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### Fifteen Fortieths of Campus Chest Goal Reached . .

Somewhere in the planning, somewhere in the presentation, somewhere in the minds of A&M students that indefinable something that would have made the Campus Chest drive successful was missing.

Just where the shortcoming was, no one can presume to say.

Outwardly, the whole drive appeared to have everything that would make it successful.

Dollars and cents-wise, the drive is only 30% successful. A little more than \$1,400 has been collected while the quota was set at \$4,000.

Collections were continued last evening, and some dormitories will be raising money for the rest of this week. The returns from the Annex are only fragmentary for their drive started a day later than ours

When all the money is counted, and the 1950 Campus Chest drive is declared closed, around \$2,500 should be raised.

This will be enough to start some kind of a Twelfth Man Scholarship for next fall. It won't be the \$500 a semester that was planned, but about the same amount the GI Bill now provides.

A quarter of the Chest treasury can be sent to the World Student Service Fund to help overseas students who can't help themselves.

And the remainder can be held in a reserve account for emergency charitable expenditures that the student body is called on to make.

On the whole, participation and interest in the Campus Chest has been gratifying. Those who were interested, were interested 100%. Those who were cold to the idea, were freezing cold. There were few students luke warm to this year's Campus Chest.

Our ever optimistic spirit here at A&M goads us to swallow this year's quotashort Campus Chest drive and hope for "Next year, Ol' Army."

# NERVE WRACKING, ISN'T IT ?

# **Red Cross Drive** Is March 13-14-15

The time of year has come around when the Red Cross holds out its hands to receive the contributions of all those who wish to contribute, the local Red Cross committee announced.

Contributions may be given to first sergeants in military dormitories, or to housemasters in civilian dormitories, the committee said. These contributions will be received next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 13, 14, and 15.

Contributors who give \$1 or more will receive membership cards to the Red Cross, it added. "We all know what the Red Cross is, and what it does," a committee spokesman said. "Who ever feels like contributing to it, whatever amount he gives will go to help finance the services of the Red Cross."

The committee explained that the national charter of the Red Cross does not permit the Red Cross to receive funds from Community or Campus Chest organizations. Rather, the Red Cross prefers to carry on its own fund raising operations.

Red Cross files indicate that at least 50 A&M students were helped by the Red Cross in 1949. Local applications of Red Cross help fall into the following four categories: financial assistance pending receipt of subsistence allowance checks, assistance in filing claims for benefits from the Veterans Administration, consultation and guidance in family problems, and aiding in communications.

The local Red Cross committee announced that "The Red Cross is willing and able to give to veterans and their families any emergency financial assistance, or assistance and guidance with any problem they may have."

Last year the 251 Red Cross chapters in Texas contributed \$1,400,000 to the Red Cross. Flood stricken families in the Fort Worth flood last year received Red Cross aid and services amounting to \$1,858,803. During 1949 the Red Cross spent a grand total of \$3,146,844 in Texas.

### From Where I Sit . . .

# **Batt Reviewer Picks Film** Favorites For the Season performance in "The Heiress" as the shy, awkward ugly duckling whose life is ruined by a misun-derstanding father. We had oc-casion to see this film last week,

By HERMAN C. GOLLOB Time now for us to fall in line with the nationwide "Oscar" prog-mostication and add our two cents worth as to whom we believe is the most deserving of Hollywood's most treasured prize. The field of candidates for Best Actor of the Year has been nar-rowed down to three: Gregory Peck ("Twelve O'Clock High"), Broderick Crawford ("All The Kings Men"), and Kirk Douglas ("Champion"). Always looking for an easy way out, we would give a triple award, so thin is the line that distinguished one of the above characterizations as the best of the trio.

By JOHN WHITMORE

Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, Chief

of the Texas Military District

will be among the honored guests at the second annual Military Ball,

Col H. L. Boatner, commandant and PMS&T, announced today. Col. Abbott has been in the army since 1916. At this time he

enlisted in the Texas National

Guard. For a while he was sta-tioned on the Mexican Border—then the War broke out in Europe. He was given a commission in the Cavalry in 1917, but he later changed to the Infantry.

