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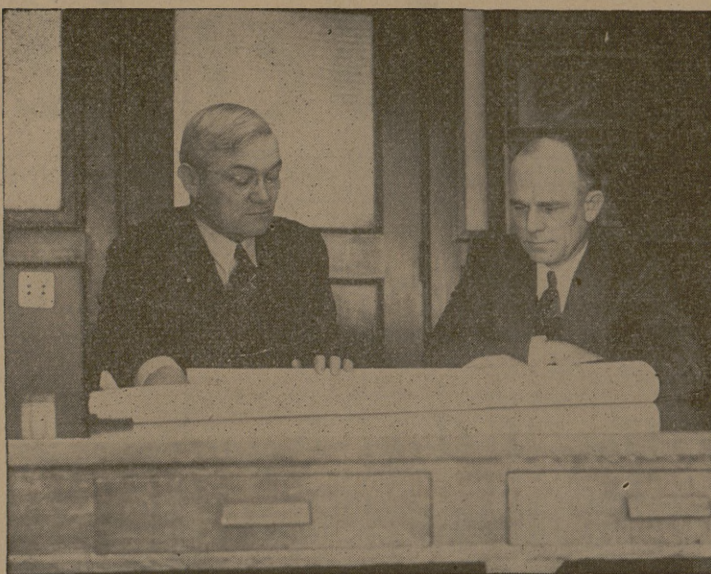
Why Men Fail

There is a cause for everything. Nothing ever "just happens." If a man is promoted to a better job, there is a reason. If a man loses his job, there is a cause.

There are many causes that lead to failure. Here is a list of the most common ones, as assigned by a noted psychologist. Look them over; if none of them apply to you, then you are to be congratulated, for you are a success.

1. Finding fault with the other fellow, but never seeing our own.
2. Doing as little as possible, and trying to get as much as possible for it.
3. Spending much time showing up the other fellow's weak points and too little time correcting our own.
4. Slandering those we do not like.
5. Procrastination—putting off until tomorrow something that we should have done day before yesterday.
6. Deceit—talking friendly to the other's face and stabbing him in the back as soon as he turns around.
7. False belief that we are smart enough to reap a harvest of pay before sowing a crop of honest service.
8. Disloyalty to those who have trusted us.
9. Egotism—the belief that we know it all, and no one can tell us anything.
10. Last, but not least, lack of necessary training and education to enable us to stand at the head in our line of work.

Rollins and Forrest, Well-Known Exes, Join in New Engineering Firm



Two of the best-known figures in the general engineering fields of the Southwest recently joined hands to form the consulting engineering firm of Rollins and Forrest, with offices in the Praetorian Building, 1906. He is the father of A. P. Rollins, Jr., '39, and one of the six original Rollins brothers who attended A. & M.

He was a member of the old firm of Nagle, Witt, Rollins and Gilchrist. As a member of the firm prominent in the engineering profession in Dallas for two decades.

Forrest has been operating as a consulting engineer under his own name since last March. Prior to that time, he was a member of the firm Myers, Noyes, and Forrest, of Dallas. He served as consulting engineer to both the Centennial Exposition and the New York World's Fair. Forrest is an older brother of Ernest Forrest, '21, and Bedford Forrest, '23.

"Andy" Rollins is one of the deans of the engineering profession in the Southwest and has been engaged in various engineering activities since his graduation in 1906. He is the father of A. P. Rollins, Jr., '39, and one of the six original Rollins brothers who attended A. & M.

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In announcing the new firm, its members state, "We will be open for business in our offices in the Praetorian Building every day except Saturday afternoons during football season."

OPEN FORUM

SOCIETY EXTENDS THANKS

Following are extracts from resolutions passed by the Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society which recently met at College Station:

"We express deep appreciation to the people of College Station and Bryan who kindly furnished hospitality to the delegates.

"We especially thank Professor Joe Woolket and his 'Singing Cadets' for their musical numbers. The harp numbers by Miss Cynthia Lancaster were beautiful. The duet by Mrs. Parker Hanna and Mr. D. T. Killough was most inspirational and delightful.

"The organ recitals by Miss Alice Scoates and Mr. John Edge before each evening service were deeply enjoyed.

"The facilities of the college placed at the disposal of the delegates were most generous. We especially thank Dr. Walton and Col. Ike Ashburn for making this possible.

