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## Just Friendly . . .

War has brought many changes to A. & M. not the least of which is the naval detachment stationed on the campus. These sailors come from average American homes from over the United States. They come from homes like the ones in Texas. Even though they may like Texas they still prefer their home if for no other reason than that it is home.

When the first naval detachment arrived on the campus the Aggies ignored the sailors and the sailors drew into a shell and overlooked the Aggies. They did not know the Aggies and the Aggies did not know them. Mistakes have been made by both sides.

The navy is here for war training because A. & M. offers the facilities for that training. The benefits have not all accrued to one side however. It is entirely possible that the revenue received by A. & M. from the navy contract has been one of the salient factors in making it possible for A. & M. to keep its doors open to civilian students.

As long as the Navy is here it would be to the advantage of everyone concerned to endeavor to make them a part of this school. Dissatisfaction has been voiced because sailors failed to take the side of the Aggies in football games. Is it not possible that if the Navy were made to feel completely welcome and a part of A. & M. and a part of its tradition that the sailors would automatically support their own team. If they are a part of the school they would naturally support the Aggies.

Aggies have complained of the sailors disregard for the hitch hiking code. If navy men would abide by the rules such as this one they will have gone a long way in making it possible for the Aggies to accept them.

Cooperative action on both sides can do much to make all students at A. & M. united into one student body. If the sailors are made to feel a part of A. & M. they will spread the word wherever they travel and will thus offer one of the best advertisements that A. & M. can have.

## An Opening Crevice . . .

A. & M. situated as it is practically midway between the major cities of Texas, enjoys the unique advantage of being conveniently located to receive weekend guests from all over the state. This coupled with the renowned Aggie hospitality has given A. & M. the reputation as being a nice place to visit.

Campus facilities are not the most comfortable in the world for lady guests but it has been customary to make up what was lacked in comfort with generosity and kindness. Guests have here-to-fore felt assured that they would receive the best of hospitality at A. & M. If this college is to maintain its position as the most friendly campus in the Southwest then it must continue those things which have given it such a position.

Speaking individually, nearly all A. & M. men are gentlemen but acting collectively they sometimes allow crowd psychology to warp their perspective which tends to create the least desired impression in the minds of visitors.

A bad impression etches indelibly a crevice in the reputation of A. & M., a scar of which remains forever regardless of the shifting of the sands of memory.

Guests for weekend dances are not here long enough to absorb the true spirit of Agieland; thus, it is essential that the behavior of the corps be irreproachable. As hosts the Aggies cannot afford to forget their position and responsibilities.

## OPEN FORUM

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Editor, The Battalion  
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Hi Aggie

Perhaps you are surprised at hearing from one of the Marines, but so what. I saw something tonight that brought back fond memories to me. I thought perhaps you might like to hear it.

I'm out here fighting some of the slant-eyed boys in the terrain Dotty Lamour so glorifies, to coin a phrase "Taint necessarily so," at at any rate tonight among the "beautiful" coconut trees I went to the movies—crude affair. You sit on the fallen coconut trees in the show.

In the movie there was a short and there I saw the old Texas Aggies. There were a lot of the buildings that were so familiar and yet it has been two years since I last saw them. If you are a junior there at school you were one of "my fish." I was there when the board ruled the campus and the fish ran the details. I was in 3rd Hq. Field Artillery . . . Remember Sibley, Wesson, Payne, and Henderson? They were all in the same outfit.

I suppose that you are tiring of this sort of stuff so I will change the subject. There is another ex-Aggie in the battery with me. He was in the infantry in '39. His name is Cpl. John O. Wolcott. Perhaps this will illustrate how odd things turn out. Thousands of miles from nowhere and we saw pictures of the old place . . . Look up my kid bud sometime, Fish Burnett over in No. 12. I'm not there at school but I still hear from there through him. At least it's still in the family.

Yours truly,  
Wm. E. Burnett, Jr., '46.

## Miss Bryant Joins UNRRA Group

Miss Louise Bryant, specialist in home management for the A. and M. College Extension Service, resigned Aug. 15 for an overseas assignment with the United States Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. She is the second Extension headquarters staff member to join the UNRRA organization.

After a training period in Washington and at the University of Maryland, Miss Bryant will be assigned to the Cairo, Egypt, office as agricultural rehabilitation specialist. Following liberation of the Balkans, Miss Bryant expects to be transferred either to Yugoslavia or Greece.

