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THANKSGIVING DAY

The age-old story of how the Puritan fathers first gave thanks to the Maker after they had been spared through the perilous trip across the seas, and had been blessed with crops sufficient to tide them over for the following year, is familiar to all of us. As the early settlers of our country were grateful to God and His goodness, this practice of setting aside a season in the year for the specific purpose of glorifying Him soon became a custom in America which was furthered and encouraged by all of the American presidents.

Since gratitude and gratefulness have played such an important factor in the history of our country and individuals, would it not be well to see what the words mean in a broader interpretation. The golden virtue of gratitude is so singularly beautiful that it is always characteristic of a nature that is free from the petty and spiteful. The person who opens his heart in gratitude immediately opens his hand in unselfishness, and the person with the closed hand can neither give nor receive, which means that he isn't happy nor does he have the ability to make others so. The man who is selfish and ungrateful is comparable to the Dead Sea. It receives all but gives nothing, and its waters are dark, black, and stagnant. Nothing of life is seen around it and the surrounding country is desolate.

The man who knows of an aching heart, saddened by misfortune or suffering and who does not comfort it and goes to give thanks and words to the Omnipotent, will never be heard, for He listens to the throbs of the heart, and not the noise of the tongue.

It was indeed a wise custom for President Lincoln to issue a proclamation setting aside the last Thursday in November for a day of universal thanksgiving, but every day should be one of thanksgiving for it carries in it a wonderful opportunity for expressing gratitude.

COLLEGE AND THE EX-STUDENT.

Some statements are to be made and not discussed, and others are to be quoted and analyzed. The definition of a college, as admitted by some that, "a college is a place where ex-students may visit and get drunk," must have originally been intended to be included in the statements of the first class given above. A small particle of sentimentality and the baffling reactions of human behavior urge us to include it in the second class.

With the approach of the Thanksgiving day game we will be in a position to study the question more thoroughly and observe outside appearances. There will be a large number of ex-students on the campus, some coming from far-off places. We refuse to grant the belief that their main objective is to get drunk or even merely to see the game. We are prone to believe that there are inner motions and cravings which can only find an outlet on the surroundings in which they spent the most glorious period of their youth.

What does society do to a man when he joins it? Restrain his natural desires with an excessive amount of conventionality and a great number of customs and laws. This is the main factor that makes college life desirable; independence in action and freedom of thought. Practically, such may not exist at this institution but there is always a certain amount of both that we may enjoy which in the outside world we miss. Is it not reasonable to believe that an ex-student tires himself of the duties and responsibilities imposed upon him by society and therefore seeks the only place which can release him? Have not prominent characters in history demonstrated the craving in old age for eternal youth?

We, as students, probably do not realize all these conditions and the part they play in the lives of old men. In our modern material age of machinery, sentiment is not supposed to come out on the surface, but nature cannot be changed over night and sentiment, in our estimation, is something natural and inexplicable.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

(Editor's note: Not having a department store—with the possible exception of Cheatham's—and not being able to make arrangements to bring Santa Claus to College Station for a personal appearance by air, "THE BATTALION," following its ever-present policy of thoughtfulness toward its thousands of readers, has arranged this means for the little children of Aggieworld to tell the jolly old fellow of their wants for Christmas.)

Dear Santa: We are two little boys fired with the ambition that makes men great, and though one of us has four buttons and the other is a third lieutenant, we believe that the world holds more for such good boys. After thinking it over carefully, we have decided, since we know that you derive your happiness from satisfying the wants of deserving children, we have come to you to give us this Christmas something that will help us along the road we have chosen—a leg-puller—so that we can achieve the highest possible peaks during the second term. Just two little soldier boys, PAUL "JELLY" DRESSER and HOP REYNOLDS.

