

College Not Producing American for 'Golden Age'

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS must get to know the post-explosion American and produce what he wants to suit his new tastes and ideas.

Writing about the "American Explosion" in a recent scientific monthly, Fenton B. Turck of New York explains how America has suddenly exploded into a golden age—fresh, vital, cultural, full of opportunities and confidence.

The same idea may be formed about A&M with its evergrowing facilities and continual turnover of new personnel in supposedly better teachers and students.

Consider the A&M physical plant and its administration as industry and business, then place the students as the "post-explosion" American. But should this "industry and business" produce to suit the students new tastes and ideas?

Why not? Everything is susceptible to change.

Mr. Turck points out: "Americans spent more dollars to go to classical music concerts than to baseball games last year. Americans spent nearly twice as many constant dollars on books as 10 years ago.

"More Americans (54 per cent) own their own homes than pay rent. During 1940-51, 141 million people moved from one place to another getting new ideas, new jobs, new standards of living.

"Americans bought more Bibles in 1941-51 than in the previous 40 years. They are spending more (in constant dollars) on news-

papers, magazines, books, toys, flowers, seeds, sports, equipment, and hobbies, theatre, opera, and home decoration. We travel far more in this country and abroad. Far more Americans are getting higher educations."

During the last decade, A&M has improved its physical plant by more than 50 per cent. Its enrollment during these years set new records and has remained at an all time average high of more than 300 per cent. More and better courses have been added. Better entertainment and recreational facilities than ever before are available. More students have seen oil paintings, heard symphonic music, heard intelligentsia speak.

But one thing has not changed—the basic attitude. The college is held from progressing faster by neglecting to change its attitudes and mannerisms, thereby failing to change the student's outlook to its superiors.

Outlived and old student habits will not change because they are not given the free opportunity. Responsibility many times placed on unqualified students brings negative results to both parties and neither admits his mistake permanently.

To produce an even-better and well-rounded student than the one who is to be graduated in January and June, and construct a better educational institution of higher learning, mature minds must meet their masters and face the facts—no ship moves with its anchor in the water and mud.

We want to be fresh, vital, cultural, full of opportunities and confidence Americans. You are the industry.

Navy Plane Crashes; Eleven Believed Dead

SHELTON, Wash., Nov. 13—(AP) A Navy plane with 11 men aboard crashed in flames near here last night. State Patrolmen said it was unlikely there were any survivors.

The Navy said the plane was a four-engine Privateer from its Sand Point Naval Air Station at Seattle.

The plane, groping through rainy skies, plunged into a hillside on the Olympic Peninsula some 15 miles northwest of here about 7:30 p.m. (9:30 p.m. CST).

Don Ragan, a dairy farmer, said he heard the plane "coming by low."

Very Low

"I looked out the barn door," Ragan said, "and could see its wing lights, it was so low.

"There was a big flash when she hit, then the gas tanks exploded. It must have been at least a mile and one-half away, but it sounded like it wasn't even 100 feet away."

"I don't see how anyone could have lived through that. It hit head on."

Ragan said the plane fell into a heavily timbered area and started a fire that flared for an hour.

From Sand Point

Capt. William Chambliss, 13th Naval District public information officer, said in Seattle the plane was attached to Patrol Squadron 772 at Sand Point.

A Coast Guard plane left for the crash scene from Port Angeles, Wash., about 50 miles north. Ground parties started into the rugged country, some using a railroad spur that ran into the Olympic Mountains.

The Navy reported the plane took off from Sand Point at 6:11 p.m. and at about 6:23 p.m. it was heard calling the Shelton CAA radio station. The plane was not heard from again.

At 5:40 p.m. a Western Air lines pilot reported seeing an explosion in the vicinity of Lake West, northwest of Shelton.

Toy Drive Started For Needy Kids

A Christmas toy drive for underprivileged children of College Station is under way, according to J. B. Hervey, chairman of the drive committee.

Members of the Kiwanis Club, sponsor of the drive, are collecting broken toys that can be re-

paired, and giving them to underprivileged children in this area for Christmas, Hervey said. Other members of the committee are Les Richardson, Bardin Nelson, and J. B. Longley.

"Anyone wishing to contribute toys to the drive may do so by calling either me or Les Richardson. A member of the Kiwanis Club will pick the toys up Friday afternoon," Hervey said.

There is a need for volunteers to help repair the toys, Hervey said. The toys will be taken to Consolidated High School where workers will repair them Hervey explained.

Ag Majors Named For National Contest

Four agronomy majors will be selected to represent A&M at the National Crops Judging Contest at Kansas City and the International Crops Judging Contest at Chicago from Nov. 22-Dec. 3.

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Engineers Council Elects Officers

Election of officers and the appointment of committees highlighted the first meeting of the year of the Student Engineers Council.

The newly elected officers are E. J. Sandoval, president, Darrow Hooper, vice-president, Virgil Dean, treasurer, and John Tracy, secretary.

