

What Are We Waiting For? . . .

Proponents of street marking sign for the campus can find much satisfaction in the latest "guesstimate" released by the College Information Office...

Of this number 18,000 visit here attending short courses and other educational meetings. Another 4,000 come to dances, reviews, and other special events.

With this great number of people visiting our campus in a year, the need for adequate street markings is immediately realized.

Why then isn't there a college sponsored program to provide the markers which we need?

Answers to that question point to the unhappy experiences the college has had in years past when street markers were placed at intersections. Unthinking and

On Easter Sunday, Churches Bulged . . .

Churches bulged last Sunday morning for Easter services.

For millions of Americans Easter Sunday and Christmas are the only times when they attend church.

The motives for going to church on Easter Sunday were as varied as there were people sitting in the pews. Some went to be seen, to show off new hats and shoes and dresses and suits.

The bulk of people, we feel, attended with the deep sense of the occasion that day commemorated.

Whether consciously or unconsciously this nation is a Christian nation dedicated to the ideals that doctrine teaches. The mere fact that millions did choose the church for Easter morning attendance testifies to the underlying Christian foundation of the United States.

The World Stage Requires A Passport . . .

World Citizen Gary Davis returned to his native United States March 30, 1950.

For two years Davis crusaded for world peace, preaching the vague philosophy of the abolition of war through the abolition of individual nations. His ideas found multitudes of followers. He staged protest lie-down strikes against the United Nations. He became a familiar newspaper personality.

To achieve world citizenship Davis renounced his American citizenship. Without the blessing of the American passport, he found travel between countries nigh impossible. He returned to the United States with French traveling papers.

destructive minded students wrecked enough of the markers to doom their effectiveness. Since previous attempts to mark streets have failed, the college does not desire to risk another expensive street marking program without student body support.

Working together in the street marking program, the college and the student body could get the campus intersections supplied with markers. Without that promised support and cooperation from the student body, no such program will be undertaken by the college.

We need only to look upon the water tower to see what student body sponsored measures can become. Instead an unsightly hunk of iron blotched with many colors, the college water tower is a welcome sign to all who approach the campus.

If the student body wants street markers enough to assure the college that they will not be maliciously destroyed, street markers can be obtained.

That foundation with all its ramifications throughout our government, our modes of thinking, our daily lives gives a texture to the American society that renders it singular among the great nations of the world. We have no state religion. We have no single predominating faith. We have instead a faith in God with many facets, many interpretations for people to choose.

The presence of the multitudes of religious faiths in this country does not necessarily signify that our people are deeply religious. It does mean we have the strength of our convictions.

America's leadership in the world is not, nor can it be based on material power alone. Material power is an end in itself. Christian American acknowledges that material blessings are intended for the welfare and benefit of all mankind.

NO UNEMPLOYMENT IN THIS DEPARTMENT



Letters To The Editor

(All letters to the editor which are signed by a student or employee of the college and which do not contain obscene or libelous material will be published. Persons wishing to have their names withheld from publication may request such action and these names will not, without the consent of the writer, be divulged to any person other than the editors.)

HOMELESS CIGARETTES

Editor, The Battalion: A one time or another each member of this illustrious institution has had occasion to visit or ill visit in the near future the library.

Lookin' Back

From the Battalion Files of 15 Years Ago

Prior to the 1935 A&M-Texas football game The Battalion's sports editor, A. S. Queen, asked several campus personalities to predict the score of the forthcoming game.

Final score of the game was A&M 20, Texas 0. The cadet colonel picked it on the mark while Lipscomb, McQuillon, and Angel came more than close enough to show.

General Order No. 30, issued Feb. 22, 1936, provided for the formation of the cavalry troops into a separate regiment. Formerly the jocks had been part of the composite regiment.

Most of the students entering the portals of the library are smokers of more or less notoriety. I would like to propose, strictly in the behalf of posterity, that the Class of '50 or any other organization on the campus supply the library with new ash trays.

It will probably bring back memories to think of this situation. More than once I have seen a surprised face when a student would pick up one of our present trays, find that the bottom portion stayed where it was, that the neck rolled halfway across the room, and that he, the student—well, he would be left holding the bag.

B Veterans Senior Weds in Houston

Mack J. Webster of San Antonio and Bebe May Kirkpatrick of Houston were married April 1 at the Heights Christian Church in Houston.

