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Respect The Aggie Uniform . . .

For the past nine months, Ellington Field has operated a Courtesy Patrol in the City of Houston on Saturdays and Sundays, in an effort to improve the military appearance and courtesy of members of the Armed forces visiting the city over the weekend. Consisting of officers and non-commissioned officers detailed to this duty, this patrol merely calls the individual's attention to a particular violation of uniform regulations or his failure to extend the usual military courtesies.

In a report of the patrol, made February 18 of this year, A. & M. cadets were criticized for "not exhibiting the attitude and appearance expected of officer trainees". The report also recommended that A. & M. officials be notified of this condition.

It is realized that Aggies, while enjoying themselves away from the campus, might become a little careless in their self discipline. They have just finished a week of classes and are using this weekend excursion to divert their minds from their studies to the different recreational facilities.

Nevertheless, while a man is in uniform, whether he is on the campus or visiting in some city, he has certain obligations to uphold. Although an A. & M. student is not subject to all army regulations, he is expected to respect the uniform he wears and the courtesies due it. If he is not willing to render the proper respects then he should by all means take the uniform off.

Before the present student body enrolled at A. & M. the preceding students, by their extremely gentlemanly and courteous conduct while wearing the Aggie uniform, established a reputation wherever they appeared for being an outstanding military unit. At that time there were enough cadet officers here to check on the behavior of A. & M. students in the various cities on weekends. Now, although there are only fifty-seven cadet officers, the Senior Class can still demand that the students exhibit the proper behavior when off the campus.

Juniors and Seniors should realize that they are wearing officer's clothing and that such clothing is regarded as practically sacred to some members of the armed forces. They should try to realize the disgust which a soldier might have upon seeing an R.O.T.C. student disregard the importance of the uniform he wears; to see a cadet wear his clothing in such a manner that it loses its proper meaning. Maybe if the students could only view the uniform in the eyes of the enlisted men and those who have worked long and hard to gain the privilege of wearing it, they would appreciate their clothing a little more, and emphasize to a greater extent the appearance which they present.

Wearing the uniform and appreciating it properly is just one phase. While wearing the uniform an Aggie is likely to be mistaken for a member of the armed forces and approached by an M. P. Some students may resent this, but not rightly so, for the M. P. has only made a momentary mistake; one which is very likely, considering the Aggie uniform. Nevertheless, A. & M. students should answer their questions politely and courteously and not resent their action.

Courtesy is another one of the unwritten traditions at Aggieland, which has always been a characteristic of all true Aggies, never-to-be forgotten under any conditions.

When wearing the Aggie uniform, you are representing the A. & M. College, and the many great traditions it embodies. Therefore, wear your clothing properly; respect the uniform and its obligations always; and be courteous and honor the name of your school at all times. But, if you are not willing to salute at the proper times, extend the courtesies due the uniform, and render the uniform its rightful appreciation in every way, then leave it here the next time you leave the campus.

"Collar Ornament" Aggies . . .

Frequently spoken of as the elite of the coming world, college students are usually credited with a certain maturity. They have received high school diplomas and by now should be well versed in all ethical mannerisms. Yet, a visitor attending last Saturday's Preview at Guion Hall would have had no inclination to believe that he was in the midst of college students. Frequent outbursts of loud heckling and wisecracking predominated throughout the performance and very few if any theatre patrons were given the opportunity to enjoy the show they had paid to see. Instead they were treated to another show with students who call themselves Aggies, as the leading "characters". Although the offenders were aware of the Patron's visible dislike for their antics, they persisted in disturbing those attending with their varying unethical outbursts, regardless of the sequence in the show.

Aggies are not supposed to be courteous and considerate, they are courteous and considerate of all at all times. Poems, songs, and films have praised the Aggie cadet corps for representing true manhood in every respect. They have praised Aggies for their bravery; their honesty and faithfulness; their courage and honor; and for their extreme courtesy and consideration. If a real Aggie has these traits, then it cannot be said that any Aggies were among those demonstrating in Guion Hall Saturday night; they were merely students who call themselves Aggies because they wear the AMC's on their collars and are exposed to A. & M. These men are only helping to tear down sacred Aggie traditions which were established decades ago and have remained hallowed down through the years; rich traditions which no real Aggie could bear to see tarnished in any manner.

Yet, in the presence of many who respect Aggieland and the name of the cadet corps in such a manner, these "collar-ornament" Aggies continue to bring discredit upon their school and the traditions for which it stands.

In the past, the Senior Class has been responsible for the discipline of the corps, and there is no reason why the present Senior Class cannot assume that responsibility and either rid the college of these "half-hearted" Aggies or demand that they respect the Aggie name and act accordingly.