"We thank Mrs. T. R. Freeman, for her services at the piano, and cadet Anthony Bott for leading the singing.

"Please express our appreciation to others who assisted in making this a wonderful conference for us.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. VAN HAMILTON,
Corresponding Secretary and Chairman of the Resolutions Committee."

MAN, YOUR MANNERS—

"In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love"—not so lightly for some of the seniors; they will be getting engaged or married in a few weeks.

The diamond is considered the conventional symbol for an engagement ring; it is proper to make a selection of rings without your price range, then let the young lady choose from the selection you have made.

—Mrs. R. M. Sherwood.

As the World Turns...

By "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF

The "two-term" tradition and President Roosevelt's silence on his future plans have evoked spirited discussion in the press of the country. So far only one President, Theodore Roosevelt, has actually challenged the "two-term" tradition. It is true that General Grant's bid for a third term (1880) was sponsored in and out of the Republican convention, but Garfield was nominated. Theodore Roosevelt headed the ticket of the Progressive Party (a third party) in 1912. To the surprise of a large number of conservatives, he polled 4,126,020 votes and received 88 electoral votes. A third term for President Roosevelt is variously appraised by people in many walks of life. Two ex-New Dealers have argued the question pro and con.

Rexford G. Tugwell holds that Presidents should be re-elected for a third term for the following reasons: (1) Eight years are too short for reform policies. (2) The change would check the "inertia" of the Senate. Since the Senate reflects local interests, it has often blocked the President's policies which usually represent national interests. (3) Times change, tradition should likewise.

Raymond Foley is strongly against the third-term re-election of Presidents and lists his arguments as follows: (1) The "two-term" tradition is a check on "thirst for power." "Those who most desire power are . . . those most likely to acquire it." (2) The "two-term" tradition is considered as vital as the Constitution. (3) The third-term re-election of any President presents a danger of personal government to Democracy.

Of course, neither of the two gentlemen argues in favor of or against the present incumbent of the presidential office. They are discussing general principles and trends of our political setup. However, indications point to a strong current movement in favor of the third-term re-election of President Roosevelt. Recent presidential primaries in four states indicate that a large percent of the Democrats favors the nomination of President Roosevelt at the convention of the Democratic Party. However favorable the pre-convention sentiment might be to President Roosevelt, it might be as fruitless as that of General Grant. In a Democracy no individual is indispensable.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

The way of things . . . Behind the eight ball is the campus uniform tailor who recently sent many juniors and senior letters with a salutation reading, "Dear Future Junior." . . . The most consistent protest made by feminine visitors to the campus is their inability to find the famed Sugar Bowl trophy. Jean Melton claimed that, "I think the Aggies have hocked the thing!" And Marcia Jolly, a T.S.C.W.-ian who also attended last week-end's Composite Regiment Ball, pointed out that, "I don't believe that there is a Sugar Bowl!" . . . Architect's plans for the landscaping of the new dorm area's "front yard" are impressive and already a tremendous improvement is evidenced over the appearance a few months ago . . . A little-known fact about next Saturday's Hillel Club dance is that it will be the organization's twentieth consecutive prom . . . The reason that the recently constructed theater at the North Gate hasn't opened is that three gentiles—more or less partners in the deal—can't agree on a very salient point . . . Bernie Cummins' popular drummer, Fred Benson, drummed his second consecutive Composite Regimental Ball last Friday night. He was formerly with Art Kassel, and Art and his "Kassels In the Air" played last year's Composite Ball . . . Good idea: One of the local eateries—recently turned combination pool hall and cafe—displays a highly original sign which reads, "Ladies Especially Invited."



Fuermann

Wisdom in the rough: Backwash notes with pleasure the recognition of earthly things that some professors are beginning to evidence. Maybe it's the proximity of spring, but one of the math profs recently made the statement that, "While a straight line may be the shortest distance between two points, a curved line is the most interesting line between two points."

Aggie sidelight: A crowd of nearly a hundred people were gathered around the old Consolidated School slide last week. Cadets, school children, and teachers alike—all watching a little combination-breed dog as he somewhat hesitantly climbed the slide's steps, reached the top, emitted a feeble yelp, and then slid down amid the throaty cheers of his onlookers. First in the heart of his master—

Daphne Salois Senior Representative At Bluebonnet Festival

Miss Daphne Salois, T. S. C. W. student from Dallas, has been chosen to represent the senior class of A. & M. as its duchess at the annual Navasota Bluebonnet Festival to be held in Navasota April 12 and 13.

