

# EDITORIAL

## ABOUT A GOOD TRADITION

One of A. & M.'s better traditions, one which is of value—not only through the four years a student spends here but also throughout the rest of his life, is being forgotten this season.

We refer to the tradition of all freshmen meeting upperclassmen and fish whenever the fish come in contact with cadets they do not know.

Insofar as usefulness to students in later life is concerned, this tradition probably outranks all others. It destroys the timidity which may have accompanied a freshman to college; it creates ability to get along better with everyone.

But this year it is being neglected. Freshmen are not taking advantage of the opportunity for personality development which is afforded by such action.

Particularly is this true of the Bryan freshmen and of many who are frequent Bryan visitors. On the buses, the taxis and just "on the corner" this "rule of etiquette" for Aggie fish is suffering.

Freshmen should ponder for some time the benefits they will derive from abiding by the tradition. If they will do this, we feel sure that few cases of failure to meet the upperclassmen and freshmen with whom they are not acquainted will be heard.

## BAD ENGLISH USAGE HERE

The English being used by the students at A. & M. is getting so faulty that it is noticeable by the faculty, outsiders, and even among the students themselves. It is a common occurrence to hear bad usage in classes, in the mess hall, at the gym, and at any other place where students are gathered.

It is not wholly the freshmen who are making bad usage of their grammar; in fact, it is practically altogether the upperclassmen. Surely the atmosphere prevailing around and on the campus is not intended to cause bad grammar. But all our misused words are probably done unconsciously, but not so unconsciously that we cannot correct our faults.

The fact that students are using

bad English, not only in their conversations, but in their class papers and reports has been brought to the attention of the faculty, which is working to correct our blunders.

It is not the slang and Aggie "cussing" which is bringing so much attention. A letter written recently to an employer by an A. & M. student dismayed the employer to such an extent that he sent a letter to the faculty concerning the form in which the letter was written.

Just being a graduate of A. & M. will not get the graduate a job. The English used when he is trying to convince the employer of his capability will be one of the deciding factors in the graduate's getting employment.

## Lack of Phone Facilities Cited By Band Junior

ED'S NOTE: This column is open for any contributions, not malicious or libelous and which is based on facts. The opinions expressed herein, however, are not to be considered as necessarily reflecting the opinions of The Battalion.

TO THE BATTALION:

I should like to call the serious attention of the authorities, faculty, and student body of A. & M. to the urgent need for telephones in our dormitories. Stop to consider the question and I believe most of you will agree.

It is a deplorable fact that there are on this entire campus not more than three or four telephones for free use by about 3,000 dormi-

tory students, not to mention almost that same number of day students who likewise often need to make telephone calls while on the campus.

In the "Y" are two free phones for student use. However, there is always too much noise there interfering with one's phoning, and frequently people are forced to wait in line for a chance to use a phone.

As a proof of our real need of telephones take the following tragic example: Recently an Aggie's mother was dying. The phone message sent to notify him that night did not reach him until the following morning, by which time the boy's mother had died. There have been numerous other instances—though not all so unfortunate—of our sad lack of communication facilities. If people want to get in touch with Aggies, it is next to impossible to do so by phone.

Almost every other college of importance has adequate telephone service for its students. Why shouldn't A. & M. also?

The minimum here should be one telephone in each hall. The cost of one phone per month is small—only three or four dollars. Surely out of our fees the college could furnish us with this small additional convenience for which we have so much need. I urge some definite, progressive action in regard to this by the college authorities.

—Wm. H. MURRAY, Band Junior.

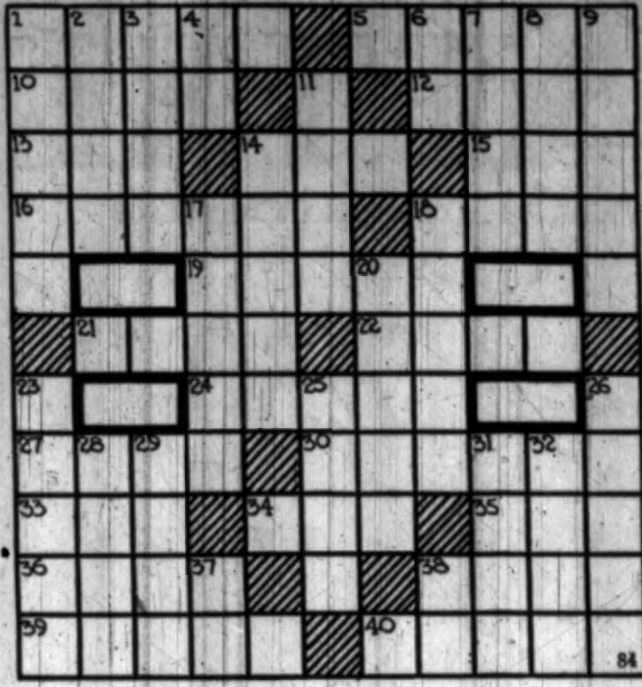
## DR. MAYO'S COLUMN

(Note: The sketches of eleven modern writers will be resumed next week.)

