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What IS a College Education? . . .

We recently heard several discussions on the purpose and value of a college education. Perhaps approaching graduation inspired these talks or maybe it was the combination of a new semester and the arrival of spring-like weather. But, whatever the cause, the talks have been interesting to say the least.

Our curiosity was aroused as a result of these discussions. So much so that we decided to look for a good answer to the question, "What IS a College Education?" We think we've found it in a book by Frank L. McVey, "A University is a Place . . . A Spirit." McVey was president of the University of Kentucky from 1917 until 1940. His answer to the question, "What IS a College Education?" is this:

"College education is a process of growth, planning and preparation. It is an opportunity to know what the great of the world have said and done. It should be a period during which the student learns the accomplishments of govern-

ments, the cause of disasters, the errors men have made, and the victories which have been won for enlightenment.

"This period of four years should bring to the student a sense of human progress, an understanding of the methods of science, some appreciation of literature and the other arts, and a reverence for God and man. It is a time when he discovers his associates, catches some idea of the working of human organizations, and begins to adjust himself to manhood's estate. During this time he ought to learn how to approach a problem, how to analyze it, and how to test its truth.

"Four years of college should give to the student a larger tolerance, an awakened "curiosity," a knowledge of how to work, and an acceptance of integrity of mind as the greatest of human endowments."

For us, that answers the question, "What IS a College Education?"

Peppy's Worry Over Our Morals . . .

Representative R. E. (Peppy) alias "Voice of the People" Blount, constant worrier over public morals, and candidate for state Commissioner of Agriculture fathered another bill in the state legislature Monday.

The bill, actually a resolution, seeks to ban Ingrid Bergman's latest film "Stromboli" from Texas movie theaters. Blount, along with five other solid citizens in the legislature, want the ban "not because of what will be shown in the picture, but because of the immoral incident it attempts to glorify, condone and glamorize at the expense of, detriment to, and degeneration of our younger impressionable society."

The resolution continues, "Hollywood, due to said investment, attempts to subject and expose to the youth and public of our nation a degrading and disgraceful incident seemingly justified and approved

by the motion picture industry which sets the standards and molds the opinion of our populace."

The concern of these legislators over our moral welfare should be appreciated by the people of Texas. Why should we worry over public morals, or even our own morals as long as these few legislators are eager to do our thinking for us?

Should the resolution (now sidetracked in a committee) pass, Texans would be relieved of having to make the choice of whether or not to see the picture which may be just another lousy movie.

Government (this time state government, but still government) would be taking another step into our private lives, and hasten us further to the state conceived in the book Nineteen-Eighty-Four.

A few more such resolutions, and all we'd need would be the "Big Brother Is Watching You" signs.

Somebody's Own Grandpaw, Jesse James . . .

Folks in Union, Missouri have a lot to talk about these days — seems Jesse James has come back to town and wants to legally establish his name. The old man who claims he is Jesse James is now going under the name of J. Frank Dalton.

J. Frank (Jesse) claims he took that name after the real J. Frank Dalton was shot by a man thinking he was Jesse. Jesse, seizing the opportunity to be dead, fixed up J. Frank so he'd pass for Jesse, and folks in Jesse's part of Missouri believed he had been shot dead.

It's all a mixed-up affair and it is further complicated by Jesse's relatives.

Jesse's son, Jesse E. James of Los Angeles and Stella F. James have filed petitions in the Union courthouse to contest the present J. Frank Dalton's claims that he is the real Jesse James.

They don't think J. Frank should get the name Jesse. This, because they feel that the real Jesse is dead.

Claims and counterclaims by inlaws and outlaws have complicated this legal entanglement, and left us not sure whether to believe the days of the old West are still with us in the person of Jesse James, or, if they are long past, but imposters remain.

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from

this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy."

— Abraham Lincoln

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Kiwanis Hears Leipper

College Station Kiwanians heard Dr. Dale Leipper, head of the new Department of Oceanography at their weekly meeting Tuesday.

Telling of plans for a staff of five professors for next year, the oceanographer discussed the military and industrial aspects of the field. Oceanography also plays an important part in cultural and social life, he said.

D. C. Jones, Jr., Brazos District Scout Commissioner, presented the new charter to Boy Scout Troop 102 at the meeting. The charter was presented to A. C. Magee, chairman of the troop committee. Troop 102 is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

Magee, in turn, presented the charter to Scoutmaster Bill Manning, paying tribute to the leadership of the volunteer adult leaders in College Station scouting.