While he was on the Mexican

border in 1916 he was a member of the famous 2nd Texas Foot-ball Team. When this outfit was called into the war it also achieved fame on the battlefield as well as on the football field.

During the time between the two

wars, Abbott attended many of

he various service schools includ

ing the Infantry School, the Com-

mand and General Staff College,

This advanced work served him

well during the past war. He

was promoted to Brigadier General

and assigned to several general's

Kream - Kow Klub

Miss Helen Harrison was elect-ed Cotton Ball Duchess of the Kream and Kow Klub Tuesday

The 19-year-old blond is a junior

majoring in education at Baylor

University. Her home is in Mc-

Gregor, Texas. Dick Allen, junior in "C" Troop Cavalry will be her escort.

**House Moving Delays** 

Traffic in the North Gate area

was slowed down Tuesday morning when the Jess Conlee Company moved another house from the area for the new golf course to the Mc-Cullough Addition.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

it will hold you

in its spell!

North Gate Traffic

**Chooses Duchess** 

and the Army War College.

staffs.

night.

**Col. Abbott To Attend** 

**Military Ball Next Week** 

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pire.

In the course of war he was on

Before the War he was on the

War Department's General Staff and while he was on this duty

he was responsible for the pre-war

egislative personal program for

the department. For this work he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Col. Abbott has two sons, both

bott lives in San Antonio.

ceived by his office.

program's service.

NOW SHOWING

FILM TO COME DUT O

HOLLYWOOD THIS YEAR

ROBERT ROSSEN'S ALL IH

KINGS

Award belongs to no one else. For Best Supporting Actor of the Year there stand three nomin-ees: Dean Jagger ("Twelve O'-Clock High"), James Whitmore ("Battleground"), and Halph Rich-ardson ("The Heiress"). Again the decision will be a hard one, but if we had our way, Richard-son would walk off the prize. His impreciable English composure was Award belongs to, no one

impeccable English composure was one of the highlights of "The Heir-

Mercedes McCaimbrige, long a Mercedes Mccalmorge, long a favorite radio actress of ours, made her first entrance into films a great one, as the cymi-cal, hardboiled secretary in "All The Kings Men." We're pulling for her, although Ethel Waters is giving her a run for it with her performance in "Pinky".

and must agree that the Academy

Briefly now, a list of our choice for the rest of the awards: Best Film: "Twelve O'Clock

General Andrews, General Devers, and General Eisenhower's staffs. While on the latter he served as. High". Best Director: Elia Kazan for Pinky". Best Screenplay: "All The Kings

For this work during the war he was awarded the Most Ex-cellent Order of the British Em-Men'

Best Foreign Film: "The Faller Idol" (English). Best Foreign Actor: Ralph Rich ardson in "The Fallen Idol".

Most Promising Child Actor Bobby Henrey in "The Faller

Most Nauseating Western: (tie) "The Younger Brothers" and "The Kid From Texas." Best Newsreel: the one which

of whom are on active duty in didn't show any skiers



## Bull Has No Respect for Invincibility . .

Legends of the invincibility of Americans went away in a cloud of dust last week in Mexico City. Here four Amerithey wanted to be bull fighters.

This decision came upon being confronted with a live bull (only 500 pounds, or half the regulation size) whose horns had been blunted to prevent any serious injuries to the novice bull fighters.

An AP report says that "None (of the Americans) showed any of the style, knowledge or love of the sport which are

In Passing . . .

The AP's editor, David J. Wilkie, sends this tidbit from Detroit: (Quote)

The sale of new automobiles on used, car lots is coming in for increasing complaint by franchised dealers.

They call the practice "bootlegging." A lot of this was done in the early postwar days and brought relatively little complaint. At that time, however, the new units brought premium prices on the used from any but authorized dealers. car lots. Now, it appears, they are being offered at discounts.

necessary to the amateur or professional bullfighter."