P. S.—I forgot, I want a saber, too. Love, Hop.

Dear Sandie Claws: How Are yOu, i Am allrite; hoW is Mrs. claws, too. I no YoU no hoo i aM. BeCauEs i Am a GOOD liTtle boy an Hep mIss hIlger loOse ALL Thees litle boyz gRraid poYnts, and i Am wun uv tHE smArTEST boYz in colitch. i make licts uv graid Poynts. if i dont i GeT thIm enny Way. Tets enuf abowt i, BUt i wanTed YoU to no juSt hoW goOd i reely R! & how smart awLso%. Lots Uv lovE, LittLe BileE MorGen.

P. S. SaNdie CLAWS, i most fertog, i sure do wanT a kiDDie kAr fER Crismus, an pleze saNDie, put a WheathEr Vain on It so's i Ken teLL whetHer i'm comin' or goin.' moar Luv. L. b. M.

Attached A. & M. College of Texas. Infantry—Branch

Nelson, Chas J. (name)

Mr. S: Claus, North Pole, U. S. A. Sir: I respectfully request that you bring me a talking picture of me when I played football, so that I can show these people here what the game was before they made it a game of tag. Respectfully,

CHAS. J. NELSON
Col Inf. (DOL).

Dearest Saint Nicholas: Knowing that you have volunteered to gratify the wishes of the needy ones during the coming Yule Tide, we are taking this opportunity to request that you bring us a new typewriter, an office, some advertisements, some news, some good feature stories and "Say Bo Didjas," and some water-proof sheets. We also want to take this opportunity to thank you for the thousands of readers we know you are going to bring us. Very sincerely yours,

THE BATTALION STAFF.

FRIENDSHIP VERSUS ENMITY

If you happen to be an Aggie—and especially if you happen to be an Aggie of the better sort—you have doubtless made many good friends and true in your happy years at college. Friends are as necessary as cigarettes to the average student here, and he is never without them. But what about enemies...are they also necessary? No...but we say, "Yes."

We grant you friendship is a royal thing, but enmity is imperial. We have Aggie friends, and it is the custom of these people to borrow smokes from us whenever such a thing is possible, and to wear our clothes without our permission, and to write to our girls. Now our enemies never take advantage of us in this manner but appear, strangely enough, to respect us and our property. They are polite to us everywhere, whereas our graceless friends scarcely notice us except when they are out of matches. Enemies know our virtues, but friends know far too much about our mistakes, indiscretions and vices. Our friends know full well that we are not the great men we pretend to be to all the world, but on the contrary realize that we are only the play-actors of our own ideas. Our enemies are not certain of this, and are inclined to fear us in a grudging, halfhearted manner, and thus flatter our vanity. And our friends are kind to us in times of stress—we can never forgive them for that, for there is a haughtiness in kindness which is very close indeed to cruelty.

So we like our enemies and hope to make many tough ones in the future. As for friends—well, the true royalty of friendship is unknown to any man till he has realized his best friend in himself.

QUERY

Just where does all the money go which we pay to the management of the Longhorn? When am I going to get through paying dues? What is the idea in trying to rush work so on the book? These are probably some of the few questions which are passing through the minds of a number of students.

Did you know that the publication of the 1929 Longhorn cost some \$22,000.00? I believe that any student who will stop to think, consider the thousands of revenue which we have, consider the number of expenses we have to meet, and then weigh the matter in the balance, he will not be so prone to criticize those who are trying to do their best. Did you know that there was a Faculty committee which passes on all important business transacted by the Longhorn? Did you know that books were kept for the Longhorn in the Fiscal Department, as to the sources of income and sources of expense? If there is ever a time when there is a doubt in your mind as to what your money is being spent for, come to see some of us, don't talk and gripe about it to your room-mate.

As to why there is being such an effort made to rush the work of the book. The number of student activity fees paid this year is considerably smaller than it was last year; we want to cut out the fee which has been charged in all prior years for their space in the Junior section; we do not want to charge the men on the different staffs, teams, etc., anything if it is possible to do so. For that reason we shall be forced to get in a lot of our work, and take advantage of the early discounts. So far we have been given fair cooperation in nearly every respect. We hope that you will see fit to continue to help us, and if you have any complaints, bring them to us; we will try to make some amends if we are in the wrong.

