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Welcome, Exes

The Battalion, together with the faculty and students, extends a hearty welcome to the "exes", as A. & M. approaches its annual Thanksgiving when thousands of graduates of this institution will be on the campus.

This Thanksgiving will climax one of the most successful and spectacular football seasons in all of A. & M.'s history. In view of this fact, we, the students, invite the alumni to join with us in a proper spirit of celebration to show our appreciation to those who made it possible.

Courtesy to Visitors

Thousands of visitors will be on the A. & M. campus Wednesday and Thursday.

During that time more than any other let's be on our guard so as not to give offense in any way that will create a bad impression of A. & M. in the minds of these visitors.

It is up to us to see that the visitors are treated with all the hospitality and courtesy due them. If they are not, A. & M.'s reputation elsewhere will be lowered as a result. Such a thing should not happen.

If we show true sportsmanship at all times, if we are helpful to and considerate of our guests, if in our "highwaying" we remember to show courtesy and appreciation to those who give us rides, then A. & M. will retain undiminished that high reputation it has long held throughout the state.

True Thanksgiving

As this nation's traditional Thanksgiving Day approaches, a more reverent love of our country and a spirit of peacefulness should be in the heart of every American. Of course, most of us are planning to rest up and enjoy the holidays, a perfectly normal thing. However, during our brief period of relaxation, we should also remember and be thankful for the many blessings with which this country has been endowed. Our friends, our loved ones, and this fair land are the richest blessings any people can attain. Headlines scream the disasters of another war in Europe. Thank God our youth are not on the field of battle; and may our country continue to remain at peace with the world.

We are grateful for our homes, for parents whose devotion and love help strengthen and guide us through the years. May our lives be richer, through the friends we love and personal ideals we hold.

The leaders of our nation we salute—not only the seemingly more important, but everyone who has a part in directing the lives of others.

We should be thankful for the opportunity to go to school to receive, not only a thorough education in some particular field, but also a well-rounded knowledge of the art of living successfully and in harmony with our fellow man. Our opportunities are indeed golden. Surely we are thankful.

"Ticket-Scalping"

Tip to all Thanksgiving visitors: Beware of unofficial football ticket salesmen. A few forged tickets were peddled for the S. M. U.-A. & M. game here.

Of course, it would be a difficult matter to eliminate "ticket-scalping" altogether. A concentrated effort is being made to do so for the Thanksgiving game. But still there may be some.

Several complaints were received at the S. M. U. game from people who had bought tickets they later found to be counterfeit, from a person they alleged was in uniform. His name could not be traced or his identity established as an Aggie.

Therefore, beware of ticket-scalpers.

Aggies, Ask Yourselves—

It's a wise thing indeed for students to guard the bonfire against those who might prematurely set it afire; but is it necessary to stop cars and hold up traffic on the adjoining streets to do it?

Sportsmanship

True sportsmanship consists of many things. Just one of these is the ability to accept both victory and defeat with a smile.

We have seen both poor winners and poor losers. Both of them are poor sportsmen.

While the Aggie team seems heading for a sure victory over the University Longhorns Thanksgiving Day, and while all the students of A. & M. are more or less confident of our winning the Southwest Conference championship undefeated and untied this year—still, defeat is at all times possible.

Though we are not trying to "wet-blanket" the issue, the fact remains that a defeat is barely possible. If such a calamity, unexpected as it is, should occur, let's all try to be sportsmanlike about it. And to reduce the possibility of such a thing's happening and the natural disappointment ensuing, let's not be over-optimistic or over-confident of victory until it's actually "in the bag". In other words, let's not "count our chickens before they're hatched".

A man who is clever enough to be boss in the home is also wise enough not to brag about it.

In Pittsburgh a motorcycle exploded without hurting anyone. The perfect accident.

Care on the Highways

During this week and the next, thousands of A. & M. students will be coming and going on the highways.

The Battalion expresses the hope that "Silver Taps" will not prove necessary after the Thanksgiving holidays are over.

More than one Aggie has died on the highways, in the past. Greater care than usual, on the more-than-usually crowded highways at this time, should prevent a repetition of such tragedies.

In your driving, in your "highwaying", exercise due caution, particularly at this season of the year. Remember, it's better to lose a minute than to lose a life; and it's only a short step from the present into eternity.

Falling in love is being taught as an art. Presumably the purpose is to avoid the inartistic business of falling out.

With the Kaiser, it was "Me and Gott." Hitler is going to the other extreme in making it "Me and Stalin."

As the World Turns...

By DR. R. W. STEEN

The war goes on its way with few new developments, but with varying degrees of emphasis on old developments. The submarine seems to have been subjected to fairly complete control, but the mine has taken its place as a destroyer of commerce. The use of free mines is not new, but is, on the other hand, contrary to all principles of international law. Germany, as well as other powers, has signed treaties in recent years pledging herself not to make use of such mines. These treaties seem to have little effect. This is unfortunately true of most treaties.

By strewing the shipping lanes with free mines, Germany has in effect declared war upon the shipping of all nations. A mine gives no warning. Nor can it distinguish between neutral and belligerent vessels. Moreover, it can make no provision for the care of occupants of the vessels. More serious still is the fact that the mine, once released, goes its own way and may show up at any time and any place. It is entirely possible that vessels will be destroyed by some of these mines years after peace has been restored.

