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Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

It always has been, and still is considered impolite to refuse foods at the table, because your refusal implies that you do not like what is served you. You should take at least a small portion on your plate and make a pretense of eating it—to refuse dish after dish will disturb your hostess. If you are on a diet and accepted the invitation with that understanding, your not eating is excusable.

When you are served a complicated looking dish, and you aren't sure which is the edible part or which is decoration, it is perfectly proper to say to the waiter or the one serving you, "Do I take this, or Do I cut here?" while prodding lightly with the serving implement provided. This is done very often by persons who have the nicest manners.

Dishes are never passed from hand to hand at a formal dinner—only at "family-style" table.

One rigid rule of etiquette is that you must talk to your dinner companion even though he or she might be someone you dislike very much.

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

Is Your Favorite Wolfess A Bird Brain?? . . .

Last Backwash time we promised to make this as easy as possible for you, cut out the quiz, address it to Backwash, Student Activities, and drop it unstamped into the faculty mail slot in the Faculty post office, rotunda of the Academic bldg. If you want to waste 3 cents, address it to Box 2094. . . Other places where quizzes may be turned in: John Holman, 103-No. 9; Clyde Franklin, 111—No. 16, Hood, 46 Goodwin. BUT BE SURE YOUR OPINION IS REPRESENTED! Then it will be our job to glean the humor, interest, etc., from the quizzes and present to you THE AGGIES IDEAL GIRL!

Can Your Girl Pass an Esquire Exam?? . . .

Then, of course, there's intelligence, which the author rates 90; but if you believe in bird brains, skip this. You can adjust this group according to your grades in college—or such points as: can she bake a cherry pie, and has she discovered what a really great man you are. Breeding, beauty and health total 135, though again you may go all out for the Babe Didrickson type or prestige a la Vanderbilt. Be your own adding machine.

The gentle art of Juking comes in for its share of consideration. And if you're unwilling to scuttle your scotch, file the office stories, or stay on the home beat, consider this carefully.

But even if she's scored a royal 500, don't call the jewellers yet. Now comes the deductions. Is she nagging, ailing, selfish, bossy, lazy, vain, untidy, catty? Does she smoke and does she chew? Plus, of course, your own pet aversions like breeding orchids or keeping a spittoon in the parlor. These all have their individual pointage and you can't be really sure until they've been subtracted. Now that you know: forget gals under 350, linger longer from 350 to 400, anything over 400 rates a trip to the church, and if she's over 475 RUSH her there by wire, plane, or long distance phone. But naturally if she tops 495, forget her: she's either married, Myrna Loy, or a pipe dream. Your luck doesn't run to that. You may shoot yourself if you wish.

She may be a honey at a prom or the races, God's gift to the stymied senior, a weekend wonder. But how will she rate when the chips are down and you can't go back to the boys and books? Every college man should ask himself this question; it's important as the quantum theory, vital as Mendel's law. For him Ed. S. Woodhead has prepared a matrimonial scoring table in the October Esquire and all you need to do is answer the questions and draw your own conclusions.

Scoring Table for a Prospective Bride

Group Value	Her Value	Score
100-COMPANION		
Considerate	20	
Fun	10	
Generous	10	
Loyal	10	
Agreeable	8	
Forgiving	8	
Tolerant	8	
Just	7	
Compromise	5	
Cheerful	5	
Initiative	4	
Total	105	
90-INTELLIGENCE		
Tact	15	
Talent	10	
Books	10	
Criticism	10	
Taste	8	
Logic	8	
Education	7	
Perception	7	
Music	5	
Art	5	
Games	5	
Total	90	
80-DISPOSITION		
Kindness	20	
Affection	15	
Domesticity	10	
Equability	8	
Sympathy	8	
Friendliness	8	
Humility	7	
Demonstrativeness	4	
Total	80	
70-BREEDING		
Charm-manners	20	
Experience	15	
Family	10	
Religion	5	
Total	50	
45-BEAUTY		
Taste	10	
Figure	8	
Make-up	5	
Less	5	
Face	5	
Height	5	
Hair	3	
Striking-looking	3	
Total	45	
Group Value	Her Value	Her Score
40-HEALTH		
Maternal aptitude	15	
General	15	
Hereditly	10	
Total	40	
40-JUKING		
Dancing	20	
Sex	10	
Manners	6	
Drink	3	
Risque	1	
Total	40	
30-CONVERSATION		
Subtlety	10	
Reticence	8	
Silence	7	
Wit	5	
Total	30	
20-AMUSEMENTS		
Quiet	7	
Bridge	7	
Active	3	
Cards	2	
Chess	1	
Total	20	
DEDUCTIONS		
Nagging	50	
Ailing	50	
Selfish	50	
Adviser	40	
Bossy	35	
Lazy	30	
Vain	25	
Untidy	15	
Too neat	10	
Jealous	10	
Catty	10	
Smoke	5	
Gum	5	
Add your own pet aversions proportionately.		
Perfect	500 net	
One in a Million	475-495 net	
Passing	300-400 net	
Possibility of Improv.	350-400 net	
Forget:	under 350 net	
Note: In omitting any item either reapportion the rest to maintain the balance and keep 500 as perfect, or alter the passing mark to conform.		

Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

We Have Fought Other Wars
 The following books do not pretend in any sense to cover the wars we have fought. They are listed because they are interesting and may, in time of war, throw some light on the way in which wars are made and fought.

The American Revolution
 Secret history of the American Revolution—Carl Van Doren
 Treason is the theme. Heretofore unpublished papers bring to light the letters of conspirators, secret codes, and all the clever methods used by the British in launching their Fifth Column.

The Second War With England
 Its less celebrated aspects are written of in both Kenneth Roberts' novels *Lively Lady* and *Captain Caution*. They tell of privateers, slave-traders, demimondaines, bootleggers, and, of course, heroes and heroines.

The War Between the States—Margaret Leech
 Reveille in Washington
 The capital in the wilderness is the stage, and across it move the engrossing figures of the most tragic time in our history: Mary Lincoln, lavishly gowned, but snubbed at every turn, with only a colored seamstress to call friend; General Grant with the look of a man out of a job; Kate Chase, the belle of Washington; Booth, the talented actor who murdered a president; and towering above the all, the man with the good, ugly face who proved that democracy can weather a crisis.

John Brown's Body—Stephen Vincent Benet
 Nowhere has the struggle which began with John Brown, who "was a stone flung from a sling against a wall," been so vividly told as in this, America's epic poem.

The War With Mexico
 Texas and the Mexican War—Nathaniel Stephenson
 There was more, much more, than Texas patriotism behind the winning of the Southwest for Anglo-America.

The Spanish American War
 Which is the true picture? Magnetic Teddy Roosevelt's story of the charge up San Juan Hill as he tells it in *The Rough Riders* or Walter Mills' ironic study of our war of imperialism as he sees it in *The Martial Spirit*?

The First World War
 World's End—Upton Sinclair
 Set the illegitimate son of a munitions manufacturer and a beautiful artists' model in the mad world of 1913-1919 and you are bound to get a story of exciting proportions.

Counter-Attack—Siegfried Sassoon
 You will find no glory in these intense poems which describe war as a young soldier saw it in France and Palestine. The poems bear such significant titles as "Base Details," "The General," "Trench Duty," and "In Barracks."

ultry members arrested at the time of the closing were the latest of a number of Brussels professors to be purged.

Several Norwegian newspapers recently carried accounts of the imprisonment of Rector Seip and several well-known professors of the University of Oslo. They were held under a new decree calling for the arrest, without trial, of Norwegians jeopardizing their country's "peaceful development." In Yugoslavia, 25 faculty members described as "freemasonry and left elements" were recently dismissed from the University of Belgrade.

The press of the occupied countries also reported recently the purge of many professors in France and Luxembourg. These include Professor Langevin and other world-famous members of the Paris Academy of Sciences.

While university closings and faculty purges have been the most widely reported part of the campaign to stamp out anti-Nazi activity and thought in the schools of occupied Europe, the general undercurrent of resistance to nazism in the elementary schools appears to be causing far greater alarm in collaborationist circles. Resistance in the elementary schools of course reacts "unfavorably" upon a far greater number of young people.

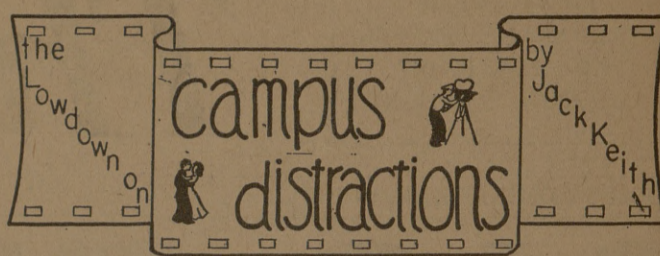
Wife of Prof Reid Succumbs to Illness

Friends mourned the passing of Hattie M. Reid, wife of Professor D. H. Reid of the Poultry Husbandry department, who succumbed Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock after a long illness.

The late Mrs. Reid was born at Oxford, Wisconsin, in 1881. She graduated from the Endeavor Academy, Wisconsin, after which she taught at the Adams County School, Wisconsin, for five years. They were married June 6, 1908, and moved to College Station in September, 1923.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Reverend Norman Anderson officiating. Pall bearers were students of the Poultry Husbandry department.

To safeguard food in the home, the Federal Food and Drug Administration emphasizes that there is no reason to place insecticides on shelves next to flour, cornstarch, baking powder, salt, or sugar.



Everyone expects, when they hear that Abbot and Costello are playing in a movie, that the show is sure to be hilariously screwy. "PARDON MY SARONG", now showing at the Campus, is no exception to these expectations. Bud Abbot and Lou Costello are zanier than ever, if that's possible.

