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Cutting Corners

"IT TAKES A HEAP of living to make a house a home." Certainly it does! But under the heading of "living" there is no stipulation as to tramping down flowers and shrubs around the house. In our case on the A. & M. campus this rule still applies. There is no one who wants to deny students recreation or prevent us playing all the time we can spare, but there is no excuse for destroying all the trees and shrubs that have been set out around the dormitories. There is no rhyme or reason for cutting trails across lawns.

We are not so pressed for time that a few extra steps could not be taken. But we are heedless enough not to think when we walk across the grass. We are all guilty of this offense.

The Battalion points out that a possible remedy is to provide a means of jogging the offender's mind when he commits the error. A simple way to do this would be to have the Building and Grounds department or the Landscape Art department erect small board bannisters about one foot in height around the areas that are in particular need of protection. These would not be intended for the purpose of guarding the area, but would be high enough to cause the traveler to have to step up to get over. In so doing perhaps his memory would be jarred and he would be reminded that it is better to go around.

Some have been playing games on areas not designated for recreation and these, too, should perhaps be fenced before the improvements are demolished.

It has been said by observers who should know that the A. & M. campus is one of the most beautiful in the nation. We are proud to have this knowledge, and we would like to keep it that way. But each student must do his bit.

Remind the next offender, "Don't cut that corner. Go around!"

Don't Throw Money Away

DID YOU SEND your money to the cleaners with your pants?

Did the dog tear it to bits?

Did that small nephew rip your last ten dollar bill?

Did you char by fire or otherwise mutilate any paper money?

In case you did, do not put it, or them, in the trash or throw it away as lost. If you can save as much as three-fifths of the original bill, the U. S. treasury department will redeem it at full value.

Skilled workers are employed in Uncle Sam's redemption office to identify currency. Making use of microscopic analysis, these workers paste the pieces on a sheet of paper the same size as the original bill and estimate the correct position.

The amount of the bill accounted determines the amount redeemed. For three fifths of the bill full value will be returned; for two fifths half value. In exceptional cases, one who presents affidavits and certificate of good character may get full value even when less than two fifths of the bill is available.

Books are kept on such recoveries, and recovering twice for the different pieces of the same bill is next to impossible.

But don't throw away that torn bill. Take it back to the bank.

OPEN FORUM

OH, OLE MAN TROUBLE done bit me again! Texas beat hell out of us, SMU kicked a conversion, the mess hall food is terrible, that prof gyped me out of ten points and those pesky sophomores have been sitting in the senior section again. On top of all that I haven't had any mail for three days and I just bought a pack of ready rolls with my last two bits. If that isn't trouble, what is?

Seriously, fellows let's stop and consider our troubles for a minute—it seems possible these misfortunes that we spend a good part of our time fretting over could be a little exaggerated. Our happiness is proportional to some standard we have created within ourselves. If that standard has been distorted, it is quite possible that the smallest detail may have the most serious effect upon our mental "well being".

A word of explanation let me relate an incident that recently occurred in one of the mess halls. One of the "college going dogs" came over to the table looking for something to eat. Some student placed a saucer filled with a decent looking piece of meat, some potatoes and a piece of bread on the floor near the dog. After looking the dish over, the dog sniffed disgustedly and walked away. The student was heard to remark, "I don't blame him for not eating the damn stuff". The point is, was the

dog hungry? Was the student hungry? There are millions of people in this world who would walk miles to have the same opportunity that dog had. Some of them would fight for the food he had refused.

The finest food would be repulsive to a man who had just gorged himself to the limit. So our many blessings assume ever decreasing proportions as we gorge ourselves on our good fortune. As the holiday season draws near, let us take time to devalue our troubles into their proper perspective and let ourselves enjoy and appreciate the many opportunities denied those less fortunate. Yours for a happier Christmas.

—A. W. Guill, '41.

Man, Your Manners

BY I. SHERWOOD

Correspondence

Your personality is reflected in every letter or note that you write. The reader can tell from its appearance whether you have good taste or are neat. From its contents he can judge whether you are interesting, and from your spelling and grammar whether you are intelligent.

