

Noose on Freedom's Neck...

RECENT EVENTS have touched off a series of comments containing the same fundamental idea that a man's private affairs are and should be strictly private.

we assure everyone that the tightrope does not end at the classroom door. The faculty members and administrators are expected to set a higher standard than students since they are in charge of students during their "formative" years.

The question has been raised as to whether this is a College or a Church. From the standpoint of censorship of personal life, A&M, unfortunately, does not differ greatly from a theological institution.

In spite of this apparent infringement of personal rights, a man may still think as he chooses. This will remain true as long as their is no visible external manifestation that the thought is unconventional.

Eventually, of course, psychologists will reveal the secrets of the mind. We will congratulate this achievement, but we will mourn the passing of this last sanctuary of absolute freedom.

Every effort is made by the administration to promote interest in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. The existence and well being of the College depends largely on this interest.

We submit this as a matter of fact, and

Ain't it Wonderful?...

THE OTHER day there appeared in the editorial columns of The Daily Record of Stroudsburg, Pa., a letter from Irvin F. Angle, of nearby Portland, Pa. We recommend it to all those interested in the subjects of inflation and prosperity. Here it is:

Once there was a farmer who raised corn and a man who raised hens, but no corn. The hens said no corn, no eggs. So the man agreed to work for the farmer one day a week for \$5 a day. And the farmer agreed to sell corn to the man for \$1 a bushel.

They paid each other off every time with the long green. The farmer paid the man \$5 and the man paid the \$5 back to the farmer for the five bushels of corn which he wheeled home in his wheel-barrow.

The farmer said, "I understand. But, you must understand that everything's going up with me too, and I regret intensely to inform you that I can't sell you my corn for less than \$1.20 a bushel."

By and by the man said to the farmer, "Things have gone up still more and I can't work for less than \$7.50 a day." The farmer agreed that was fair, but told the man that things were going up still higher with him.

After all, the man was getting \$7.50 a day. The farmer was getting \$1.50 a bushel for corn, and the hens were getting five bushels as always. And so things went until the man was getting \$10 a day and the farmer got \$2 a bushel and the man gave the farmer \$10 for five bushels.

The Battalion

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

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Probation Status Biggest Concern In Mid-Semester Poll

By WILLIAM DICKENS. AMONG the moans, groans, and long faces, some sighs of relief and cheerful smiles could be seen on the campus yesterday after mid-term grades were filed with the registrars office.

As the result of a student poll, taken by this reporter on the question, "Are mid-term grade reports necessary?" various answers were received, showing a reasonable contrast in opinions.

"If there has to be mid-semester grade reports and people put on probation at mid-semester, students should also be taken off probation at mid-semester," said Guy King, junior business major from Waco.

"They aren't exactly a good indication of what you are doing because most instructors give you a higher grade than you deserve, or a lower grade with the intentions of making you work more," Walter Lang, a math major in the class of '46 said.

Bob Browne, sophomore math major, said, "I think they are a good idea because they let you know just where you stand in your class work."

"I think they are perfectly useless," said Lawrence Ashburn, junior dairy mg. major from Dallas. "You should have a deficiency report at the end of the semester," he advised.

"It's a good thing in order to let you, as well as your parents, know how you are doing, but a student shouldn't be kicked out of school on the strength of mid-semester grades," commented Ben Thomas, a junior A. H. major from Perryton.

Bob Philpott, journalism major from Chicago, Ill., advised, "We should have some sort of a report which should not have any

bearing on students going on probation until the end of the semester." "I don't think you have covered the course well enough or have had enough tests by mid-semester to base a grade on," said Jimmie Massey, Aero major from Waco.

Bill Walker, junior B. A. major said, "They are helpful in making you study but many instructors misjudge students by not knowing them well enough and by not knowing their full capability in such a short time."

HOW can General Marshall, who has indicated he does not expect an early war, say that the general world situation is more serious than it was last November?

Marshall Says World Crisis Getting Worse

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Now, by the general's testimony, there has been a let-down. He seems disturbed at hesitation over universal military training and over amendments to the bill which he wrote.

Universal military training is not only a system for providing, more cheaply than any other way, a pool of military strength from which to meet an emergency, it is firm notice to Russia that the United States is aware of, willing and capable of meeting, the long-range requirements of the power fight in which the world has become involved.

This, rather than any fear of immediate war, would seem to be in the general's mind. Sign of Weakness. Any let-down in America's determination to do the job which she has undertaken will only be taken by Russia as a sign of weakness and an encouragement for adventures which could lead quickly to war.

