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An Ounce of Planning...

"THE MOST VALUABLE tool on the farm is the lead pencil," says Dr. Tait Butler. Hoeing, plowing and planting can be wasted effort if the proper amount of pencil and paper work in planning and laying out a program is not done in advance.

Planning has its advantages in any field of endeavor, and obtaining a college education is no exception to the rule. An extreme exception of failing to properly plan a systematic method of devoting time to study was exhibited by a student showing up at class ten minutes late to discover that it was the day scheduled for a letter quiz. Another extreme was the student who studied four hours for a daily quiz in one subject and slighted a letter quiz with ten minutes looking over some notes.

Both were cases of failure to properly plan and evaluate.

Many outstanding students have found to keep a notebook in which they list each day the things they intend to do and the time they should put in doing each one. Then such things as forgetting quizzes are unheard of.

An hour's planning can be worth nine studying—particularly if it's the wrong thing.

OPEN FORUM

FIRST OF ALL I want to thank Mr. X for his highly paid compliment. That compliment was that I shared a great intellectual capacity with one Dr. Leiserson of the National Labor Relations Board. But the article written by Mr. X should receive more attention than a compliment. Some years ago one "Abe" Lincoln made his historic Gettysburg address. However if we read that message carefully, we will find an extreme likeness to the teachings of Socrates, Aristotle and Mill. Mr. Lincoln went on record as having written and delivered a bit of prose and line of thought comparable with the classics of the world.

To go further, what is an opinion? According to John Stuart Mill, the great utilitarian, an opinion is something that one reads on and hears lines of thought on. Now if Mr. X will assume the truth of this promise, I can go on. I too, like most ordinary people form opinions on what I read and hear. To be frank I have made a study of the problem of capital-labor relations. I once represented this institution in intercollegiate debate on the subject. So I can logically conclude that the first part of Mr. X's article is true.

The second point that Mr. X deals with is the likeness to Dr. Leiserson. That my dear Mr. X I must confess. Yet I believe firmly that the things I did was no serious crime. Many inaugural addresses delivered by governors and presidents have been exact duplications of past governors and presidents' addresses. But all this quibbling is beside the point and gains nothing. In brief recapitulation there are two points for consideration. First a good opinion is worth sharing, as many men before our time have demonstrated. That Mr. X must concede.

The second I must concede because of the likeness to Dr. Leiserson's article. I hope you, Mr. X, are content with wrangling out this confession from me. Too bad Lincoln is dead, perhaps you, Mr. X, could get a confession from him, too. Socrates would have been plenty mad at "Abe" if he had only known. Before I close I want to compliment this modern Rasseau who in spite of strict censorship of the press, has managed to get his expose in print. Good luck to you, Mr. X, in your future works. It is men like you that are always on their toes, looking for errors of the day, that I would trust with a position of Director of such a board that might be created to administer the present problem on strikes. You are a great American because of your daring. The dimness of error is easily illuminated by the brightness of truth. Your type of journalism is so easy to use.

Mayo Thompson, '41
Innocent I

Quotable Quotes

"I AM DEEPLY sympathetic with youth today coming to earning age in a jobless society. I do not wonder that they meet in congresses. . . I wish to put no obstacles in their way. It is not so important what we think of them. I just wonder what they think of us as they look about a world in ruins—two thirds of all the people involved in war, and here

in peaceful America—millions hungry, miserable and hopeless. It seems strange that in an American Congress it should be pertinent to remind members that our capacity to reflect, observe, and study, and to use our minds leads some to accept a political philosophy foreign to others. What constituted anyone in this free system the judge of other men's opinions?" Oregon representative Walter M. Pierce has his own perspective on the A.Y.C. Congress.

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Man, Your Manners

By I. SHERWOOD

The Etiquette of Flower Giving
THOSE WHO have experienced the joy of receiving flowers, especially when ill, know what a gracious and friendly gift they are.

Etiquette has pages and pages of rules on the giving of flowers for various occasions, but the point of it all is, there is scarcely any situation imaginable in which flowers are not the most suitable as well as the most beautiful messengers of friendship or sympathy or love that can be sent.

No young man need fear that his girl will be displeased if he gives her flowers instead of a more costly gift (women have always loved flowers). Your flower gifts need not be the largest and best that dollars can buy—with a little time and personal thought in the buying of them, very often the flattest purse can be overcome.

When You Buy for Her—If the flowers are to be given to her to be worn in the morning, choose flowers suitable for daytime wear; for sport clothes choose daisies, corn flowers, violets, and garden pinks, or if they are to be worn with afternoon clothes choose roses, carnations or a single gardenia. For evening wear, ask her the color of the dress she will be wearing and if she has a choice in flowers; rose, sweet peas, carnations, and gardenias are always in excellent taste.