As usual, the story of this A. and C. picture is negligible—only the antics of the pair are important. In fact, the whole movie is hard to believe until one does realize that it's Abbot and Costello again, and consequently, one shouldn't even try to believe it.

The script starts out with Bud and Lou in New York, on their way to the West Coast in a stolen bus. By some hook or crook they end up on a South Sea Island and there the fun begins. The beautiful native girls provide several opportunities for musical interludes and South Sea dances. The supporting cast, consisting of Virginia Bruce, Robert Paige, Lionel Atwell, Leif Erikson and Nan Wynn, are all good in their parts, but are of course, secondary throughout the show to the Abbot and Costello comedy team.

WHAT'S SHOWING

At Guion Hall
 Thursday, Friday—"The Body Disappears", with Jeffery Lynn, Jane Wyman and Everett Horton.

At the Campus
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday—"Pardon My Sarong", with Bud Abbot and Lou Costello.

Palace

THURS. - FRI. - SAT.
 Dorothy Lamour
 Richard Denning
 in
 "BEYOND THE BLUE HORIZON"
 PREVIEW 11 P. M.
 SATURDAY NIGHT
 Barbara Stanwyck
 Joel McCrea
 in
 "THE GREAT MAN'S LADY"
 Shown Sun., Mon., Tues.

Campus

4-1181
 Box Office Opens at 1:00 P. M.
 TODAY
 FRIDAY - SATURDAY
 BUD LOU
 ABBOTT and COSTELLO
 Pardon My Sarong
 also
 Popeye Cartoon
 Stranger-Than-Fiction
 Variety Views
 PREVIEW SAT. NIGHT
 SUNDAY and MONDAY
 "Bahama Passage"

MOVIE
Guion Hall
 THURSDAY and FRIDAY
 3:30 and 7:00 P. M.
 JEFFREY LYNN and JANE WYMAN
 in
 "The Body Disappears"
 also
 Richard Himer Orchestra — Cartoon
 and
 M. G. M. News
 There Will Be No Shows Until
 September 26th

Penny's Serenade

By W. L. PENBERTHY

Every once in a while, as we pass through this life, something happens that gives us a very warm and comfortable feeling inside. The thing that happens may be the observance of a good deed performed by another, the evidence of appreciation for a favor done or maybe the accomplishment of a task that has been a long and hard fight.

During the Christmas vacation of 1926 I visited some friends in Corpus. On my way to the city I picked up a youngster of about fifteen who was a student of a military academy in San Antonio and whose home was in Robstown. We encountered about thirty miles of bad roads on the trip and it was pretty late when we arrived in Corpus so I suggested he share my hotel room for the night and leave for Robstown the next morning, which he did. I haven't seen him since but about three years ago one of our students, then a senior, dropped by the office to report that he had been given a lift by a man who it developed was the youngster I had given the lift in 1926. He reported that the man had asked about me and had sent his regards.

Yesterday a former student dropped by our office and left a small amount of money in payment for two intramural medals which he asked me to secure for him in 1936 to replace medals that he had lost. I had forgotten all about it but he said I had sent them to him and that he had intended coming to college at an early date but it had so happened that he didn't make it but he didn't forget his debt and the first time he was on the campus dropped by to settle. Our country can use a lot of that kind of honesty.

I have had many such instances happen and each time they give me a distinct thrill and the realization of the joy and privilege of working with a fine group of boys. Yes, there is still a lot of appreciation in the country and we still have the same kind of honesty for which Abraham Lincoln was famous.

From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

EUROPE STRIKES BACK . . .

WASHINGTON—(ACP)—School teachers in Nazi-occupied Europe are showing marked inability to learn and teach the "philosophy" of Hitler's New Order. This fact is made evident by articles which recently appeared in the daily press of these countries and which have just reached Washington from private sources.

On the basis of these reports teachers appear to be the most widely persecuted professional groups in the occupied countries. At the same time the teachers seem to be the most persistent in their refusal to cooperate with occupation authorities and their own Quislings.

Official decrees and news stories appearing in local newspapers from Greece to Norway, and from eastern Poland to France reflect the teachers' determined resistance to Nazi educational principles and school politics. Mass arrests of college professors have been made, and some of Europe's leading universities have been closed in an effort to stamp out this intellectual opposition to Nazism.

After continual strife between faculty leaders of the University of Brussels and Nazi occupation authorities in Belgium, the university is reported to have been closed. The Brussels newspaper *Le Soir* said that "incidents" at the university could have been avoided if its officials had "better understood the intention of the military administration."

Before the closing of the University of Brussels, stories in Belgium papers disclosed that 20 university departments were without faculty heads as a result of "retirements, deaths or other reasons." A Swedish correspondent in Brussels reported the university had been closed because its board had turned down a Nazi ultimatum to transfer authority to a committee from which its own president had been excluded. Ten fac-

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