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Post War Plans and Starving Suicide . . .

Headlines, reports from the fighting fronts, and comments from Washington all reflect a spirit of optimism as to the duration of the war in Europe and satisfaction regarding the progress of the war in the Pacific. These reports have permeated the thinking of Americans and convinced them that peace time living is just across the next range finder. As a result, post war plans are filling the air and the columns of newspapers. Many other post war plans are still held secret in brief cases.

Industry possesses remarkable inventions and improvements which will add much to the standard of living. Economists are working on plans to stabilize the standard of living and the economy. Politicians are shaping policies to guarantee future world peace. Agriculturists are developing principles which will attempt to assure the future prosperity of the farmers. Transportation agencies are laboring to establish facilities to compete with prospective air transport. Our nation as a whole is preparing to maintain its position as the leading sovereignty of the world.

In the feverish activity of postwar planning the individual has a tendency to forget that regardless of the broad post war plans that will be made for him there still remains the responsibility of forming a personal plan of living whether it be post war or present. Peace will necessitate individual readjustment not only for the servicemen but for civilians.

The government through numerous legislative enactments has provided the basis for a sound program of rehabilitation for the fighting men. Loans will be made available to veterans for purposes of education, business, and building homes; and further provisions are outright gifts camouflaged under the name of mustering-out-pay or some other nomenclature. This is as it should be.

Those boys that have been over there fighting, risking and losing their lives and limbs are certainly entitled to the ultimate in consideration and the best that the country can give as a reward for fighting our battles. By their acts these servicemen who will return are worthy of programs that the legislators of the country can provide.

A personal post war program for the civilian is his own individual responsibility. Again this is as it should be. No one would contend that it should be otherwise for to do so would be to deny the capitalistic, democratic, independent doctrines upon which the American way of living is based.

Civilians facing a changing peace time society and economy should begin thinking of the adjustments that will have to be made and not only should they formulate a plan but they should gather around them the implements that they consider necessary to carry out the program that is most suitable to their problems and personalities. This is especially true for college students.

Many college students have failed to realize that the competition for a living wage will be ultra stiff after the peace time changes have been made. Our economy will not withstand the strain of a continued drain upon natural resources such as has been necessitated by the war. This fact alone is sufficient to stimulate thinking about the problems that must be faced by a college graduate when he begins his career. Even though quarter is asked none will be given. Competition will make it a struggle to obtain and hold a job.

When the indications pointing to peace in the near future, it will virtually be starving suicide to neglect making a post war individual plan for living.

OPEN FORUM

Editor, The Battalion,
College Station, Texas
Mr. Editor:

This letter is far from being a bleed letter, but just a letter to wake up those people who have any authority over the question in mind.

While around Kyle Field the other day, I noticed the sad state in which "Rev's" grave is being kept. Unless one knew or had been shown where her grave was, they could never find it or be certain where it was. This is not the respect to be given to the beloved mascot of the Aggies!

Before Reveille's death, a fund was started to secure money to have a portrait painted and a collar made in her honor. The portrait was painted and I imagine the collar is being made or plans for it taken care of. BUT WHY CAN'T ANOTHER FUND BE STARTED FOR A MONUMENT TO BE PLACED ON HER GRAVE?

With football season soon starting and people will once again flock to Kyle Field, every Aggie should take pride in the way people will pay respect to "Rev". Her grave should be made to a lasting tribute for her life here at Aggieland.

Sincerely,
Buddy Powell, '47

New Publication Begun By Exes

Going into the mail today to former students is the first issue of "The Texas A. and M. Review", newest of all publications, sponsored by the Former Students Association.

The new publication has a double purpose. First it is designed to supply information to former students concerning the Texas A. and M. Development Fund, how the fund operates, what it is for, and how it is getting along.

Its second purpose is to depict, largely by pictures, scenes of Texas A. and M. College of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, endeavoring to keep all A. and M. men who are away from the campus posted on what is going on in Aggieland.

