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The Freshmen Act . . .

Declaring "We didn't know Reveille ourselves, as she had been dead for over a year when we arrived on the campus, but we want to try to be real Aggies and do something for A. & M.," a representative of the new freshmen class walked into the Student Activities office Wednesday morning and contributed one-hundred and twenty two dollars to the Reveille Memorial Fund. This sum had been collected in their dormitory the previous evening with students contributing any desired amount. No record of the donations was kept. The action was purely voluntary and was the result of a simple plan ventured by one of the students during a conversation over the plight of Rev's grave.

This action was probably a great surprise to some factions on the campus as the status of the new freshmen, in regard to their relations with other students on the campus was rather confusing. Their contribution prove at least one thing to some students, that the freshmen are going out of their way to win the respect of their fellow students that they might be received into student affairs without being discriminated against. Though A. & M. still holds many mysteries for them they are earnest and willing in their efforts to prove themselves worthy of the brass insignia they wear on their collar and the name of the school they attend.

This offering does not establish the freshmen as true and faithful Aggies alone, nor could anyone else attain that intangible honor by merely contributing money; but it does signify that they are conscious of some of the traditions at Aggieland and the esteem in which they are held by all Aggies.

It is unwise to judge a group by words alone, or by opinions of those who may be prejudiced. Actions are more expressive of real values. To the extent that the Freshmen have given visible evidence of loyalty to the traditions of Aggieland, they deserve to have said of them, "Well done, ole army."

Quotable Quotes

"From time to time we hear about tolerance—religious tolerance, racial tolerance, political tolerance. But in this day of world conflict, to be followed by world adjustment, tolerance is not enough. The world is too small. If we tolerate a person, we put up with him or allow him to do certain things or we may merely permit him to exist. To abide, allow, endure, or permit a person, race, or nation to do things of which we do not approve does not represent that spirit upon which we can build world cooperation and finally world peace. We must go beyond tolerance to a stage of sympathetic understanding and finally cooperation. We must understand those who differ from us in religion, race, or politics." President Harvey A. Andrus of Bloomsburg (Pa.) State Teachers College emphasizes the need for understanding in order to achieve, "American Unity Without Uniformity."—ACP.

Distance gives courage to the coward.

--MEMORY LANE--

(1-5-15 Years Ago as Seen by The Battalion of Yesterday)

ONE YEAR AGO:

Corps representatives leave for Tesseland to select Aggie Sweetheart for T. U. Round-Up—Ann Martin, visiting SMU sophomore, guest starring on Batt staff, a case of beauty and the Batt going hand in hand—Frankie Masters and band to appear in Guion Hall and Zino Francescatti scheduled for Town Hall.

Sports: Basketball season ends with records smashed all over the books—Rice broke the season's scoring record, only to be eclipsed by Arkansas with a rousing 680 total for the year—Bill Henry captured two new records, 41 points in one game to replace Johnnie Adams' record of 36 and a season's total of 246 to erase Dwight Parks' 214. The hapless Aggies fell victim to most teams in the conference, SMU and Texas U. setting new one-game scoring record against Aggies with 81 points chalked up.

Showing: W. Beery in "Salute to the Marines," Connie Bennett in "Sintown," Herbert Marshall, "Adventures in Washington."

FIVE YEARS AGO:

General news: "Eddie" Hall and "Red" Martin leading the field in Ugly Boy Primary—other contestants Roy Chappell, Jack Fugate, Phil Hankamer—Del Courtney's orchestra to play corps ball in Shiba, tax \$1.10—Lucien Morgan addresses Accounting Society—Aggies wallop Tesseland in debate, "Resolved: That U. S. should follow a policy of strict economic and MILITARY isolation toward all nations outside western hemisphere engaged in armed civil or international conflict." — (You guessed wrong, the Aggies had the affirmative side—how times can change).

