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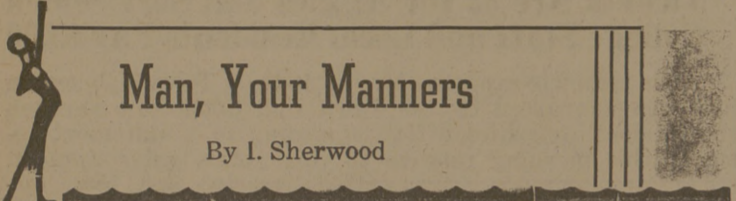
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## Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

Bad Manners or lack of dance manners may cause problems for the "cut in" system used at A. & M. dances, but the system itself is apt to furnish the greatest problem, even though it is considered acceptable dance technique. Most colleges do not employ the "cut in" system in such a wholesale manner as at A. & M.—they use it mostly for "mixers."

Generally accepted practice dictates that a girl must dance with whoever cuts in, even though she is enjoying her current partner; with "stags" out numbering the girls a half a dozen to one, as is often the case at A. & M., the "cutting in" gets to be a bore to both the young women and the young men who escorted them. It is very doubtful if "cut in" dancers can be held in check without the "stags" being disgruntled, especially when revenue is desired from as many of them as can be present.

Important dances at A. & M. have used programs, in times past, but under present conditions they would be out of the question—or so it would seem.

A young man makes a mistake when he feels that a knowledge of a few dance steps qualifies him as a dancer; it goes much farther than that—he must know dance manners and be able to dance well, but a man with nice manners, who doesn't dance so well, is far more popular than one who dances well but has ugly manners.

If you would be popular you will not "cut" back on a man who has just taken a girl from you; you will allow any couple to dance around the room at least once before you cut in.

### ODE TO THE TEXAS AGGIES

I've courted with a Kappa Sig  
A Phi Delt and a Deke  
I've danced with Betas, A T O's  
And always cheek to cheek.

The Marines are swell, the Air  
Corps too  
The sailors hold their own  
The Army's in their pitching too  
And they are not alone.

But in my many rendezvous  
I'd never ben quite moved  
Until an Aggie came along  
And this is what he proved.

Senior's boots are fascinating  
Junior's uniforms are swell.  
The freshmen and the sophomores  
Would thrill most any belle.

They're experts at one arm driving  
At parking they're not bad  
They thrill me with their kisses  
The best I've ever had.

The Kappa Sigs, the A T O's  
The Phi Delt and the Dekes  
The Betas too, and the rest  
Are all a bunch of freaks.

But, ah, the Texas Aggies!!!  
They thrill this heart of mine  
So I'll agree that none can beat  
That good old Aggie line.

## Aircraft Plant to Give Courses

A six weeks paid aeronautical engineering familiarization course, starting September 13, will be given at the Fort Worth plant of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation by the Texas A. & M. College, it was announced Thursday by Howard W. Barlow, head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering.

Taking the course will be selected engineers whose experience has not been in aircraft work. Additional courses are scheduled to start each six weeks after the lead off course, and each course will have an average of 15 trainees.

Schedule of the familiarization courses has been arranged with the cooperation of the Engineering, Science, Management War Training program of the U. S. Office of Education.

Consolidated Vultee, one of the largest manufacturers of airplanes, presently engaged in the construction of four-motored military aircraft, is sponsoring these courses in an attempt to relieve a critical shortage of skilled workers. Particularly, industrial, time

## Silver Wings Are Won by Aggie-Ex

CRAIG FIELD, SELMA, ALA.—The right to wear a pair of coveted "Silver Wings" and fly one of Uncle Sam's swift and deadly fighter planes against our Axis enemies has been won by Harold J. Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Robertson, 2857 Copley Ave., San Diego, Calif., who was commissioned a second lieutenant at special outdoor exercises this week at Craig Field's picturesque Pecan Grove.

