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## Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

The old saying, "Be yourself or don't be anybody," holds true today the same as back in the old copy-book days when we copied it ten or a dozen times to make perfect or to help us remember the adage.

Natural manners are absolutely essential, but mannerisms of any sort should never be cultivated.

Adjuncts to our speech that give offense should be discarded; among the common ones are affection, slang, and profanity. Repetition of "Well," "As I said," "You know what I mean," are unnecessary phrases and should be done away with.

Slang may be a spicy addition to speech, but it should be used as spice—sparingly. The admonition regarding profanity that is given to cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point may well be heeded by young men everywhere: "The idea that profane or obscene language bespeaks strength of character or manliness is a wholly mistaken one—In ordinary conversation, even where only men are present, foul language is ill-bred and undignified."

Emily Post says, "Bad manners, bad taste, crude behavior, will assuredly go the way they have always gone—into the discard; and whatever excellence this present day has furthered, will permanently remain."

## PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



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## Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

### This War Again

(Another sheaf of suggestions from Miss Hazel Adams, of the Library Third Floor)

Choosing sides in this war has sometimes been so arbitrary that stories such as the one in a recent New Yorker are not uncommon! A business man, born in Roumania, was being inducted into the U. S. Army. When asked if he had any scruples about bearing arms against his native country, he replied in surprise, "Why we aren't at war with Roumania, are we?" We may not be sure from day to day who our enemies are, but we do know after eight months that we have allies. Mission to Moscow by former Ambassador Davies is an informative book about contemporary Russia.

But no diplomatic report, however skillful, will give us the secret of Russia so well as a Russian novelist. Tolstoy's seventy-six year old War and Peace is enjoying a revival because of the amazing resemblance of the Napoleonic campaigns to Hitler's invasion of Russia. The key to the magnificent resistance of Russia in both instances is to be found in the character of the Russian people, in people like Tolstoy's enchanting Natasha, his dare-devil scoundrel, Dolokov, and his lovely Pierre.

Stories of the English people as they stood alone in 1940 are told without bravado by H. M. Tomlinson in *The Wind is Rising*. After the surrender of France, a young pilot appealed to his superior officer to be allowed to go back after his fifteen messmates who had been left in a Biscayan port. The officer finally consented to letting the pilot empty an old "bus" of everything including machine guns. He found his men, loaded them all in, and returned in time for lunch. An exciting account of India as an unwilling colony of Great Britain is Shridharani's *My India, My America*. The author, a disciple of Gandhi, came to New York when he was twenty-two and remained eight years. He noted the differences in our customs of celebration and our courting and our ways of life with amazement and, at last, with approval.

### One By One . . .

The following version of the "Ten Little Injuns" poem was recently sent in by a former A. & M. freshman who says he's coming back soon:

Ten little generals  
With brass hats ashine,  
One "killed in action"—  
An then there were nine.  
Nine little generals,  
So sad to relate;  
One "tested new weapon"—  
Then there were eight.  
Eight little generals,  
With no thought of heaven,  
One had "heart trouble"—  
Then there were seven.  
Seven little generals,  
Standing straight as sticks,  
One had "apoplexy"—  
Then there were six.

deliberately trying to cause dissension between the service men and the Aggies or he was erroneously informed of the true situation. The attitude of the service men was grossly exaggerated and we do not believe that the editorial referred to is the true opinion of the Cadet Corps. We honestly believe that it is the desire of most of the Aggies to keep the friendly relationship that has existed up to the present.

In closing we would like to say that the recent editorials in the Battalion have presented the opinions of writers who seem to know very little about their subject and have made little or no attempts to understand the situation except to realize that they are slightly inconvenienced, although the causes are unavoidable. We realize that the transportation problem is an acute one, but such an editorial as was printed in Tuesday's Battalion will not help solve the problem, but will only create more.

