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Highwaying Ethics

In a previous issue of the Battalion an editorial appeared dealing with the "ethics of hitch-hiking." The subject matter of that editorial was true enough in its extent but it was presented from the viewpoint of the hitch-hiker alone and enumerated his troubles, hardships, and inconveniences. As there are two sides to every question let's consider the same subject from the side of the motorist who composes the other half of the hitch-hiking combination. The writer is acquainted with hitch-hiking procedures only as they are conducted by members of the A and M Cadet Corps so the following discussion will necessarily center itself around that aspect of the art.

Most of the students who depend upon a sturdy thumb and the grace of God to furnish them free transportation to neighboring cities cannot understand why each motorist who passes does not avail himself of the opportunity to have his trip brightened by the company of a hitch-hiking cadet, and when a motorist does not heed the threatening thumbs and the commanding cries of "Houston," "Bryan," "Dallas," etc., he has the back of his neck peppered with ejaculations and split infinitives that would put the saltiest sailor to shame. If he should happen to stop to give some cadet a lift the chances are that when the resulting khaki-clad avalanche swarmed over his car and then swarmed off again, the vehicle would be first class material for a second hand dealer. And cadets expect the same victim to come back for more punishment. Most of the motorists who pass up and down the college highway are regular travelers of this particular beat and one dose of this kind of Aggie "courtesy" is enough for them. They do not bite on the same hook twice.

Many times motorists who do not stop have reasons for not doing so and these reasons should be respected by the cadets and not attributed to downright orneriness. It is true that a few people would not give a hitch-hiker a lift if his life depended upon that gesture on their part, but that class is decidedly in the minority.

Has anyone ever heard a cadet add "please" to his request for a ride? The writer is acquainted with a motorist who has promised himself that he will take time from his other duties to treat the first cadet who says "Bryan, please," when he passes. And this particular motorist travels from College to Bryan and back again at least once each day. Has any cadet ever thought to lift his hat in a gentlemanly fashion when a prospective host is approaching? How many cadets have gotten into cars, settled themselves comfortably, and lighted their Caneles or Luckies without asking permission to do so?

When we learn to give the motorists the benefit of the doubt, to display even a mite of courtesy, and to respect the rights of our touring hosts, the possibilities of our hitch-hiking opportunities will increase immeasurably.

Advancement

In the current issue of The Texas Aggie, former student publication of the college, A and M men are "urged to familiarize themselves with legislative proposals that would affect the institution and that would stand in the way of advancement, to the end that they may use their influence helpfully in combating these legislative proposals that would do harm and thereby adversely affect the best welfare of the State.

"What the College is and what it is to be will depend upon the continued cooperation and support of every man who believes in its future. It has served the State effectively through its teaching, research, and extension divisions; and unless crippled by the legislature, its service will be more potent in the future than in the past. It is only through the efforts of trained men that the social and economical problems of the State and Nation can be solved. Our former students have been making and are making their contribution to the solution of these problems. We shall need trained leadership tomorrow and in the days ahead of us as much as this character of leadership is needed now. We look forward to the future with hope and confidence. Present conditions are temporary and will right themselves in a short period of time."

Short Plays and Talk Given At Meeting Of Campus Theatre Club

On the evening of Wednesday, March 15, the members of the Campus Theatre Club presented two one-act plays and a short talk in the Asbury Room of the library. The entertainment composed the program of the bi-weekly meeting of the club.

Miss Lois Burtis and Cadet Harold Bailey appeared in "You Were Perfectly Fine," a humorous sketch written by Dorothy Parker and directed by C. E. Beeson. J. P. Abbott of the English department of A and M delivered a short talk and introduced the second play which was entitled "A Minuet." The latter production was directed by T. F. Mayo and included in the cast were Lieutenant J. V. Carroll, Mrs. M. T. Harrington, and Cadet F. C. Schleicher.

The next presentations of the club will be given in the Asbury Room on the evening of Wednesday, March 29.

Catholic Students Offered Additional Lenten Devotionals

Catholic students were offered an opportunity for additional Lenten devotion at a retreat held for them last week-end at St. Mary's Chapel by Reverend J. A. Droulhet, B. A. S. T. L., principal and teacher of St. Mary's Seminary in La Porte, Texas, and by their pastor Monsignor, J. E. Gleissner.

