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## REMEMBER!

On the eve of our first corps trip, it would be well to consider an occurrence that results from every trip the student body undertakes, that is, the destruction of railroad property. This action has many bad aftermaths. An old A. and M. man, who has graduated from this institution 28 years ago, and who now holds an important position with the Southern Pacific Railroad, called attention to a specific outcome of this depredatory characteristic of the A. and M. cadet. In the list of the S. P. employees are numbered many ex-students of this institution, men holding down big positions and holding them down well, men who are loyal to A. and M., who know that the A. and M. graduate is capable of doing well with the S. P., and who would like nothing better than the opportunity of placing Aggies with their organization.

On the S. P. files there are a large number of claims against A. and M. students who have damaged railroad property while on corps trips. These claims will never be paid, but remain as a black mark against the student body. How can an employee of a company recommend that a man be accepted into his organization when that man has the reputation of having wantonly destroyed the property of the company?

Because you have paid out three dollars and a half for a round trip ticket, do not think that by that fact you are entitled to a strip of plush for a shine rag or have gained the right to carve your initials on the chair arm. By that act you are not only making the succeeding trips more difficult to obtain and placing a black mark against your school, but you may be keeping your best friend, or your roommate, or yourself from obtaining a very desirable position.

## HAVE THAT PICTURE TAKEN NOW!

There has been a marked tendency this year to delay having that old picture made for the LONGHORN. Aside from the natural modesty every A. and M. boy possesses, together with a corresponding unwillingness to pose before the camera, there is no reason in the world for putting off the momentous occasion.

Every year we hear loud wailing about our annual coming out later than the scheduled date. This year the editors have set a certain date for the appearance of the LONGHORN, and mean to have it ready at that time. This means that all of the plates must be sent to the engravers in the near future. Instead of being assisted in this resolve by the ready cooperation of the student body, the editors are finding that very few men have taken the time to do what could as well be done now as later.

"Peewee" Puryear has many deep, furrowed lines upon his pallid brow and Jerry Lee is losing time, weight, and even his appetite in his futile endeavors to awaken a spark of responsibility in the breasts of those whose manly countenances will eventually make the LONGHORN a thing of surpassing beauty. There is no time like the present—hurry and have that picture taken! Bring joy to the heart of our dashing corps adjutant, and let the face of Jerry Lee be wreathed in smiles once more!

## OPPORTUNITY—DID IT KNOCK YOU DOWN?

The only knocker that has been on the campus this past week-end was opportunity. I speak of the distinguished men who were here for the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the College.

The small number of cadets present for the various speeches on topics that were especially selected to be of interest to the students of this college, indicates that there is something wrong. What is it? Do we just come here to make classes, see football games and gripe at the world in general? It looks that way, for we do not have the presence of mind or good judgment to grasp the opportunities when they are offered.

In the years to come the ones that missed out on the speeches will no

doubt go further to hear men of lesser calibre talk with inferior knowledge on the same subjects. Think it over and decide to make it a point to take advantage of your opportunities.

## COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Soviet Russia has nothing on A. and M. except that the people there aren't expected to know better, for they are taught the principles of community ownership. Here at A. and M. however, the general idea seems to be that what you don't have you can borrow, and return it, maybe. At least fifty percent of the bare necessities, such as magazines, soap, pencils, paper, and books, go to the general use, and the fellow who buys these is the victim. This goes fine with the old lady, but it should stop there. How many times have you decided to read a good story, only to find that someone had your magazine? However, magazines are not all that is borrowed, and never returned. More expensive items are often borrowed, and the owner finally gets them only by a room to room canvas and asking for the lost article. Borrowing is all right—but only when the article is returned promptly. Otherwise, it closely resembles stealing. The moral behind all this is—Don't borrow too much, for you might lose a good reputation—if you have one.

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