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Work, Relaxation, Efficiency . . .

Summer heat has driven and is driving an ever increasing number of persons to vacation spots. This mass exodus to vacation districts was not a let down of vital war production. Labor and management realized that workers needed a rest and a chance to relieve tension accumulated during many months of strenuous production. Figures and statistics will indicate that after a rest of a few days mental and physical efficiency will show a marked increase.

An emergency still exists. That no person will attempt to deny. Just as undeniable is the fact that efficiency can be increased by a change in the rhythm. Work day after day under conditions of extreme summer heat, which is definitely not conducive to the best results, often will meet with complete or partial failure if normal standards are required.

Under adverse conditions the thinking person will not expect the results that would normally come from the same amount of effort. In passing upon the work a careful judge will consider the conditions under which the labor was done and grade accordingly. Either the standards should be relaxed or the routine broken.

What In Memory . . . ?

Last winter a part of Aggeland was buried beneath the sod of Kyle Field. Many things have been written in tribute to the little black and white dog who loved the Aggies faithfully for so many years. Reveille was buried while the corps stood at attention and the buglers sounded Silver Taps and the sound of those bugles reverberated around the world in foxholes and jungles, in general's quarters and private's slit-trenches, in the air above and enemy and the water around him.

On that sad day wherever there was an Aggie there was sorrow as they remembered the loyal little dog prancing in front of the band. Reveille was a part of the Spirit of Aggeland. A part of the traditions that has grown up on the campus of the Fighting Aggies. A part of that Spirit was buried when "Rev" was laid to rest but in her place grew a memory. It is a memory that holds a lesson in loyalty and friendliness which every Aggie should know whether new or old. Reveille's portrait hangs in Cushing Memorial Library as an inspiration to those who did not know Reveille personally.

Soon after Reveille's death a movement was begun to build a monument in her memory but interest decreased and soon ceased to exist. In fact Rev has been so forgotten that it is safe to say that the majority of new men on the campus do not know the location of her grave. "Rev's" grave should not be made a shrine but certainly her memory merits consideration. Her burial place is barely distinguishable. Was not Reveille's loyalty glorious enough and is not her memory dear enough to be deserving of at least a token in memorium?

Reveille's Spirit has joined the legion of marching Aggies whose ghostly platoons will march and countermarch across the gridiron this fall. Once again Rev will bark joyously as the Aggie Band plays the War Hymn. Besides having a permanent monument in the heart of every Aggie Reveille should have a memorial placed on her grave for she was a symbol of the friendliness and loyalty that is A. & M.

Home Town Club News

Rio Grande Students To Meet Wed. Night

There will be a meeting of all students from the Rio Grande Valley Wednesday night at 7:30 in Room 120 of the Academic Building.

Purpose of the meeting will be the organization of a club for all students from the Rio Grande Valley region. Officers will be elected and plans for the summer activities will be discussed. "All freshmen from this area are especially urged to attend as they will comprise the major portion of the membership of the club," C. F. Ray stated in the meeting.

Galveston Club Meets

There will be an important meeting of the Galveston County Club Wednesday night at 7:30 in Room 120 of the Academic Building.

Discussion of activities for the mid-semester holidays will be the purpose of the meeting. All members, new and old, are urged to attend.

Ninety Students Have Dropped Out of School

Since the start of the semester when 1650 students enrolled at A. & M., ninety boys have withdrawn from the school for various reasons.

Forty-three left to enter the various branches of the armed forces and the merchant marine. A large group enlisted in the navy while many were inducted into the army. A few entered the A. S. T. P. and the air forces.

Ten boys left to work while eleven found that they had insufficient preparation for college work and returned to high school. Six resigned because of personal reasons. One boy left to work and to continue his education at the same time.

Seven boys were forced to drop out with physical handicaps. One of them has to have a personal diet while another needed special treatment. Others had been in the hospital too long to make up their work.

Low grades was the cause of one boy's withdrawal, while the lack of certain courses forced another to leave. Two boys left to go to other colleges. Two departed without giving any reason or without resigning at the commandant's office.

A sick grandmother, a father needing help, were two of the reasons given by three boys who resigned because they were needed at home. One boy "wanted to stay at home."

Improper treatment was the explanation of one student for his departure.

