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## Plugging The Hydrant

Peculiar, that only when the fire is in one's back yard, does one remember that his fire bucket has sprung a leak. Sometime last year, plans were made to provide for a complete and modern fire-fighting unit to be at the disposal of the college, and used for instruction at state meetings of firemen, held here each year.

As yet, we do not have the equipment, in fact, that we do have is about as effective as a bucket brigade. On second thought, it is not as effective as a bucket brigade, for a bucket brigade at A and M is very effective indeed.

And why do we not have the equipment? The state is broke. Take legislature's word for it, the state is flat broke. Of course it may require an investigation to see how busted the state is, and investigations cost money. But what is money, if we can find out for sure, that which everyone is certain about? We spend a dollar working up a budget that will save us a dime. We spend thousands of dollars on buildings, and not one cent to protect them. The practice is inexcusable, costly, and foolish.

If we would think before we acted, we wouldn't do such things. Therefore to consider before doing, will solve the problem. Our considerations should be for the advantages of the results of our actions, rather than the favorable political result of them. Thinking doesn't cost money.

At the same time however, we should like to give credit where credit is due, and we recognize and appreciate the work and influence of Senator Chas. S. Gainer, and Representative Mrs. Lee J. Roundtree, in their attempts to supply us with our needs. To date, small amounts are available for the purchase of equipment, which is better than nothing.

## Will Tomorrow Come?

The faster we go, the further ahead we must be able to see. This is an age of quick changes. Far ahead is a haze, and the haze a dream, and the dream what we make it.

And what a beautiful sight is the A and M of the future. Facing the new highway, in a direction clear for future growth and beauty. A new face, a new front, modernized, beautified, and settling an old question of where to put a building, when we are fortunate enough to get one.

Centers of population move, business centers move, everything moves, in line with the greatest progress. Why shouldn't the center of a college move? Or, are colleges supposed to grow musty on their old foundations, and lock their heart up among ancient settings?

With proper co-ordination and co-operation, the needs of the departments may soon be supplied, and with the assistance of everyone, and why not, Aggieland will be rejuvenated.

## The Enthused, And The Enthusiastic

So-called fight talks from one to many are very effective, but fight talks from one to another can't be beat. Talk up each game as it comes, look forward to it, be confident in its outcome, do your part, and—There shall be no regrets?—No, there are always regrets, it is human, but what there shall be, is an easy conscience, in that we have each done our bit.

Outside enthusiasm is great, but it is usually born just before the game, of Maude Barleycorn, and it dies when the last whistle is blown. The true enthusiasm should emanate from the student body, sincerely, whole-heartedly, and, if so, then effectively.

## Corps Dances

Might it surprise you to know that several hundred men "slipped" into the corps dance that so completely rounded out our victorious day with Baylor, that these same fellows returned to their rooms rejoicing that they hadn't paid the required script? Ask these same men why they thought the dance wasn't worth the fee and they will say, "because there were at least five times as many boys as there were girls present, and a fellow didn't have a chance to dance more than a few steps with any one girl." Same old alibi. And yet, it never enters their minds that they themselves are solely to blame for the surplus of males at all the corps dances. If the "spongers" were eliminated the number of men would be lessened considerably and a more desirable ratio of boys and girls would be present.

## From Shreveport

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Dean Friley: "We had a very delightful day with your officers and student body. From every hand over the city I hear nothing but the most complimentary remarks concerning the conduct of your boys. The Fair officials, the City officials, and our own crowd at the college say that they have never seen or been around such a wonderful bunch of boys—not the slightest hitch or unpleasantness the whole day long.

"Of course, I am sure this is not news to you as that is what you expect of your students. We have had, here in Shreveport, visits from other student bodies of other institutions and these things cannot be said about them. Everybody was delighted with your group, and are looking forward to the day when the corps will visit the city and the college again."

It came to the Dean from George M. Reynolds, Chairman, Faculty Athletic Committee of Centenary College and is another reason why we may be justly proud of our conduct while in Shreveport.

Good behavior seldom goes unrewarded. The reputation we earned while there is bound to spread throughout this end of the country so that the future will find us recipients of all sorts of attractive invitations.

It remains, therefore, for us to establish ourselves as such in the eyes of Houstonians November 14th.

## Fire Bugs

Students and others who attended the fire last Monday morning gave an insult to the reputation of the community when it was discovered three of the establishments were only slightly damaged by the fire, but sustained approximately two hundred dollars loss in stock which was carried off by parties unknown after the stock had been removed from the building when it was thought that the fire was going to spread to other structures. Such practices are known over the state, but in an institution of higher learning more attention should be given to one's conduct and actions. Kleptomania (sticky fingers), and education are not compatible. The former is a weakness of the mind, and this is not an asylum.