Stationery—White writing paper is always correct. Single sheet is best for business letters, but either single or double may be used for personal correspondence. Formal notes should be on smaller size and in white only.

The envelope should always match the paper. Personal letters—The salutation of the personal letter depends on how well you know the person. My dear Miss Smith or My dear Lois are formal, while Dear Miss Smith or Dear Lois are more friends. An affectionate beginning would be Grace Dear or Dearest Grace. Never address anyone as Dear Friend.

Don't begin a letter with an apology or end with an excuse for closing.

There is no objection to using the word "I" in a letter if it isn't used too often. Say, "I hope you are well" rather than "Hope you are well".

A "P. S." spoils the appearance of a letter and gives the impression that you haven't given your letter thought.

The complimentary close may be Sincerely, or Yours sincerely, if to an acquaintance. To a lady friend you may use Devotedly, Lovingly or With love.

Sign your first name to a letter to a friend when there is no doubt as to your identity; first and last name to an acquaintance. Notes—They are more brief and formal than letters; they are written for the following purposes—Invitations, thanks, congratulations, condolences, apologies, and acknowledgements. One page is sufficient and no matter where the address is, the date must be below the signature.

Business letters—The salutation is Dear Sirs to a firm and Dear Mr. Staples to a person.

Typed letters are preferred by business men. Omit all unnecessary information. Say, "I enclose" rather than "Please find enclosed", and "I refer" rather than "I beg to refer". Say, "I received your letter dated March 14th" instead of "Received yours of the 14th".

A correct closing is Very truly or Very truly yours.

Stetson University's most prominent co-ed is back for her fifth year.

She is 83-year-old Mrs. Letitia Wilson Reynolds, a resident of Illinois, who is doing graduate work.

As the World Turns...

BY DR. R. W. STEEN

THE UNITED STATES has extended its blessings to Manuel Avila Camacho as President of Mexico. This act doubtless had something to do with the decision of the defeated candidate to accept the announced results of the election and not appeal to arms. The Mexican election was hardly a free election, and the canvassing board

waited so long to announce the results as to arouse the suspicion of many Americans. In fact there is so much to indicate that things were not entirely as they should have been.

It is well, however, for Mexico to unite in the inauguration of Camacho. He might have won in a free and open election. Civil war is a terrible price to pay for a president, and Mexico has a tradition of armed revision of announced results of elections. This tradition must be lived down, and there is no better time to start than now. In the first ninety-nine years of her history Mexico is said to have experienced 100 revolutions. It takes time to overthrow such customs, and the Mexican people are to be congratulated on accepting quietly the announced result of an election. They will have made a long step toward the realization of a democratic government when they finally learn to substitute ballots for bullets.

The Italian invasion of Greece continues to have all the ear marks of a comic opera war. The invasion has been in reverse since the day it started, and the Greeks now control most of southern Albania. Regardless of what the outcome of the war between Greece and Italy may be, the Axis has lost much prestige, and has suffered damage that can not be laughed aside. Meanwhile the British navy maintains almost unchallenged possession of the Mediterranean in spite of Mussolini's claim that it is "our sea." There is no doubt that Italy is suffering greatly. Germany is suffering too, and so is England. The war may develop into a contest of stamina.

The war is constantly coming closer to the United States. We have been sending England supplies for some time, but they have all been paid for by the British. It becomes apparent, however, that Britain will not be able to continue this policy in a long war. Ways and means of supplying credit to Britain are now being discussed, and before long this country will doubtless have a hand in financing the war. It is also suggested that American ships—escorted by American warships—be used in transporting supplies to the British.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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



Fuermann

Once Over Lightly . . . The Aggie footballers will soon eat a turkey that sold for a near-record of \$2 a pound. The 22-pound bird was the grand champion of the recent Southwestern Dressed Turkey Show, and the Central Plains A. & M. Club will present it to the team.