The Council is composed of representatives from member and associate member technical societies in the School of Engineering. Each society is represented by three members on the Council.

The purpose of the organization is to create a council of junior and senior engineering students with representatives from all engineering departments.

The Student Engineers Council was formed in April, 1939 by Dr. Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor of the Texas A&M System, then Dean of the School of Engineering.

Real Savings

Table listing grocery items and prices: Shortening 65c, Tomato Juice 28c, Pineapple Juice 10c, Peach Halves 45c, Pumpkin 29c, Dog Food 2 cans 29c, Crisco 79c, Sardines 3 cans 20c, Starkist Tuna 65c, Plain Chili 85c, Orange Juice 25c, Tomatoes 26c, Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup.

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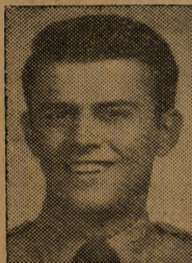
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Cadets Fail To Impress Newcomer After He Sees Farce Of Corps



By FRANK N. MANITZAS Battalion Co-Editor

"Though reason is progressive, instinct is stationary. Five thousand years have added no improvement to the hive of the bee, or the house of the beaver."—Colton.

WE WERE talking with a new professor the other day. He was amazed by A&M, its students, its policies, its attitudes, its administration, its past. He pondered its future.

"I cannot quite understand A&M," he said. "When I first arrived here, I thought I was on the friendliest campus in the world. Immediately persons who I had never met were saying 'howdy' and 'hello', and I thought they were sincere.

"Today, I'm the same person, walking across the same campus, hearing the same 'hellos' and 'howdys' but I am no longer im-

pressed in a friendly or sincere atmosphere. When speaking, the speaker looks neither to me nor in my direction. He might as well say 'ugauga boo ugu boo boia ugu.' It would have the same effect. The speaker would be making a noise."

The professor continued but remained calm in his speech.

"The freshmen give their sharp 'howdy' in a shade of fear. The sophomore with a fearless attitude, daring anyone not to return his greeting while wanting himself to be heard. The junior checks to see to whom he speaks, as if he expects someone to address him first, while the senior has the typical 'don't give a darn' attitude.

"This also is shown in the dress of this prep school."

We interrupted the professor at this point to explain A&M is not a prep school (an introductory institution, preparing one for a school of higher learning) but a military college.

"Military college?" The professor laughed. "I heard that when I first came here, but the students neither act nor react as a military

person should. You might say they are regimentally dressed. But there, you have to draw the line."

"We tried to interrupt, but he continued. 'Your cadet and regular officers, at times, are incapable. This may be because they are poorly trained by the staff, but they certainly do not carry through with the preliminaries required of a militarist: the following and giving of orders.

"The school treats the cadet officers like babies, and in return, they use immature methods when dealing with underclassmen. Very few college students continue to beat their underclassmen. Of course, some fraternities do, but this period never lasts over a few weeks. After that time persons are accepted as equals."

Again we tried to explain that at A&M "Once an Aggie, always an Aggie." We are, in a sense, a great fraternity and always are working for the betterment of the school.

He laughed, "What kind of fraternity are you," he said "working for the betterment of the college, when you don't even follow college regulations or enforce the laws given to you as cadet officers? Can you truthfully say you are bettering anyone, the school or the person, when you break a state law in using a board?"

"I tried again to explain to this out-of-stater that tradition called for "making men at A&M, taking the cockiness out of the freshmen and instilling in them a spirit unobtainable any other way."

Again he laughed, only harder. "What freshman or sophomore actually enjoys this treatment? Does he actually feel you are doing him a favor? Why doesn't the cadet officer understand that his actions, his leadership will influence this underclassmen's future life? That strong arm-power merely causes the freshman or sophomore to feel the officer is incapable to handle a situation with clear thought and understanding."

We were silent. He continued. "A few years ago, a bunch of hot-spurred officers were talked into a revolt by a few groups, both student and administrative, which brought nothing but disgrace to their school and themselves as future officers of their country and citizens of their community and state. It seems to me, the underclassmen should form a grievance committee of their own, state their actions to the way they are being run in the corps, contrary to supposed traditions, and

certainly against college regulations.

"I've heard only the best things of A&M: People like to forget the bad ones. But the students here could certainly help make it what they many times say to be: 'the largest military school in the world to bring down to the lowest possible figure the cost of an education which at the same time be thorough, liberal and practical.' He left.

We thought things over and did a little reading. We found what Gen. Omar Bradley said to a graduating class not too long ago:

"At Texas A&M there has been an almost unlimited opportunity for you in science, in agriculture and veterinary medicine, in engineering and arts. In true Texas tradition, you have been provided with outstanding training in military science, in aeronautical science and in physical education. The men of Texas A&M can stand up to any men in the world and compare favorably their education and training for leadership—leadership in the pursuits of peace, and if it comes to war, leadership in battle."

We wonder what he would think now if he knew the whole story.

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