Wherein is the advantage? These concerns operate on profits made from the students, and campus people. Such losses are taken up through added profit and, added profit means extra cost to the consumer. Cut your OWN throats, but why cut others?

For the corps of cadets, we extend our sympathy to W. A. Connally, Jr., and mother, on their bereavement in the death of Mr. W. A. Connally, father and husband.

## THE PAN

By D. B. McNERNEY

Sunday night's disastrous fire—emphasized the need of more modern fire equipment for the protection of students of the college and residents of College Station.

There are enough frame structures on and around the state property to require a complete reorganization of the apparatus and personnel in use at the present time.

The cadet corps—evidently impressed the people of Shreveport as being a well-behaved group of men. At least, that was the opinion of the many we asked.

At the open-air show—given in front of the grand stand Saturday night the officials publicly complimented the visiting cadets upon their splendid conduct.

From all appearances—A and M men were far more tactful than we had dared hope they would be. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and earn a good reputation at the same time. More power to you. The days of miracles are not passed. If at any time—

some one of us runs afoul of a professor's wrath while that learned person rants and raves about mob spirit, yell practice, and all our beloved traditions in general, let us recall a certain Thursday evening, October 29th to be exact, when these same critics donned cute little costumes and played childish games at a gay Hallowe'en party. Can you imagine—

## PICTURES FOR ANNUAL TO BE MADE SOON

### Schedule For Work Day And Night To Be Followed To Complete Work At Once.

Plans for the Longhorn were greatly upset by loss of the pictures in the fire Monday morning, but arrangement for re-taking of pictures destroyed, are about completed and will begin at once. A. O. Saenger, editor of The Longhorn, asks for the co-operation of everyone in the remaking of pictures, that work on the yearbook may not be late.

Practically all of the pictures were lost. With but few exceptions, the Junior and Senior pictures were burned, as well as prints for the military, sport, and administration sections.

It will be necessary to have pictures taken day and night on rigid schedule, in order to make up for lost time.

All photography equipment has been moved to the studio above the Exchange Store, where work will be carried on. Approximately \$2,000 was lost by Joe Sosolik, because of the fire. He wishes to thank those who helped in salvaging many of the things from the building.

Announcement of the picture plans will be made by the end of the week. Vanity Fair and Senior Favorite pictures must be in by Saturday, November 7. Vanity Fair pictures must be 8x10, while Favorite prints may be of any size.

## Biology Professor Extended Leave To Finish Degree Work

Mr. C. C. Doak, Assistant Professor of Biology at A and M has been granted an additional years leave of absence in order to complete the work necessary to obtain his Doctors degree it was learned Tuesday.

Mr. Doak has been studying at the University of Illinois for the past year under Dr. Buchholz, formerly Professor of Biology in the University of Texas, with whom he spends each summer at Cold Springs Harbor on Long Island in research. Mr. Doak's major study is the germination phase of pollination.

Next summer Mr. Doak plans to return to College Station and resume his duties in the Department of Biology at the college.

## Tooth Decay Caused By Diet Regardless Of Care

(Intercollegiate Press) Memphis, Tenn.—Speaking before the American Dental Association convention here, Dr. Percy B. Howe, professor of dental science at Harvard University, declared that diet and not neglect of the tooth brush is responsible for bad teeth among civilized peoples. He asserted that no amount of cleaning of the teeth can prevent decay if the diet is not such as to keep the teeth hard.

## Father Sage Says

There is one good thing about the man with trouble on his mind. He never breaks into your office humming selections from a jazz opera.

these same severe 'idealists' bating balloons about, running back and forth across the floor carrying lemons, chasing 'round and 'round a chair, and otherwise disporting themselves in a childish manner.

Why should—we be criticized for yelling ourselves hoarse, believing in school spirit and tradition, by people who gleefully tap little balls through wire hoops until the wee hours of the morning?

If we are—to be "panned," let our critics conduct themselves accordingly, in other words, "practice what you preach."

And so—down go our grades but off our chest goes a heavy load.

## CENTENARY—

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an end run and several trick line plays, the Gents two first downs to take the ball to the Aggies 35 yard line, but two incomplete passes made it necessary for the Gents to kick. The quarter ended with the oval in midfield in possession of Centenary.

