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Health and Hospitalization . . .

A. & M. College provides for the hospitalization of its students through a hospital located on the campus and staffed with capable personnel. Every student when paying his fees pays a five dollar medical charge. This entitles the student to ordinary hospitalization and medical care.

The hospital and its staff are there for the benefit of the students. Broken bones, cuts, bruises and many other things can be taken care of adequately if the ailing student will only take the few minutes necessary to report for sick call.

Many of the small things may seem so minor at first that they are neglected until special attention is required. Even though negligible they may later cause a great deal of pain and suffering. The old adage, "a stitch in time saves nine", still holds true.

Students pay for this service and are cheating others besides themselves when they fail to take advantage of it. If the student has something contagious he is not only endangering himself but the other men of his organization.

Shifting Intellectual Interests . . .

Emphasis is now being placed on engineering and technical training in the schools of the nation as a result of the war. This is as it should be because it is an indisputable fact that it takes thousands of trained technical men to operate the machines of production and the weapons of death which are required to win battles in this day of mechanized warfare.

In an emergency it is only natural that other educational pursuits become secondary or entirely forgotten. But a condition of this kind if allowed to continue will lead ultimately to the decay of a nation.

Technical training is not the type of training that is required to manage the business of a country, of a government, or of a society. Agriculture and the arts and sciences must not be forgotten for although they are playing an ever decreasing role they are still important enough to be classified as the backbone of not only the greatest nation in the world, the United States, but also of every progressive and open minded country.

The great leaders of government and industry are nearly all without exception men with training in what are called the liberal arts. This is not to say that a man with a technical education cannot be liberal and open minded. It is said only as a reminder that this country will need more than ever in the post-war world men who can grasp a broad humanitarian question in a clear, analytic, logical manner without having to think in terms of mathematical calculations.

Specific engineering concepts do not give the training necessary for a complete comprehension of the scope of world or national problems. Technical men are accustomed to dealing with restricted exact data and training of this sort often fails to result in a mind capable of grasping the deeper fundamentals of the science of living.

Before hopping on a train-of-thought, one should inquire as to its destination.

He who progresses by leaps and bounds isn't jumping to conclusions.

A company is known by the men it keeps.

Stepping up the frequency of the brain waves will frequently throw light on a controversial subject, instead of heat.

SOMETHING TO READ

Edna B. Woods
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Read about your profession

There are many "popularly" written books in the College Library, which while perhaps no profession would be likely to assign them definitely to his classes, would almost certainly broaden and enrich your ideas about your chosen profession. Of course your instructors are best fitted to suggest such books to you. Ask them for something good and interesting to read along the general lines of your major course. Meanwhile, however, here are a few books of this kind which we know to be readable, stimulating, and informative:

Agriculture

Plowman's Folly, by Edward H. Faulkner. A highly controversial book, questioning some of the agricultural fundamentals.

Vanishing Lands, by G. V. Jacks. A world survey, by two Englishmen, of soil erosion, the title of the British edition being *The Rape of the Earth*.

Four Centuries of Florida Ranching, by George H. Dacy. An entertaining survey of ranching in a sister state under conditions just sufficiently different from ours to make them stimulating.

This Is Our World, by Paul B. Sears. A distinguished Oklahoman discusses the soil, the atmosphere, "water the great sustainer," "animals, life on the move," "plants, life at anchor", etc.

Engineering

Your Career in Engineering, by N. V. Carlisle. A thoroughly up-to-date survey of the engineering profession from the point of view of the man who is just entering it.

Scientists Face the World of 1942, by Karl T. Compton and others. Includes "The Case for Biological Engineering," "The Case for Agricultural Engineering," and above all the excellent title essay by Compton.

Engineering's Part in the Development of Civilization, by Dugald Cable Jackson. One of the grand old men of the profession and certainly one of its most readable writers, shows young engineers what they have to be proud of, and what civilization depends upon them to do.

Great Feats of Modern Engineering, by Edward Flaxman.

Master Builders of Sixty Centuries, by J. A. Miller.

Great Engineers, by C. Matchoss.

