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Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

The other day I came upon an old book of etiquette containing rules on trolley, bus and subway travel; I brushed the dust from the book and copied down the following rules—they never have gone out of style and now that tires are rationed and gas will be, we'll have to ride the bus—if we can find room.

In entering any public conveyance have your fare ready so that you won't delay others. Don't argue with a companion as to who is to pay the fare. If a woman or man is with a person of the same sex the one who enters first may avoid this difficulty by paying both fares and accepting reimbursement from the other after they are seated.

When a man and woman encounter each other while waiting for the same conveyance, the man may offer to pay the woman's fare. She may accept if she knows him well, but should insist on paying her own fare if their acquaintanceship is slight.

A man should assist his woman companion in boarding, and then follow. The woman should find a seat or standing place where he will join her as soon as he has paid his own or both fares. In leaving a bus or trolley the man should alight first and assist the woman.

Don't start to get aboard until all others have made their exits, and don't shove. Once inside if there isn't a seat move to the center of the aisle.

Both men and women should offer their places to people of either sex who are older or accompanied by children. Under all other circumstances a man may keep his seat if he wishes to do so. He should not, however, take an empty seat if a woman is standing.

Be careful with bundles and if you are reading, set that your paper or book does not interfere with anyone else.

If you raise a window, ask if it will annoy those nearby.

Penny's Serenade

By W. L. PENBERTHY

A few nights ago I was listening to a sports broadcast from Chicago and picked up what sounded to be a mighty good recipe for success and so I am passing it along. The announcer was paying tribute to George Halas, very successful owner of the Chicago Bears Professional Football Team, and said that the success enjoyed by Halas was attributed to the fact that Halas loved his work, knew his job better than anyone in the business and worked hard at that job.

Surely a love of ones work is of primary importance in gaining success because I think it is a pretty good general rule that we like to do those things we do well and we do well those things we like to do, and loving our work and enjoying it makes it possible for us to give it that little extra something that makes the difference between ordinary and outstanding performance. Needless to say one must be thoroughly trained technically and cannot know too much about his field but his knowledge is of little use if he is not willing to roll up his sleeves and really work hard at the job. I have seen few jobs, if any, that can be successfully done by remote control.

I had the good fortune to be invited to attend an ex-students meeting at Camp Hood with my good friend E. E. McQuillen, secretary of the Former Students Association. Camp Hood is commanded by our own Major General A. D. Bruce who has done a remarkable piece of work in developing his branch of the service—the Tank Destroyer Command. Camp Hood was started in March and is now training 30,000 men and officers. Gen. Bruce seems to have used and is continuing to use the above recipe for success because to talk with him is to know that he dearly loves his work and to talk to others is to know that he knows more about his job than any other man in the service of our country. I talked with several of our Exes and all were proud of the fact that at Camp Hood everybody worked hard and received fine training.

Love your work, know your job, work hard at it!

Cincinnati authority on child psychology and family life, calls attention to pitfalls in development of America's rising generation which may result from mothers of pre-school children flocking into war industries.

The solution, Dr. Arlitt feels, lies in establishment of adequate numbers of well-directed day nurseries with which the employed feminine "soldiers in overalls" can leave their tots while they speed Uncle Sam's war production lines.

Dr. Arlitt is national chairman of parent education for the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

A collection of Bibles and other religious books at Pennsylvania State College has been augmented by the addition of 94 volumes of rare religious works.

The addition, comprising a collection secured from the estate of the late Charles S. Plumb, Ohio State University professor, includes six Bibles published before 1501. Three of the Bibles of the collection were printed before Columbus discovered America, while 18 came off the press before the birth of Shakespeare, college library officials said.

The collection is considered one of the outstanding of its kind in the country. The newly acquired collection was presented to the library by Claude G. Aikens of State College in memory of his father, Charles T. Aikens, president of Susquehanna University for 22 years.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"They tell me th' Emperor of Japan won't wear the same suit of clothes twice!"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

Raeburn Rhythmania

Everybody in these parts remembers the four bangup "Rhythmic Raeburn" swing sessions the latter part of last year... chances are he will be better remembered after his next weekend stretch here. He just finished record breaking stays in New Orleans, Chicago (Chez Paree) and other mid-west spots....



When Boyd was here last year he reminded us of a typical Joe College. A young looking guy, he has a lot of cut-up in his personality... even leaning toward the silly side at times. We think if he can hold his crew together (himself included) during the war, he will hit the top brackets soon... but he will have to pick up a good female vocalist along the swing lanes. His male crooner, Hal Derwin, is good in any league... as is "Hey Hey" Humphreys, his ace drummer.

War Hymn...

Time was when the Aggie War Hymn was played on the air, the event was heralded for days in advance... when the "big night" came and the Hymn was played, the campus sounded like Kyle Field on a busy Saturday afternoon....

We've been asked a thousand times lately if we heard Kay Kyser the other night. Yep, it's getting to be quite a normal thing to hear the song of the Fighting Aggies along with other top schools played on the air these days. One of the first times the Hymn was played was on the Nov. 7, 1941 Kay Kyser program. It was publicized ahead of time because around 7,000 Aggies and Tessa-Wites signed a petition to Kyser requesting the song. The whole thing turned out to be a double-dip affair, tho, because Kyser use dthe song in connection with his "College of Musical Knowledge", asking, "Is that (the War Hymn) the school song of Texas A & M., Texas A. & P., or Texas P. & M.?" The quizze

Girl skaters in a Broadway musical comedy recently turned in their old blades to the scrap metal drive; each pair provided enough metal to make a hand grenade.

thought the question over carefully and finally answered, "Texas A. & P." (and 7,000 gasping Aggies jumped back from their radios).