"A creation that the Aggies ought to be proud of" is the description that I heard the other day of the Entertainment Series. And I heartily agree. Five years ago an Aggie Senior, named Jack Ferguson, from El Paso, decided that this campus like other campuses ought to be visited every year by good political speakers, orchestras, singers, and stage plays. So he set to work and, without taking a penny for his heart-breaking labor, created the Entertainment Series.

In the four years of its existence the Series has brought to the Aggies, for \$1.50 a year, six or seven features a season. Such speakers as Stuart Chase and Senator "fighting Bob" La Follette; such music, serious and popular, as the Manhattan String Quartet and Duke Ellington's Orchestra; such plays as "The Old Maid," straight from Broadway.

This year Beal Hargrove, elected by the senior class as manager of the series, offers by far the biggest season in its history. For \$1.50 the Aggie man-about-town can hear U. S. Senator Champ Clark discuss national questions, and Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. tell his impressions of all of the bigwigs of Europe, whom he has met and talked with personally. This fortunate Aggie ticket-holder can, for his measly \$1.50, listen to the music of a symphonic orchestra, a string trio (from Paris), and a big-time swing band playing an hour's concert. He can (the lucky



**ACROSS**  
 1—A seat  
 5—A variety of coffee  
 10—A large collection (colloq.)  
 12—A means of access  
 13—Hall!  
 14—Scatter seed  
 15—To steal from  
 16—Scarcely  
 18—Upon  
 19—Shoe forms  
 21—Encounter  
 22—Tunes  
 24—Web-footed birds  
 27—American scout, Indian fighter and showman  
 30—A small cord (colloq.)  
 33—An Indian of a Shoshonean tribe  
 34—Watch secretly  
 35—The sound made by a dove  
 36—Darkens  
 38—Observed  
 39—A descendant  
 40—Righteous  
 41—A tile

**DOWN**  
 1—Stuffs  
 2—Own  
 3—Southwest wind (myth.)  
 4—Neuter pronoun  
 6—Officer of the day (abbr.)  
 7—Males  
 8—The cry of an owl  
 9—A bowler  
 11—Playthings  
 14—A tile

**Answer to previous puzzle**  
 NUBBIN AHAH  
 IRE NIPROSY  
 CITES A BOW  
 HAH IGLU LA  
 EH ADO TROY  
 ALE BAA  
 CURL PAH WF  
 ON YEAR SHE  
 BIF FROWEL  
 ROASTE IRE ALL  
 ANTE SLOPPY

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## Course In Family Relations Has Free Discussion of Vital Problems

BY EARLE SHIELDS

Aggies are learning—in a classroom—how to become husbands. Last year the class of '39, the Biology Club, and The Battalion were responsible for the institution of a course in marriage relations in the Rural Sociology Department.

This year the course is a reality, coming under the head of Rural Sociology 315. There are three sections of the course totaling over 135 students. Prof. Dan Russell conducts the course.

The course has been divided into several divisions so as to facilitate better organization of the course. The main divisions are the family as an institution, conditions of divorce, desertion, separation and the cause of their occurrence, factors influencing success in marriage—such as the ages of the husband and wife, their health, education, social standing, and the money problem of marriage—courtship problems, and relations of the man and woman during engagements.

The adjustments of early marriage, and the adjustment of later marriages will be discussed, as will studies of sex in married life, economic factors and the family budget, child-bearing, and the problems facing modern men and women of these conditions.

However, Dr. Russell said that he is trying to make the course as much like the students want it as possible. He is having each student turn in a list of questions for class discussion. Along with these questions the students turn in several names of persons they would like to hear lecture on the course, later

brute) thrill to the singing and personality of Margaret Spears, who has heretofore been merely a radio voice to him. He can follow the drama of "Both Your Houses" a successful play by one of our two or three most successful dramatists, Maxwell Anderson. He can hear a fine young baritone singer, John Patrick, and a negro male quintet singing as only negroes can sing.