The Quest for Power from Pre-historic Times to the Present Day, by H. P. and M. W. Vowles.

Four painless introductions to the history of your profession.

Medicine (including Veterinary Medicine)

Animal Plagues: Their history, nature, and prevention, by George Fleming. A curious old book containing a history of animal plagues from B.C. 1490 to A.D.1800.

Veterinary military history of the United States, by L. A. Merillat and D. M. Campbell. Not a bedside book, but interesting to dip into.

Medicine at the Crossroads, by B. M. Bernheim. A highly controversial book.

Lives and Dollars, by J. D. Rat- (See SOMETHING, Page 3)

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

Mid-semester has caught many men with their pants in the proverbial position. Don't know who thought that proverb up but it seems to be apt. Apt to get a guy kicked out of school if he doesn't change his ways or at least weigh the consequences and results before not doing the work.

Deserted Desert . . .

Even though the corps is not going to have an official mid-semester holiday it looks like the weekend is going to be one of relaxation for most of the Aggies. It's only natural that a let-down follows a period of quizzes and brother it looks like the corps is going to let its hair down enmasse. Even the long hairs have been seen in the campus tonsorial parlors getting that now famous GI. (Editor's note—Sampson lost his

strength when he had the crowning glory clipped. Seems he was clipped and got clipped. Don't ever let a woman mess with your hair. Every time the scissors close over a strand of hair that is the death knell of that much appeal.) That editor wrote a pretty long note. Wonder where he gets such strange ideas?

After a period of relaxation (prostration from either one cause or sleepiness) the corps should be ready for that home stretch of eight weeks that will end the summer semester. They are burning up the track while the sweat runs down the back. It looks like it is going to be a great race with not a single contestant, or married one either, sure of having anything on ice. Know more about this after the northern cities settle their (See BACKWASH, Page 7)

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

During the Olympic Games held in 1928, Dan Kinsey, University of Illinois athlete, won the High Hurdle event. In the same race were other men who had run the event



Penberthy

in faster time than was made that day but they had knocked down hurdles which slowed them and allowed Kinsey, who was a very consistent performer, to win.

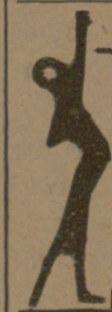
In all sports the aim is consistently good performance. The bane of a coach's existence is to have men who are unpredictable while the consistent performers are his joy.

On several occasions I have had F.B.I. agents drop by to check on the P.E. or Intramural record of a former student who was seeking employment with the bureau. In

talking to these men I found that they placed a great deal of importance on the consistency of the record of an applicant. They want men whose record indicated that they did all things consistently well and not only those things that they happened to like and be interested in. Their reason for this was that all of the assignments given them as agents might not be to their liking.

In my opinion one of the chief differences between an amateur and a professional is that the professional is consistently good in his play while the amateur just has "his days." When we team up with a partner we like to feel that we can always depend on him to carry his part of the load and I personally like one who is consistent.

A record of consistently good performance in any field is a possession to be prized as it will pay very large and pleasing dividends.



Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

In restaurant, hotel and other public dining rooms, there are many points of etiquette to be considered aside from the all-important table manners.

Avoid lengthy conversations with friends at other tables. A greeting is usually sufficient, but if you must stop, stay only a moment.

If a woman pauses at your table, you must rise and remain standing until she leaves or is seated. Because of this convention, a woman should not tarry at a table. If she is remiss in her manners and remains standing after you have invited her to be seated, make the request so urgent that she will feel compelled to move on or be seated.

A man does not rise if another man stops at the table, unless the

man is old enough to command special deference.

Introductions are not necessary when anyone stops at your table to exchange a greeting, but if the visitor sits down for a moment, he or she (if a stranger) must be introduced to those present, if there are only a few, or to those nearby if the party is large.

A woman dining with a man permits him to give her order to the waiter. If a woman is dining with two men she usually sits between them. A man dining with two women would sit between them. If there are two couples the women sit facing each other; and when there are more than two couples they usually sit "man, woman, man, etc."