For the benefit of the young man who feels that to send less than three gardenias would be cheap, it might be well to say that according to best taste, two gardenias worn on an evening dress is perfection. Three small gardenias are the most that any real smart woman can wear—ever. A little message with your flowers is a very thoughtful thing, but too often forgotten.

We Must Send Flowers—There are certain occasions when the sending of flowers is obligatory unless slack of money makes it impossible. We must send flowers to the funeral of a friend or a member of an intimate friend's family. We also send flowers to an intimate friend who is ill. To neighbors who give an anniversary party; to a lady guest speaker, if we are in charge. In fact thoughtful people are constantly sending flowers.

When your girl is a guest in someone's home here on the campus, it would be a nice thing if you would send her hostess a gift of flowers to show your appreciation; if she is a paying guest, that is quite another thing.

As the World Turns...

BY DR. R. W. STEEN

REPRESENTATIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA are scheduled to sign an agreement with the Axis on Tuesday. There is no way of saying that they will sign, as the date has been postponed several times, and it is quite obvious that many of the people of the country are opposed to such a step. Axis pressure is great, however, and it is probable that the pact will be signed.

The announced terms of the proposed pact indicates that Germany is pledging herself to guarantee the boundaries of Yugoslavia. Germany has made a number of guarantees of this nature in the past two years, but remarkably few of them have been kept. In this case the pledges to both Bulgaria and Yugoslavia cannot be kept, as Bulgaria seems to have been promised a slice of Yugoslavia. Of course the pledges mean little, since Hitler doubtless hopes to include both countries in the German sphere permanently. In that case the matter of boundary will be of minor importance.

The position of Russia is as indefinite as ever. Latest reports indicate that she has promised to supply materials to Turkey in case that country fights Germany, but it is never safe to depend too greatly on indications when Russia is the country involved. Russia doubtless hopes for the ultimate defeat of Germany, and may come in when she is convinced that Hitler is beaten.

Reports from London are that a popular demand is being built up in England for British raids on the residential sections of German towns. If we are to believe reports the R. A. F. has concentrated its attacks upon military targets, while German fliers over Britain have bombed rather indiscriminately. The British public, at least, is convinced that this is the case, and they are anxious to have the German people repaid in kind.

The Bremen, pride of the German merchant fleet, is now little more than a burned out hulk, as the result of a fire which raged through the ship for almost two days last week. A picture, taken by a British reconnaissance plane, shows the liner burning at its pier at Bremerhaven. There is no positive claim that it was set afire by the R. A. F., but that possibility is well within the bounds of reason. The British bombed Bremerhaven two nights before the fire was reported, and the night before they attacked "selected" targets in Germany. The Bremen was held in New York for two days just before the beginning of the war, and got back to Germany by a most indirect route.

A University of Texas student pays his way by acting as a combination nut-candy, life insurance and tombstone salesman.

Approximately a sixth of the 1,794 students at the University of North Dakota are sons or daughters of farmers.

The University of Illinois school of journalism has added a course in radio broadcasting.



"Your parachute? It was so dirty I sent it to the laundry!"

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

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

Backwashin' Around. . . Watch for an early settlement of the ASCAP-BMI feud whereby ASCAP's songs will return to the airwaves. ASCAP, incidentally, recently took the beating it so richly deserved, and at the hands of Uncle Sam.

A few weeks ago Backwash prophesied that by June Aggies might read about their college in four internationally-circulated magazines; News Week, Life, Colliers and Saturday Evening Post. News Week's article (on national defense) materialized in a small way, the Life article is still on the fire and both Colliers and the Post have turned thumbs down. . . Members of the Singing Cadets are still talking about their recent tour. Their particular concern is Beaumont. "Not only did the ex-students' club there furnish us with dates," Fred Donovan pointed out, "but there were 50 more girls—and all with cars—than there were Aggies!" . . . Head Yell Leader Buster Keeton frequently receives letters from his younger brother who is now in the Army at Camp Bowie. "This place is full of ex-Aggies," his brother writes, "and it's a tri-weekly fight to see who is first to read the Battalion!" . . . Anson Weeks and his orchestra, who scored a tremendous hit at Aggiedland last social season when he played for the Cavalry Ball, almost landed a spot on this year's list. A broken arm received in an automobile accident prevented the deal from going through.



Fuermann

Definitely the best of the vocalists to hit the campus thus far this year was lovely Nova Coggan.

Twenty years old, she began singing with orchestras when she was still in high school five years ago in St. Louis. Now a Chicago belle, she smokes constantly; is not allowed (by Boyd) to dance while filling an engagement; was dated this past weekend by Jack Forman, chairman of the composite regiment; and has been with Boyd for two months.

Although Mary Jane Howard was originally scheduled to make the trip with Boyd, she was stricken ill in Chi and has now left the organization permanently.