Sports: Baseball season to open with Aggies taking on Grand Prize nine—players include "Lefty" Moon; Jack Lindsey, Marland Jeffrey, Marion Pugh, Dave Alsbrook and Jack Cooper with Charlie Stevenson, Sam Bass, Ralph Lindsey, Roy Peden and Lefty Bumpers to do the hurling—Basketball season to close with Aggies taking on Teasippers, last game for seniors Smith, Adams and Tinker of the Maroon.

Show business: Ann Sheridan, "Angels Wash Their Faces," "Eternally Yours," starring Loretta Young and "The Man From Dakota," with Wallie Beery.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO:

General: Ligon Smith and his band to play for E. E. dance, while Bill Cornelson and band from Schulenburg to toot the music for "T" Club dance—Architects present Marlene Dietrich and Gary Cooper in "Morocco," benefit show—H. G. Seeligion selected to edit Fish edition of the Batt magazine . . . Prof. Adriance leaves for year of study at Cornell U.

Sports: TCU wins conference basketball title . . . Shiro Hoke, great Aggie captain and center, selected on all-conference team . . . Al "Too-Tall" Dietzel, Frog center, sets new season's scoring record with 168 points . . . Head Coach Matty Bell and Line Coach Klepto Holmes putting Aggie gridders through spring training . . . Aggies win 4, lose 7 conference tilts to finish in fifth place . . . baseball prospects appear slim with most experienced players missing.

Show business: Joan Crawford in "Dance Fools Dance," Buster Keaton, Cliff Edwards and Reggie Denny in "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath" . . . Lawrence Tibbett and Grace Moore in "New Moon."

BACKWASH

By Junior Canis

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

The Town Hall program Tuesday night was entertaining in more ways than one in several Aggies' estimation. Seen escorting sweet Bryan lovelies were Chester "stripes" Reid and Dick Ater. Doc Kelly was a perfect gentleman handing out programs during the evening. Doc, as you know, is the room-mate of Warren "Hat" Brown. Seems Warren has a different colored hat for each class. The boots hanging over the balcony rail belonged to Jack Moran. What's good enough for Rural Sociology classes is good enough for Town Hall shows, eh, Jack. Gay Ware had a contented look on his face as he accompanied a "local lassie" to her seat. But, (it ain't so) sociable, says Gay) the sweet thing left the hall unaccompanied at end of the show. Very chic in their boots and ice creams were the student ushers. Charlie West, Verne Scott, and Town Hall manager Dan Hightower had their best smiles ready for the patrons.

The student activities party given for the visiting members of the choir and their director was a very entertaining affair. Bill Griffin, Jack Ross, Pop Kidd donned their "going places" clothes once again and seemed to be enjoying themselves very much with three visiting members of the fairer sex. One man who has changed his mind about love at first sight is "Innocence" McBurk. Seems his eyes were a little misleading at the party. Oh, well, variety is the spice of life isn't it Dan?

Campus Sidelights
Coy Jagers and Jimmie Evans being "thrilled" at the "Mask of Dimitrios" preview. The eager expressions on the faces of the Intramural Officers before going to Penny's barbecue. The frantic search for mail boxes by conceited Aggies for those anxiously awaited invitations to Tesseland on the 17th.

Congratulations to J. B. Kearby! The recipient of his sweet thoughts is now located at S. M. U. instead of North Dallas High School. Many Aggies (naturally) are still wondering where all of the femininity at the Town Hall show Tuesday night came from. Carl Long was "just" overcome with enthusiasm. Why Carl! Sam Nixon and Ed Wendt got quite a "buzz" while serving the young ladies who came up for the Navy Dance. Naturally, both were decked in Serge, stripes and al.

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

Use of Table Silver: No matter where you are, never wipe any piece of silver on table cloth or napkin. Don't make gestures with the silver while eating or rest a knife, fork, or spoon on the edge of a plate so that any part of it touches the tablecloth.

