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## A New Year—Leap Year!

New Year's Day this year ushered in a leap year with its usual crop of half-broken resolutions, (already lukewarm) a national election, and super-suffraged women. A novel suggestion regarding New Year's resolutions might be to restrict your resolutions to so few that it will not be difficult to keep them.

One good resolution adhered to, or even a fair one, is better than a thousand excellent broken resolutions. Resolutions have become so feeble in meaning that they are now a standing joke, rehearsing once a year. Most of us have the idea that when once a resolution is broken it should be no longer adhered to.

It is much harder, very much harder, to break yourself of habit, once broken and re-acquired. Test your will power, and when the next New Year has rolled around may you be proud to point out a resolution well adhered to, or a lapse compensated.

This new year is more than just a new year; it is Leap Year and the male population density of college station is likely to make this place a happy hunting ground for the ladies, God bless 'em. If you lads are looking for a bed of roses, stay away from the brainy but poor women. Find the rich and dumb type. If your inclinations are toward celibacy, look your worst, my lads, and have that No and that Nay on the tip of your tongues.

## Are Outside Interests In Institutions Purely Financial?

An article appearing in the San Antonio Express recently tells of a concerted move by builders and contracting associations of the state to cause to be brought before the state legislature, a bill requiring construction at A and M College and other state schools to be let by contracting awards on a competitive basis, with plans and specifications to be prepared by private architects and engineers.

The article goes further to say that: "Proponents of the move point out that—building is a highly specialized industry, making it impossible for all details to get proper attention under the plan now used. To place the entire responsibility—on directors of the experiment station is to court the possibility that one portion or another will not receive the necessary attention—where one person is the engineer, contractor and builder, the possibility that he is experienced in each line is remote."

It might interest the builders to know that: the college has a building department in the division of buildings and grounds, composed of men with the knowledge and ability to carry on the building, that the college save 10% to 15% on its buildings with the present method, that it can make changes in the building without the red-tape and extra cost of changing a contract, that it can construct its buildings to suit its needs, that it need not figure any profit and thus has no incentive to sacrifice construction and materials for greater profits, and since it has to, the college can safely economize.

The men in charge of instruction are not as thought, steeped with theory and devoid of practical knowledge, but with the training and experience and interest necessary to make construction for the best interests of the institution.

If the building profession as well as others would have their fingers in other pots as well as jack-pots when the interest of the institution was at stake, perhaps we would not find it necessary to economize.

## Cramming And Studying

Three weeks from tonight the first term will be over. The time to study is now. If you are one of those who depends on cramming to get by, it is time for you to start. Cramming is not a good practice and you lose the benefit of your work by trying to condense in three weeks the work which is difficult to finish in four and a half months.

Conditions at this college may be such that allow you to get by in this fashion but you will not always manage to squeeze by. If you think yourself satisfied with such a state of affairs you must kick yourself out of your lethargy. Get busy, benefit by the experience you are getting in trying such a thing.

If you are a freshman you are in a position to break the habit more easily than others.

"Getting by" will not bring you the grade points necessary to graduate.

Just "getting by" will not bring you success. Just "getting by" will not get you the respect of your fellow men. Nor will it enhance your self respect.

Three weeks is a short time to make amends for fifteen weeks of indolence but three weeks will be enough time for some of you to save yourselves from repeating a course unnecessarily. Remember every failure is a black mark against your name that cannot be erased.

They are permanent damages to your record, morale, and good name.

## Prosperity Next!

Prosperity will be featured in the next magazine which will be ready for distribution next Wednesday night. One of the features will include a story submitted in the short story contest, and a cover by J. L. Keith, artist. Contributions for this number should be turned in at once.

The Bryan Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated upon its move to stimulate business, by making possible a reduction in transportation rates to Bryan.

