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About These Holidays . . .

Christmas holidays for the Corps were set during last semester by the Committee for December 18th. Ten days from that date would be given to the Aggies for their own, but on the 28th of the same month, classes would again start. Why the Committee wanted to begin the holidays seven days before Christmas Day and end three days before New Year's is unknown unless it is to relieve congestion of traffic on public conveyances, that is, train and bus.

When the days, December 18-28 were set as the days off, there was no Orange Bowl in sight and everyone seemed satisfied with the idea. Now that the Aggies who are members of the football squad have been asked to play in the bowl, some sort of solution could very easily be made to satisfy everyone concerned. A change in the days set aside could be made, it seems, without giving any more time off for vacation.

With the football boys off to Miami, several days of class work will be missed. Many of the Aggies who are members of the Corps will be out there with that old Aggie Spirit right alongside them. Classroom work will be interrupted for several days preceding New Year's and after that day. A suggestion that has been offered is for the Committee to dismiss each Aggie after his last class on the 22nd and have him report back by 6 a.m. on the 3rd of January. Other changes can be made with very little work attached.

Setting the days back nearer to Christmas Day will give each person time to get home and spend two special days with his parents. It will also give those who wish to make the trip to help the boys along on their bowl game a chance to do so without too much risk of failing. As to congesting traffic, there should be very little of that since Aggies, as a general rule, go their own way by "thumbing". Busses and trains are used very seldom so this reason for early holidays is not feasible. The question under discussion, then, is why can't the holidays be set back a little nearer to Christmas Day and include New Year's at the same time?

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy



We have just about wound up a very successful football season and to all who had a part in the development of the team we can sincerely say, "Well done." There are many reasons why our team met with success but I feel that their unity of purpose, enthusiasm, good spirit and emphasis on fundamentals were responsible to a great extent for that success, and they showed us that these things still pay off in rather large dividends. I once heard a very successful coach say, "Give me a team that can block and tackle and we will win lots of games."

In the troubled world in which we live today it is not only difficult to find the answer to many perplexing questions but it is equally difficult to find one who can furnish effective counsel. But there is one thing that we can always depend on when in doubt, and that is fundamental living. Such things as faith in God, the Golden Rule, honesty, fair play, consideration for the rights and privileges of others, unselfishness, living each and every day the best we know how, are still good just as they have always been. In life as in sports, fundamentals are of paramount importance, and I have never seen a successful team that was not well grounded in the fundamentals of the sport, nor have I seen a successful person who did not build on a foundation of fundamental living.

Marine Mad-Caps

From the first of December to the seventh of December, 1943, the country is having a rally for war bond sales. The Marines, Sailors, and all the men in the armed services of the United States have been asked to join in the fight and buy at least one War Bond between the first and seventh of December. If one can't possibly afford one War Bond he can surely afford a few war stamps so don't forget buy a bond or some stamps and deal the Japs and Nazis a blow from which they will never recover.

1941. Buy a bond because you want to buy a bond. Frankly guys I think it's the least we can do on this side of the pond can do. HOW ABOUT IT? Watch the chart for increase in sales on the Marine Bulletin Board. Saturday evening, the 4th of December, 1943, the Marines and Sailors stationed at A. & M. will tangle in three main events at the Aggie Gym at Kyle Field. There will be six (6) Gala boxing bouts with Sailors vs. Marines. There will also be a wrestling match that promises to be a slaughter. And last but not least a Judo demonstration by a couple of Marine experts. The evenings festivities will begin at 19:30 and will be free to all Marine and Navy personnel. So beat a path over to the Gym Saturday evening guys, and see the Sailors and Marines fight it out. WHAT CAN YOU LOSE ITS FREE?

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

The military salute is "a sign of recognition between men of an honorable profession;" it is required of men in the Service. On the A. & M. Campus there are certain courtesies—not required—that are important, and should not be disregarded.

1. Speaking to professors, to the president, and to the administrative officers, whether or not they know you personally.
2. Rising when a professor enters his office.
3. Remaining standing in a private office until you are invited to be seated. Don't ask to smoke; let the invitation come from the professor.

The following are social courtesies that should not be overlooked:

1. A man rises when a woman enters or leaves a room and remains standing as long as she is standing.
2. Acknowledging with a "thank you" any service, however slight, whether or not you have paid for it.
3. Saying "excuse me, please," when you have inconvenienced or offended others.
4. Knocking before you enter another's office, home or room. Other peoples' privacy should be respected—your roommate's as well.
5. Another's letters are inviolate—even though they may have been previously opened.

3801st Sparkles

By Julius Bloom

Not that we want to be trite, or anything along the usual lines of a farewell column, but by the time you read this, we will have been long gone and out of the picture. Life's like that, you get set up somewhere, and then just about when everything looks like the pickings may be easy from then on, up pops the devil and away go you!

Writing this column was fun for us, although the editors of the Batt might have other comments. We can say for ourselves, though, that we did make every deadline until "things" happened. As usual, with a column of this sort, we came into contact with a number of people we never would have met, and when we stop wanting to do that, it will be the little black bottle. The looks of surprise on the faces of our conferees when they saw their names in print (and in such ways) more than compensated for their threats of libel suits.