The warding of the wings and commission came after the new flying officer had completed his advanced flight training at the Advanced Flying School in Selma, Alabama, and graduated from Texas A. & M. in 1942 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

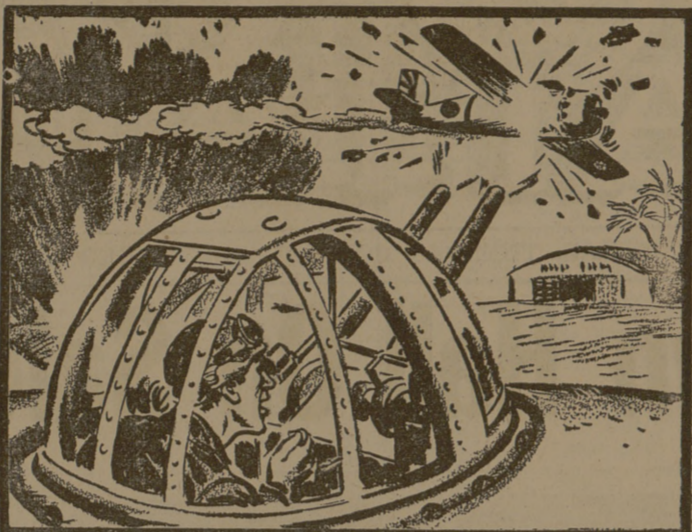
During the many months of training he had to undergo before he mounted the stand to receive his wings and certificate, he was given all types of instruction. He was toughened mentally and physically and learned to drill, just as any soldier.

He was also given every phase of combat instruction, including fighter formation, ground and aerial gunnery, night flying and high altitude missions which equip him to become a vital member of the United States' still rapidly increasing air arm, which daily is carrying the war across waters to the very heart of our enemies' strongholds.

Assignment to his next station followed the exercises.

## AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



Captain Anthony Hollub manned the top turret guns of his grounded plane to return the fire of the Jap air attack on Clark Field in the Philippines. Exposed to strafing planes, the New Mexico captain ran across the field for more ammunition when it was exhausted. He was ready to sacrifice his life to keep his guns blazing. How much can you invest in Payroll Savings to help heroic fighters like Hollub to keep firing?

## BACKWASH

By Andy Matula

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

### Gold Bars . . .

The first members of the class of '44 to get their commissions are 40 Aggies at Fort Monmouth in "Jeyssey". All were seniors in the Signal Corps and Jack Keith, former Corps executive, says that they missed WNBL because it was showing on Broadway 40 miles away and they couldn't walk that far. Jack becomes a second loney on September 14.

### G. I. Job . . .

You can imagine our surprise when he saw a picture of Mike Haikin, former Batt sports editor, who literally held down the Batt office, in the Texas Aggie. Mike says he'd lost 30 pounds since he's been in the Army. Hope my draft board put me 2A.

### Backwashing . . .

The inmates of "K" ramp Walton have developed web feet . . . What hapened on the 5th stoop of "L" ramp in Walton, last Wednesday after drill? . . . There was quite a few V-12's who were forer students on the campus Monday. They got the day off for Labor Day; don't ever mention justice to me again.

## Lunch Program to Operate In Schools

Government assistance in operating community school lunch programs this year will be in the form of indemnity payments amounting to about 60 per cent of the cost of the food served, the A. and M. College Extension Service has been notified. Local communities will contribute the remaining goods or services necessary to operation of the program, according to E. L. Upshaw, state representative of the Food Distribution Administration.

The school milk program will be combined with the lunch program. Additional indemnity payments of two cents per meal will be allowed when fluid milk is served, Mr. Upshaw says.

In carrying on the program, the Texas State Department of Education will cooperate with FDA in carrying out the program of government assistance to school lunch projects. Previously the FDA purchased food and distributed it through state agencies for use in school lunches. Now, the FDA says, all of the food buying will be done by local sponsors of the program, and they will be reimbursed by the FDA up to a certain amount, depending on the type of lunch served.

Mr. Upshaw says funds available will not permit the FDA to approve applications for this help except in communities which cannot operate an adequate school lunch program without this financial assistance. Labor for the operation of the program must be furnished locally. In many communities, home demonstration club women or other groups have canned or otherwise preserved huge quantities of food for use in lunches during the coming school year.

## New Rates For AAA Announced

COLLEGE STATION—A revised scale for payments to Texas farmers under the 1943 AAA program were announced through the state office this week by the War Food Administration.

New rates of payment include cotton at one cent per pound and wheat at 8.5 cents per bushel while

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There will be Corps Dances next fall after football games here. Real live orchestra's too.