Co-operation is as keen in time of need, as competition is in time of plenty. If the two could be together always there would be no more hard times.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

No longer does the bright gleam atop the dome of the main building lead the foot-sore "air-minded" freshmen home from "airing out" parties. "Old Army," Prexy's Moon is no more. It makes the old men feel sad to see the darkness surrounding the main building where once there was light. Prexy's moon, a cherished past of a school steeped in tradition, has gone on, either because it was the target for many a poorly aimed shot or because it was deemed a queer sight for a college building.

If the latter is true, I have but one thing to say, Aggieland and its traditions are not for outsiders and what do we care for outsider's thoughts. If the former is true I believe that the cadet corps would rather give up a target for mid-night rifle practice than to lose one of its most beautiful traditions.

It means much to A and M students but it means much more to ex-students; men who have not seen its glimmer for years come back in expectations of seeing one tangible link to their college days. Old classmates have gone on, some never to be seen again; old buildings have been razed, but Prxy's Moon should still be there. Old Army, we want Prexy's Moon back. Let's do our share in getting it back.

—H. W. N.

## SO YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT LEAVING SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE TERM

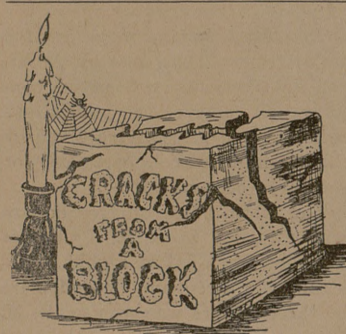
Yes, a lot of us have to face the same conditions each year at about this time. Things don't seem to be going just right, we are deficient in about half of our studies, and there seems little use in trying any longer. So to escape the struggle we just decide to drop out of school and end all scholastic worries.

You have had to work so hard this year; have had so many misunderstandings with Fate and animate beings, that to have the discontent capped with the ill fate that has recently befallen you is the last straw that can be added to your mental burden. It is enough to put you in the condition where you have no desire to fight back.

You know, it is easy to be on the winning side and stay in the game. It is also extremely easy to say that you are beaten; it is easy to die; it is easy to crawl and crawl in a hole to escape the trials and tribulations in the complexities of existence; but to fight and to fight and fight when there isn't even a ray of hope on the cloudy horizon, well,----that's the best fight of all; the fight that wins the games of life that are lost by weaker opposition and resistance. That is the kind of fight that real men like to see in each other, because they know that a will-power and a spirit like that cannot lose in the end.

So think it over and see if you are not just trying to fool yourself into hiding out of something that is really your battle and cannot be fought by anyone else. Of course there are strategic reasons for dropping out before the term is ended, as some do, to keep their names from going on the books under the classification of "dropped for scholastic failures" so that you will not have to go through this humiliation or be refused the privilege of re-entering the following term. But even the man that does this is fooling himself into believing that he is beating disaster at its own game.

I know that there will be those that will have to discontinue their education temporarily because of financial reasons, and it is not at such students as these that this is directed. Students in such a condition as this should be a beacon of light, spreading beams of hope and courage to those that have the financial means of carrying on their education. Be glad that you are one of the fortunates that can attend an educational institution at such a trying time for the whole world economically. It is your battle to be fought alone. You can make it if just what you put into it and no more.—W. O. Sanders.



Now that the holidays are over and we are gradually sobering up to campus life once more, we are inclined to reminisce over the past few weeks we have spent elsewhere.

Think back over the major instances that occurred during the holidays in each of your respective lives, leaving out of course the various dances and parties that you attended.

The most important thing that struck most of us was the different bread and soup lines that prevailed in the larger cities. And more particular in these lines were the expressions on the occupants' faces. Did you ever see such a whipped, hang-dog countenance before in all of your life? No, you haven't!

Which all leads back to depression "talk." Someone has said that "if we quit talking about depressions, there will not be any depression." I can't agree with that person when I see long lines of waiting men who have been "licked" and do not care for life any longer, and these same men who will just naturally drift, and if temptation come strong enough, will resort to crime and become obsessive to dope and liquor.

