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Keep A. & M. Traditions

Managing Editor

A. & M. is rich in traditions. Traditions have made this college more than a mere educational institution; they have greatly aided A. & M. in graduating men who are more fully capable of taking a man's place in this

Aggies of today must eternally be on the alert to see that some of these most vital traditions are not allowed to decay and fall into disuse. One Aggie tradition which many have felt was slipping by the wayside in the past few years should be revived to the fullest extent. This is the Aggie custom of speaking to everyone whom they meet on

the campus. One of the fundamental differences between an Aggie and any other college student is the spirit of friendliness which he shows in speaking to everyone. Many Aggies have had the occasion to walk across the campus of some other college or university in Texas and received a cold shoulder when they dared to speak to someone. The cadet corps dan be thankful that at one time in the early days of A. & M. history some group of Aggies recognized the fact that the soundest basis of a unified corps could be based upon a few traditions such as this

The practice of speaking to everyone on the campus has grown to be part of Aggieland. This tradition can not be allowed to die. Right now is the time to put forth the effort to see that A. & M. maintains this

tradition.

This year a larger number of students than ever before are living in the dormitories; there is every reason to believe that present conditions will make the maintainence of this tradition an easier task. In order to more fully establish this tradition on a sounder basis, it must begin with the Freshman Class. They must be taught that there is a real and worthwhile meaning to this tradition. Upon the upperclassmen falls the major burden of preserving the tradition. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must also take upon themselves this responsibility.

Put in a cheerful "howdy or hello" when you meet someone on the campus, and be thankful that when they return your greeting that you're going to A. & M. where this spirit still prevails.

There is a homely adage which runs. "Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far." If the American nation will speak softly and yet build and keep at a pitch of the highest training a thoroughly efficient navy. the Monroe Doctrine will go far.

-Theodore Roosevelt.

Watch Your Step

Sixty-five hundred Aggies attend class every day, and surprisingly enough, none of them are killed in the process. That statement doesn't mean that the class room pace at A. & M should be the cause of so many deaths; the really amazing fact is that some Aggie isn't hit by an automobile on the way to class. Why are the Aggies in the street where they might be hit by a car? He's probably in the street because there is no other place for him to walk.

The real trouble is that with the rapid growth of A. & M. in the past decade, there simply haven't been enough sidewalks to take care of the student traffic between classes. As a result the student has been forced to take to the streets and compete for room with the automobile.

Adding to the complications of the traffic situation has been the rapid growth of the city of College Station with the resultant increase in automobile traffic, Efforts have been made by the college and by the city to solve this problem. A speed limit of twenty miles per hour has been established and is being enforced on the campus. All of these measures, though laudatory in their purpose, do not create more sidewalk space for the students. This is the fundamental need.

Efforts have been made during the past few years to alleviate this situation and the construction of sidewalks has been increased, but the present number is still inadequate: The building of more and wider sidewalks would also aid in the preservation of the grass surrounding college buildings.

The cooperation of the cadet corps must also be given at this time. While under present conditions the use of the streets is inevitable, Aggies must remember that the streets are designed primarily for automo-

biles, and that the pedestrian as well as the driver of a car should exercise the highest degree of care.

As long as the present conditions exist, cadet corps should be a courteous to the dirvers as possible. In passing to and from classes, Aggies should stay out of the way of passing automobiles. Move over and give them room. Extend to drivers the same courtesy that you would expect if you were the driver.

Man, Your Manners

To the young men reading this column for the first time, we want them to know that it is dedicated to all cadets at A. & M. in the hope that it will encourage them to get full share of pleasure from their social life, and to lay a foundation for making effective contacts in all kinds of situations.

Information on manners, in this column, will be of a practical nature; it will be based on an authoritative source, and will deal with "dating," improving table manners, how to meet people, in fact, it will cover all problems in manners that concern cadets.

In a recent survey, the five traits mentioned most frequently by women in explaining their liking for men were intelligence, consideration, kindliness, cheerfulness, and mannerliness. Good manners required the expression of all these traits, and a man's manners should be placed along with his other good qualities, such as, honesty, willingness to cooperate, and a sense of values; however, good manners are the one = quality in a man that we can recognize almost as soon as we meet him.

Although manners cannot be entirely standardized for every locality, particularly for A. & M., there are basic rules in good manners that it is wise to know, since they are needed in every-day living; a knowledge knowledge of how to act in social situations Kay Kyser last year, inviting him trying to turn the pages slowly so is a determining factor in the way other people react to us. (Questions on manners will be answered in this column or by letter on request.)

Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately you occasionally find men dis--Ulysses Grant. grace labor.

Quotable Quotes

WE TALK ENDLESSLY ABOUT DE- and Billy Davis of the 1941-42 FENSE, Most of us realize that defense is Agriculturist and Engineer have not merely a matter of mechanical supplies a goal to shoot for this year in but that it is a matter of maintaining free the way of merit of their respecinstitutions. But surely we need do more than tive magazines. Tom Power and merely defend democracy. We need to under- Jeff Montgomery, editors of the stand it, we need to promote it, we need to same publications a year ago, have build it into something that is finer and received several compliments from better. I assert, therefore, that universities many experienced men in Texas have a duty to civilization just as civilization concerning the style and makeup years and a bottleneck occurred in has a duty to them. They cannot be indif- of their books . . . Infantry fresh- ferent to the promotion of those ideals and man Marion Fox had been standing. those objectives which build a better civili- in line all day, registering and The bottleneck was the use of zation and a better world.—Chancellor Har- paying fees. In climaxing his reg. an old Gathright rubber stamp in Woodburn Chase of New York Univer- istration duties, he had to go the Commandant's office which was