### Gause Wrapped . . .

A couple of A. S. T. P. boys stopped a freshman the other day and asked,

"Say, fellow, where's this thing called Sully's statue?"  
To this the frog replied;  
"Oh, that. It's the mummy down in the museum."  
The A. S. T. P. said thank you.

### Reminder . . .

Army, we have a big football schedule next fall; let's start to win those games now. Go down to Kyle Field every day and watch those boys work out. And beat the hell out of Bryan Field.

rice remains unchanged from 3.2 cents per barrel announced several months ago. Also unchanged are rates for payments earned by carrying out approved production practices, such as terracing, contouring and strip cropping.

Original rates of payment on cotton and wheat had been announced at 1.1 cents per pound and 9.5 cents per bushel, respectively. Payments are made on normal production of the allotted acreage.

Changes in the program to meet wartime conditions have increased the number of farmers eligible for AAA payments this year, officials of the AAA office said in explaining reduction in this year's payments. Under the AAA Act, rates of payment may be adjusted upward or downward, depending on the percentage of participation.

## Farmers To Continue To Operate Under Slaughter Permits

Texas farmers will continue to operate under the slaughter permit system which went into effect August 15.

Explaining the program this week the state USDA War Board said that farmers, who are Class 3 slaughterers under the licensing program, will operate as before and in September will have a quota basis of 100 per cent of their September 1941 quota.

Other classifications of slaughterers under the new slaughter licensing program are Class 1, or Federally-inspected, and Class 2, non-Federally inspected slaughterers.

The new order provides, the board explained, that if a farmer did not slaughter in 1941, he may deliver meat derived from livestock which he slaughtered primarily for home consumption but that quotas for these deliveries would not exceed 400 pounds of meat per farm family in one calendar year. Farmers falling in this classification must obtain slaughtering permits from county USDA war boards.

Previously, the farm slaughterer was allowed to take his choice between killing three animals for sale, of which only one could be bovine, and 300 pounds of meat. Under the new order, farm slaughterers whose quotas are more than 400 pounds will be issued permits

## Frog... Stuff

By Frog Dubose

Now that our Rev is a general, it might be a good idea to salute her when she passes now. Also, she is going to have her picture painted. Quite a popular girl she is, and she deserves every bit of the recognition she gets and a lot more. Now, they haven't got quite enough cash for the portrait yet, so pitch in and let's do Rev up right!

Before the schedule drill time Saturday night for dorm 15, loud prayers were sent up for rain. Well, we got the rain all right, but we got it while were marching! And speaking of marching, why did Frog Payne march in such a peculiar manner Sunday morning? Frog Jagers and Frog Pierce certainly did get a kick out of his predicament.

Frog Christie is away on C. A. P. maneuvers, and is expected back soon. Ought to be real interesting stuff.

A big bull session went full blast in Frog House and Frog Philips room. The subject soon got around to snakes. Frog McAllister topped them with a tale of the time he got in a car and sat down beside one. Frog Kever also spun some good ones about when he worked for a light company.

Frog Patterson, of Dorm 17 went home this week-end (the lucky devil) and worked all the time he was there. Seems as though they were moving, and he got there just in time to do some work.

Frog Owens little brother certainly seems to like this place because he sure does spend a lot of his time here. On his last trip down, he even brought a buddy with him.

The old elevator in the Academic building must be getting old. It works about one day out of three weeks. To those who have keys to the elevator, this fact is very discouraging.

Time to stop this bulling and go to bed, so I'll see you soon!

by Food Distribution Area Meat Marketing Supervisors or the FDA Regional Director.

E. L. Upshaw, state representative of the Food Distribution Administration and a member of the state USDA War Board, Austin, recently was appointed Texas Meat Marketing Supervisor. Assisting him are area supervisors, located in various parts of the state, and local war meat committees in all Texas counties.