We sign our names:  
Robert C. Jones, '43  
Heywood C. Clemons, '43  
Arthur A. Marston, '43  
J. Wade Kiser, '43  
Fred T. Phillips, '43  
Alden C. Muller, '43  
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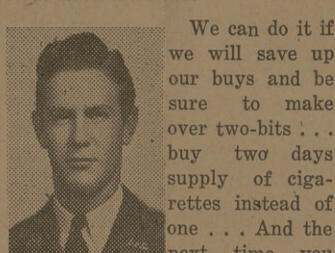
## BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

### Push It!!!

Monday's issue of a Dallas newspaper carried a picture of kids in a Highland Park drugstore voting in the Fitch Band Wagon Contest. Two to one they weren't voting for the Aggieband; we'll have to do it. And we can.



We can do it if we will save up our buys and be sure to make over two-bits . . . buy two days supply of cigarettes instead of one . . . And the next time you write home, ask the folks and friends to vote for our band in the hometown drugstore.

### Baldies . . .

Back in the fall of 1939 when the Aggieband was trying to make the Fitch Band Wagon, Aggies and pros formed a club of bald and near-bald members. A picture of the bald and thin-haired Aggies and pros was sent to the Fitch Company to prove to them their products are in demand down College Station way.

### Shepardson Appears on Aggie Broadcast

The Aggie Show will be broadcast tonight at 7:00 from the stage of Guion Hall on the Texas State Network through the originating facilities of WTAW, the A. & M. College radio station, according to John Rosser, program director of the station.

One of the features of the broad-features of the broadcast will be cast will be another in the series of interviews with the men who go to make up A. & M., on night's guest being C. N. Shepardson, of the Dairy Husbandry department in the School of Agriculture.

Six little generals,  
Glad to be alive,  
One had a "breakdown"—  
Then there were five.  
Five little generals,  
Shaken to the core,  
One failed at Moscow,  
Then there were four.  
Four little generals,  
Rather weak of knee,  
One "developed cancer"—  
Then there were three.  
Three little generals,  
Trembling an blue,  
One "retired to new position"—  
Then there were two.  
Two little generals,  
Frankly on the run,  
One was "decorated"—  
Then there was one.  
One little general,  
Panic-stricken Hun,  
Forgot to "Heil Hitler"—  
And then there were none. . . .

### WHAT'S SHOWING AT THE CAMPUS

Thursday, Friday Saturday—"The Men in Her Life", with Loretta Young and Conrad Veidt

### WHAT'S SHOWING AT GUION HALL

Thursday, Friday—"In This Our Life", with Betty Davis, Olivia de Havilland, George Brent and Dennis Morgan.

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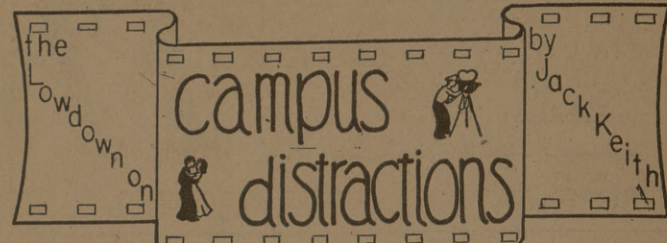
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In spite of a star-studded cast, "In This Our Life", showing now at Guion Hall, is a movie too abnormally unpleasant for enjoyment. Bette Davis, as a vicious, inconsiderate woman, manages to be so mean and unlikable that the audience is left feeling that only someone mentally deranged could be so detestable.

Olivia de Havilland is very good as Bette's sister who gets husband taken away from her by Bette. Dennis Morgan as the husband (he's finally driven to suicide by and George Brent as the man fortunate enough to escape the fatal charm of Miss Davis, are fair enough in their parts. But, it would take more than excellent acting to make this story an entertaining one.



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Box Office Opens at 1:00 P. M.

TODAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

LORETTA YOUNG in "THE MEN IN HER LIFE" with John Sheppard and Conrad Veidt Also Three Stooges "In the Sweet Pie and Pie" World Today

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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