The occasion for the Americans' discans discovered that they just thought have of lack of valor before the bull was a charity benefit for the Altrusa Women's Club. Our American failures were attending bullfighting school under the GI Bill.

> We don't know what temperament a good bullfighter must have. We aren't familiar with the techniques employed in killing the bull by stabbing him.

But most all of us know how to shoot the bull.

ufacturers won't admit this.

Nevertheless, the National Automobile Dealers' Association regarded the situation serious enough to justify resolutions recently asking the manufacturers to restore territorial security clauses in all agreements with dealers. The Association also has started a campaign through local and state dealer organizations aimed at dissuading buyers from getting new cars

(Unquote)

The factories, of course, are not shipping new cars to used car dealers. They are shipping them only to their franchised retailers. So the new cars offered in unauthorized places apparently are coming from licensed new car retailers and presumably at discounts.

This suggests some licensed new car merchants\_are getting more vehicles from the factories than they want or can quickly sell in their own areas. The man-

Last year Dallasites paid to the city over \$1,000,000 in traffic fines. In order to raise the million bucks, nearly one in every three persons in that city paid some

sort of a traffic fine. Here is an example that breaking the law pays: it pays for the city. It's the driver who pays.

# The Battalion

"Soldier. Statesman, Knightly Gentleman" Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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Now that the shoe is on the other foot or the price tag is on the other side of list, a howl is being set up. Used car dealers, philanthropic souls all, sold cars for above list prices during the war. Price tags now below list on cars in their lots indicate the competitive situation has changed.

There's nothing wrong with this country that enough good used car dealers can't cure.

# **Oleo Tax End Seems Eminent**

Washington, March 9, (AP) --Only the signature of President Truman is required to take the federal taxes off oleomargarine July 1. The Senate approved the repeal yester-day 59 to 20.

Texas senators Connally and Johnson voted for the compromise. The bill contained provisions in-sisted upon by the friends of butter:

1. Oleomargarine served in public eating places must be placed before the customer in three-cornered pats, or be plainly labeled. 2. The retail package must bear the word "oleomargarine" or "margarine" in type as large as any on the label; it must contain a full statement of all ingredients of the spread, and each part of the contents of the package must be in a wrapper bearing "oleomar-garine" or "margarine" in type not smaller than 20 point (about

1/4 inch high). These are the taxes to be repealed:

Ten cents a pound on colored margarine at retail; % cent a pound on wholesalers of the colored product; \$200 a year on wholesalers of uncolored oleomargarine; \$48 a year on retailers of the colored product; \$5 a year on retailers of uncolored margarine.

### **Creeger to Speak** At AFS Meeting

Henry Creeger of Houston will speak to the American Foundryman's Society Thursday evening in Room 303, M. E. Building. His talk will be on non-ferrous cera-

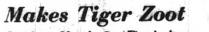
"A study of the Principles of Gating", a film which has re-ceived national recognition in the foundry industry, will be shown to the members at that time.

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**Official** Notice

neting Thursday, March 9 to consider the advantages a to consider the advantages and ges of organizing a Physics Club thout a national affiliation and tion concerning organization. J. G. Potter Head, Department of Physics

Clip Joint! Sniff in the Snoot



London, March 8-(AP)-A lazy tiger named Sahib was given (1) a whiff of chloroform and (2) a manicure today. Slothful Sahib had failed to use

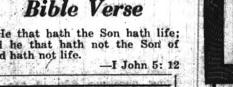
the scratching post in his cage at the London Zoo. As a result his claws became overlong and curled back into his pads.

Keepers enticer him into a box, knocked him out with the chloroform and did a quick trim job.

### **Foreign Graduates** Attracted to A&M

Of the 21 foreign students enroll. ed in the graduate school at A&M, four are from Puerto Rico and three each from China and India and two each from Egypt and Canada.

Pakistan, Paraguay, Lebanon, Philippine Islands, France, Australia, Iraq, have one student each at A&M.



SKYWAY SHOWS-6:45 - 8:3



SUNDAY - "BATTLE



**A** Gentleman of the Old School LI'L ABNER









"Who Done It"



By A1 Capp