Miss Salois was one of the eight girls selected by Kay Kyser to be pictured in the Vanity Fair section of the 1939-40 Longhorn.

She will be escorted by Dan Sharp, captain of the Ross Volunteers.

"Railroads are killing fewer passengers." Yes, and fewer passengers are killing the railroads.

Movie Review

by Bob Nisbet

This week's benefit show is for the Economics Club, and it will be shown both afternoon and night Thursday and Friday. "DARK VICTORY" it is and stars Bette Davis and George Brent.

"Dark Victory", if you will remember, was picked by practically every selection as one of the ten best shows of last year. That was a wise choice; it certainly is one of the best shows seen. The elements that make it so good were the splendid acting of Bette Davis and the touching story that she enacted. That Bette is a splendid actress is an established fact, and the fact that she got a good part in this show cinched it to be a hit. Of course the story is sad and more or less melodramatic, but for those boys who feel as though they need a good cry anyway, "Dark Victory" is a good place and a good excuse to go and have a big one.

The story deals with a headstrong young heiress (Bette Davis) who has some sort of neurotic ailment. At any rate it is so serious it effects her poise and her vision, but she is afraid a doctor

will make her stop her active social life; therefore she refuses to be helped until the day she crashes her horse into a hurdle. Then she is convinced that it would be wise to get a physician's counsel. But she is too late for him to save her life; he gives her ten months to live and falls in love with her. Thinking that he wants to marry her out of sympathy, she refuses his proposal of marriage. Finally she realizes that she cannot escape her fear alone, so she marries him and learns from him the way to escape from her fear of being blind and in the dark. For that reason comes the name, "Dark Victory".

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Thursday and Friday, 3:30 and 6:45—"DARK VICTORY", with Bette Davis and George Brent.

AT THE PALACE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday—"THE GRAPES OF WRATH", with Henry Fonda.

Seniors Lacking One Subject May Petition For Special Exams

Dean F. C. Bolton has reissued notice that, under College Regulations, a senior who on April 1 lacks only one subject for graduation may petition for a special examination in that subject, provided:

- (1) That the subject was taken in class in the summer of 1939 or in the first semester of the present session.
- (2) That the student is passing all the work of his current schedule on the April 1st report with grades which will give him a mathematical chance to graduate at the end of the semester.

Petitions from those affected by the above regulation should be submitted immediately—and in no case later than April 6.

Those special examinations which are authorized will be set for the afternoon of April 13.



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Twelve-Year Schools

Light on the problem of whether or not Texas should shift from the present eleven-year plan for public schools to one of twelve years is expected from the early publication of an abstract of responses of teachers to a questionnaire sent out a month ago by the State Department of Education. This question is one that calls for expert judgment based on educational experience and experiments and should not be considered too hastily.

The Texas eleven-year plan contrasts with those of most states, which require eight years in the grades and four years in high school. In fact, some states and many cities extend this to thirteen years by requiring a year of kindergarten for five-year-olds. The Texas plan saves taxpayers' money, but many here have doubted the ability of this state's schools to impart in eleven years the education for which others take twelve years.

The Texas system is criticized, too, on the ground that its high school graduates are turned out too young either to be sent off to college immediately or to obtain steady jobs. In addition, confusion and irritation often arises in the placing of pupils who move here from states having the twelve-year system. Uniformity would be a big advantage for the many families that necessarily must move from one state to another.

While in some of the twelve-year states there is talk of trying to speed up the school system, this trend is offset by the desire to keep youngsters from competing with adults for jobs. As long as the country does not have enough jobs to go around, there is little point in hurrying pupils through school. New subjects, such as traffic safety, which are being introduced in the schools, also call for additional time.

The trend toward longer schooling is indicated by the fact that about eighty Texas schools already have followed the 1936 Port Arthur example in adopting the twelve-year plan. This problem should be considered from the point of view of the pupil's good, rather than that of teachers or school administrators; but it probably will be found that the twelve-year term has enough set advantages to make its additional cost worth while.

—Dallas Morning News