Scouts who were present for the program were Eagle Scouts Jack Burchard, Walter Parsons, John Hildebrand, and Life Scout Dayton Moses, all members of Troop 102.

Burchard presented a five-min-

ute resume of troop activities during the past year.

Chairmen Named

An entire group of new committees was announced by Joe R. Motheral, Kiwanis president. Chairman of the committees are: Bob Cherry, attendance; Charles LaMotte, boys and girls; Charles Hart, business and civic development; J. G. Gay, church support; Dan Russell, crippled children.

L. S. Richardson, education; W. M. Potts, underprivileged children; Dixie Southern, finance; George Summey, Jr., house and reception; A. D. Henson, transportation; Homer Adams, inter-club; Wayne Stark, program; Clyde Rainwater, Kiwanis education; and Dick Hervey, entertainment-recreation, are other committee heads.

Donald Burchard, public relations and publicity; M. L. Cashin, inter-racial; L. E. Stark, vocational guidance; and R. L. Elkins, membership, complete the group of chairmen.

Local AAUP Meet Set for Thursday

The local chapter of the American Association of University Professors will meet Thursday night, Feb. 9, 7:30, in the Physics Lecture Room, Otis Miller, vice-president, announced today.

Final action will be taken on the report of the committee on "Proposed Criteria for Granting Promotions and Salary Increases at Texas A&M College."

Faculty participation in the College Classroom Teachers Association, a division of the Texas State Teachers Association, will also be discussed.

Dr. Melvin Brooks, President of the local AAUP chapter, is in St. Louis attending a special school for census workers.

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Girl from Gathright... 'Pinkie' Solves Mystery Of Missing Birthplace

By C. C. MUNROE

Suppose somebody were to write to you asking where on the A&M campus they had been born?

Suppose, also, that the person who wrote the letter knew that their birthplace had been either Foster or Gathright Hall?

And, to go even further, suppose the writer was a woman?

Well, such a thing happened here last month. The writer was Mrs. Cora Carleton Glassford, librarian for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. The person who received the letter was P. L. "Pinkie" Downs Jr., assistant director of information and publications for the college.

Mrs. Glassford is the daughter of a former A&M commandant, Lt. Guy Carleton. She asked "Pinkie" for two of the A&M Commemorative plates, one with a picture of Foster Hall on it and the other with a picture of Gathright.

Mrs. Glassford knew that one of the buildings was her birthplace but she wasn't sure which one.

"Pinkie" didn't know either, but he decided to find out since his reputation for knowing all about A&M's history was at stake. He also had a personal

interest in the matter. His uncle was a secretary and close friend of President Gathright.

"Pinkie" sent a letter and a copy of Mrs. Glassford's request to F. E. Giesecke, a member of the Class of '86 and college architect for many years. He was also a close friend of Lt. Carleton.

Giesecke in reply informed "Pinkie" that Lt. Carleton and his family formerly lived on the second or third floor of the four-story part of Gathright, directly over the officers' mess. At that time, both the cadet and officers mess were located in Gathright.

Foster Hall, Giesecke said, was not built until after Lt. Carleton completed his tour of duty at A&M.

Mrs. Glassford will get a letter from "Pinkie" this week enclosing a copy of this article. And, under separate cover, she will receive a complimentary addition to her plate collection. The addition will have on its surface a Wedgewood reproduction of her birthplace, Gathright Hall.

Such is the service of "Pinkie" Downs, the official greater and unofficial historian of A&M College.

Electric Course For Rural Co-ops

E. L. Williams, director of the Industrial Extension Service, has announced a series of training courses to be conducted for supervisors of Texas Rural Electric Cooperatives.

Williams said some 20 classes were planned to instruct about 300 persons in supervisory positions in the 70 cooperatives in the state.

The three-day classes will be held at locations convenient to each of the cooperatives, and a sufficient number of classes will be held to enable each cooperative to send all its supervisory personnel without interrupting the work schedule.

If any cooperative has eight or more persons in supervisory positions, a special class may be held on its property, providing arrangements can be made for the supervisory personnel to attend class four hours each day.

NOTICE VETERANS

There will be two representatives from the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Waco, Texas in room 260, Blizzell Hall from 9:30 to 1:30 Thursday, February 9, 1950. Veterans with any V. A. problems are encouraged to see these representatives regardless of any previous action taken on their problems.

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