Father Droulhet said mass for the students each morning at six o'clock and benediction each evening. During his stay he delivered several sermons and conducted introduction periods Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings. The retreat was closed with rosary followed by a sermon and benediction Sunday afternoon. Father Droulhet commented on the excellent attendance in evidence at all the services.

We must not scorn, but study Russia. We must think along new lines.—President Farrand, Cornell.

Meador Elected To Publications Board In Run-off

Close Voting Featured In Second Ballot As Reid Receives 228 and Meador 239.

In the run-off election conducted by the Battalion Thursday, March 9, A. P. Meador, Waco, defeated Irvin A. Reid, College Station, for the office of junior representative on the student publications board. The final tabulation showed Meador had received 239 votes to 228 for Reid.

With the selection of Meador to fill the office of junior representative on the student publications board, the student selection of leaders for the 1933-34 school year is complete. W. M. "Bubba" Watson, Longview, and E. M. "Pete" Connor, Houston, were elected by large majorities in the general election March 7 to fill the offices of editor-in-chief of the Battalion and yell-leader, respectively.

Campus Personalities



OSCAR G. "SKIPPER" CARSON

Oscar G. Carson, the friendly "Skipper" of the Bryan-College bus line, was born at Comanche, Texas, October 10, 1884, and spent his early youth on his father's farm in this vicinity. When he was eight years old, he moved to Leon County and started in the first grade at the old Concord School there. He finished his education at this school and, at the age of nineteen years, married Miss Jennie Nelson.

The following year Skipper and his family moved to Brazos County and settled in what is now known as the "Midway Community," which is between Bryan and College Station. He worked at the College Steam Plant for three years and then left Midway to go to Jefferson County, Oklahoma, where he farmed for three years.

The next period of Skipper's life found him back on the A and M Campus working on a building program that the college was then executing. He ran a hoisting engine during the construction of Bizzell Hall, the Physics Building, and the Mechanical Engineering Building. Later he was employed as a steel worker during the construction of Guion Hall and the present Steam Plant. When this program was completed, he began working as an engineer at the Steam Plant, and remained there until the Bryan-College Traction Company bought the old street car line that has recently been replaced by the busses. He served as a motorman on the car line and there acquired his nickname as "Skipper." A and M cadets being donors of the title. When time and progress replaced the old "Tooner-ville" with modern busses five years ago, he became a bus driver.

In review of his life, skipper said he had worked around the college for about fifteen years, and that fishing and hunting were his pastimes. When asked what he thought of A and M students, Skipper said, "A and M students are the finest bunch of men I have ever been around. When away from the bus I often leave my coin box behind, and there has never been a cent stolen at the College Station end of the line. No cadet ever gave me the least bit of trouble."

Skipper lives in Bryan with his wife and four children.

If we are to found our outlook on the world on what we discover in the scientific study of life, we are compelled to break with the notion that personality—individual identity, continues after death.—Prof. Herbert Jennings, Johns Hopkins University.

Along the Sidelines

By E. L. WILLIAMS

While the Texas Longhorns and the Rice Owls were carrying away first and second honors at the Fort Worth Exposition Track and Field meet last Saturday, little attention was given the few Aggie representatives, because they were not represented in as many events as the other two teams. Even at that though, they made a good record with "Honk" Irwin taking a first and second place in the two events in which he entered, and the relay team finishing second. As it stands now the Longhorns and Owls are the favorites, but it is doubtful whether the predictions will be the same after Coach Frank Anderson's men appear in competition against either of the others.

While the Coach and the six tracksters were in Fort Worth last week, the remainder of the team held a little competition among themselves. The winners in the events were:

- 100-yard dash—Kohler, 10.1 seconds.
- 880-yard run—R. Cook, 2 min., 2.5 seconds.
- 1 mile run—F. Cook, 4 min., 47.8 seconds.
- 2 mile run—Marques and Fuentes (tie) (10 min., 28 seconds).
- 220-yard low hurdles—Randow, 24.4 seconds.
- 120 yard high hurdles—Randow, 15.4 seconds.