Murf made another first down for Centenary as the fourth quarter opened, with a neat 14 yard off-tackle smash. Two attempts at the line failed to gain but two yards for the Gentlemen and the Aggies took the ball over on downs. On line plays the Aggies pushed the Gents back to the latter's 18 yard line. A fumble lost six yards but Domingue, on the next play went to the Centenary 14 yard stripe.

Two line plays failed to make the required distance and the Gents punted out of danger. A and M now playing very conservative ball tried three plays into the line, before Domingue kicked to Townsend. Townsend returned to his own 19 yard line. Oslin then made it first down for Centenary with a 14 yard off-tackle jaunt. With only minutes left to play Murf passed to Oslin, but the heave was intercepted by Spencer on Centenary's 43 yard line, as the gun sounded.

The game was replete with fumbles by the Aggies and frequent penalties of both teams. Most of the penalties were for offside plays or incomplete passes, as only two holding penalties and none for unnecessary roughness was inflicted

in the entire game. "Big Charlie" Malone's play at end and Captain Carl Moulden's day's play for the Aggies. Malone's pass-snatching and his great defensive play stamped him as an outstanding candidate for an all-conference berth at his position.

Blanchard Johnson, Centenary guard, was easily the outstanding player on the entire Centenary team.

Stabilization of the date on which Easter falls each year is advocated by the International Conference on Calendar Reform, meeting at Geneva. The conference recommends that the holy day fall each year on the Sunday after the second Saturday in April. The recommendation is made to all Christian churches.

Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard Law school, member of the Wick-ersham Commission and head of the Cleveland Crime Survey of 1921, believes the administration of criminal justice in most large cities in this country is bad and that "abominable third-degree methods" are used by most police.

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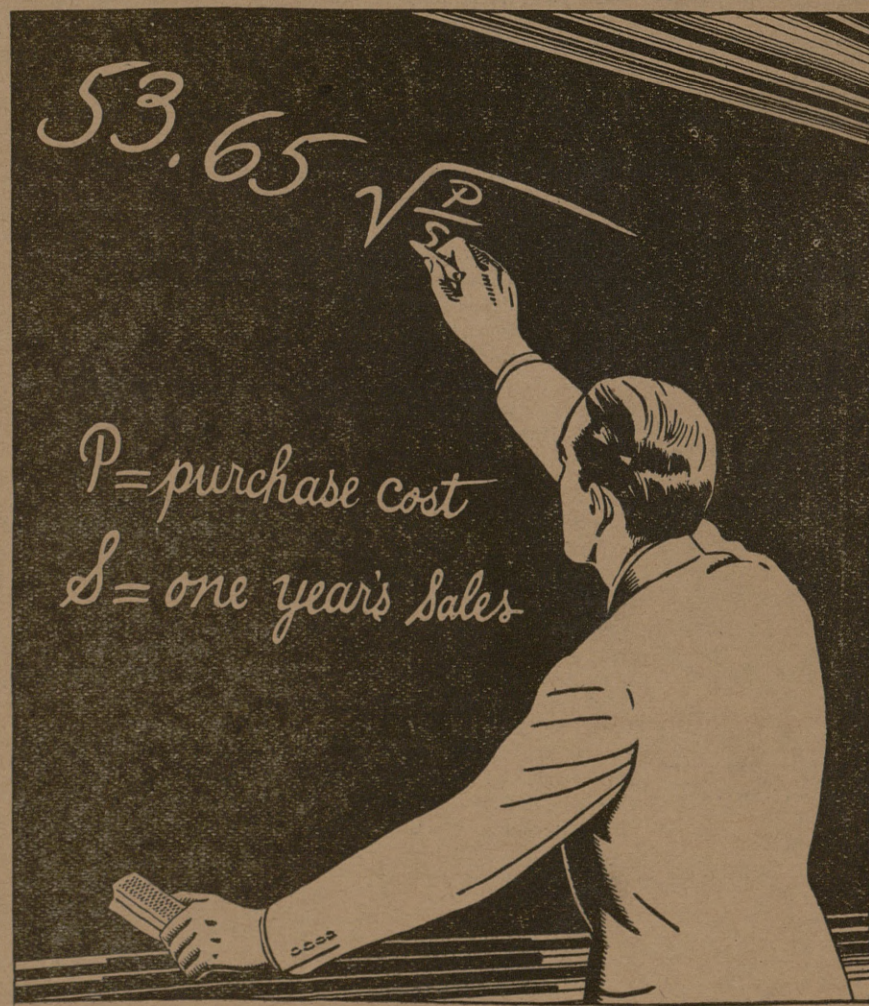
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