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## Now Is The Time For Every Good Man To—

The New Year is Leap Year and, if you will permit a play on words, we should like to suggest that it's time to begin leaping the hurdles. Yes, these barriers to advancement that are up now are likely to be up whether the times are fat or lean, and it is likely we shall never succeed in tearing them down completely; even though they may be partially overcome.

You know what these barriers are—fear, hesitation, indifference, and sluggish thinking. But there is a way to overcome them, even as there is a way for the runner to get over the hurdles that are set up against him on the race track. Preparedness is the best and almost only way. The tool is willpower. No one of us is immune to being encountered by these barriers of progress. Therefore, we should all build up around us a personal willpower that can be used effectively to battle all odds at all times.

We realize the importance of this good advice, but too often it is adhered to entirely too late. If we heeded this advice at the beginning of a period of some pursued task; for instance, the beginning of a term of school work, instead of bringing it before our thought when the end is near, then the story would be exceedingly altered in its ending.

Give this more than casual thought as you attack the coming semester's task. The effects and results will be striking.

## The Outlook For 1932 Graduates

Dr. Humphrey Lee is right in saying that 1932 is a fortunate year in some respects for boys and girls to be graduated from school.

Of course, youngsters who leave the classroom and set out to find employment will meet serious obstacles, but they will survive, and their experience will instill into them the attitude of the bee rather than that of the grasshopper.

During the period of inflation that ended in 1929, the prevalence of prosperity made the problems of life appear too simple for millions of persons. Much of the pessimism of today is the result of the rude shock to persons who had adopted the grasshopper attitude as their permanent philosophy of life.

We yearn for restoration of prosperity and the easy life, and are prone to forget that under the very best of conditions success in life cannot be achieved without a struggle. In some distant age the human race may become wise enough to solve all its problems, but that day is so far in the future that any period of prosperity must be regarded as temporary.

The graduates of 1932 face, as Dr. Lee says, a confused world, at this confusion makes life more interesting, for every problem is a challenge to the person who has grit enough to fight and imagination enough to invent solutions. If the youngsters were being launched into a finished and orderly world they would find their time hanging heavily on their hands.

Boys and girls who believe that the older generation has made a mess of things should be thankful that they have arrived on the scene before the intriguing puzzles were all worked out. The great game of life is still going on. There is a crying need for more participants who are willing to play fair, hit the line hard, and to help in making needed revisions in the rules.—The Dallas Morning News.

## Standard For Judging Value Of Education

About this time of the season, students gather in the byways and nooks of the university and talk about the uselessness of going to school. Perhaps the near presence of examinations and the certainty of a failure in some course is the cause of this pessimistic talk. Nevertheless, we all hear it more and more every day.

The peculiar thing is that those individuals who preface all their remarks with something relative to "being tired of it all" and "wish I could get away from school" are really correct in their statements nine-tenths of the time. They probably would be better off in some other place than school. The primary purpose of a school and higher institutions are to give one an education. But the mere fact of attending school does not give one an education. One whose opportunities in attending school have been limited, can have an education. A professor in the University of Chicago formulated these questions years ago to test yourself relative to your education. Try them and see what the result is:

- Has your education given you sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them?
- Has it made you public-spirited?
- Has it made you a brother to the weak?
- Have you learned how to make and keep friends?
- Do you know what it is to be a friend of yourself?
- Can you look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye?
- Do you see anything to love in a little child?
- Will a lonely dog follow you in the street?
- Can you be high-minded and happy in the meaner drudgeries of life?
- Can you be happy alone?
- Do you think washing dishes or hoeing corn is just as compatible to high thinking as playing the piano or golf?
- Do you know what it is to be a friend to yourself?
- Can you look out on the world and see anything but dollars and cents?
- Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see a clear sky?
- Can you see anything in the puddle but mud?
- Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars?
- Can your soul claim relationship with the creator?

—Semi-Weekly Campus, Southern Methodist University.

## Degrees

Is the value of a degree decreasing with the over supply? Do students attend college primarily for a degree? It seems that the run of students attend college for any one of seven reasons: It is the wish of the parents; the belief that college training guarantees increased earning power; it is the thing to do after high school graduation; it is smart to be collegiate; because the neighbor's children attend colleges; because college is the only place in the world where excellent contacts and acquaintances are made; to learn to live better and to appreciate the finer things in life.

