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## Editorially Speaking

"Bad officials are elected by the good citizens who do not vote." With the welfare of the nation and the world at stake, it would be only logical for us to be wary of the candidate for whom we vote.

Investigate the candidate's record for what he HAS done; with what EFFICIENCY and THOROUGHNESS he carries out his work; to what extent has he previously fulfilled promises (which is the method used by parties to sway public opinion); are the methods he has mapped out for handling important issues logical and probable?

Do not rely too much on stagnant party history. Find out what the party has done recently in relation to national and world-wide issues. Will their strife lead the nation to greater heights of accomplishment or gradual disintegration? Do they make a lot of promises which have never been and will never be carried out? Do they stand strong and steadfast wherein crucial issues of national and world-wide concern are considered?

Do not be influenced by loose talk and propaganda. Seek sound facts with substantial background. Anyone can preach fantastic lies.

Think TWICE, and THRICE before you cast your vote. Your vote has a role to play in the crisis of our nation old infant would?

(If you are eligible, do not hesitate to cast your vote!!!)

How long are your fingers of thought? Where do your thoughts lie? Do you exercise your brain as a college student would, or as a month-old infant would?

As an infant, one's life is centered around himself and his immediate family. His trend of thought centers around "me." His only concern is "me." He wants satisfaction, affection for "me." He begs for attention. This is expected of him because he is an infant and such behavior is expected of and appreciated by those who surround him.

At about two years of age, he begins to want something for mother, dad, sister or brother. In his own little way, he seeks their approval and affection. His mind has at this point broadened to a concern for those of his own family.

A student in school, he now is concerned about his playmates. Through adolescence and youth, the scope of his trend of thought broadens, from school, to community, to state, to nation, and as an adult, to the world.

Has your mind broadened as it should, or are you still an infant who is concerned with self? If so, why not take time out to see what is happening around you. State, national and world-wide events affect your life directly or indirectly. If you will become and act concerned, you can alleviate these events to affect your life favorably in many instances.

Do you know what your school's biggest problem at hand is? Have you thought about it or done anything about that problem?

You are a citizen of the United States. Do you know the current is-

sue of major importance?

Today's world, due to modern civilization, is closely knit and a more compact unit in its functions.

Do not sit idly by and let time march on!! Be on the alert!! Listen to your radio! Read newspapers, magazines, bulletins!! Listen to authorities and speakers on the varied issues of national and world-wide concern. Most of all, become interested and active in national and world-wide movements. Keep an open but discriminate mind.

"Little minds are smothered by big issues, Big minds challenge them and set them aright."

## Appreciation of Students

Among the many delightful surprises for the opening of the 1948-49 school year is the improvement of the meals in the dining hall. Not only is the food in the dining room planned so as to give us the necessary food values, but it is being made both attractive and tasty.

Our "mumbles and grumbles" on the food situation were made to seem selfish when Miss Greta Riddell, of the World Service Student Fund spoke to us concerning the food condition in Burma, Austria, Greece, Poland, and many other countries, where students do not receive the necessary food values nor the proper amount of food.

In view of the address given by Miss Riddell, our dining room food, and especially this year's improvement regarding the food, seems to us to be very good.

The students have recognized this improvement and are thankful for the recognition of the need for better food.

We, the members of the student body, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the improvement of the food and we wish to give special thanks to Miss Camp, our new dietitian, Mrs. Rogers, our assistant dietitian, and the dining room employees

## Welcome to New Bennett Personnel

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 the chapel as a place for quietness and devotion.

We know that you as members of the Bennett family will agree with us in saying that keeping the classrooms clean is out responsibility for here a wholesome atmosphere of learning is to be attained.

Now that you have become members of the Bennett family we know that you too accept the responsibilities. We are assured that you will put forth every possible effort in creating an atmosphere conducive to good learning and happiness.

The many activities of the Bennett family, such as birthday dinners, concerts, dances and parties are thing in the future to which we can look forward.

