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COURTESY

Traditions at A and M may easily be classed into two kinds: those that are good and those that are undesirable. There seems to be one desirable tradition that is becoming weaker and weaker each year, and it is one that should be held as high, if not higher, than any other tradition we have.

This reference is made to the custom that the corps has, or once had, of speaking to fellow students when passing them on the campus, regardless of class, organization, or whether or not one has ever seen the other before. It is a distinction that A and M has had above most other Southern schools and this tradition in the past has promoted a closer association and feeling toward fellow students at A and M.

Some of us try to offer the excuse that we're thinking about our work when we're going to and from classes, but isn't friendship and association worth something? It seems that a student could forget his academic worries long enough to pass a friendly salutation to those he passes, and the good feeling and friendliness that comes from this courtesy will probably warrant the few grade points (if any) that are lost by it.

Let's think it over and revive this tradition which was once so prevalent on the campus.

PRIVILEGES AGAIN

It seems that the seniors are going to be forced into appealing to an oracle for a method of impressing upon the minds of the underclassmen that there is such a thing as a senior privilege in existence around A and M this year. The majority of the underclassmen profess a faint recollection of having heard the phrase "senior privileges" mentioned when they are broached on the subject but none of them are quite sure just where or under what circumstances they were forced to listen to a discussion of so trivial and insignificant a topic. And the seniors are showing a willingness to look calmly on while everyone from freshmen to and including juniors usurp the special concessions that are supposed to represent the reward of three years of conscientious endeavor.

Mention previously has been made of the various offenses but one that merits the attention of all concerned is the disregard of the senior section in the Assembly Hall. All underclassmen are supposed to know that the center section from the first row back to the columns downstairs is reserved for seniors and campus residents and that the first two rows in the center balcony are for seniors only. Ignorance may have been an excuse in the past but in the future no underclassmen should pretend surprise or resentment if asked or told to move from the restricted areas.

RESULT OF THE BATTALION STRAW VOTE BY SCHOOLS AND CLASSES

	Roosevelt	Hoover	Thomas
Engineer Freshmen	213	30	6
Engineer Sophomores	149	12	8
Engineer Juniors	144	20	8
Engineer Seniors	79	12	10
Engineer Faculty	2	0	1
Arts and Science Freshmen	72	2	3
Arts and Science Sophomores	34	10	3
Arts and Science Juniors	24	4	0
Arts and Science Seniors	17	0	6
Arts and Science Faculty	1	0	0
Agriculture Freshmen	76	14	3
Agriculture Sophomores	64	4	1
Agriculture Juniors	40	6	1
Agriculture Seniors	34	6	3
Agriculture Faculty	0	0	0
Veterinary Medicine Freshmen	3	1	1
Veterinary Medicine Sophomores	2	0	0
Veterinary Medicine Juniors	3	1	0
Veterinary Medicine Seniors	4	0	0
Veterinary Medicine Faculty	0	0	0
Vocational Teaching Freshmen	2	0	0
Vocational Teaching Sophomores	3	0	0
Vocational Teaching Juniors	2	0	0
Vocational Teaching Seniors	5	0	0
Vocational Teaching Faculty	0	0	0
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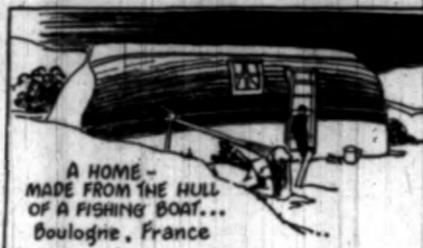
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A LADY'S-FINGER IS A VARIETY OF POTATO

Campus Personalities



E. J. "POP" WILLSON

Elmer Jones Willson, Lieutenant-Colonel and second-in-command of the corps this year, was born in Wayne, Indiana, in November, 1901. Because of frequent residence changes "Pop" was forced to attend seven grammar schools before he finally completed his elementary education. He received his first experience in the business world by working for an ice company during the first two summers of his high school career.

When the World War began and the United States entered, jobs were easy to get and the wages were high. This was indeed an impediment to "Pop" to go to work instead of spending his time in a school room, so he yielded to the temptation and started to work for the Frisco Railway System as a machinist's helper during the years of 1918 and 1919.

Moving to Sherman, Texas, he re-entered high school there and graduated in the spring of 1920. He was interested in athletics during his high school days and lettered in basketball. Upon graduation he entered Austin College and attended during the session of 1920-1921.

Again "Pop" felt the desire to make his own way and went to Oklahoma looking for work. He was for a time an assistant manager of a hotel in Chickasha and later received a job as an insurance salesman in Oklahoma City.

Possibly his first inclination toward militarism was realized when Jennings, nee Lieutenant. The Lieutenant is dead, long live the Colonel! "Fats" also spent thirty minutes firing with a pop gun at packages of cigarettes before he realized that the toy gun was made of fire corks and not lead shot. Maybe the young lady with the hoops dazed him. Hoop brought this up anyway?

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he entered Brooks Field in San Antonio on March 4, 1926. He trained there until he was graduated the following September. He then entered Kelly Field and left in October to return to Sherman, where he worked in a cotton mill until the fall of 1928. His work there carried him into experimental lines and his ambition at that time was to receive an education in textile engineering.

But for some reason his mind was changed and he enrolled in civil engineering at A and M College as a freshman in 1928. He remained in school for two years and resigned to accept a position with the War Department Engineers of the Galveston Office. In this capacity he worked on the Guadalupe River Survey from June, 1930 until August, 1931. He returned to school and that year was made first sergeant of Battery "A", Field Artillery.

"Pop" is a candidate for graduation in June and will have at that time been a distinguished student for two years and a member of the National Scholarship Society for two years. This year he is a senior representative on the Student Welfare Committee and president of the student chapter of the American Institute of Civil Engineers as well as being Lieutenant-Colonel of the corps.

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