The culture of the silkworm was introduced to Europe in the Sixth Century when two monks, sent to visit China by Justinian, returned with eggs of the silkworms concealed in a hollow cane.

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

Reports from Kyle Field bear a colorful promise of a fighting maroon and white team this fall. The boys have been working out these hot summer afternoons building the foundation for a ball team that will play eleven scheduled games this fall. For four years the chaps from the "forty acres" have been smirking on Turkey Day but this November the smirk may turn into a smack . . . those boys working out aren't missing good afternoon sleep for nothing.

Food for thought

Uncounted hours of practice and work go into the preparation of a football team. They work day after day always pointing toward that sixty minutes on Saturday afternoon. Success doesn't happen; it is made.

Kinky hair

Aggies aren't the only ones that like to break the monotony on Saturday. Last Saturday night a while before closing time the Guion Hall boys were a bit perplexed when they found a "possum" sit-

ting in the senior section enjoying the movie. The situation wasn't cleared up any when the "possum" asked the ticket taker to run out and get him a sack of peanuts.

After quite a chase the Guion Hall boys decided that the strange animal was a cross between "Bugs Bunny" and a "possum." Just before leaving, the "possum" promised to bring his entire family to the next double feature.

Dislikes

The smell of melting tar . . . perspiration running down my chin . . . rocks in the shot . . . backless play suits on some backs . . . ants in the candy box . . . an empty P. O. box . . . type-written personal letters . . . withered onions . . . onions when other people have been eating them . . . hamburgers without onions . . . cigarette counters without cigarettes . . . red bathing suits . . . summer tan not all over . . . political guffaw . . . disorderly desks . . . repeating alarm clocks.

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:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. J. Horace Bass

There has been no sensational change in the war situation during the week, but the over-all picture continues so favorable to the Allies that responsible persons are predicting the fall of Germany this year. The Russians have moved up to the German frontier of Prussia and have about sealed off the Baltic States. The Allies in Italy and France have blasted the Nazis steadily but the advance everywhere has been slow. The Tokyo radio reports curiously that Japan has succeeded in "pulling the enemy toward us." Guam has been "softened" for land invasion.

This is a significant week on the home political front. The Democratic convention convenes in Chicago Wednesday and the State Democratic primary comes on Saturday. Interest in Chicago meeting centers on the second place on the ticket. Southern Democrats oppose the renomination of Mr. Wallace, and President Roosevelt has declined to prescribe his running mate. There will be a contest. The platform will be short.

The Democratic primary has attracted little interest except for congress. In an unusual situation, practically every congressman from Texas faces hard opposition. Veteran congressmen in many districts are facing the fight of their lives, and the reaction threatens to unseat some worthy incumbents. Candidates for renomination are generally finding it necessary, so they think, to prove to their constituents that they have not been "yes" men.

The intervention of the CIO Political Action Committee (PAC) is also an interesting issue. The CIO set up the PAC primarily to purge congress of anti-labor members and to re-elect President Roosevelt and Vice-president Wallace. It is interested in personalities and not

parties. Since the Gallup Poll recently showed that 53% of the voters disapproved and only 10% approved the PAC-sponsored candidates, all candidates find it necessary to deny CIO support.

The memory of Woodrow Wilson is being revived in 20th Century-Fox's technicolor picture, WILSON, and in Gerald Johnson's biography, Woodrow Wilson: The Unforgettable Figure Who Has Returned to Haunt Us. The implication is that Mr. Wilson's peace formula might have prevented the terrible tragedy of this war. It is evidence of our great interest in peace plans now. It is well to recall that "Mr. Wilson's League" was in operation for 20 years and that the U. S. might properly have joined the League and the World Court on any of those years. The Republicans were in power 12 of those years and the Democrats 8 of them. It would now be bad politics and worse logic for either the Democratic Party of Mr. Roosevelt or the Republican Party of Mr. Dewey to cast any stones. Both houses are of glass.

Dean Bolton has mailed members of the college staff a reprint of a report of the American Council on Education which deals with college problems of the post-war period. The findings are that war veterans and war workers who will return to college will be interested only in hurry-up trade training and not liberal education. They will have little time or taste for traditional college procedures and courses. Colleges will have to make such improvisations and adaptations to meet their needs and demands that the normal college student who comes directly from high school may find that he is neglected somewhat in the shifting of emphases.