Where footballers concerned, there's one sight that few Aggies of the current generation will ever forget—meaning the enthusiastic way in which the Aggies' famed "pepper box," center Tommy Vaughn, comes up to the ball from huddle . . . Current lament of mess hall officials concerns civilians of surrounding localities who take advantage of a good thing and trek to Aggieland each year for the annual Thanksgiving Day Banquet. They only pay the usual tax—30 cents—and thus have put officials in a what-to-do position. The banquet is for the cadets, pure and simple. Yet, if civilian are barred at that particular meal, parents and close friends of cadets would also be locked out . . . Jack Adams owner of a string of negro theaters throughout the state was recently telling a group of Aggies about negro taste where movies are concerned. Rather than the might-be-expected westerners, such films as Wuthering Heights, Rebecca and Dark Victory rate tops in the opinion of metropolitan movie-going darkies. Surprisingly enough, to most people, at least, even the Shakespearean pictures are popular with the colored customers, but comedies, most musicals, and class B pictures are money-losers for exhibitors who own negro theaters . . . Football letterman Leon Kahn has never played in a losing game during the four years he has been at A. & M. During his freshman year all three games played were won by the Fish; Leon played in two games during his sophomore year, both of which were winners; and he played in all of the Aggies' great run of 19 consecutive victories, but missed the Texas game.

Mr. Rosefeld will then beg the Fuehrer on knees to purchase from the United States not manufactured products but raw materials at prices which we will dictate."

"The United States is at present so demoralized and so corrupted that, like England and France, it need not be taken into consideration as a military adversary."

"We have in the United States a police organization operating with the same exactitude as in Berlin or Prague."

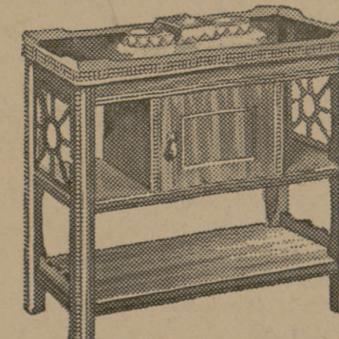
"The United States also will be forced by Germany to complete and final capitulation."

"In the United States we have many of our compatriots and even more friends. They hold the most important positions in political and house in the country. On the way economic life."

One of the best of the current stories going the rounds concerns a young couple about to be married who set out in search for a house in the country. On the way economic life.

Somebody wanted to know why. Several of the orchestra boys who seemed to like their is addicted to drink more than any other body. At first I questioned that premise and raised the eyebrows in protest, but the consensus of opinion was against me so I retreated to a defensive position and proceeded to give him answer. Here are a few reasons why:

1. To feel happy when low.
2. Because he gets a kick out of it.
3. To stay awake.

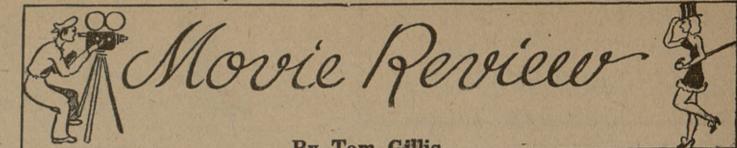
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By Tom Gillis

The fifth picture of the Dr. Kildare series is currently playing at the Assembly Hall and it bids to elope with Loraine if the council to be the best of the bunch so far. Ayres has now become a doctor but to approve his clinic but to understanding Dr. Gillespie.

It would be a shame to put an end to the Kildare series by having the hero and heroine get married after only five episodes but the situation at the close of this number is such that the director is either going to have to allow them to marry in the first part of their next feature or do some powerful backtracking to get out of it. They are engaged and about to set the date as this number closes.

Occidental college alumni have issued an "Occidental Who's Who."

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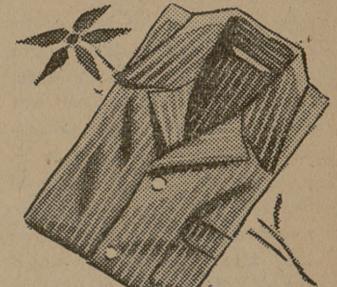
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