## A. & M. Specialist Discusses Gardens

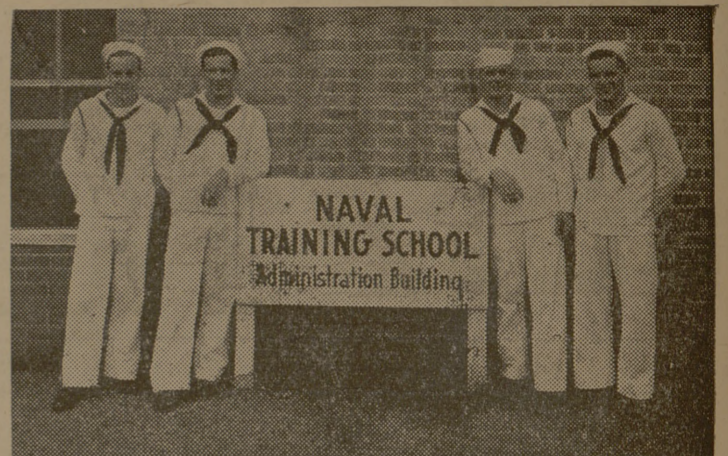
COLLEGE STATION—Techniques for fall and winter Victory gardening differ somewhat from recommendations for spring planting and cultivation, says J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist for the A. and M. College Extension Service.

He warns that the fall garden should not be plowed more than four or five inches deep, since deep plowing tends to dry out the soil. And before plowing, weeds and vegetable plant refuse should be removed from the plot, for if they are turned under, heating may follow. A good coating of manure ploughed under will increase the water-holding capacity and prevent packing. Rotted compost also will improve tilth, Rosborough says.

If the soil is lacking in fertility, the gardener should work in a commercial fertilizer in addition to the barnyard manure or compost. However, the horticulturist warns that commercial fertilizer should be used only in areas where the rain fall is around 30 inches annually and where soil is sandy. Either 3-8-7 or 4-12-4 may be applied at the rate of three pounds per 100 feet of row at the time of planting. It should be chopped thoroughly to a depth of three or four inches.

Heat resisting vegetables should be planted first—beans, Irish potatoes, mustard, leaf lettuce, and radishes. These vegetables must mature before frost. Although the soil may be somewhat dry at planting time, planting should be made in well drained spots so water will not stand after subsequent fall rains.

Green peppers, hot pepper, okra, field peas, egg plant, pole beans and summer tomatoes carried from the spring should be given a side dressing of fertilizer in a furrow about a foot from the plants. Irrigate either before or after applying the fertilizer.



### THE WECKS BROTHERS—

From Left to Right — James, Earl, Leonard and Franklin. The four brothers enlisted in the U. S. Navy December 11th, 1942 at Portland, Oregon, and were called to active duty March 9, 1943, and sent to Farragut, Idaho for their "Boot" Training. Finishing their indoctrination period they were sent to Chicago, Illinois for a Pre-Radio Course. Upon completion of that course they were transferred to the EE&RM school at A. & M.

together caused them to join at the same time. They worked in their father's lumber yard until the war broke out and then they went to work in the Portland Shipyards. They have two more brothers, both married, who are in defense work. Out standing athletes in their company they are also the average in scholastic standings. Their rooms are spotlessly clean and their manners perfect. They are all single and intend to stay that way for awhile, so they say. Here's wishing you good luck and hoping that you get to stay together for the duration.

## The Lowdown on Campus Distractions

By Ben Fortson

Today and tomorrow at Guion Hall is THE LADY HAS PLANS, with Paulette Goddard, Ray Millard, and Roland Young.

Creditable ingenuity in the script writing division makes this one an interesting laugh offering. An espionage twist in the story makes for a good thrill content and the German Gestapo comes in for some ludicrous treatment. Generally it is a story of newspaper guys and gals who fall afoul if international diplomats who lurk in Lisbon. Paulette is engaged by a radio network to assist Miland gather news. A ring of spies attempts to intercept her on her way to the clipper but fail and in Lisbon she is mistaken for another woman who has important war plans drawn on her back. She is requested to disrobe and show her stuff and this leads to one thing and another. Miland and Miss Goddard are both captured by the Gestapo but turn the tables on them definitely.

ity. The cast fits like a glove with Miss Dietrich shrewd, seductive and quick of the lip and the hip playing the part of a Nome gin palace owner. She is in love with Wayne and fights to keep him on the straight and narrow and save him from Scott who is after his rich mine. The dialog is crisp and good and the fist fight between Wayne and Scott in the closing scenes is one of the best to be filmed.

The Lowdown: Big in story . . . great in cast.



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