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Home Town Club News

Dallas Club To Meet

According to Bob English, president, there will be a very important meeting of the Dallas A. & M. Club Wednesday night immediately after mess in the shade of the green house across the street from Dorm 2.

Plans for the mid-semester party have been changed to include both a picnic and a hayride. English urged that everyone be present tomorrow night in order that a time and place of departure can be decided upon.

Houston Club Meeting Set For Wed. Night

Attention all members of the Houston A. & M. Club. There will be an important meeting of the Club Wednesday night at 7:15 in Room 110 of the Academic building.

"Everyone intending to go on the forthcoming hayride must be present," Tommy Penn, president, stated in announcing the meeting. In order to cover cost of transportation, a fee of one dollar will be collected at the meeting.

San Antonio Aggies Meet in Acad. Bldg.

Wednesday night at 7:15 in Room 212 of the Academic Building, the San Antonio Club will hold an important meeting. At the last meeting, R. W. Smith was elected president, John Dibrell, vice-president, J. C. Kostelnik, treasurer, and Jerry Walker, secretary.

"All new students are especially urged to be present at this meeting, as plans for a mid-semester party will be made," Smith stated in announcing the meeting.

East Texas Aggies To Meet Wednesday Nite

"All men from East Texas are urged to attend a meeting of the East Texas A. & M. Club Wednesday night at 7:15 to be held on the front steps of the Academic building," stated J. J. Crowder. The purpose of the meeting will be the organization of the club and the election of officers," announced Crowder.

Fort Worth Students Meet Tomorrow Night

In Room 120 of the Academic building, the Fort Worth A. & M. Club will hold an important meeting tomorrow night at 7:00.

"Plans for a party to be held the weekend of August 12, will be discussed," said Marc Smith, Club president.

Canada, with an area of more than three million square miles is nearly as large as Europe and much larger than the United States.

Astronomers estimate the mountains on the moon as sometimes reaching a height of 20,000 feet.

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

They are everywhere. Whether it be the army, navy, air corps, or marines the Aggies are represented. Very seldom is it that one is found alone. So numerous are they that there are at least two Aggies at any military installation. The children of toil fight for this great country. Once an Aggie always an Aggie. Boys come to A. & M. each year. Make sure that they are Aggies when they leave.

Lost and Found

Your loss is his gain. Don't kid yourself brother, she is the only one that profits.

Lost: One cuddly kitten. Does not drink milk. Purrs when stroked.

Probable whereabouts: Tom-cattling around with some tom-cat.

Coats of Navy Blue

Not only do they wear khaki but bell bottom trousers and coats of navy blue.

W. O. "Dub" Adams, class of '44, writes from a naval amphibious base in Florida that he is expecting to see a bunch of Aggies at the game with the University of Miami along about December 8th. "Dub" goes on to say, "I hope that several of you guys will be there and pass the word around that old Adams will be there with that familiar hand-bag and it will be full enough for everyone."

"Dub's address is Flat 50, Group 177, Camp 1, USNATB Ft. Pierce, Florida. That handbag sounds interesting. "Dub" always had more loud ties than any one on the campus. Course I'm just kidding.

Clipped . . . with scissors

No one will be interested in such tripe as this except the guys who won't admit it if they are interested, but . . . quote.

"This conception of love as an overwhelming force, beyond control, is the theme of songs and novels. Back of it, some psychologists say, is the subconscious desire of people without passion to be conquered by passion." Shoot the pulp novels to me John Paul.

Some long hair offered four things as a substitute for the above: tolerance, consideration, courtesy, humor. Mind over matter. Preferred—one kitten.

Fond Memories

A snapshot shows my arm around her waist.

I can't recall her name but through the years

I'll always marvel that such a homely face.

Seemed so lovely after seven beers.

Lonely Road

Thanks a lot Mister for bringing me this far . . . out here on this little dark road at the end of this dinky town. Sure, I'll catch (See BACKWASH, Page 6)

Firm, Hearty, Powerful . . .

Many things mark an A. & M. man. The way a man carries himself, the bright hello, and friendliness, the loyalty, the discipline all are distinguishing characteristics of Aggies and Ex-Aggies. One of the things that means more perhaps than any of the others is the firm, hearty Aggie handshake.

Freshmen are taught how to shake hands and introduce themselves soon after arriving on the campus and the handshake soon comes to mean so much that it is never forgotten. Freshmen are taught to grasp the hand of the other fellow and squeeze it as if they were trying to tear the fellow's arm off.

