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THE BATTALION

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It's Not 'Sissy' To Be A Christian

ONE OF THE GREATEST objectives of the late Senate chaplain Peter Marshall was to teach men they weren't sissies to be Christians.

Many times we look upon the habitual church-goer as a fellow who is meek, humble, and not "one of the boys." In a men's college such as A&M emphasis is placed on the rough, tough individual, supposedly characteristic of a military man. We sometimes forget the place of Christianity in our day-to-day lives.

Many examples are apparent on this campus of men who have proven religion is not for sissies. The captain of A&M's 1953 baseball team is one of the most ardent Christian workers on the campus. Several members of the football team also deserve mention along this line, as well as the corps commander, and others who have excelled in their particular extra-curricular field, yet found strength and reassurance through God.

During this week of Religious Emphasis it will be well for all students to decide what part God plays in their lives. Don't leave this for someone else to decide. Have you considered the part religion could play in your life at A&M? Have you considered

"The reward of one duty done is the power to fulfill another."—George Eliot.

Answer Was Not 'In The Book'

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK brings about many enlightening experiences for students and the faculty. But we know of two persons, said to be members of the A&M staff, who especially need "enlightening" on a certain point.

With a great amount of seriousness these two approached a display in the main showcase of the MSC. This display consisted of a picture of Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, main RE speaker, projected on a large screen. Below the picture was a Bible with a long ribbon marker and opened to Psalms.

After surveying the situation with apparent interest, and entirely serious at all times, the following conversation was held:

"Wonder who that guy is?" said the first. "I don't know," answered the second, "maybe it is Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist."

"No," was the reply, "I don't think so, it's probably the guy who wrote that book."

They walked on toward the fountain room, probably satisfied that some author was trying to advertise his new book.

"A great artist is always before his time or behind it."—George Moore.

the man who goes to church a "sissy"? Have you failed to find an interest in some church in this community?

Only you can decide the role you will take. Practically all great men of our time have found comfort and strength through God. They did not consider themselves a sissy to open their mind and heart in His presence and gain His help in making decisions.

Peter Marshall never made a decision without first going to God for guidance. He was no sissy, nor is any man who knows God. Through God we may find strength and grow in greater proportions than any man who is physically strong only.

If you consider the church-goer or the man who is close to God a sissy, maybe you should re-examine your own self. Perhaps you are the weakling and he is a greater man than you.

"He who would govern others should first be master of himself."—Massinger.

Do Girls Like 'Corps Happy' Ags?

A GROUP of girls at the University of Oklahoma write that perhaps members of the feminine sex should be quizzed on whether or not they favor the "Gig 'em Boy."

Their letter was in reference to a recent Battalion feature which contended A&M students don't like dates who are too heavily imbued with the Aggie spirit.

The girls claim a great liking for A&M and its standards, but they ask; "Why not consider the girl's point of view? How can you say that we're 'corps happy'?" If you only knew what it was like to have a date with a 'corps happy' Aggie who...

"Couldn't stand to be parted from his uniform; carries his thumb in a 90 degree angle all of the time; never stops shaking hands; never stops talking of all the drown outs, fireworks, and fights; never stops using mess hall slang; can't remember his manners long enough to eat one meal away from A&M; can't forget the beauty and sex appeal of his uniform; can't forget his many weekend love affairs; can't forget his wolf cry long enough to be a gentleman on a date; forgets his date until a touchdown is made at football games; can't buy a gift for a girl without 'Aggie' stamped on it; considers the Aggie the 'Man of Tomorrow.'"

In Asking for justice, by polling dates of Aggies to their preference of "corps happy" Aggies, the girls contend: "Public opinion is the basis of a democracy."

"A fool always finds some greater fool to admire him."—Boileau.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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ARTS AND DARTS

'Naked Spur' Lacks Ethics Of Westerns

By JERRY BENNETT
Amusements Editor

"The Naked Spur" starring James Stewart, Janet Leigh, Robert Ryan, Ralph Meeker, and Millard Mitchell—MGM—Campus Theatre.

"The Naked Spur" goads four questionable characters and Janet Leigh through 90 minutes of technicolor gore and passion which are stripped of all Gene Autry ethics.

Throughout the movie, the screen becomes drenched with enough murder, mayhem, and unvarnished brutality to make Audie Murphy's cactus antics look like a drop in the cuspidor.

Hair Trigger

A hair-trigger neurotic (James Stewart), a gold-crabbed prospector (Millard Mitchell) and a "morally unstable" army officer (Ralph Meeker) capture an outlaw hiding in the mountains. Using their greed for the \$5,000 reward, the killer (Robert Ryan) spurs each against the other. Whenever he thinks their self-extermination is moving too slow, Ryan applies more direct methods, such as loosening Stewart's cinch strap while riding on a mountain rim.