In all, as we say, it was fun.

By and large, there were a number of people who helped to make the job especially worthwhile, and we wish to publicly extend thanks to:

Capt. Theodore B. Earl, for at first making this column possible by speaking to the powers that be, and for giving us every possible break.

Capt. Samuel D. Bratton, for signing that Class "A" pass, and enabling us to gather material from the precincts visited by the STARS. Beside that, the captain proved to be very understanding in matters involving things better left unsaid.

F/Sgts. Virgil Fulton and Walter Stags, for allowing us the use of a typewriter at times when any sensible guy would have been in bed. It was these two who took best the riding we could offer.

Al and Anne Kelly at the A. & M. Grill, for giving us on the arm service on those nights when we wanted to brood over the writing of a column.

The editors of the Batt, for giving us the space to print this column, when they must have been squeezed tight for space as it was. Their generosity is still appreciated.

Frogs Baker, Nevin and Smokler at Milner Hall, for providing us with some of the atmosphere and spirit of A. & M., so that we could feel interested enough to turn out a column.

The men we lived with, for being nice enough to go out and make copy of themselves.

Pfc. Millard Strohecker, for the innumerable cigarettes he could always be counted on to deliver.

You, the readers, for being patient and understanding through all our shortcomings and inadequacies.

Mrs. Louis Smokler, of Dallas, for proving to us that the spirit of southern hospitality is not dead, event to us d--- Yankees.

These people are only a few among many, and we are certain that there must be at least four score more people who deserve mention here.

However, now it is all over, and we do not know whether the column will be continued by some other STAR. We wish it could be, because there are innumerable idiosyncrasies and habits among the 3801sters that rate publicizing.

We wish the school and the corps the best of luck through the years. Ave atque vale.

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF

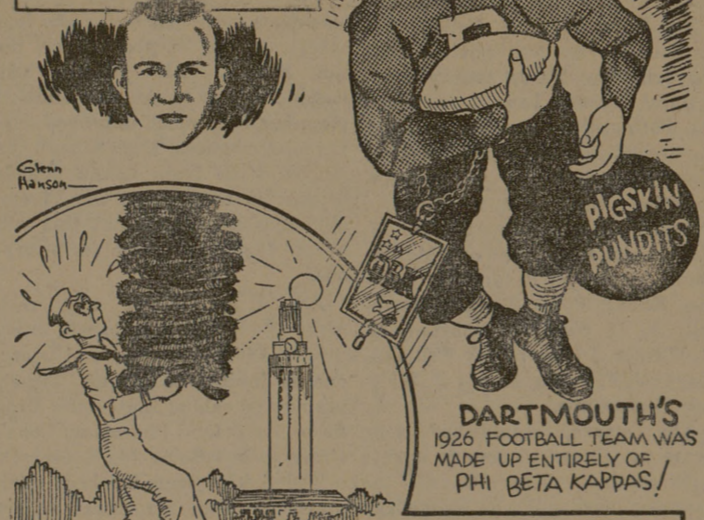


Without sleep, rest or food for three days and nights, Marine Platoon Sergeant Basilone fought off repeated Jap attacks on his machine gun emplacement in the Solomons and won the Congressional Medal of Honor. "Manila John" Basilone of New Jersey, son of an Italian emigrant, stood his ground until, when reinforcements arrived, he had accounted for 38 Japs. How many Third War Loan Bonds will you yourself account for, to back such men as Basilone?

U. S. Treasury Department

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WHEW-W!
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Kyle Purchases Houston Realty; \$50,000 Passes

Houston newspapers Sunday carried notice of the purchase by Dean E. J. Kyle, of Texas A. & M. College, of business property in Houston, the price being given as \$50,000.

The property fronts 115 feet on Travis and 125 feet on Calhoun, and is the site of a single story building of concrete and steel construction, which is under long lease to the A and B Motor Company.

The deal between Dean Kyle and R. B. McAshan was handled by Meredith James of the Guardian Trust Company, and the purchase

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The Lowdown on Campus Distractions

By David Seligman

"Eager Beavers" Play For Dance At Country Club

A 15-piece dance band, the "Eager Beavers," aviation students from the 308th College Training Detachment at Texas A. & M., made its first appearance in the Bryan Country Club at last Saturday night's USO dance, one of the most successful since the club's inception.

Newly organized, the orchestra also presented the comely and talented girl vocalist, Miss Sue Hargrove, Stephen F. Austin high school junior, in her initial performance. From the Detachment itself were two singers, A/S Bob Elliott of New York and A/S Horace Acuff of Los Angeles, Cal.

The name "Eager Beavers" originated with the 308th commanding officer, Capt. Sam B. Hill, who first applied the term to the aspiring officers-to-be under his command.

Aside from Miss Hargrove, the entire group, directed by A/S Joe Bossert from New York, N. Y., formerly with the Mutual Broadcasting company, is composed of men embarking on flying careers with the Army Air Force. All will eventually become pilots, bombardiers or navigators and are stationed at Texas A. & M. for pre-flight academic training.

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