent person denies that the negro race is receiving a raw deal in our country. Thousands of people are working to improve their lot. In most cases, they are making decided progress. But Robeson's thoughtless actions can only serve to hinder their work.

You would think that in all his world travels the man would have picked up a little diplomacy.

FROM THE DAILY NORTHWESTERN—Students are too temporal. A political science instructor concluding a lecture put two questions to his class: "How many of you don't care what happens to the world after you die?" he asked. Scores of arms were lifted.

"How many do care?" Four hands rose timidly.

George Bernard Shaw: She had lost the art of conversation, but not, unfortunately, the power of speech.

So far as loyalty goes, U.S. employees score at least 99.6%. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover reported last week that of 2,541,717 Government employees or prospective employees checked 2,531,936 had been cleared absolutely. The FBI had ordered full investigations of 9,394 cases; only 86 had been dismissed as disloyal. —TIME.

Roscoe Drummond: What this country needs is less public speaking and more private thinking.

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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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Sneak Preview . . .

Astaire and Rogers Film Rated Top Entertainment

The Barkleys of Broadway (MGM) starring Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, and Oscar Levant. (Palace).

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers are reunited in this technical extravaganza, and undoubtedly prove they are still the best hoofers on the screen today.

When Broadway's top dancing team, Josh and Dina Barkley became jealous of each other's ability, the sparks begin to fly. Their manager, Oscar Levant, does his best to keep the two together, but when Dina is offered the lead in a dramatic production, she jumps at the chance, and the partnership is dissolved.

Dina finds the change from musical comedy to straight drama even more difficult than anticipated, but it is the after rehearsal phone calls from her director, really Josh, which enlighten her to the point of achieving success.

Josh is rewarded for his phone calls when Dina discovers who the impersonator really is, and all ends well for the Barkleys. The film is top entertainment from start to finish. Besides having dancing appeal, there is plenty for the eyes to gaze on, and just between you and me, Ginger Rogers' feet aren't her only asset.

Book Probe Put on Shelf

WASHINGTON, June 22—(AP).—A projected congressional probe of school books appeared to have backfired into a house un-American activities committee wastebasket.

Republican committee members denounced it as a demagogic flourish through with a prediction that the committee will drop it like a hot potato.

Committee Chairman Wood (D-Ga.) said he was at a loss to know what all the shooting is about and insisted that the committee is not investigating textbooks. "Purely preliminary steps," he told newsmen, have been taken by committee investigators as a result of complaints by the sons of the American Revolution. These complaints, he said, made "some very grave charges" involving Communism in schools.

"I think," Wood said, "that the educators themselves would be interested in refuting the charges if they are not true."

The inquiry was undertaken by the committee staff "at the request of some of the majority members" and without the advance knowledge of the republicans.

Official Notice

SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATES. Applications for Degrees to be awarded at the end of the Summer Session are now being accepted by the Registrar's Office. All students who expect to complete the requirements for either a Bachelor's Degree, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree, or a Master's Degree by the end of the Summer should file formal application for the degree immediately. Application blanks are available in the Registrar's Office.

HOTARD'S
 A reader, one time, wrote a letter.
 Said our poet, than a hen was all wetter;
 Said the bard, with a grin, as he wiped off his pen.
 If you can, let's see you do better.

Boyle's Column . . .

Boyle Visits Foxholes of Battlefields in Europe

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—A letter to any Veteran:
 Well, soldier, I made my trip into memory. I went to see the foxholes of Europe that I remembered.

And if you plan to revisit the battlefields that still disturb your dreams, maybe I can give you a tip or two.

The main thing, I would say, is don't go back alone if you can help it. You'll find it quite a shock to see how much the earth has swallowed your war.

I don't know just how to put into words the feeling you get when you learn that the foxholes you remember so well don't remember you at all now—no more than a hotel bed recalls its last guest. But it is a mixed feeling—a kind of resentment at life and death change, and an utter loneliness and desolation of spirit.

That is why it is better to go back with someone who can share that feeling—a buddy or a group of buddies. Together you can better forgive the soil that once gave you shelter and now has forgotten you altogether.

I know. I went back with a group of 47 war correspondents. And we were grateful afterward that we'd had each other's company.

Six Locals To Attend Frisco Home Ec Meet

Six women from the Texas Extension Service headquarters staff will leave tomorrow for San Francisco, California, where they will attend and take part in the annual meeting of the American Home Economics Association, according to G. G. Gibson, director of the Texas Extension Service.