The mines have taken a heavy toll in the last week, but shipping losses do not yet begin to compare with the average weekly losses during the first months of unrestricted submarine warfare in the conflict of 1914-1918. Meanwhile, the same science that found a way to combat the submarine will doubtless find a way to combat the free mines.

The proposal of Representative Bailey Ragsdale that Governor O'Daniel be suspended for a short time while the Legislature provided funds for the old age pension fund was doubtless made more in jest than in seriousness. A governor can be suspended only by impeachment charges, and Mr. Ragsdale admits that the governor has been guilty of neither high crimes nor misdemeanors. Lacking these charges it is most difficult to see how the governor could be suspended. Mr. Ragsdale thinks that a special session should be called. The governor has refused to call a session. A law passed about twenty years ago states that the Legislature can meet in special session for the purpose of impeachment without a call from the governor. This law is of very doubtful constitutionality, and has never yet been tested in the courts. A session called under this law would very probably accomplish nothing, and even if it did would probably have its work nullified by the courts.

If the threatened strike of motion picture employees develops, the great mass of Americans who depend upon the corner theater for recreation will be greatly inconvenienced. Literally millions of people in this country have almost no other form of amusement, and if suddenly deprived of the movies, if only for a limited time, would find time heavy on their hands. The Lone Ranger has become an institution comparable to Santa Claus in importance, while the antics of motion picture royalty—to say nothing of Mickey Mouse, Porky Pig, and Donald Duck—occupy places of essential importance in American life.

It wouldn't be so bad to be poor if we could only keep the distressing fact a secret.

A Kentuckian shot a neighbor who called him a common liar. No one likes to be called common.

Collegiate Kaleidoscope



BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster.

The way of things . . . All hotels and tourist camps within a fifty-mile radius of college have been sold out for over two months as A. & M. awaits its largest crowd in history . . . Hal Ewing is the first Aggie whom your columnist has seen wearing the new collar insignia . . . Freshmen from the campus project houses and the old Army Barracks are doing their part in helping build the great bonfire stack on the drill field . . . One might, without much straining of the imagination, call this Thanksgiving Day one where the barnyard really comes into its own—what with turkey and pigskin; and more especially with two celebrations on hand this year . . . Winner of Backwash's dog-naming contest will be announced after the holidays. Judges Bill Guy, Bob Kissinger, and "Hymie" Foecke met last night for final consideration.



Fuermann

Three false alarms—in as many days:

The first one occurred Thursday night when Dan Russell, head of the Rural Sociology Department, drove through the campus rather late. Driving in the vicinity of the bonfire stack, which freshmen were carefully guarding against a "tea-sipper" raid, Prof Russell was halted by a group of over-anxious first-year men and was asked to identify himself. Not wanting to pass up a perfect opportunity to pull a "fast one" on the freshmen, Dr. Russell explained that he was a professor from the University of Texas who had brought some of T. U.'s students to Aggie land for the purpose of burning the Aggie bonfire. The freshmen immediately proceeded to sound the siren and awoke the entire campus before it was realized that no Texas students were in evidence.

"In the future," Dr. Russell pointed out, "I'll be more careful what I say at a time like that."

Second in order was the Friday night occurrence:

B Troop Cavalry's Phil Meyer received a phone call from someone who identified herself as a "Bryan girl" wanting to warn the Aggies that fifteen or twenty carloads of Texas University students had just passed through Bryan bound for College. At about the same time, Curtis Kizer of D Batter Coast Artillery received a similar call. The result, of course, was to once again arouse the campus with no resulting appearance of Texas U. students.

Third in the series of false alarms occurred early Saturday afternoon when the legitimate fire-siren was sounded to send the Fire Department to a grass fire near the railroad tracks.

Chas. S. Osborn, 79, former Michigan governor, always shaves in the dark, standing on one leg. He claims this will "maintain the equilibrium of youth."

"The eyes of the WORLD are upon you" SO LICK TEXAS! Keep to your right at North Gate AGGIELAND PHARMACY

Collegiate Review

The average Williams College student sees three movies per week.

Beer consumes 36 per cent of all fraternity rushing expenses on the Dartmouth College campus.

Fordham University next year will celebrate the centenary of its founding.

Gus Dorais, University of Detroit football coach, has been elected a member of Detroit's city council.

Cornell University has a freshman student who represents the fourth generation of her family to enroll at that institution.

A Northwestern University scientific survey revealed that 44 per cent of the student body has halitosis.

The Dies committee will soon begin an investigation of communistic influences in U. S. colleges and universities.

Vassar College has received special funds to finance a study of

child behavior and normal personality development.

Hunter College is doing special research on the study habits of its undergraduates.

A new course in the study of war causes has been instituted by the College of New Rochelle.

Williams College students have voted to retain hazing as part of the college's fraternity program.

Yale University has more endowment per student than any other U. S. college or university.

On the Central Missouri State Teachers College campus, cornerstones of all but one campus building bear the Masonic emblem.

On the Ohio University campus, only 17 per cent of the students have no dates during an average month.

Rollins College this year has an equal number of men and women students.

"MENU" NOVEMBER 30th, 1939

THANKSGIVING DAY

LONGHORN STEER — PREPARED AGGIE STYLE

The following, being consumed by the Aggies,

will not be served again until the fall of 1940—

"Frog Legs"—a la T. C. U.

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