We are sure that you will become obligated along with the rest of us in making Bennett reign in every way, you, whom we proudly welcome to the ever-increasing Bennett family.

## Sylvia Views the News

The summer months have not brightened the world scene, nor have they brought peace and love one iota nearer. God's earth seems to have truly changed hands and "Satan's Soil" seems to be its new title. The world war is over, true, now we are living in war world! There is fighting in Palestine, bloodshed in China, internal turmoil in India, and the stupid "Cold" war between Russia and the rest of the united nations. Bitter disappointment is the key word to today's world and there is no mistake about that.

The issues facing the United Nations today remind one only too much of the old League of Nations issues and their inability to be effective. Look at the "Cold" war raging in Berlin. Is Russia too bull-headed and stubborn to stop her headlong rush toward war, or has she some legitimate reason for mistrusting the U. S.? Exactly why is it necessary to have Russian or American, or any other certain currency as the main one in Germany? What's wrong with German currency in the German country? Yet, over such trite issues as just mentioned, the 'diplomats,' or all the leading U. N. countries, hurled open insults and accusations at each other like a group of immature children. It is no fun to read the paper and listen to the radio and find everywhere that the men on whom your future life depends have gone so far in anger that they have forgotten their duty to their people. Peace is the aim of the people everywhere . . . the little people who die when there is fighting . . . and their hearts are the ones that are sick with the heat of the "Cold" war.

In America, on the national front nothing can be seen but the coming election. Nothing is discussed except the changes of various candidates for election; and nothing is prayed for more than the chance that the American people will elect the man who will keep at least half of his promises to the nation.

The Republican party has nominated Governor Thomas E. Dewey as President for the second time, with Governor Earl Warren as his running mate. The election of Warren as Dewey's running mate itself was a masterful stroke of policy since with Warren the Republicans get the western majority while Dewey holds his own in the east. Dewey promises the people a maintenance of strong air sea, and land forces to help keep the peace. He also promises an end to inflation (although he mentions no particular way of accomplishing this). As far as civil rights are concerned, Dewey hedges this by saying that he is for the rights of all individuals. He has never taken any decided stand on the government control of schools but has instead contented himself with the statement that he is for good schooling and equal scholastic opportunities for all.

President Harry Truman and his running mate, Senator Barkley, also have some promises. Along with his foreign policy which will remain the same as he is now following, Truman hopes to bring about peace and understanding with the whole world. He promises too an end to inflation through more price control, and federal control of education in the United States. Truman offers the enforcement of the Civil Rights of all Americans and the erasure of all slum areas in the country. Truman and his party base their main campaign on two general statements: "You've already seen what the Democrats can do, why change?" and "See what the Republican Congress has done, imagine what adding a Republican President to this would mean." The Democratic platform is strong as is the Republican, but we must remember, promises are so easy to make and so seldom kept after election day.

Henry Wallace and his running mate, Senator Glenn Taylor, startled the nation about a year ago in the formation of the Progressive Party. Wallace, because of his beliefs, and because of his defiance of the two main political parties, and also be-

## Culture Corner

For most of us who live in small towns or even large cities, a legitimate professional play is more than obsolete. Thus, ANTA is for us, and we do appreciate it.

Perhaps the letters, A-N-T-A have no more meaning for you than the thousand and one other two to eight-letter organizations which sprang up during the era of the W. P. A. and lasted through the war, but at least this four-letter thing is more entertaining.

It all began about twelve years ago when Congress chartered an official organization which was to serve as a common meeting ground for the professional and amateur, stagehand and producer.

Although that may have been impressively written on paper, it has only been in recent years, with the trend of 'more theatre everywhere' becoming popular dissertation material for critics — that ANTA has begun to use its full power, and actually mean something to the drama lover of Towaskie, Indiana as well as the Park Avenuer of New York City.