This may seem superfluous to the person not acquainted with the meaning of the Aggie handshake and the feeling and promise of brotherhood that goes into it. A firm, powerful handshake signifies a genuine pleasure in meeting the other person and indicates that the meeting is not casually taken to be forgotten the next moment.

Closely associated with the handshake, in fact a part of it, is the practice of looking the other person squarely in the eye while shaking his hand. This not only serves to impress the image of the other person on the mind but is manifestation honesty and strength of character.

Fraternalities may have their insignificant salutes but only the Aggies have a handshake that is unique. It is a healthy denotation of the bounding Spirit of Aggieworld.

Maturing Youth . . . Preparing

Saturday the people of Texas went to the polls and they will go again in August and once more in November to exercise the voting franchise. Many people continually complain at the inefficiency of government yet these same chronic complainers are the ones seen least at the voting booths.

Many people have the mistaken idea that voting is a privilege and some are content to call it a duty. In these times of uncertainty and stress it is more nearly correct to term the obligation of voting a democratic necessity. Changes occur so frequently and so much power must necessarily be vested in the government that if the people fail to exercise the franchise and express approval or disapproval for the public officers, then there is the possibility that control of the government will pass beyond the will of the people and be concentrated in the hands of a few selfish bureaucrats. Americans have but one dictator and that is the will of the people. When people fail to go to the polls they cease to govern themselves and have no right to criticize the government because in failing to vote they rob their very selves of that privilege.

Young men of college age and many of those now serving in the armed services will be the voters of tomorrow. They will be the government of tomorrow. Tomorrow decisions will be made which will determine the welfare of the world for the next unpredictable period of time. Upon the inexperienced shoulders of youth will rest a large portion of the burden that bears so heavily when policy determining decisions must be made. The young voters of tomorrow will not ignore the experience of their elders but they will demand a voice and if prepared to think clearly will command the respect and admiration of the world.

American youth faces a grave responsibility. There is no doubt but that they will meet and conquer it for are not the young men of today, who will be voters tomorrow, maturing quickly in a rapidly changing world. Given the opportunity for preparation those young soldiers now fighting will return as normal citizens to govern themselves wisely and shape a foreign policy by well informed public opinion that will insure peace and plenty for not only the Americas but other free peoples.

:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. J. Horace Bass

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Our land invasion of Guam is the most notable military incident of the week. The campaign goes well and soon we shall have this base within super-bomber range of Tokyo. Our failure to fortify this island has been a lively subject since Dec. 7, 1941. It is certain that Japan violated with impunity the Four-power Pact of 1922, but a majority of congress refused to violate our pledge. It is doubtful if any type of fortification would have changed the current of the war.

The Allies exerted increasing pressure on all three European fronts. The gains in Italy and in Poland were considerable, and we believe we are on the verge of big things in France. Home front crises in both Japan and Germany indicate that they know they are losing the war.

The cabinet of General Hideki Tojo which came into power in Tokyo in October, 1941 was replaced by another war ministry. The reports coming out of Germany have sinister meaning for Hitler. Evidently there was an attempt on Hitler's life by a high army clique. According to the Berlin reports, Himmler's nazi gестапо has purged the general staff and the army of untrustworthy higher officers. We do not know how serious this civil war inside Germany, is but we do know that it presages an early collapse.

Senator Harry Truman of Missouri, the Democratic candidate for

vice-president, is as good a nomination as could have been made at Chicago. There was never any question but that President Roosevelt's nomination for a fourth term is indispensable to the success of the party. While the doctrine of the indispensable man is contrary to the spirit of democracy, the Democrats can argue effectively that we should not break up the big four of Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, and Chiang Kai-shek until the war is won and the peace is written. Most citizens will believe that they should finish the work in progress.

As in the Republican convention, there was much talk about jobs after the war, and the emphasis was similarly wrong. Americans are interested in job opportunities for willing workers but not jobs that "hang on trees" for the picking. There was an over-emphasis upon the responsibility of the government and an under-emphasis (really no emphasis at all) on the responsibility for the individual. After all, men make jobs by industry, merit, and incentive by hustling to find a job and hustling some more to hold it.

Mr. Sumner Welles, former under secretary of state and one of the great intellectuals in the U. S. has written about peace and international organization after the war. His advice is important. He suggests that Germany be divided into three states and that East Prussia be annexed to Poland. The (See WORLD, Page 6)