The first issue of The Texas A. and M. Review contains four pages, each the size of business letter stationery. The upper panels are done in maroon and white on the front and back pages, with a narrow one-half inch maroon stripe running across the top of the inside pages. On the stripe and in white, are the words "The Texas A. and M. Review."

The information in this first publication contains accounts of former student clubs, lists of all class agents, reports of development fund, explanation of the development fund, a letter from the president of the Former Student's Association, and a poem copied from "The Cadence."

Eight pictures are included in this first issue. Three are of recent scenes on the campus, while one is a scene of the campus in (See PUBLICATION, Page 8)

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

It is only 60 miles over there and they are lovely and friendly, and lovable, and, and, and—they sure are cute girls. Word comes from Sam Houston at Huntsville that, Co-eds have decided that AMC is the most popular place in this part of the state. Why? Because the Aggies had one of their famous dances last weekend.

Male mail

From Bill Huffman, '45, 2 Hq. F. A., comes a few well spoken words. He says, "I wish to congratulate the Ole Army on the way the fish are on the line. I met one the other day and as soon as he learned I was an ex I had a devil of a time getting him to stop calling me "MR." Embarrassing you know—and me a private. Liked his spirit though—warmed the ole heart.

Give 'em H— on Kyle field soon and I'll be listening, probably by short wave."

Army, all those exes out there wherever they are counting on us this fall. The "sports experts" pick us for fifth place but the

Aggies are tops and are going to stay on the top of the heap.

In The Wash

From the looks of the clouds the last few days it appears as if the weather were fixing to go back to normal and rain awhile. Semester before last it rained for 19 days consecutively. The freshmen thought that they had found a wet country.

These few days of wetted bliss have just about washed Backwash out. Drip, drip—doggone these leaky raincoats. Trench coats can't be beat. In rainy weather they shed water (Part of it anyway because only every other drop goes on through.) and in cold weather they make excellent windbreakers. They break the wind up into fine pointed icy-needle blasts that tickle the skin into goose flesh.

This weather is fine though. But one can't talk about the weather all the time so the sub- (See BACKWASH, Page 3)

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

Q. Who engages the minister—the groom-to-be or the bride-to-be?

A. The bride-to-be and her mother make all arrangements for the wedding and they also engage the minister. Circumstances frequently alter cases, and the groom-to-be might be consulted in the matter.

If a member of the clergy were a relative of the groom's he naturally would be chosen to perform the ceremony or at least assist with it; however, the bride-to-be or her mother would still be the one to extend the invitation. It is

the bride's prerogative to make her wedding plans as elaborate or simple as she pleases, since the major expense of the wedding is borne by her parents. The groom pays the minister's fee.

Q. Is it all right to telephone an acceptance to a formal wedding invitation?

A. If the invitation does not include a reception invitation it does not require an acceptance or regret but if it does, an answer should be written in the third person and be sent by mail.

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

In the summer of 1925, while serving as a counsellor at a Boys Camp in New Hampshire, I had the good fortune to be associated with Kim Valentine, singles tennis



Penberthy

champion of the Big Ten Conference. Kim, a University of Chicago boy, was not only a fine tennis player but a fine gentleman and sportman as well. In discussing sports with him one day we drifted to the subject of up-sets and he made a statement that has stuck with me. He said, "Whenever anyone beats me in a match he is better than I am that day—it matters not that I might be able to beat him the next time we play."

I have witnessed a great many contests and have been asked for my opinion as to the outcome of

many but I am always dubious about predicting because I have been wrong so many times. And then I have always felt that the contests are scheduled to determine the best team and until the contest has been completed the best team has not been determined.

We are often disappointed at the outcome of a game and are prone to feel and say that "the best team lost." Whenever I hear that statement the words of Kim Valentine pop into my mind.

As long as we have scoring systems for the different sports the team accumulating the most points will always be declared the winner and that is how it will go down in the record and after all it is the record that counts.

We have had some mighty close, hard fought games in our Intramural Program this summer and my heart has gone out to a great many of our boys whose only comment on a lost game was, "they just had a better team."