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Credit Is Due . . .

Few people realize the hours of work and the endless effort that is given devotedly by the A. & M. cadet officers. These students have been appointed by the President of the College to discipline the corps and in their position they are not only responsible to the school authorities but also to the inviolable traditions of Aggieland and to the vast united Association of Former Students.

In this capacity they are serving their school faithfully and rendering patriotic duty to their nation by teaching new men military discipline, courtesy, customs. The cadet officers are serving in a position that might be called a pre-induction training program for the cadets under eighteen. In this way they make the job of induction centers and replacement centers of the army easier for the men that leave A. & M. are already indoctrinated in military principles.

These cadet officers contribute this invaluable service because they love A. & M. and the things that A. & M. has always represented to its graduates and to the people of the state. What do they receive in return? What do they ask in payment? They ask nothing more than a few concessions and a few privileges.

Are the cadet officers to be denied their few requests for those things that are of paramount importance and significance to an Aggie from the day he enters A. & M.? No one can deny that the cadet officers, the seniors are deserving of some reward but few are aware of the things to which an A. & M. man looks forward. What group is better qualified to determine the symbol of credit to which they are entitled than the cadet officers and the seniors themselves?

Do It . . . The Aggie Way

Two Aggies walk down the streets of Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Austin, San Antonio, or any other Texas town and passers-by glance at them casually and assume that they are two soldiers. This is logical because the A. & M. uniform is similar to that of any army officer's but it is also distinctive in that it is khaki worn by an Aggie. It is not the shirt or the brass that makes it a unique uniform but the calibre of men that fill that uniform. That uniform should stand out even in a crowd of khaki because it is worn by an Aggie.

Motorists when they pick up a hitch-hiker in the Aggie uniform as where he is stationed. Too often the reply is "Where are you from?" Is it any more difficult to say, "I'm a Texas Aggie." An Aggie is distinctive but the people of Texas seem to have forgotten that. It is time that citizens once again recognize Aggies as Aggies.

The fault lies partly at A. & M. Some men have forgotten that to be a Texas Aggie is a privilege and that it is a sign of merit to wear an AMC on the right wing of the collar. It used to be that when a group of Aggies or even a single Aggie arrived in town the entire district knew about it and knew that there was a man deserving of respect because he wore the uniform of a cadet at Texas A. & M.

Aggies on weekend trips relaxed. They had fun. But while they were having fun they maintained the dignity of their uniform. Yell leaders at yell practice used to tell the corps to go out and have fun but they also told the corps to have that fun in the Aggie way. It is not too late. It can be restored. The corps can once more be such that observers will recognize each individual Aggie as a swashbuckling, swaggering, fighting son of A. & M. yet possessed of the qualities that contribute toward honesty, humor, humbleness, intelligence, ability, and humanitarianism.

OPEN FORUM

Brethren, if you're gonna' be saved, you've gotta make the prayer meetings!

I'm not a preacher by a long shot, but I think that ecclesiastical by-word will stand the Senior class in good stead and aid in the renewal of the claim of the Aggies to "Everlasting life."

It's like this, men: first you must have something to work for. If the Aggie name, traditions, and spirit aren't to be worked for by the Senior class, what is?

The second point on the list is that you must believe. Believe in what you're working for—believe in the traditions and spirit and believe that you're the drop of oil that keeps a massive, powerful, but delicate piece of machinery in motion.

It's easy enough to have an idea and to have belief in it, but if it's going to work, you're going to have to work, too! Not much, perhaps, but it'll require SOME effort—even though it's just attending those prayer meetings.

Here it is, Army—we've been given a pretty fair opportunity to work for our ideas and to further our beliefs. The preacher can't hold a revival by himself—it takes a congregation too! If you don't like the way the church is being run, you can't do a whole lot about it by sitting at home and wishing—you've got to participate! Right now the Senior class is in the same boat as the preacher without a congregation—we can't start that revival 'til some of the deacons come in.

Only a handful of Seniors showed up at the last Senior meeting—not even enough to be able to tell the old pastor that "All the deacons are here." The Senior class can't do effective business without a congregation, Brethren. Let's get off the fence and ride with the Aggies. Help yourself! Let's make those Wednesday night prayer meetings and help keep things rolling so we'll have something to wear our "Sunday best" to when that sunny Sunday rolls around!

P.S.—Brethren means the Senior class; prayer meeting is the equal of Senior meeting; "Sunday best" corresponds to the realization of our ideas; and Sunday is the day we pat ourselves on the back for getting things done at prayer meeting!

Long, Wille, '45.