The World Turns On

and the nursery of science. A living room is received recently by an Ohio State not yet necessary because science has not University faculty member—"Can 1919 when the report of the game "come of age." Ours is often spoken of as you tell me the approximate cost was put on the air in code and the Age of Science. Never before in the of loving per month for a couple?" was made from Kyle Field by an history of man has human life and thought Needless to say, before the question Aggie, who was perched on top of been so influenced by science. But does this was answered, an "i" was substifact alone make this the Age of Science? tuted for the "o" in loving." Those who maintain that it does cite as evidence the numerous applications af dis- Diet From Cheese coveries in the fields of chemistry, physics, biology and medicine, such as the radio, tel- Aggies on the Agricultural Ecoegraph, steam and gas engines, airplane, nomics 400s tour to western Unitmodern surgery, and sulfanilamide.

Fundamental discoveries are made by a peculiar tale about bears in relatively few people. Practical applications Yellowstone National Park. of these discoveries are the achievements. The party was making the trip of a small group. Science is more than in- in a bus and had stopped overnight ventions and gadgets. Science is more than in the park. On the advice of the discovery and correlation of new laws rangers in the park, the group had of nature. The greatest thing in science, as taken all of their food out of the pointed out by A. J. Carlson of the University bus and tied it in the highest of Chicago, "is the scientific method, con- branches of nearby trees, an eftrolled and rechecked observations and ex- fort designed to eliminate stealperiments, objectively recorded with abso-ing by bears. Having a large lute honesty and without fear or favor". The quantity of cottage cheese, the scientific method demands that we suspend class decided to leave it at the base judgment until we know the facts. How many of the tree. individuals or nations are using the scientific method in evaluation their relationships with the science has ble cheese for a few choice cuts others today? In this respect science has of meat tied at the top of the trees. scarcely touched the comman man.

The assumption that this is the Age of Science has often led to accusations, mak- Service ing science responsible for the mess the world is in today. The service of science to society of a Dartmouth College junior who is to increase knowledge, understanding, sat in the last row in one of his freedom, and power. That man has not been lectures reading a story in a daily successfully conditioned to the scientific paper which began on the first method is no criticism of science or its method as such. "For, slowly but surely, the eight, method of science will help to make life more intelligent, toil more cheerful, fear and hatred, pain and tears less prevalent in our lives. If in any place or time the blind fury centage of alumni in the service violence of war render the pursuit of science in the World War among the largimpossible, and the scientific method sub er colleges and universities with merged and forgotten, it will be rediscovered, 37.5% of the living graduates enin better days, by better men."

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to play on their that they wouldn't crackle and campus. The wire was just about to give up in diswas signed by ev- guest when the man sitting directery member of the ly in front of him turned and student body . . . gave him a paper which was al-Superstitions ready arranged at page eight. come and super- "Thought you might be having stitions go claims a bit of trouble," he said. "I had

the University of a bit myself." gist Allen C. Lemon, but one that Stop The Rumor

college students stick with is this: Blondes are less trustworthy than brunettes . . . Editors Roland Bing Gathright Hall. However, the rumor was entirely unfounded and incorrect. Conclusion of such judgment may be proven by the citation of two facts, namely: That Gathright has been gone for many the registration procedure in the through the customary physical needed in stamping dormitory resexam at the hospital. Standing in ervation coards. The result being the line for color-blindness test, that some students thought that Fish Fox's reply when a ball of they were being assigned to the old red cloth was pushed before his last outpost, Gathright. exes was quite perturbing-"No By Dr. J. H. Quisenberry sir, I don't believe I want to buy One of the first broadcasts of Democracy may well be said to be the cradle Dix. Most unorthodox was a query made on the A. & M. campus in

ed States this summer bring back

He couldn't lift the paper to turn

rolled in the service.

COVERING

A real musical show of the first with Montgome ing at the Assembly Hall today Naish. and tomorrow. With a cast that includes James Stewart, Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr, Lana Turner, Tony Martin, Charles Winninger, Jackie Cooper, and a number of others, it just can't help but be something really worthwhile seeing. "Ziegfeld Girl" is really one of the best musical productions that has ever been produced in Hollywood.

The story concerns three Ziegfeld girls who start together in the show business and of their struggles for success. Two of them succeed in finding happiness; one doesn't All in all, the story is a study of contrasts of characters, skillfully executed. The best performance is by Lana Turner who gives her sweetheart, James Stewart, the run-around to accept the attentions of a wealthy playboy, Jan Hunter.

Besides the story Metro has filmed some fine musical numbers, vocals by Tony Martin and Judy Garland, and the opening night performances of three Follies with all their dazzling costumes and beautiful chorines. The show is made with a sepia finish, another unusual touch for an unusual show.

"UNDER AGE" featuring Nan Grey is showing at the Campus today. It is a rather weak story of how a group of girls who have unknowingly been led into a life of crime outwit their leaders and turn them over to the authorities. There is nothing to recommend this as a picture worth seeing.

For some not-too-exciting entertainment there is "ACCENT ON LOVE" at the Campus tomorrow and Thursday. George Montgomery does his part by rebelling against his job and his marriage which can't very well be dissolved because of that certain little thing known as family pride. It might have been an excellent story, but The rumor has been persistent it just did not turn out that way. since registration day that some

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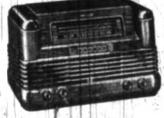
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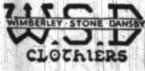


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