Those buttons and diamonds designating rank were not meant to be decorations. They signify duty and responsibility. Live up to them, or take them off!

BACKWASH

By Junior Canis

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

Seen Around the Campus

Everybody pitching horseshoe to get ready for the intramurals . . . Juniors already sweating dates for the Prom, and seniors too . . . Lots of practical demonstrations of cement-construction; C. E.'s take notice . . . All the engineers studying hard for their "A" quizzes, and lots of L. A. students at Guion Hall every night . . . Sophomores walking around with their noses

good material. Some visiting paddlefeet were Claude Jacks, '47, "Bean-pole" Geisman, '47, Bob Pritchett, '47, and Bill Pratt, '47. The marines were lucky enough to get H. L. Hartman, '47, and Pedro Pareda, '47. James Wimmpee, '47, represented the navy last week. Maybe there were more, but we can't keep up with them any more. Aren't these daft boards a pain?

Tessieland Invites

Quite a few of the boys seem to have their plans already made for Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th. Tessieland is throwing its yearly redbud ball, and it looks as if Aggieland will be well represented. The "wearing of the green" may mean Saint Patrick's Day to the Irish, but it will be a mixed group of Aggies who are "green with envy" when they hear their buddies talk about the trip. If it wasn't for that doggone C. Q. they have up there.

Noticed & Unnoticed

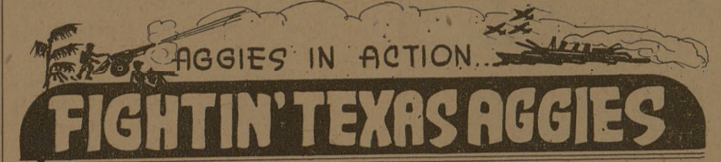
Didn't Charlie Crabtree look sweet as O. D. Monday. Anyone desiring to know how to act while dating Waves please consult "Hair" Hape and "Spick" Leventhal. Jimmie Evans visited home, sweet Ennis again last weekend. Jimmie, as you know, is our most studious student. Has any noticed that eager "gleam" in Dusty Howland's eyes lately. Seems that he's actually going to have a date at the Redbud Ball. Yes, it's true! A good idea would be to install a private phone in the rooms of our "telephone Johnnies", those boys who haunt the Dorm phones each night and gab for hours at a time with the sweet Bryan lassies. (No harm meant, girls.)



in the air, not saying nuthin' to nobody . . . except the freshmen . . . Everybody mad at everybody else, as usual . . . A new officer, who evidently is used to military discipline, trying to explain a maneuver to a bunch of upperclassmen . . . he'll catch on soon . . . Arguments between the Cosmos and the Texans in the Latin-American history class.

Visiting

Quite a few exes from the armed forces have been dropping in on us lately. Looks like the Infantry has been getting a lot of



CLASS OF 1945

Silver Taps: Pfc. Harry C. Robinson.

Sgt. Louis E. Buck was a visitor on the campus in early February. He has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during his six months service in France. He is now at the Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California. Flight Officer Robert C. Ward has been awarded the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied continental Europe." At the last report he had participated in more than ten bombing attacks against targets in flights over Germany as a member of the 384th Bombardment Group, Sgt. Vernon G. Hunt, wounded in action in Italy, is now a patient at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple. Lt. Uel Stephens, Jr., has been transferred from Fresno, California, to Napier Field, Dothan, Alabama.

CLASS OF 1946

Silver Taps: Sgt. Robert H. Shimer, Pvt. Monte W. Kaufman, Lt. Bill M. Magee.

Pfc. Herbert "Mike" Sheaner is missing in action in Germany as of December 16, but no further word has been received. Sgt. Duke Kimbrough is somewhere in Germany and received a promotion from pfc. to sergeant.

Lt. Paul G. Silber, Jr., of San Antonio is now serving somewhere overseas with an infantry regiment. Pvt. Henry Gilchrist is now at Jackson, Miss. Recently transferred to the AAF, Santa Maria, Calif., was Lt. Jack M. Brundrett.

Charles O. Burch, S 1/c is on duty at the Naval Training Station in Chicago, Ill. In Brownwood, Texas, is John C. Mayes, Jr. Private Charles W. Read, Jr., is now on duty overseas, while Lt. James E. Goodson is now stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Walter A. Hodges, S 1/c is attending school at the U. S. Naval Air Gunners School in Purcell, Oklahoma. Pfc. Charles B. Boddie was seriously wounded in France on January 3, according to word received from T. G. Boddie of College Station.

Sgt. Ward O. Gillespie of Houston has been reported missing since January 10, over Germany. Before entering the Air Forces in 1943, he was a sophomore here at school. After receiving his gunnery training at the Las Vegas Army Air Field, he went overseas in September. Gillespie had made more than 20 missions and had been awarded

the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

While serving with an infantry machine gun squad in France, Sgt. A. L. Scott of San Angelo was wounded.