How is it possible to fulfill all these expectations with but one system? Why not schools for each purpose? If degrees are necessary, why not two kinds of degrees as in the English system, one a sheepskin with downy fleece, and one with a bit of leather to it?

## Grades

What are they? Are they an accurate and iron bound measuring stick of the student's ability? Are they a defense and standby to explain D's and E's? Are they a necessary evil? Are they indispensable? Should grades and grading systems be complicated and independently decisive, or simple guides for an estimation of ability? Can an instructor grade within one-half of one per cent, within one per cent, or two, or three?

The questions are not for the lay mind to answer, or for the student, but for the serious consideration of educators. Numerical and alphabetical grades have clung to education through all of its progress and advance. Perhaps criticism should not be made without a suggestion for betterment. Perhaps it will suffice to ask if the common grading system is an evil. If so, what is being done about it?

## Sport Sidelights

By W. J. Faulk

The game in Waco, with Baylor, Monday night will probably find in the line-up Joe Merka, sophomore center, who has been kept out of play to date because of ineligibility. Merka's exhibition in a game against the freshmen Saturday night, just prior to the A and M-Baylor game, gave Aggie cage fans hopes quite a boost.

Just whether the Aggies are to be even considered as title contenders, this season, will be decided with the game Monday.

Speaking of titles—Coach Higginbotham is starting Monday afternoon toward a second one in baseball. Everyone loves a winner, but everyone loves to see the winner—or in other words, the champion, lose. Likewise, the road to a second conference flag is likely to be rougher, and the injury of Marshall Shaw's wrist may hamper the Aggies chances greatly. However, some added strength from the freshman team of last season must be considered.

With Veltman's ankle injury apparently healed, and the addition of Charlie Malone and Joe Merka to the list of available pivot-men, the conference basketball race may yet hold something more than a cellar berth for the Aggies. Malone succeeded in getting the tip-off from the brilliant Strickland, Baylor center, for more than fifty per cent of the game Saturday night.

Lieutenant Nachman's Aggie Sharpshooters, twice National Intercollegiate rifle champions in the past two years, will bear down in the next four weeks of practice and little match firing will be done until after the matches with North Dakota. Too much stress cannot be put on bring home the title this year, since one more win will give the Aggies permanent possession of the silver trophy cup now in the

A and M library. Since twelve of the fifteen men composing the present team will be absent from the team by graduation next June, the Aggies golden opportunity will be lost in case of a poor season.

The A and M team set what is probably the best record in the history of the Intercollegiate matches, and certainly one which has never before even been approached by an A and M team, when they weathered a complete season with only two reverses last year. Those setbacks were administered them by the West Point Military Academy and Washington State University, in a match where only five-man teams competed. Not a single defeat marred the record of the matches in which the entire team of fifteen men fired.

After they had exceeded the highest total score ever made in intercollegiate matches the year previous, the Aggie riflemen came back to better that score last year.

Then the story is told about the kind hearted Business Manager, D. W. Carlton by name, who "rose to the occasion" and was first to donate FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS to "The Little Orphan Negroes Home." As the story goes, after an elongated elucidation at a banquet, recently attended by Mr. Carlton, the speaker stated that anyone who so desired to contribute to the moral uplift and education of "Little Orphan Negroes" to the extent of five hundred dollars, would please rise.

No sooner had the talk been completed than like a "jack in the box" arose Mr. Carlton, to the amazement and exultation of both himself and the crowd. When questioned if sincere in his actions it developed that the sudden rise was encouraged by an electric "shocking machine" concealed in the seat of the chair, and the rising and donating happened to be wholly involuntary. It so happens that the "Little Orphan Negroes Home" never existed.

## ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



## First Rifle Shoot With Ohio State Team In February

After two months of preparatory firing Lt. Nachman's rifle team, twice intercollegiate champions of the United States, will be ready to open the season the first week in February against Ohio State University, which will be followed by other collegiate matches during the month.