We have a plan in mind now to make some kind of an improvement in the Military Section; we do not want to tell you just now what this change will be. But it is going to cost considerable, and we think now instead of having the top kicks to collect a small fee as has been done in the past, we are going to tax each student when he gets his card entitling him to his book. According to law, you are now entitled to your book, and if you object to a fee of 25 cents which will be used in the improvement of the Military Section, then you will receive your card without the additional fee; there is nothing final about this.

We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to introduce to you, some of the individuals and firms which are making our book possible, by subscribing to our advertising section. Only the names of a few are published now; others will come later. Texas Power and Light Company; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; Rollen J. Windrow; Texas La. Power Company; Frank Brothers; San Antonio Portland Cement Co.; Trinity Portland Cement Co; Mr. and Mrs. Lutcher Stark; Jesse Jones; and General Electric Supply Company. How many really appreciate the fact that these men help to make our book possible.

W. A. PORTER, Business Manager, 1930 Longhorn.

YOU'D BETTER LOOK INTO THIS PAUL WHITEMAN MATTER!



HERE'S a new Paul Whiteman record that's a real smash. Just as always, the King of Jazz sets the pace for the finest in modern dance music.

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Record No. 2010-D, 10-inch, 75c
I'M A DREAMER AREN'T WE ALL? (from Talking Picture Production "Sunny Side Up") Fox Trots Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra

Record No. 2012-D, 10-inch, 75c
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME (from Motion Picture "Why Leave Home") Vocals Lee Morse and Her Blue Grass Boys

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It has been approximated that there are 780 packages of slightly used chewing gum under the seats in the Assembly Hall.

The A. and M. College hospital uses about 75,000 Asprin tablets, 50 pounds of Epsom salts, 20 gallons of castor oil, 3 miles of adhesive tape, 65,000 cold pills, 38 gallons of cough syrup and 720 razor blades, every year?

The new stadium covers 6½ acres (including the gridiron) and if weighed, would register a weight of 18,000 Tons. If the seats were placed end to end they would extend about 10½ miles.

Homer "Birdie" Childers brings a big red apple to one of his instructors every morning he attends class?

There are over 40,000 books and 279 periodicals in the College Library?

If all the letters sent through the Post Office at College Station were laid end to end, the line would extend from here to Chicago, over 950 MILES and oh, what a "line" it would be?

"Choc" Kelly, a full-blooded Indian ran 245 yards for a touchdown against Louisiana State University back in 1907? Kelly ran the width of the field four times then stright through for 45 yards and a touchdown which was the winning score. He was considered one of the best

men that ever played on an Aggie team.

Since September 1925 there has been more than ONE MILLION DOLLARS spent on improvements on the Campus?

The College Laundry uses over FIVE TONS of soap each year?

Over 300 TONS of meats are cooked in the Mess Hall each year?

College Station uses more electricity than the whole city of Bryan?

There are 32,890 seats in the new stadium and if they were laid end to end, would extend over TEN and ONE HALF MILES?

The cover for KYLE FIELD weighs over four tons and it covers 55,800 square ft?

IN MEMORIAM

Military honors accorded at the A. and M. College of Texas to the memory of the late Honorable James William Good, Secretary of War, included, in keeping with army regulations in such matters, the firing by the Field Artillery one gun every half hour Wednesday, beginning an hours after Reveille and continuing until Retreat, after which nineteen guns were fired. On Friday, the day of the funeral, nineteen, one minute guns were fired, beginning at noon. The flag here will remain at half mast for thirty days and during that time all regimental standards and colors will be draped with mourning. All regular army officers here, fifteen in all headed by Colonel Chas. J. Nelson, will wear the official badge of mourning for the same length of time.

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