Incidentally, by buying a season ticket for \$1.50, you can give your support to one of the most creditable institutions that the Aggies themselves have ever built up. And perhaps the most decent fact of the whole affair is this: If a great many Aggies buy tickets, there will be even more attractions. Nobody is making any profit.

on in the year many of these will lecture to the classes. They will consist of faculty members, business men, doctors, nurses, and various others who will lecture on different questions the students turn in.

Most of the year will be taken up with class discussion of questions turned in this way. Each student can learn about what he is particularly interested in.

On the whole the questions are very sensible and the discussion of them should prove very beneficial to every member of the classes.

A few of the questions picked at random run like this: Who should be boss, man or wife? How to handle in-laws? Why marry? Do prostitutes make good wives? How can a husband put more spark into marriage when the morale is running low? What is expected from each person on the honeymoon? What should be discussed at the dinner table? Should a farm boy marry a rich girl? What points to consider in choosing a wife? What harm is there in unmarried couples romancing to a healthful degree? Should husband help wife with housework? Is marriage without love successful? How can one be young at 50. What can be done about jealousy?

Anyone who is not taking the course but who would like to listen to some of the lectures can secure a visitor's card to the classes.

## Grad Students Meet

A meeting of graduate students will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the biology lecture room. Dean T. D. Brooks will speak and plans for a picnic will be made.

Officers of the graduate club were elected at a meeting last week. J. C. McWhorter was elected president of the group. Other officers are Ralph Dodson, vice-president, and Raymond Hines, secretary-treasurer.

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**The American Bankers Association for Education in Economics** has allocated to this institution one loan scholarship in the amount of \$250 for the year 1938-39.

Students who are majoring in economics or in subjects related to banking, and are candidates for the bachelor's degree in 1939 and are dependent in whole or in part on their own labor for their expenses in college are eligible as applicants. Students interested should see me for the necessary forms.

T. D. Brooks, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

## Economics Prof To Write Magazine Series

Robert M. Denhardt, Instructor in Agricultural Economics has been asked by two Texas livestock magazines—The Cattleman, published at Fort Worth, Texas, and The Sheep and Goat Raiser, published at San Angelo, Texas—to furnish a series of articles on certain aspects of the history of the livestock industry in the Southwest. The articles in The Cattleman will deal with the history of the stock horse in the Southwest, while his first article in the Sheep and Goat Raiser will be on the rodeo in Mexico.

Mr. Denhardt came to the college this year from the University of California to teach the course in the Economic History of Agriculture. He is the author of numerous popular and technical articles on the history of the livestock industry in the Southwest.

**NOTICE**  
 There will be a very important meeting of all boys from Dallas and Dallas county immediately after supper, Thursday, October 6, 1938.—Club president.

**AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS**  
 The student branch of the A. S. A. E. will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 in the lecture room of the agricultural engineering building. All agricultural engineers be there for the special program and FREE ice cream and cake.

**PLANT SCIENCE SEMINAR**  
 The first meeting of the Plant Science Seminar for this school year will be held in the Conference Room, Experiment Station building, at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, October 6.

Dr. A. A. Dunlap, Chief, Division of Plant Pathology and Physiology, will speak on "Phitological and Physiological Features of Seedling Production by Sand Cultures (illustrated)."

**BIOLOGY CLUB**  
 The Biology Club will have an important meeting in the lecture room of the Science hall on Thursday evening, October 6th, at 8:00 o'clock. Officers will be elected.

We have received in the President's Office, a shipment of gas stove radiators from The Quad Stove Mfg. Co. Will the Department or person ordering these please call for them.

The principal business to be conducted by the Seminar will be the election of officers for the new year.

This is an important meeting considering both the speaker to be heard and the business to be conducted. All of those who are interested in the various phases of plant science are urged to attend.

## NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF STATE OF TEXAS GENERAL FUND WARRANTS

Effective today and until further notice the banks of Bryan will handle state general fund warrants for regular depositing customers at a discount of one percent (1%) and for non-customers at a discount of one and one half percent (1½).

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## POULTRY & EGG CLUB

The A. & M. Poultry and Egg Club meets this Tuesday night in room 115 of the A. & L. Building at 7:30. All students interested in poultry are invited to be present.

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## AGRONOMY SOCIETY

There will be a meeting of the Agronomy Society Tuesday night, Oct. 4, in Room 312 Agriculture Building. All new and old students taking any Agronomy Course are urged to be present. Cigars will be served.

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