With the idea in mind of gaining permanent possession of the championship cup, no collegiate matches have been scheduled during March. The cup is now at A and M and the outcome of the match fired later in the season against the University of North Dakota will decide whether or not the trophy stays at Aggeland. To gain permanent possession of the cup one team must win it three times. North Dakota and A and M have won it twice, while Ohio State has had it only once, but should the latter win again this year the race will be thrown into a three way tie, which will necessitate at least one year more of competition. But with a team composed of thirteen lettermen out of a total of fifteen members, indications are that at the end of the season the cup will be placed in a permanent position in the A and M Library.

Lt. Nachman has challenged the U. S. Military Academy for a match that will be fired during the latter part of March. The West Pointers have the distinction of being one of the two teams to defeat the Aggies last year.

The month of March will be devoted to the firing of national matches sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst and National Rifle Association along with special matches.

The schedule just released calls for the week ending February 6 with Ohio State, University of Kentucky, and Kemper Military Academy.

Matches the second week will be fired against Wafford, Western Maryland, Culver, Miss. A and M, Rose Polytechnic, Auburn, New York Stock Exchange, Georgetown University, and South Dakota State. For the third week; University of North Dakota, Stanford, Creighton, Kansas State, Washington University, Michigan College

### INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Player	Fg.	Ft.	Tp.
Dietzel, T.C.U.	19	10	48
Kubricht, Tex. U.	17	12	46
Dixon, Rice	17	7	41
Sunner, T.C.U.	15	10	40
Hess, Rice	13	12	39
Sexton, Ark.	13	12	38
Murphy, Ark.	12	4	28
Tullis, Tex. U.	9	6	24
Elkins, Tex. U.	7	9	23
R. Johnson, SMU	10	3	23
Williams, SMU	9	5	23
Beard, A. & M.	5	12	22
B. Johnson, SMU	8	6	22
Alford, Baylor	7	8	22
Price, Tex. U.	9	1	19
Kendall, Ark.	7	3	17
Brannon, T.C.U.	6	4	16
Koch, Rice	6	4	16

### CONFERENCE STANDING

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.
Baylor	3	0	1.000	102
Arkansas	3	1	.750	124
T C U	2	1	.667	123
Rice	3	2	.600	132
Texas U.	2	3	.400	127
A and M	0	2	.000	52
S M U	0	4	.000	97

### Last Week's Results

Baylor 41, Rice 21.  
Ark. 46-29, S M U 20-20.  
Baylor 29, A and M 23.  
Rice 25, Texas U. 22.

This Week  
No Games Scheduled

of Mines, Brooklyn Polytechnic, Oregon State, Wichita University, University of Tennessee, and New Mexico Military College. For the fourth week; Norwich University, North Carolina Aggie, Maryland, Alabama, Iowa, Kentucky, Cornell, Washington, Lehigh University, and the Oklahoma Aggies.

Those composing the team are: J. S. Porcher, El Paso; G. R. Rhine, San Antonio; O. D. Price, Garland City, Arkansas; C. W. Crass, Palestine; T. K. McGinnis, Dallas; W. G. Allen, Dallas; J. Harding, Dallas; J. A. McDavit, San Antonio; S. B. Stewart, New Waverly; B. K. Whatley, Dallas; L. M. Cook, Dallas; J. W. Dodson, Durant, Oklahoma; W. B. Hemphill, Gainesville; S. H. Samuels, San Antonio; and J. L. Weatherby, Dallas.

Everything is being blamed upon the depression. Something new however, and to a great extent true, is the fact that financial worries and worries from home which in the past have been minor, are now coming to play to distract the student in his studies. People don't want to think or hear of anything serious anymore.

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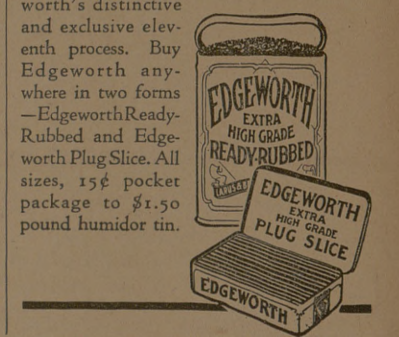
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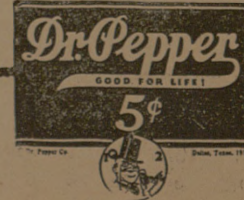
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