

BATTALION EDITORIALS

RE Week

Religious Emphasis Week begins Sunday.

The week offers the students of Texas A&M a unique opportunity to view contemporary religious thought from a vantage point other than their own church sanctuary. By talking with and listening to the 17 religious workers representing many areas of American Judaism and Christianity, the student should be able to gain an insight into the problems that doubtlessly confront him.

College students worry about religion. It is natural. Some worry to the extent that they become "religious fanatics." These people settle the question of personal faith by finding a belief of their own, then closing their minds to the opinion of those around them.

Others solve the problem by renouncing their right to explore religious doctrine, saying "The problem is too great. If there is a Supreme Being, I haven't seen him, and I can't truly believe in something I can't see." Still others deny the existence of God altogether.

We can assume the agnostics, atheists and "fanatics" are in the minority at Texas A&M. Most A&M students are conservatives when it comes to religion. That is, most of us come from church-going families. Often we are prone to sleep late on Sunday morning, however we recognize the place religion and our churches play in our lives.

What is "religion," anyway? What do we mean by "contemporary religion?" "Orthodox religion?" Who is God? Why go to church? What is eternity? heaven? hell?

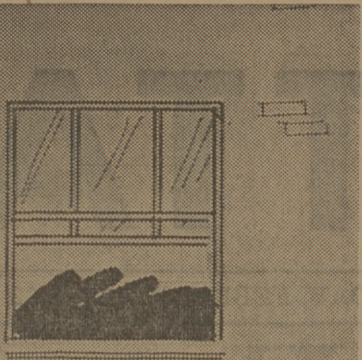
RE Week offers an opportunity to get these questions answered. The men who will answer these questions include campus pastors, armed services chaplains, professors of religion and theology and working churchmen from all faiths—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. While they probably won't satisfy everyone with their answers, it stands to reason such a cross section of religious thinkers will provoke thought.

The test of RE Week will come Monday morning at the first convocation message in Guion Hall. It is during these convocation sessions, led by Dr. C. Umhau Wolf, minister and religious educator since 1936, that the great bulk of questions will be answered. For Dr. Wolf's talks will be oriented in great measure by the questions already submitted to the RE Week directors, the Interfaith Council and YMCA.

RE Week is already a success. If it were not, it would have been discontinued long ago. Those who attend the convocations in Guion Hall and the question sessions in the dorms will attest to its success. These sessions are always well attended, but there is always room for more. Every seat should be filled.

Religious Emphasis Week is not for everybody. If you already know all there is to know about the religious forces in America today, there is no need to attend.

But if you have a question, it is a unique opportunity to get it answered.



"You don't realize th' prestige this gives you! Being th' first to get hit with a bucket of water is like th' president throwing out th' first baseball of th' season!"

—Sound Off—

Student Writes About Manners

The Battalion: Too often here on the A&M campus has the student body been censured for its poor manners and general lack of appreciation for anything which pertains to culture. By far the greatest percentage of this criticism comes from the faculty, who, I presume, know all there is to know about the proprieties.

Sunday afternoon in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, Dr. John Q. Anderson lectured on and sang selections from English, Scottish and American folk songs. During this program, for which Dr. Anderson obviously had made a great deal of preparation, there was an unpardonable demonstration of bad manners, but strangely enough, it was NOT on the part of students.

Every student I talked with after the program commented to the effect that he enjoyed the presentation very much — when

he could hear it above the faculty members' private conversations and the chatter of their children, who were too young to understand what was going on, much less enjoy or profit by it.

A program, such as the one given Sunday, is no place for children, and if a baby sitter cannot be obtained to stay at home with them, I suggest that the women who had such important business to discuss during the lecture, stay with them. It is certain that they did not get any more from Dr. Anderson's presentation than did the children.

I personally enjoyed the lecture and folk songs very much and am looking forward to the next Sunday Celebrity Series.

Robert L. Gray, '62

(The letter was also signed by Jack Klug, Bob Wakefield, Gary Underwood and John B. Beakley, all Class of '62. Anderson is a professor in the Department of English — Ed.)

I WISH I'D SAID THAT!

Life is a narrow vale, between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud in our dismay, but the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unrepenting dead there comes no word, but in the night of death hope see a star and listening love hears the rustle of a wing.

—Robert G. Ingersoll

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(M.A.) Argonne National Laboratory — Chemical engineering, chemistry and physics (Ph.D.); electrical engineering (B.S., M.S., Ph.D.); mechanical and nuclear engineering (B.S., Ph.D.), and mathematics (M.A., Ph.D.).

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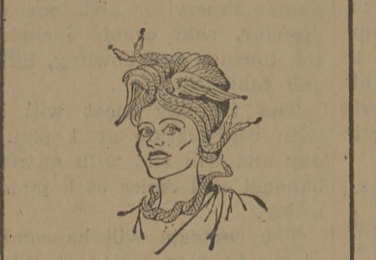
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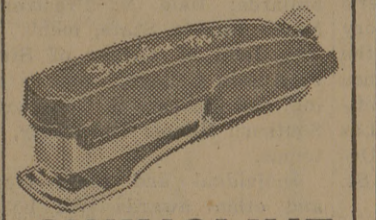
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OH, THIS IS AN IDEAL RABBIT-CHASING DAY!

THIS IS JUST THE SORT OF DAY WHEN THEY'LL BE OUT BY THE MILLIONS!

C'MON, SNOOPY, LET'S GET OUT AND SNIFF THOSE RABBITS!

YOU DON'T SNIFF RABBITS, YOU SEE THEM!