Miss Bryant has been an Extension worker for 15 years. She served as county home demonstration agent in Jackson and Wharton counties before coming to the headquarters staff as home management specialist in 1938. In addition to her Extension duties, Miss Bryant has served during recent months as chairman of a four-states' regional committee on the home phases of post war agricultural planning.

A successor to Miss Bryant has not yet been announced.

## BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

RELIEF, despondency, and quietness crept over the campus Sunday night when the last train whistled calling the responsive responders away from another weekend of enjoyment, fun, frustration and relaxation. Those guys really relaxed when they put those gals on the train, 12 hours or more.

To a casual observer a weekend dance at Aggieland presents a puzzling spectacle. Myriads of girls, a few beautiful, more pretty, others cute and attractive, and others just girls, alight from the train with tons of luggage and bagfuls of laughter and meet the boys with varying amounts of exuberance. For a few girls it is their first trip to Aggieland. They step down with eyes widened with wonder and eagerness. For others it is an old story. They affect an air of careful nonchalance and casual boredom. They are the sophisticates.

Most noticeable of all are the diverse greetings. These two rush to each other with outstretched arms. Two over three carefully shake hands. That pair say hello. This girls breathlessly wants to know how much time she has to get ready for the dance. Then there are the question mark, appraising glances of greeting exchanged by blind dates.

At the dance

More pitiful than any sight though is that couple at the dance who dance every dance with each other. She isn't cute nor does she

dance very well. The boy is stuck with her. What's worse, she knows that he is stuck with her. Disappointing too is the girl who uses her date as a vehicle to get to the dance which is only a stepping stone not necessarily to better things, but to other things.

Then comes intermission. The freshman with the ill-concealed worried look can't find his date. He knows where she is but dares not admit it, even to himself. He shouldn't feel bad. He should remember that a perch that bites at every line soon becomes date-bait.

Comes Sunday afternoon

Most are tired by Sunday afternoon. They really have their fill of one another's company but the train doesn't leave until late and, well, they have to do something so they bore each other.

Wise indeed is the man who permits the girl friend to spend sufficient time resting. Chances are that she is staying at a place where their other girls to pass the time with and if she gets plenty of sleep she will be that much brighter when the lad comes by to get her. Constant association with a date from Friday until Sunday night is likely to fray the most vivacious of nerves.

Goodbye now

Same place. Same couple. Different direction. Goodbye. The weekend was really lovely. I certainly enjoyed having you down. It's hard to let you go. It's harder (See BACKWASH, Page 3)

## :: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

Lodge 68, International Machinists, ordered San Francisco machine shops working on engine parts for landing craft to fire fourteen machinists FOR WORKING OVERTIME at the request of the Navy Department and the Maritime Commission. The Union called a strike because the men were not fired and closed down 104 plants.

Nearly 2,000,000 (two million) homes have already been destroyed in England by bombing and by the robots. The Pope has urged the English people not to become bitter and revengeful. Civilians were not bombed in Rome so the people of that city do not know what it means to have civilian homes made a deliberate target, but the people of London and England in general do know.

A National Political Party asked time on the air, for broadcast to the troops overseas, equal to that used by F. D. R. in his Bremerton, Washington speech. The Army granted the request on the ground that the F. D. R. address was political in character. A few hours later, however, a war department official, a presidential appointee, reversed the decision because the president's speech was NOT political in character. When congressmen threatened an investigation the army promptly announced that equal time would be allotted to all

parties for overseas broadcasts. The catch is, however, that the army still determines which of its commander-in-chief's broadcasts are political, if any.

Edgar Bergen is at last engaged to marry, bald head and all. The girl in the case is Frances Westerman, a model. It has not yet been announced whether Charlie McCarthy will go along on the honeymoon or not, but it is practically certain he will continue to be the wage earner of the family, even if he is not its head.

Between two thirds and three fourths of the French homeland has already been freed from German domination through the efforts of the Allied Armies and of the former French underground which is certainly out in the open now. For years the Germans have been trying to smoke the underground out in the open and now it is out and smoking up the Germans, and are they disgusted.

F. D. R. has lost the farm vote, according to the Gallup Poll. The latest report of Gallup says that if the election were to be held now that the farmers, outside of the south, would vote two to one for Dewey, and that over the national as a whole fifty out of every hundred are for Dewey. The Southern farmers, however, still give the majority of their votes for Roosevelt.