In no other perceptible way has the world situation worsened since November. The war in Korea has been going very well. Russia is negotiating in Paris instead of marching on Berlin, Belgrade or Tehran. Failure of the negotiations could produce a crisis, as happened in 1939 when Britain and France failed to reach an agreement with the Kremlin, and Russia allied herself with Adolf Hitler.

But reports from inside Europe have it that Russia has not mobilized her forces there for war this Spring, despite wartime activities in her Balkan satellites.

The English translation goes on to give a list of individual clothing and equipment such as bedding, and so on. But as I read the original document on the left nothing is said about clothing and equipment. From what I could interpret was this:

"Four group—family of widow." "Maria Rodriguez Provyana—daughter of Manuel and Laura Impieztes, native of Lanzazote, twenty-six years of age, more or less, of good slim stature, dark complexion, color white, thick eyes, sharp nose, black hair and eye brows, the amount of eighteen pesos for the same reason."

Perhaps someone translated the writings wrong or placed the wrong binder in the display. At any rate it should be corrected for the benefit of the visitors and student body as well.

Bible Verse

WHATSOEVER thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. —Ecclesiastes 9:10.

Swanson, Ferrer Favored Hollywood to Present Annual Oscars Tonight

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, March 29—(AP)—Movietown's "Run For The Roses"—The annual Oscar Derby—comes down the homestretch tonight and it's still a wide-open race, particularly among the Fillies.

The academy awards—the entertainment world's Kentucky Derby—will be dealt out amid glamorous trappings at the Pantages Theater on Hollywood Boulevard. The contestants are the subjects of as much touting as any prize crop of three-year-olds nags.

Everyone in Hollywood has his own ideas about who will be crowned the year's movie champions. Here is a consensus of the current trends, as well as some observations of my own:

Female star performance—ah, here's the toughest. Seldom has there been a tighter race in this division, and it's continuing right down to the wire. It's largely a three-filly struggle between Gloria Swanson ("Sunset Blvd."), Bette Davis ("All About Eve") and Judy Holliday ("Born Yesterday").

Miss Swanson may very well nab the honors. As the aging film queen, she gave a striking, if stylized performance. Her comeback is perhaps the greatest in film history, and she will snag the sentimental vote, which is considerable. Many of the academy voters may plunk down for Miss Davis because of sentiment and because of her sheer artistry. The two-time Oscar winner came back brilliantly in her

role as another over-age actress. The great popularity of "All About Eve" might well make her the first star to win three academy awards.

Judy Holiday is pushing the two older stars for contention. Her dumb-blonde role made her an immediate star, and her rise has been called the swiftest since Mae West. She could upset the dopsters and walk home with the statuette.

Anne Baxter ("All About Eve") and Eleanor Parker ("Caged") are strong entries, but probably will be outdistanced. Miss Baxter could be tabbed the dark horse, because of her adept portrait of the stage aspirant.

Selection: Gloria Swanson. Male star performance—this one is a little easier to chart, provided the race runs to form. Jose Ferrer's Grandiose "Cyrano De Bergerac" was one of the biggest chunks of acting in years. He should, if you will pardon the expression, win by a nose.

That doesn't mean that the field will not press him. Louis Calhern created a charming portrait of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., in "The Magnificent Yankee." But the film itself does not seem strong enough to bring him home a winner.

William Holden might qualify as the dark horse. His able convincing work as the screen writer helped hold "Sunset Blvd." together but his role lacked Ferrer's fireworks.

James Stewart ("Harvey") and Spencer Tracy ("Father of the Bride") figure to be outrun. Both are former Derby winners (Tracy triumphed twice), but they have been seen in solidier stuff.

Selection: Jose Ferrer. Best picture—this shapes up as a runaway for "All About Eve." The intellectual appeal of the film can't be overlooked and it should be victorious. It can mean another double win for director-writer Joseph Mankiewicz, who won two Oscars last year for "A Letter To Three Wives."

"Sunset Blvd." is the strongest competition. It was a fascinating picture of the home town, but many local viewers found fault with its melodrama. "Born Yesterday" is doubtful, since its main attribute is a girl named Judy Holiday.

Scratch "King Solomon's Mines" and "Father of the Bride." Although popular favorites, they are not the kind of stock that usually win the big race.

Selection: "All About Eve." The supporting races usually are not easy to predict. However, Josephine Hull, the scatterbrained sister in "Harvey," appears destined for the reward. George Sanders, the acid-tongued critic of "All About Eve," appears to be a prime favorite in the male support division.

As with all form charts, this one could very easily be upset. So if you lost any lettuce on the (See OSCARS TONIGHT, Page 6)

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