Don't hold the eating implements as though they were shovels. When cutting meat don't let your finger touch knife blade or fork tines. Cut only one piece at a time. Eat it either by leaving the fork in the left hand, tines down, or by changing it to the right, tines up. The bread and butter knife will not be on the table unless there is a bread and butter plate; it is not used for a formal dinner. The salad knife is used only for the salad.

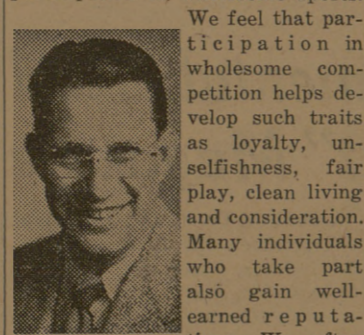
The soup spoon should be dipped away from you and the soup sipped from the side of the spoon.

A small spoon, such as a tea spoon, is never put all the way in the mouth but its contents are taken from the tip. A teaspoon is used to stir sugar into coffee or tea then put on the saucer—never left in the cup. The beverage is then sipped from the cup.

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

One of the chief justifications of any sports program is the character building value derived from participation in wholesome sports.



We feel that participation in wholesome competition helps develop such traits as loyalty, unselfishness, fair play, clean living and consideration. Many individuals who take part also gain well-earned reputations. We often hear discussions about the difference between character and reputation, so I am passing along an article bearing that title by Professor Wm. Hersey Davis:

Character and Reputation
The circumstances amid which you live determine your reputation; the truth you believe determines your character.

Reputation is what you are supposed to be; character is what you are.

Reputation is the photograph; character is the face.

Reputation is a manufacturing thing, rilled and plated and hammered and brazed and bolted; character is a growth.

Reputation comes over one from without; character grows up from within.

Reputation is what you have when you come to a new community; character is what you have when you go away.

Your reputation is learned in an hour; your character does not come to light for a year.

Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a lifetime.

Reputation grows like a mushroom; character grows like the oak.

Reputation goes like a mushroom; character lasts like eternity.

A single newspaper report gives you your reputation; a life of toil gives you your character.

If you want to get a position, you need a reputation; if you want to keep it, you need a character.

Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.

Reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; character is what the angels say about you before the throne of God.

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CLASS OF 1943
Marine Captain Homer S. Hill, 26, has graduated from the Marine Corps Aviation Ground Officers School at Quantico, Va.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Hill and husband of the former Ruth Long of Route 1, Winnsboro, Texas, he was a pilot with the South Pacific Air Transport Command overseas for 15 months. Later, he served as intelligence officer at Corvallis, Oregon.

Prior to enlisting in Marine Aviation on June 22, 1941, he received a Bachelor of Science degree here. Captain Hill has been assigned as an instructor with a combat unit.

While a student here, Captain Hill was a distinguished student and also won his freshmen numeral in basketball. He was in the Field Artillery here.

George L. Spencer, 23, formerly of Teague, Texas, has been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant; it was announced by 15th AAF Headquarters.

An aerial engineer and gunner, Sgt. Spencer is stationed in Italy with a veteran Liberator bombardment group which has flown more than 175 bombing missions against strategic enemy oil, rail and industrial centers throughout central and southern Europe.

Prior to his induction on Sept. 24, 1942, he was employed as a pump station operator with a Sinclair Products pipe line. He received aerial gunnery training at the Laredo Army Air Field, Texas, and aircraft mechanic training at Sheppard Field, Texas.

Sgt. Spencer, the son of George L. Spencer, Odessa, Texas, was a member of the Field Artillery while at A. & M.

CLASS OF 1944

A fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal has recently been awarded to First Lieutenant Chas. H. Purzell, 22, Lake Forest, Ill., for "meritorious achievement . . . courage, coolness and skill . . . while participating in more than 25,000 miles of bombing missions to German military and industrial targets in the Reich, and to enemy installations in the path of Allied armies in Western Europe.