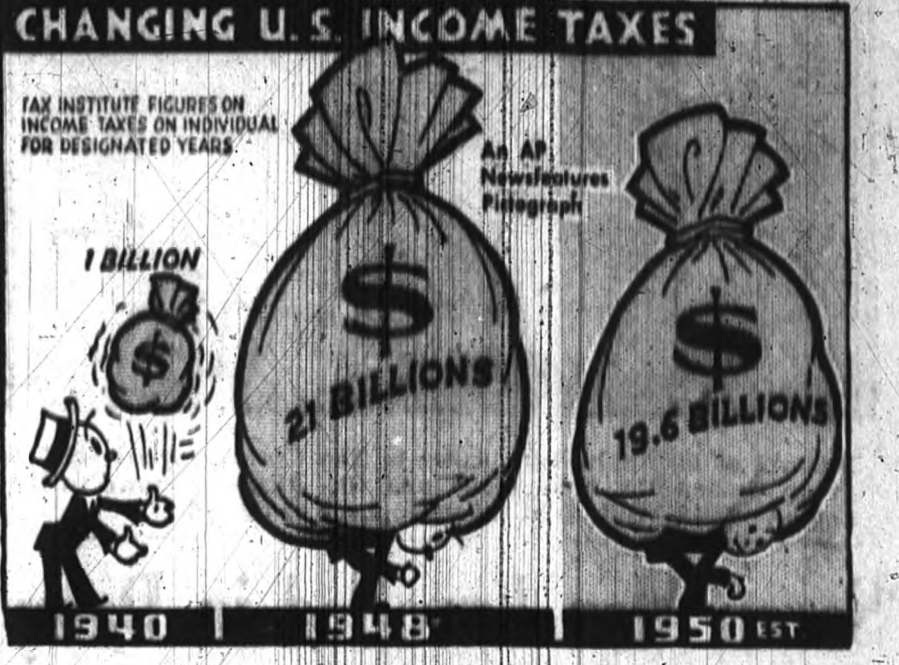
Those making the trip will be Gladys Martin, assistant state home demonstration agent; Mrs. Bernice Claytor, extension home management specialist; Louise Mason, extension foods and nutrition specialist; Lucille Shultz, associate foods and nutrition specialist; Margaret Jackson, assistant foods and nutrition specialist; and Mary Routh, extension clothing specialist.

These women will also attend the pre-convention meeting of the Extension Service Department.

With the exception of Mrs. Claytor and Miss Mason, the group will return to College Station July 5. Mrs. Claytor and Miss Mason will leave for San Francisco for Berkeley, California, where they will attend the workshops at the University of California. Mrs. Claytor will attend the Modern Housing Institute and Workshop which includes discussions, field trips, lectures on designing a house for livability, space or area arrangement, furnishing and equipping a home, remodeling houses, and how to judge the livability of the home. Mrs. Claytor will return July 10.

Miss Mason will attend the Nutrition Institute and Workshop. This one covers an assessment of nutritional status, methods of measuring nutritional status, and the evaluation and application of this information.

She will return July 18, Gibson concluded.



Brazos County Rent Controls Dropped by Housing Expediter

The Area Rent Director has received official notification from Housing Expediter Tight E. Woods, that the entire Bryan Defense Rental Area was decontrolled effective June 20, 1949.

This means that College Station is included along with the rest of Brazos County, although it had been previously supposed that only Bryan and the unincorporated part of the county would be affected.

The Housing Expediter's action in decontrolling the entire area which consists of Brazos County followed the Bryan City Commission's recommendation decontrolling the city of Bryan. The Housing Expediter is authorized by Congress to decontrol the remainder of an area where the predominant portion is decontrolled by local government.

G. L. Benningfield, area rent director, said, "Inasmuch as Bryan is the predominant part of the area within its city limits, I recommended that the entire county be decontrolled."

Approximately 6,000 rental units will come out from under decontrol, the rent director stated. He added that all actions pending in the area office, such as petitions for evictions and increases in rent, as well as tenants complaints, will be dismissed.

J. C. Culppepper, College Station realtor, who had planned to present a decontrol resolution to the College Station city council in the near future, when informed that College Station was included in the decontrol order said, "That's good. It will save me some trouble."

Culppepper also commented that there were a few pieces of property in College Station which should be raised about 10 per cent because they have been frozen since 1942, but said that he did not anticipate any large general increase in rents.

The field day was held by the Agricultural Experiment Station, yesterday at the Brazos River Field Laboratory here.

The morning was spent in field tours looking over the experimental station fields, where tests are being made in getting better crop yields, killing insects, building soil fertility and all the other things that go with good agriculture.

The afternoon period featured group discussion and a question and answer period, covering all subjects from fertilizers to new crops, insect control, crop building, and farm machinery to pasture improvement.

The field day was arranged for all farmers and agricultural workers in the 18 counties in the College Station area.

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