Webster, who is in the Class of '50 is a member of B Veterans Company. During the war he served three years in the submarine fleet in the South Pacific.

Official Notice

Thursday, April 20, is the deadline for payment of the final installment of fees for the Spring semester. The final installment including room rent, board and laundry is \$72.25.

Notice to Candidates for Graduate Degrees in June, 1950: Your attention is called to the Graduate School regulation that the original and the first carbon of the thesis in its final form must be filed with the Dean of the Graduate School not less than four weeks prior to the date of conferring of the degree.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO GRADUATE FACULTY: Re: Committee for Graduate Students who plan to graduate during the Summer Terms. It is the responsibility of the Chairman of the student's committee and the Head of the major department to see that the responsible members of the student's committee are to be on the campus and on the faculty during any semester or term in which the student is permitted to come up for graduation.

If any difficulty is anticipated in this connection plans for handling each case should be proposed and approved in time for proper handling.

It Seems to Me . . .

'Dear Wife' Proves Better Than Original-Stars Arnold

By JOHN WHITMORE

'Dear Wife' (Paramount) starring William Holden, Joan Caulfield, Billy DeWolfe, Mona Freeman and Edward Arnold—now showing at the Palace. Despite being billed as a sequel to 'Dear Wife' the new 'Dear Wife' is a sharp little show presenting some of Hollywood's best acting talent.

The story, written by Arthur Sheekman and Richard Nash, is fresh. It is a new twist to the regular husband-wife spat movies. This time the husband runs for senator against his father-in-law.

nomination for Bill Seacoft (William Holden) for senator. From there on—hold your hats.

Edward Arnold, who plays the part of Judge Wilkins, is cast perfectly in this comedy role. Right now is the time to give credits to Edward Arnold, who in my opinion is one of the greats on the silver screen.

Joan Caulfield, it seems to me, just occupies space. While there are no complaints about her acting, she just didn't seem to fit into the picture. Billy DeWolfe put the punch into the picture. With his restrained slapstick and almost perfect manners he made the show.

heavy side, Billy could be depended upon to bring in the right amount of humor.

'Dear Wife' was directed by Richard Hayden, a newcomer to the ranks of microphone welders. However he is responsible for such other shows as the 'Emperor's Waltz' and 'Sitting pretty.'

In keeping with Herman's style I have to criticize something, so here goes. The comedy stinks. It is a 'follow the bouncing ball' ones that makes the audience suddenly want to get a drink of water. In addition to the bad comedy the newsreels were old.

Baltic Air Battle Incites Extensive Air Search

London, April 12.—(AP)—Moscow reported yesterday a U. S. bomber disappeared over the Baltic Sea after entering Russian territory and exchanging fire with a Soviet fighter last Saturday.

High defense officials in Washington indicated they believed the Navy plane, unarmed, is the aircraft to which the Russians referred. A four-engine Privateer, it dropped out of sight after leaving Weisbaden, Germany, on a round trip flight to Denmark.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky protested that a U. S. bomber of the super-fortress type flew over Latvia that day and opened fire on a group of Soviet fighters that went up and ordered it to land. Vishinsky said one fighter returned the fire, "after which the American plane turned towards the sea and disappeared."

The defense department in Washington issued statements by Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, stating that no Air Force plane was involved, and by Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, stating the missing navy plane carried no guns and was under standing orders to stay well clear of Russian territory.

Sherman said the patrol plane, therefore, "could not have fired on any other aircraft or returned the fire of any aircraft."

U. S. Air Force officials at Weisbaden said they knew of no change in the search area as a result of the Russian announcement, but the searchers will fly in "ever widening circles" from the Baltic Island of Bohnholm, which would take them gradually nearer to Russian territory.

The search planes have orders, however, not to go within 20 miles of Russian-held territory. There is a westward drift, the officials said, which would carry a floating aircraft or life-rafts away from the Baltic countries.

They speculated the Navy plane may have been shot down or disabled so it could not reach a safe landing. The Russian protest asserted the plane was a B-29. Air Force officials said they believed the Privateer, a single-tailed version of the twin-rudder B-24 Liberator, might have been mistaken for the heavier B-29 in a side view.

Russia calls Latvia part of her territory, but Soviet annexation of the little Baltic country has been recognized by the United States. In Washington officials disclaimed any knowledge of the clash, but ordered an investigation.

The U. S. Third Air Division in London which controls all American B-29s in Europe, said none of the division's planes was missing.

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