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"MATERIALISM"

"Materialism" is defined: "in philosophy, (a) the doctrine that matter is the only reality . . . ; (b) the doctrine that comfort, pleasure, and wealth are the only or highest goals or values."

It is doubtful that many people would say, in theory, that this describes their view of life. But, it is obvious in practice that for very many it actually does. That "comfort, pleasure, and wealth are the only or highest goals or values" for multitudes is too evident to require proof. And, though the person pursuing this course may not theoretically believe "that matter is the only reality," and, therefore, that man has no eternal spirit, he acts as though he does, and practically is a materialist.

Materialism is not an adequate, correct, or satisfying philosophy of life. Long ago Jesus said: "Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). The experience of mankind gives abundant illustration and confirmation of the truthfulness of this statement. To be without the necessities of life may cause unhappiness, but to have them and much more does not guarantee happiness. It takes something of a different character—something spiritual and an attitude of selfless sharing (Luke 12:15-21; I Tim. 6:6-10, 17-19).

Among the other mistakes of the materialist is the fact that he makes what is only a means into an end in itself; he takes part of man's nature (the physical) for the whole; and, he regards a part of man's existence (the present life) as its totality. Rather than using money to serve God and man, he comes to trust money instead of God, and to love it more than man (I Tim. 6:17-19). He serves money as a god, and, therefore, his covetousness is termed "idolatry" (Matt. 6:24; Col. 3:5). Things occupy in his conception of life the place that God alone should have.

Materialism leads to disillusionment and despair, because the physical is uncertain, inadequate to satisfy, and temporal. The inevitable frustration of the materialist is embodied in the cry that all is "vanity and a striving after wind" (Ecl. 2). In life and in death man needs that which is spiritual, eternal, and dependable (Matt. 6:19-34; II Cor. 4:18; II Tim. 1:12). He needs the guidance of God's word, the enjoyment of His blessings, and the hope and comfort of His promises.

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UT Backer In Briscoe's Office Finds Warm Spot For Ags

It isn't often that the title of Honorary Aggie is placed on an individual in the confines of traditionally "teasipper" Austin, a female orange-and-white fan at that.

But that's what happened to Mary Ferrell, an administrative assistant in Gov. Dolph Briscoe's office. Mrs. Ferrell, a mother and grandmother, is in daily contact with former Aggies through her work for the Governor's offices, and she said she had grown to love the "folks from Aggieland."

"I just liked to be around them," she said. "They are fine people with delightful character. I let my feelings be known about Aggies every chance I got."

She explained that her colleagues in Austin got together and secured the honorary title for her, presenting a certificate at a surprise party.

"I felt I had to do something for Texas A&M in return," Mrs. Ferrell continued. "Most people do things for their alma mater, and since I am now an Aggie, I thought it fitting that I do something for my school."

She had noticed ornate sculptured rugs on the floors of the Secretary of State's office and in one of the Governor's offices. The rug features a large white star on blue field, the official seal of the State of Texas.

She asked if TAMU would like to have one, and was told it would be a welcome gift. She purchased the rug in San Antonio where they are handmade.

"I thought I would just wrap it up and send it down," she said, "but I was again surprised when I learned President Williams had invited me to lunch."

During the luncheon, Mrs. Ferrell was given a brief history of the university in the form of anecdotes from President Williams, Former Students Association Executive Director, Richard "Buck" Weirus, Reagan Brown, on leave from TAMU for a tour of duty in the Governor's offices, and Frank A. Driskill, a 1937 graduate of TAMU and currently in the public relations office of the University of Texas Extension Service in Austin.

Mrs. Ferrell moved to Austin from Dallas early this year when she joined the Governor's staff. She had resided in Dallas for more than 25 years. She has three sons residing in Dallas with their families and a daughter who lives in California.



STATE SEAL PRESENTED—A&M President Jack K. Williams admires the gift of Mrs. Mary Ferrell following her being named an Honorary Aggie.

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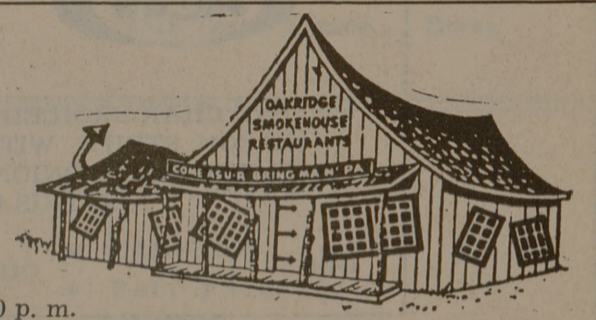
It will start at the June 13 TAMSCC meeting, with "The Heroic Days." The six-part series will continue through Aug. 22, noted James Forte, series director and club vice president.

TAMSCC meets every second and fourth Wednesday during the summer. Meetings at 7:30 p. m. will be in the Mimosa Room of the old College Station City Hall, 101 Church. The club also plans some rallies and autocrosses. Other activities include technical assistance and driving clinics.

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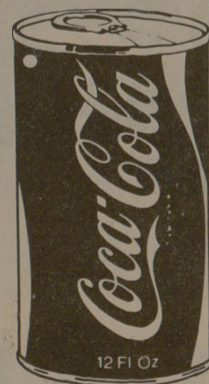


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