CLASS OF 1947

Silver taps: Private John V. Cox, Jr.

Pvt. Ed M. Farrow is now in the Air Corps. Looking forward to returning to Aggieland after the war is Pvt. Harold H. Edwards, who is at Lowry Field, Colorado. Frank Fidele Barberio is now paddlefooting at Camp Wolters, Tex. Located at Fort Sill, Okla., is Pvt. Ernest A. Baetz, Jr. Before leaving here in November 1944, he was a distinguished student and also president of the Junior Class. A/S Nicholas J. Salibo is with the Navy V-12 unit at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.

Upon completion of Navy V-12 training at Georgetown, Bernard G. Horner will report to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Pvt. James B. Jones is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. After the war, Cpl. Jurant D. Pitcock plans to return to A. & M.

Colonel Richmond, Ex, Receives Silver Star, Purple Heart

The Purple Heart and Silver Star medals have been awarded Lt. Col. Jason L. Richmond of the 379th Infantry Regiment, 95th Division, according to word received by College Station friends and relatives. His brother, T. R. Richmond, an A. & M. graduate in 1931, is associate agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Colonel Richmond was a major when he was cited for gallantry. He formerly was with the Soil Conservation Service in Arkansas, and graduates from Texas A. & M. College in 1935. The citation for the Silver Star was as follows:

"Jason L. Richmond, 0328667, Lieutenant Colonel, then major, Infantry, Headquarters, second Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy from 2 December 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 3 December 1944 Lt. Col. Richmond led the second Battalion, in spearheading the attack on Saarlautern. For a bridgehead to be quickly and firmly established across the Saar river it was necessary that the German city be cleared of German troops expeditiously. Under Lt. Col. Richmond's

Mr. Ballance's column for this week has been devoted to books relating to careers. Ed.

By Paul S. Ballance

Choosing a career is one of the great privileges we enjoy in a free country. After the war there will be many new jobs available for the returning soldier. Many soldiers will be looking for new jobs because there will be many who will want to change for one reason or another. There will be thousands who have never had a job in civilian life, and further there are those who have never decided definitely upon a profession.

There are a great number of books published on occupations or careers. These books are not strictly technical, but they give a person the facts worth knowing within a specified field.

"Aeronautical Occupations"

Burr A. Leyson has written a volume entitled "Aeronautical Occupations". In this small but compact volume the author gives a brief description of the various positions in the field of aeronautics. One will find the duties of such persons as air transport pilots, as distinguished from army or navy pilots. Radio operators are almost as important as the pilots. Next in importance would be the steward and hostess. There are many positions connected with aeronautics where one never has to leave the ground. There is a need for highly skilled and trained men as meteorologists who study the weather over the routes of a particular airline. There are dispatchers, operations managers, airplane mechanics and instrument technicians. There are others on the ground who play an important part. They are the airport engineers and the airport managers. Last, but not least, are those who help build the planes; the welders, sheetmetal workers, machinists, draftsmen, assemblers and woodworkers. If you are interested in any phase of aeronautics, this book may be well worth your reading.

Your Career in "Engineering"

"Your Career in Engineering" by Norman V. Carlisle, covers every phase of engineering. The author attempts to break the major divisions such as civil and mechanical engineering down into the more important sub-heads or specialized fields. For instance, he lists under civil engineering such as highway engineering, hydraulic engineering, structural engineering and others. Electrical engineering is broken down into illuminating and communications engineering. The author gives brief information in each chapter about the particular phase of engineering and mentions what one may expect when taking the course in college. The appendix of this book lists the institutions accredited by the Engineers Council for Professional Development. Also listed are a great number of magazines in the various specialized fields. The names and addresses of the major engineering societies are listed.

"Do You Want to Get Into Radio?"

"Do You Want to Get Into Radio?" by Frank A. Arnold, gives one a good idea of the possibilities in the field of radio. The author breaks the broad field into many specialized parts and describes the possibilities in each of these fields. For instance, he states that the specialized field of radio announcing is very limited and that there was at that time, 1940, only about 4,000 announcers in the U. S. The production or program department and the sales departments are very important phases of the work: I will not enumerate the various sub-headings, but suffice it to say there are many. The author does venture to say that there will be great advantages and possibilities

vigorous leadership the second battalion swung in a wide arc through the city, destroying the enemy ruthlessly in house to house fighting. Then Lt. Col. Richmond pushed the attack on to stout pillbox fortifications in Saarlautern Roden, relentlessly, eliminating the threat to lines of communication and supply. Throughout this action Lt. Col. Richmond's cool, sure judgment and daring, aggressive leadership under heavy enemy fire were on inspiration to his troops, and a distinct credit to himself and to the military service. Entered military service from Texas."