Lt. Purzell is the navigator on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress in the 35th Bombardment group commanded by Colonel George Y. Jumper, Matoma, Calif. The flyer's group is a part of the Third Air Division, the division which was cited by the president for its now-historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg in August 1943.

Son of G. P. Purzell, 986 North Western Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois, he is a graduate of Sunset High School, Dallas. He and his parents formerly lived in Dallas at 3026 Drwindell St. He entered the AAF in March 1943 and received his wings at Ellington Field, Texas, in March 1944.

Among the important targets to which his Fortress has flown are the oil producing plants at Leipzig and Bohlen; tank factories at Kassel; marshalling yards at Coblenz; and industrial targets at Berlin, Hamburg and Munich. He also flew on several coordinated air-ground bombings of Nazi troop concentrations, supply dumps, rail heads, bridges, and communication centers.

While attending school here, Lt. Purzell was a distinguished student and was a corporal in the Signal Corps.

CLASS OF 1945

Flight Officer Viggo (cq) J. Hermansen, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hermansen of Danevang, Tex., navigator of a 15th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the Mediterranean theatre of operations.

Hermansen was graduated from El Campo, Tex., high school in 1939, and prior to his entrance into the Army Air Forces, was a student at Texas A. & M. College. He received his wings upon graduation from the AAF Navigation School at Coral Gables, Fla., July 1, 1944. He has been overseas for three months.

Flight Officer Hermansen was a cadet sergeant in the Infantry here. Staff Sergeant Vernon G. Hunt, 20, of Mount Pleasant, Texas, recently was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action on the Fifth Army Front in northern Italy.

A squad leader in Company I, 113rd Infantry Regiment of the 34th "Red Bull" Division, Hunt

was cited for leading a daring and brilliantly executed attack on a force of German paratroopers defending a strategically situated building in enemy territory, silencing two machine gun positions, killing one Nazi and capturing nine others.

Hunt and his squad encountered two Jerries who attempted to halt their progress with terrific machine gun fire. Matching the enemy fire with his own tommy gun, Hunt wounded the two and forced them to surrender.

Seventy-five yards from their objective, he and his men were pinned down by fire from another machine gun at the side of the house. Hunt obtained a rifle with a grenade launcher attached and silenced the position with three grenades.

He then ordered his automatic rifle team to remain in position and lend supporting fire while he and another member of the patrol circled to the right of the house. Three other men were ordered to attack the house from the left.

Though enemy fire was extremely heavy and his comrade was wounded, Hunt advanced by leaps and bounds to within 15 yards of the house. He then pitched grenades at the windows and doors, killing a sniper firing from a window.

Observing a Kraut dugout at the rear of the house, he threw another grenade into it and instantly seven frightened Nazis rushed from their smoking shelter to surrender.

The nine prisoners then were dispatched to the rear while Hunt searched the building.

When enemy reinforcements appeared to launch a counter attack, Hunt quickly ordered his squad to withdraw while he remained forward and shot it out with the superior enemy force. He continued to fire his tommy gun and stemmed the attack, eventually rejoining his squad.

While a student here Sergeant Hunt was a member of the Engineers. He is now recuperating at the McCloskey General Hospital in Temple, having been wounded subsequent to the action in which he won the D.S.C.

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OPEN FORUM

To the Editor:

It is time that some steps were taken about the condition of the trophy case in the rotunda of the Academic building. These trophies reflect the glorious past of A. and M.'s athletic teams and they also serve as an excellent record of what these teams have accomplished when supported by the "twelfth man."

Surely this dusty and bedraggled case, with dusty trophies thrown in it in haphazard manner is not a fit display of the famous Aggie past. Every day visitors from distant places come to our campus and the trophy case is one of the main points of interest. What must be the impression that they are forced to return to their homes with, then, to discover that Aggieland's symbols of a proud and victorious past on all of the fields of athletic endeavor are heaped together in such wild confusion?

Surely something should be done about this, and quickly. It is hoped that this matter will be brought to the attention of the proper authorities.

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