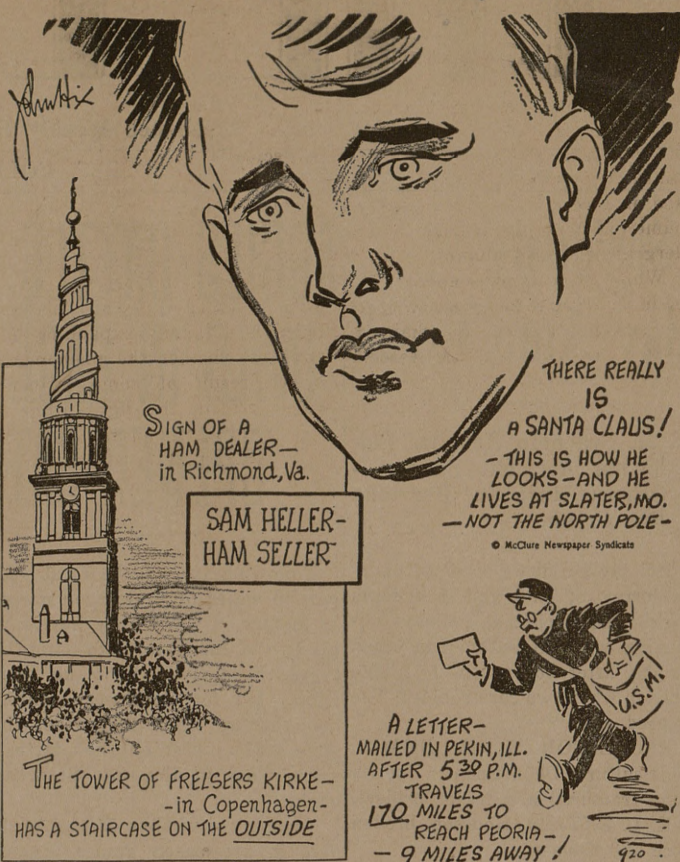
Think back still farther. We didn't have this condition before. Then, you will ask yourself who is to blame. Numerous theories, no doubt, will prevail uppermost in your mind. Capitalism, politicians, Wall Street, Stock Exchanges, gold standards, war, high standards of living, low standards of living, and so on.

We can cite so many cases, yet there is no solution that any one has offered that has been accepted.

And what about it? Are the students themselves taking any active interest in this difficulty. Again, we say most emphatically, NO!

In other countries we read of student participation in govern-

## ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lame Bode



## THE PAN

By D. B. McNERNEY

Back to earth, young man—the merry yuletide has past and there's much to be done ere the fatal day of reckoning is upon us. Aye, and if you are like us, you need no warning.

## Curtis And Travis Place In National Architect Contest

The Architectural Department of A and M College received nationwide recognition by winning several of the awards in the periodical Beaux Arts Competition recently. Three Senior Problems of a XIV Century Wall Tomb were submitted, and two of the problems placed; W. M. Curtis of Covington, Okla. winning first mention and R. O. Davis of Mexia winning mention.

Awards of one-half mention on a Sophomore Problem of the Two Pylons at the Entrance of a Bridge were made by: J. H. Brown, Houston; L. E. Kojak, Beaumont; S. J. Krenek, Caldwell; M. D. Lovett, Roby; C. O. McCurdy, San Antonio; and R. W. Zumwalt, Shreveport.

The Department of Architecture is gradually making a reputation by repeatedly placing in these competitions in which all major colleges of the nation are represented.

## Denver University Now Offering Credits For Work Taught By Radio

(College News Service)

Denver, Jan. 6.—Credits toward a regular college degree will be offered to radio listeners who successfully pass examinations after a series of educational broadcasts sponsored by Denver University, it was announced this week.

Subjects to be taught include history, languages, psychology, political science, English and a course in short story writing. A small fee is to be collected from radio fans, who will be asked to enroll by mail.

## HOLCOMB-THOMAS WED

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