BETWEEN THE BOOK-ENDS

in the field of television.

One would be led to believe that only the fields allied to engineering are covered by these career books from the titles mentioned. This is not true, because the next books that I shall mention are out of the engineering category.

Your Career in Agriculture

Homer P. Anderson, former assistant editor of Boy's Life, has written a very good book on occupations entitled "Your Career in Agriculture". The book covers more than the one agricultural occupation of farming. However, it does give information about the many and varied types of farming. There are dozens of occupations in the field of agriculture that do not take a person near a farm or ranch or orchard. There is now a greater demand for the agricultural scientist than ever at any time. The Federal government and the many state governments are in constant need of specialists in the field of agriculture and research.

There is also a demand for agricultural specialists by those commercial organizations both manufacturing products for the farmer, and those that are purchased from the farmer.

Medical Occupations

Lee M. Klinefelter's book "Medical Occupations" is very elementary, but the entire field of medicine is covered and in such a way that anyone can understand it. The author begins by giving the preliminary information that a person would desire about the medical profession in general. Each specialized field of medicine is discussed, and one is told of some of the possibilities in each field. At the end of each specialized chapter one finds a list of schools offering courses in that particular specialty, entrance requirements, and length of course.

All of the books mentioned here are to be found in either the Texas Engineers Library or the College Library.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

The Allied forces are closing in on Germany from every side, rapidly and efficiently. General Patton's third army has already reached the Rhine River near Coblenz after a 29-mile advance in 12 hours, and to the north of Patton the first and ninth armies are mopping up the remnants of the German forces on the west bank of the river. The Russian armies have reached the Baltic northeast of Berlin and are reported to have isolated large German forces to the East. In the Pacific the American and Australian forces continue to clean up the Japanese forces which had been by-passed in the island jumping of the last few months. The slow conquest of Iwo Jima continues with the Marines killing the Japs off and clearing a few yards at a time.

Poland, the first nation to fight Germany in this war has not even been invited to participate in the conference of the United Nations which meets in San Francisco next month. Poland had already been partitioned and a large portion of her territory given to

Russia by the Yalta Conference, without her consent and by a conference at which she was not even nominally represented, and now the final announcement has been made which for all practical purposes removes her from the list of independent nations. It is apparent that Poland is to exist in the future, what is left of her, as a dependent state, represented by and probably controlled by the Russians.

The Conference of Chapultepec at Mexico City has resulted in a general agreement being reached by the American nations with the exception of Argentina, as to the policies to be followed at the April conference in San Francisco. The nations have also agreed as to the policy to be followed in regard to Argentina. That nation is being given a final opportunity to join the other American republics in promoting their joint policies. If Argentina offers to join and is judged to be sincere she will probably be permitted representation at the general world conference next month.

Henry Wallace has been confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of Commerce but the Department has been stripped of its control over the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The position as head of the R.F.C. has been offered to Fred Vinson and a large portion of her territory given to



Nelson

The Seabe eSpeaks

So you're tired of working, Mister, and you think you'll rest a bit.

You've been working pretty steady and you're getting sick of it.

You think the war is ending, so you're slowing down the pace;

That's what you may be thinking, Sir, but it just ain't the case.

What would you think, Sir, if we quit because we're tired too?

We're flesh and blood and human, we're just as tired as you.

Did you ever dig a foxhole and climb down deep inside,

And wish it went to China so you'd have some place to hide

While motored "buzzards", packed with guns, were circling overhead,

And filled the ground around you with hot, exploding lead?

And did you ever dig out, Mister, from the debris and dirt,

And feel yourself all over to see if you were hurt,

And find you couldn't move, though you weren't hurt at all—

And feel so darned relieved that you'd just sit there and bawl?

We're your ever hungry Mister—not The kind that food soon gluts,

But a gnawing, cutting hunger that bites into your guts?

It's a homesick hunger, Mister, ad it digs, around inside,

And it's got you in its clutches And there ain't no place to hide.

Were you ever dirty, Mister, not The wilty collar kind.

But the cozy, slimy, messy dirt that gritty kind that grinds?

Did you ever mind the heat, Sir, not the kind that makes sweat run,

But the kind that drives you crazy, 'Til you even curse the sun?

Were you ever weary, Mister; I mean dog tired, you know—

When your feet ain't got no feeling, and your legs don't want to go?

But we keep agoin', Mister, you can bet your life we do,

AND LET ME TELL YOU, MISTER, WE EXPECT THE SAME OF YOU!

Taken from the 90th C. B. SALVO.