"G. I. Bill of Rights" Officer To Speak To Applicants Thursday

B. G. Lahr, of the Veteran's Administration, will be on the campus, August 10, to confer with students interested in making application for assistance in connection with the "G. I. Bill of Rights."

In a statement released today by G. B. Wilcox, Personnel Adviser, Lahr will be in room 101 of the Academic Building during the morning hours to discuss the program with the applicants.

Mr. Wilcox will be in his office to answer any questions any of the students might wish to have answered prior to Lahr's arrival.

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

Well Old Army. Here it is Tuesday and counting on the fingers it says only three more nights until it is time to drop in the groove and dig more trench around Sbisa Friday night. Hey, you guys over there in the first regiment. Have you got that woman on the line? If you haven't it is time to swing out with some kind of a line and get her ready to come down here. Drop her a line in the mail or use a telephone line and if neither of those work try out that old Aggie line.

Now about this Aggie line. A fish hears about it but doesn't know how to use it. A wethead experiments with it and uses it on occasion. A junior perfects the technique with the aid of a bit of serge. A senior wishes he had never used it.

Reports from Aggies who have heard Ernie Fields say that he plays that rhythm from way low deep down. So low dat it floats out ovah de flo' and grabs dose guys and gals by de feet an' moves dem around like nobody done seen befo'.

Helpful Hints

Don't drink even if two pints do make one cavort. . . Be careful of that gal with a light in her eyes because a flirt is nothing but a hit and run lover. . . Only hold her hands because a kiss is a course of procedure cunningly devised by women to stop speech

when words are superfluous. . . Be careful about cutting in on an upperclassmen. . . If you take her home before daybreak be sure the door is locked—from the outside before you leave. . . If you can't find her on the dance floor assume it is because of the large crowd. . . If you slip her out of the dormitory be sure you don't get caught, at least until you are taking her back in. . . Don't keep refreshments in your room. . . Don't throw the bottles out the window. . . Don't get a late date with someone staying at the same house with your date. . . Introduce her only to your best friends. . . Lock your best friends in the closet until she goes home. . . and finally remember that:

"When a woman says 'No' she means 'Maybe.'
When she says 'Maybe' she means 'Yes'.
When he says 'Yes' she means 'No'."

Four Hundred or More

It will not be amiss (it will probably be a miss really.) to remind the boys that there is a big bunch of gals in Bryan that had rather come to an Aggie dance than most anything.

If an introduction is needed just pass it off and meet some. But if worse comes to more than worse and none of the little ladies seem willing to drop a handkerchief (Af- (See BACKWASH, Page 3)

:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

One Tenth of the French Homeland is now in allied hands with the prospect that at least one half to three fourths will be liberated by the end of August.

Baths are now being rationed in the United States. No patron of a hotel in this country may take more than one bath each day unless a dirty towel is re-used for the second bath. Officially, the edict is for the purpose of conserving man-power, but attention is being called to the fact that in spite of the cry that there is a great man-power shortage the average work week is little, if any, longer than in days of peace.

Moscow has become the diplomatic center of Europe for the present at least. A diplomatic mission from the legal Polish Government is to be given a blueprint of its nation's future by Stalin and at practically the same time the Finns will be finally forced to place themselves completely at the mercy of their dictatorial enemies.

Meat rationing is expected to be more or less completely resumed in the next few months, and most types of rationing including foods will probably continue for some time after the war ends.

A gift for farmers is being handed out to rich and poor alike (at least until election day) completely free, gratis, and at no cost in coin of the realm. If you are a farmer and need a tank to hold water for your stock, or even to

stock with fish for your moments of recreation (if you are willing to misrepresent the facts just a little), just get in touch with Uncle Sam through your proper farm agency and it will be built for you.

Argentina has been handed a real slap at last. Secretary of State Cordell Hull charged that Argentina has violated her pledge to stand with the other American nations and not only that, but has also actually aided the cause of the Germans. A large number of the American nations have called their ministers and ambassadors home for conferences leaving the Argentine nation diplomatically isolated. This one nation is practically the only spot in the world that remains open as a place of refuge for the leaders of the Nazi murder gang when finally defeated.

The Transit Strike in Philadelphia was caused by F.E.P.C. orders to put a number of negroes on as motormen. Even the C.I.O. rebelled at the order and went on strike, workers in war industries were unable to reach the factories and production of war materials was seriously hampered. However, the administration apparently considered immediate employment of the negroes than the winning of the war, the government took over the transit lines, leaders of the strike were arrested, and troops were called out to break up the strike.