Probably the best arrangement of the War Hymn ever played on the air was the NBC coast-to-coast Pet Milk Program arrangement... or a later arrangement by Kay Kyser. (We ought to send out bills for this free advertising)

Sweepings...

...Beat the hell out of the Razors-backs... Did you hear about Ermin, Vermin, and Squirmin who were twins all but Elmer who had to go home early because he sleeps slow.

Soybean Wastes Used in Plastics

Four plastic products developed from farm products and farm wastes in laboratories of the engineering experiment station of Iowa State College, and showing definite commercial possibilities, have been announced by Dr. O. R. Sweeney, research professor of chemical engineering at the college.

In general, Dr. Sweeney says, these products could be substituted at a low cost for phenolic plastics in brown and black and possibly dark red colors. They compare favorably with the phenolic plastics in strength, appearance and water resistance.

The first is a soybean meal plastic which has excellent strength and could be molded by compression molding. Two are made from corn cob resins. They have good strength and can be used by continuous contact with water. The fourth is a hydrolyzed corn-stalk plastic which has excellent strength, good appearance and good water resistance.

In the laboratory, the raw material costs for these plastics ranged from 3 to 6 cents per pound.

WHAT'S SHOWING

At the Campus
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
—"The Turtles of Tahiti," with Charles Laughton and Jon Hall.

At Guion Hall
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
—"I Wanted Wings" with Veronica Lake and Ray Milland.

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the lowdown on campus distractions by Jack Keith

A story of the preparedness of the U. S. Air Corps before the outbreak of war between the United States and the Axis powers is told in "I Wanted Wings," beginning today at Guion Hall. This is a smash hit picture starring Ray Milland, William Holden, Wayne Morris and Veronica Lake.

Ray Milland, a wealthy man; Wayne Morris, a football player; and William Holden, a garage mechanic, arrive at the training camp together. From different walks of life, with different ideas and principles, they all wanted the same thing—their wings. Two of them manage to emerge with their wings.

The scene of the story is laid at Randolph Field and San Antonio. Veronica Lake makes her debut as a screen siren in her part as the San Antonio night club singer. To her falls one of the most sexy roles of any recent screen presentation and blonde Miss Lake delivers, and how! Her wardrobe runs to slinky gowns with very low V-cuts.

Veronica, the one-time sweetheart of Holden, makes a play for Milland, who is in love with Miss Moore, and all but succeeds. Before she finishes, she has married and deserted Holden, killed the man with whom she has run away to Florida, and caused a giant Army bomber (in which she has hidden away to escape the police) to crash as it participates in a practice air attack on Los Angeles.

If you haven't seen it, we suggest that you do. It's entertaining and has flying galore throughout the picture with several thrilling crackups.

The Lowdown:—an all around dandy.

Here's an imaginary story of an irresponsible family of the South Seas called "The Turtles of Tahiti." The family is so big that it makes the Dionnes look like race suicidists. In fact, it covers the whole island and then some. Charles Laughton is head of this enormous family whose residence in the South Seas is not explained but is left to the audience's imagination.

Although it possesses very little in the way of plot, the film has many highly amusing sequences, the outstanding of which shows (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

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Open Forum

Why can't we take the week we will have off between semesters with the week we will have off Christmas, making two weeks Christmas and none between semesters?

The officials of the college realize that the transportation problem will be very serious Christmas, but have done nothing about it, claiming there is nothing they can do.

Other colleges have lengthened the Christmas holidays because of the difficulty students will have in getting to and from their homes. We are not asking that our holidays be increased—merely that they be rearranged. Is that asking too much?

One department head, maybe more, have asked that his arrangement be worked out, but the college replied that the registrar and deans need the week between semesters to get things straightened out. We think everyone will agree that we have inconvenienced ourselves plenty for the college—now, is not turn about fair play? The registrar and deans don't need that extra seven days in February near as much as we need them in December. We would like to spend at least one whole day at home! We don't care if our grades don't get home a week later, neither do our parents, so how about doing us a favor for once.

- John Holman, '44
- Kermit Brendle, '44
- Jack Hood, '43
- George Schwark, '45
- Charles Morrow, '44
- Robert Singleton, '44
- Jamie Dawson, '44
- Claude Henderson, '43
- Tom Journey, '45
- Allen Canfield, '43
- Ed Wallace, '44

It seems as though I caused ill feeling between the Aggies and Sailors with an article in the Open Forum, Thursday, October 22. This was not my intention.

Since then I have learned the inaccuracy of that article. The sailors do pay a small amount more than the Aggies for their admission to the games, which I misrepresented. About the yelling—I wish that one of our boys would do to take the females' place. It would make the cooperation between us much more effective.

How about it?
Another thing, I would appreciate it very much if the Aggies and sailors would accept my new understanding of the facts.
Frog Mayes, '46

This Collegiate World

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America's war-time and peace-time needs call for revision of the teaching of mathematics, Dr. Frank N. Freeman, dean of the University of California school of education told a meeting of the Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

At present there is a conflict in teaching of the subject between the secondary schools and universities, Dr. Freeman said. In general, the secondary schools look upon mathematics as a contribution to general education, while the universities are primarily concerned with it in preparation of the student for a profession.

These two aims must be reconciled, Dr. Freeman stated, giving as the reason for the conflict two facts: vocational and professional preparation demand one kind of mathematics and general education another; second, it is hard to pick out students who need the one or the other kind and to guide them in the right choice.

The conflicting aims must be reconciled and yet both must be served, the educator said. Mathematics is the primary tool of the engineer and the scientist, and as such must be highly developed by him. However, in addition to being a specialized tool, mathematics is also a way of thinking, which involves every individual's everyday life.

With the warning "Look out, it's dangerous," Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, University of