Bird's Eye View

All in all, the Composite ball was an all-the-way success. . . Especially were the decorations outstanding. . . Boyd and his orchestra will lay over in Houston for a few days this week waiting for their next engagement to come through. He has a brother, Dale Raeburn, who is a wholesale druggist in Houston. . . Boyd has been in the music-making business for eight years; has only had his present organization 18 months. . . Watch for his orchestra to be in the top bracket when the corps does its final balloting at the end of the year.

Excellent

The Composite regiment is blessed with good fortune when it comes to selecting a dance band for its annual ball. Last year, when Bernie Cummins was contracted, there was considerable grumbling on the part of the unit's members. Yet Cummins ran Anson Weeks a tie for the No. 1 orchestra of the year where the A. & M. social season was concerned.

Again, this year, there was a double helping of fidgeting when the committee announced that Boyd Raeburn and company—comparatively unknown in this region—would play for the ball.

It may well develop, however, that Boyd will follow in Bernie's footsteps. Those members of the Backwash orchestra poll committee who have thus far been heard from indicate that Boyd's orchestra won the whole-hearted approval of the men in the Composite regiment and those who attended Saturday night's corps dance.

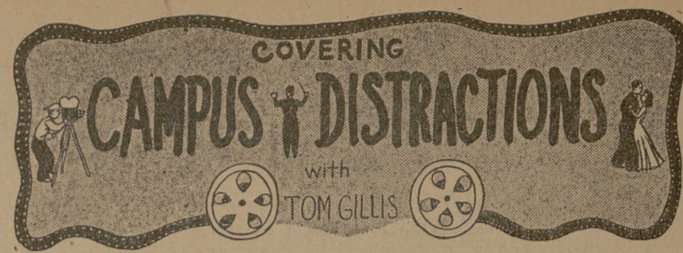
Rebuttal

"I've read what Cummins and Morgan told you they paid the men in their orchestras," Boyd said, "but personally I doubt those figures." (Bernie and Russ allegedly pay their men \$90 weekly.)

Boyd's men make a base pay of \$60 weekly. That figure may be more, depending upon the local union scale. However, the \$60 base pay is for a five night week. If the orchestra plays six or seven nights the men receive an additional \$10 a night.

Boyd is unique in that he pays his vocalist the same salary the men receive. Usually the singer receives less.

"Frenesi" remained the No. 1



The "SANTA FE TRAIL" blazes a pretty hot path across the pre-Civil War years and Errol Flynn does most of the blazing. Errol is a plenty good actor, and what's more he is a globe trotter in real life who is just as wild as some of his pictures, but he seems to have such a self-confident sneer when he's on the screen. Even when the going gets the tightest, he grins on, like a Superman might, and comes out in fine shape.

In "Santa Fe Trail" he has a dashing role all right. As a West Point graduate of the year '54 he is assigned to patrol the frontier at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The upstart young shavetail becomes the friendly rival of his comrade for the hand of pretty Olivia deHavilland. The shooting and action, of which there is plenty, comes when they convoy a wagon train of Olivia's out to the west. But there is plenty more blood and thunder after they get back.

The plot goes at whirlwind pace but covers all the details, as Hollywood likes to do. It is even crowded with too many people and almost too much for them to do but it covers the situation well. The real theme behind the story is the underlying issue of the Civil War,

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Fish and Game Department Conducts Bobwhite Quail Count

Dr. W. P. Taylor and Dr. W. B. Davis of the fish and game department have been conducting a bobwhite quail census on the McCullough ranch ten miles east of College Station.

Doctors Taylor and Davis were assisted by Robert Mauermann and Herman Henry of the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission.

All wildlife rights on the McCullough ranch, including some 2,400 acres, have been turned over to the cooperative wildlife research unit for experimental purposes.

The fish and game department and the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission are working together on food plot studies and wildlife inventories looking toward building up the same supply in this region.

A class in horseback riding has been organized at Furman U.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS
Tuesday — "SORORITY HOUSE," with Ann Shirley and James Ellison.
Wednesday, Thursday — "BEAUTY FOR THE ASKING," featuring Lucile Ball, Patric Knowles, Donald Donald Woods and Frieda Inescort.
AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Tuesday 3:30 & 6:45 — "HULLABALOO," featuring Frank Morgan and Virginia Grey.
Wednesday, Thursday, 3:30 & 6:45 — "SANTA FE TRAIL," starring Errol Flynn, Olivia deHavilland, Raymond Massey, Ronald Reagan and Alan Hale.



"Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider" Glenn Miller
"It Isn't Time To Fall in Love" Larry Clinton (theme song)
"It's Always You" Tommy Dorsey
"This Is Romance" Artie Shaw
"Birmingham Breakdown" Charlie Barnet
Ask about the new RCA Victor Long Life Needle
Haswell's
Bryan

Yes Sir, Spring Is Just Around The Corner
WE HAVE RECEIVED OUR NEW SPRING SPORT SHIRTS
COME IN AND SEE THEM
THE EXCHANGE STORE
"An Aggie Institution"