The organization's membership consists of some of the most notable names in contemporary theater, and all have combined their talents, as seen in the "ANTA Album" benefit performance last January — to decentralize the American theater. The best illustration, of course, is the Experimental Theater whose main support is ANTA.

However, let us not think too optimistically for it has not reached us all. Certainly, it is not difficult to realize America's future culture depends on good drama becoming more real to every citizen. Perhaps as college students — and this is one of ANTA's main interests — we can catch a few ideas of the organization's worth and apply them to our campus and community situations.

Lawrence Oliver must have this in mind as he skyrockets to still greater fame in his last adaptation of *Hamlet* for he has taken a popular type of entertainment as a medium for authentic productions of the classes; and most critics feel he has done a superb job.

Those of you who saw *Henry V* were undoubtedly impressed with the fact of how real Shakespeare can become in our modern theater . . . Shakespeare's greatness is because of his universal and immortal appeal.

You then will be delighted to know *Hamlet* has been hailed almost unanimously as a still better masterpiece. Again Lawrence Oliver presents all the melodrama, comedy and tragedy of life that Shakespeare mastered. Once again the excellence of good directing and superb performances are put before us. It goes without saying that we'll take advantage of any op-

portunity to see one of the best movies of our day, *Hamlet*.  
 Of course, one never speaks of Shakespeare without finding oneself a party to a very heated and controversial issue — for which we have neither the wit nor space — but a recommendation is being put forth concerning an article in October's issue of "THEATER ARTS," *Shakespeare at Sardi's*. It's quite non-Shakespearean, and will make you laugh for days afterward.  
 Also featured in this month's "THEATER ARTS" is a complete script of *The Winslow Boy* and an excerpt from *Small Wonder*. Find some time to get acquainted with this magazine for it is considered one of the most informative and interesting publications in America.  
 And while speaking of the campus, it is probably a very good opportunity to tell the Freshmen how wonderful they were when they made their debut into the Little Theater last Friday evening. Our favorite was "This Property Is Condemned," because, probably we are in love with Tennessee Williams as most females are today. To Lucy Arrington, the star of Friday night's performance, we think you did a splendid job. While, by all means, Henry Smith was almost perfect as the Russian gentleman in Anton Chekov's comedy, "The Boor." "A Woman In The Freight Car" was of the typical melodramatic class, but the suspense — which was sustained throughout — kept us on the edge of our seats, which, after all, is the main point. Then too, I might add, we found the exposition a little vague and difficult to follow. Without a doubt, it was an entertaining and varied evening, thanks to well-timed acting and crew participation.  
 Last week-end was especially pleasant because not only were we well entertained by the Freshmen Theater Guild, but the Playlikers of Woman's College. Their presentation of "The Skin of Our Teeth," which was excellently done, both technically and dramatically.  
 As most of you know, "The Skin of Our Teeth" is a drama by that well-known playwright, Thornton Wilder, and for many years was one of the best Broadway hits starring Otis Skinner. It reminds one of a patchwork quilt. There are a thousand sundry pieces of various shades and hues, but in the end, they make one beautiful whole. However, we of the audience, who must watch the assemblance of the pieces, too often feel the need for a cup of sustaining tea. As one sits through two hours of mankind's history being portrayed through allegorism, personification, comical and tragic situations, and sometimes outright farce. It's a blessing that disintegration of the personality does not take place. But the fact is that its very incongruity is its charm.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Department of Student Work of the general Board of Education of The Methodist Church has announced that from October, 1948, through May, 1949, 36 state conferences of the Methodist Student Movement will be held. According to Dr. Harvey Brown, associate secretary of the Department of Student Work, the first state conference will be held in Ames, Iowa at Iowa State College on October 1-3. Later, on October 29-31, conference will be held in Georgia, Montana and Oregon.  
 The primary purposes of these conferences are to provide Christian fellowship and offer an opportunity for students to share experiences in program planning and in the development of worthwhile religious programs on local campuses. The role of the Department of Student Work is to provide leadership to assist students in the solution of personal and group problems in the area of religion.