"Honk" Irwin, big blonde weight heaver, seems to have started his record breaking early this year. Though he failed last year in the conference meet to establish a new mark in the shot-put, he nevertheless broke the existing record several times by almost two feet. This year he started the season off by breaking the shot record at the Fort Worth meet by more than a foot. Recently in practice Irwin stood 150 feet away from the high green cence around the athletic field and knocked the point off it about two feet from the bottom of the barrier with the discus. That gives him an unofficial distance of over 150 feet. Big-man Petty, Rice sophomore, won in that event last week with a heave of 150 feet and 4 inches.

Taking all into consideration, the track team reminds one of the last championship bunch of 1930. Slocumb and Harlan, then recognized kings of Southwest hurriers, have several sophomores following in their wake who might come up to their records before their years of eligibility are over.

The loss of Ed Wicker, promising sophomore sprinter, who was declared ineligible, and W. B. Hooser, who pulled a muscle in practice last week, weakens considerably the dash prospects, but Coach Anderson still has several strong candidates for both the dashes and the relays.

Ecuadorian Students Riot; government May Close Quito College

Guayaquil, Ecuador (IP)—The government last week was considering closing the Quito University as a result of student rebellion over the act of the government in imprisoning one of the students for alleged seditious activities. In spite of the protests of the university rector, the students broke into the college chapel hall and held a protest meeting. The rector said he would resign if the students were not expelled. The faculty backed the students.

BEST SCHOLASTIC AVERAGE HELD BY 'B' SIGNAL CORPS

Company Averages Determined By Dividing Total Individual Average By Company Roster.

According to its usual custom, the Registrar's Office has issued a list of the scholastic averages by companies based on semester reports.

This list shows "B" Signal Corps leads with a score of .952, "B" Cavalry is second with .949, and H. Infantry is third with .864. Individual averages were first determined by dividing the number of grade points by the number of hours for which the student was registered. Company averages were then found by adding the individual averages of the members of each company and dividing the total by the number of men in the company. In determining individual averages the following grade point values were used:

- Grade A: 3 grade points per semester hour.
- Grade B: 2 grade points per semester hour.
- Grade C: 1 grade point per semester hour.
- Grade D: 0 grade points per semester hour.
- Grade E: -1 grade point per semester hour.
- Grade F: -2 grade points per semester hour.

Organ	Av.	1st Sem. Rank
Band	.629	17
A. Inf.	.576	19
B. Inf.	.846	5
C. Inf.	.504	22
D. Inf.	.784	11
E. Inf.	.691	13
F. Inf.	.568	20
G. Inf.	.746	9
H. Inf.	.864	3
A. Art.	.567	21
B. Art.	.377	24
C. Art.	.762	10
D. Art.	.727	8
E. Art.	.627	18
F. Art.	.651	16
A. Cav.	.861	4
B. Cav.	.949	2
C. Cav.	.472	23
D. Cav.	.659	15
A. S. C.	.818	6
B. S. C.	.952	1
A. Eng.	.792	12
B. Eng.	.723	7
C. Eng.	.689	14
A. C. A.	.358	25
B. C. A.	.276	26
Civilians	.142	

Depression Strikes White Mice Market

New York (IP)—The bottom has dropped out of the white mice market. Likewise the white rat market.

This appalling situation is the result of curtailed funds for research work by universities and pharmaceutical companies.

A year or so ago a healthy blond mouse brought as high as 35 cents. Today he can be bought for from 8 to 15 cents. The price of white rats has dropped similarly.

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Aggie Track Men Make Impressive Showing In Meet

Irwin Sets New Shot-Put Record; Mile Relay Team Places Second.

Although Coach Frank Anderson's thinly clad men were not represented by a complete team at the eleventh annual Southwestern Exposition Track and Field Meet at Fort Worth, they made a favorable impression in the few events they entered.

"Honk" Irwin, Aggie field man from Kosse, and probably the most outstanding individual in the shot-put in the Southwest conference, set a new meet record by tossing the shot 47 feet, and 11 1/2 inches to smother the old record of 46 feet and 11 inches set by Sprague of S. M. U. in 1931. "Honk" also placed second in the discus throw. The Texas Aggie mile relay team composed of George Lord, Jourdanston; T. W. Akins, Fort Worth; G. W. McVey, Parsons, Kan.; and Capt. G. R. Addicks, La Grange, took second in the mile relay, being nosed out by Rice. S. M. Dubois, Aggie half-miler from Santa Anna, placed fourth in the 880-yard run.

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