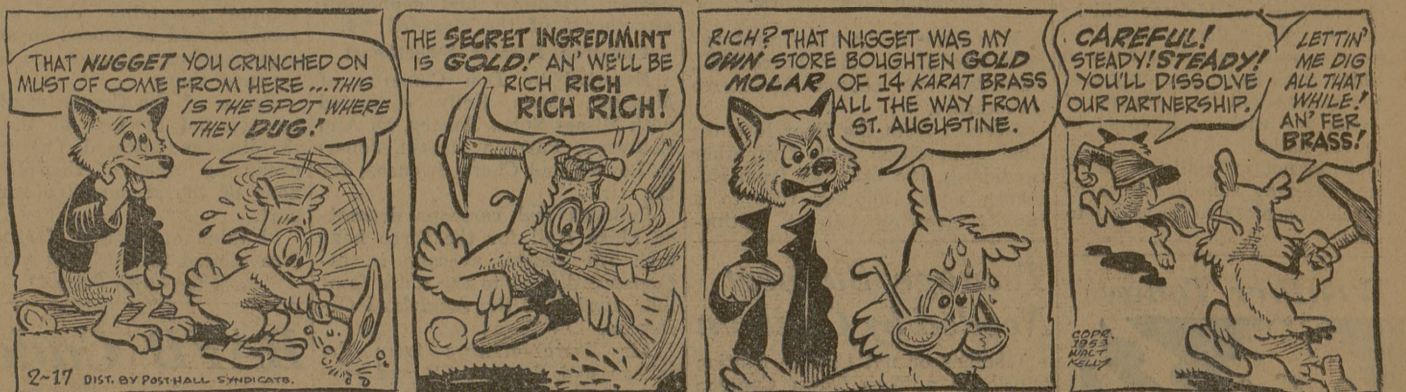
In addition to strained relations, the group is attacked by Indians, caught in avalanches, and beaten by the elements. Since each man has an undesirable personality, it is doubtful which one, if any, will survive.

Director Anthony ("Bend of the River" and "Winchester 73") Mann has lassoed this violence against some of the most beautiful technicolor photography ever filmed. The majestic mountains, rivers, and forests of the West's timberline are brought to the screen with an angle shot technique which sometimes resembles third dimension.

An expert on filming westerns, Mann has made his action scenes exciting without seeming preposterous. His male characters are saddle sore rugged without being typed and his heroine is believable, which is something unusual for a horseopera.

Disregarding the title, the film's entire six-gun production is the most well dressed since "High Noon."

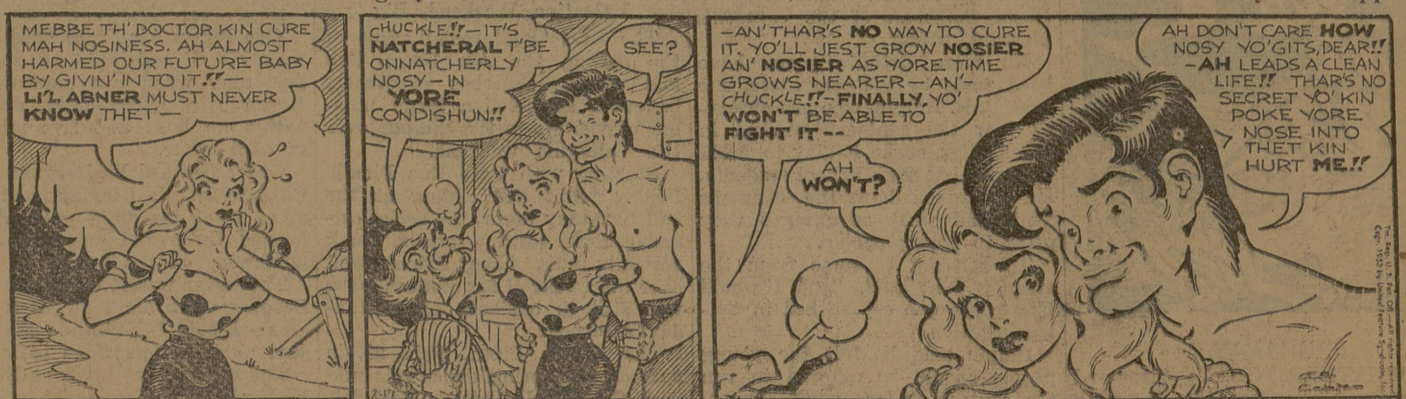
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LPL ABNER

She's Mighty Like A Nose

By Al Capp



Public School Week Set March 1-7

March 1-7 will be Public Schools Week this year, announced Richard L. Webb, manager of radio station WTAW today. This year will mark the third annual observation of the event.

Emphasis is placed on getting the public to visit local schools during the week and becoming acquainted with work the schools are doing, he said.

A local citizens committee has been organized to work with school authorities in promotion of the event. Members are Dr. F. C. Bolton, Luther G. Jones, J. J. Skrivaneck, Don M. Vestal, R. L. Webb, John S. Rogers, and J. B. Baty.

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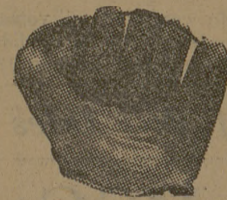


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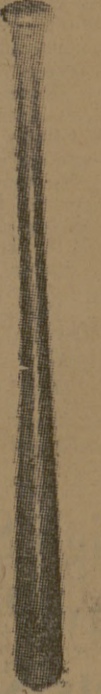
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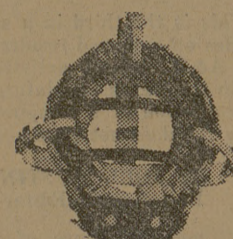
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