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## Hospitality at O. U. . . .

Hospitality is, according to Webster, "the practice of entertaining visitors with kindness and courtesy".

There are different types of hospitality, including that which is accorded to strangers, friends, business acquaintances, and people with whom one is not openly hostile.

The consideration given to Texas A&M by Oklahoma University did not touch on a one of these. In short, it was noticeable to an extreme that there was no consideration.

During football season, there is a type of friendly hostility existing among rival schools. The hostility is usually limited to the two opposing teams who battle it out on the playing field. The friendly part is usually observed by the host school in providing a place for the visitors to stay, and at the contest, a special section for the visitors to yell for housing or a section allotted for the benefit of Aggies and their supporters.

There are only three possible solutions of this problem, and two of them are extremely drastic.

First, obtain complete assurances that allowances will be made for our feasible requests, as well as our traditions.

Second, cease athletic contests with the Oklahomans if they will not give us these assurances.

Third, take the Cadet Corps to Norman next year and prove that the old adage "in unity there is strength" can work both ways.

## Study Facilities In the Library . . .

New students, or old students, who haven't yet found the proper study atmosphere are welcome at Cushing Memorial Library.

The large Reference room on the second floor, furnished with thirty ample tables and one hundred eighty comfortable chairs, where dictionaries, atlases, encyclopedias, etc. are within easy reach, is quiet and conducive to concentrated study. The Reference librarian will help you find additional information or facts on any subject in which you are interested.

A little less formal is the Browsing Room on the third floor, with overstuffed chairs and smoking stands. Reserve books and books for required reading in the various courses are on the third floor.

The Library is open from 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, and from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. on Sunday.

## Good Neighbors . . .

Dominican Republic-Haiti — Neighbor Republics

By Ruben R. Caro-Costas  
Hispaniola was the first name given to the island which is shared by the Dominican Republic and the Republic of Haiti located deep in the Caribbean Sea, southeast of the republic of Cuba and west of the island of Puerto Rico.

These two countries, along with Cuba and Puerto Rico, compose today what is known as the Greater Antilles of the group of islands known as West Indies.

Although sharing the same island each republic speaks different language, the Dominican Republic speaking Spanish and Haiti having the French language as the official tongue. This island was previously a possession of Spain, but the western third of the island was granted to France; thus Haiti became a French colony and therefore adopted French as the official language.

### Spain's First Colony

The Dominican Republic was Spain's first new world colony and for a long while this island was a port of call for every important expedition sent out by the Spanish crown.

The republic of Santo Domingo occupies two-thirds of the eastern part of the island. It is bounded by Haiti in the Western part; the Mona Passage in the east; the Atlantic Ocean in the north, and the Caribbean Sea on the south.

Geographically it can be divided into coastal plains and interior mountains and valleys. The greatest concentration of population is found in the plains where the most important crops are grown—tobacco, sugar cane and coffee.

In the mountain and valley region logging and cattle raising are the big industries. Cattle, horses and sugar cane were introduced early and since then these products have occupied a very prominent part in the economic situation of this country.

The republic of Santo Domingo achieved its final independence after several years of fighting. Before this the country changed hands from Spain to France, and also was conquered by Haiti right after this country got her first taste of freedom.

### Scenery is Beautiful

A country of mountains, the Dominican Republic is famous for its magnificent scenery. Swept by fresh winds from the sea, the is-

land enjoys a delightful climate; the days are hot while the nights are cool. The greater percentage of her coastline is protected by coral reefs.

Ciudad Trujillo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, is a modern metropolis where the old and the new mingle giving the city an impressive aspect. Here, still standing, is the first hemisphere cathedral. In it are buried the bones of Columbus. Here too are the oldest church and the first university, built in 1538. Wandering around the city one can observe the sharp contrasts between the old Spanish buildings such as the massive squares, stone buildings and the heavy stone wall fortifications against the modern buildings and parks. Life is modern but in remote sections of the country the people, self-sufficient and proud of their Spanish inheritance, live much as they have for centuries.

Santiago, Puerto Plata and San Pedro are the remaining important cities and each one follows the same pattern of Ciudad Trujillo.

### Transportation Improving

Methods of transportation are not well developed, the country having only 900 miles of motor roads. The most important and longest highway connects Ciudad Trujillo with Port Au Prince, the capital of Haiti. A modern and well developed system of airplane transportation is available linking the Dominican republic with South America, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the United States and Haiti.

Education is free and compulsory for all children, and there are a great number of elementary and high schools distributed throughout the island. The University of Santo Domingo, which is also free, has facilities for the study of engineering, law, art, agriculture and education.

### Chief Industries

Sugar processing is the chief manufacturing industry and comprises four-fifths of all industrial capital investment. In order to diversify agriculture the government has encouraged new farms, developed irrigation and introduced agricultural courses in the schools.

Led only by Brazil, she is the second largest hemisphere producer of cacao. Coffee, the third

# BACKWASH

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

By The Collaborators

Backwash will now attempt to pass on a few pointers to you on the subject of invading "Cajun Country" this weekend, and also solicit a few helpful suggestions along that line, but it is hoped that by the time that this article reaches you that you will have already infiltrated several miles into the interior of Louisiana and established a suitable beachhead on some ground floor of a good deal. Here's a little tip! Stay away from the Bayou in Baton Rouge. The Bayou itself isn't so dangerous, but the big "Cajun" women which inhabit the inner sanctums of the swamp are dangerous and harmful, especially when aided and abetted by the influence of the peculiar brand of "Korn Likker" brewed in the deep, dark recesses of the swampland. In short, be wary of all, well nearly all, untimely temptations.

One other thing and you are ready for your journey. Don't make the mistake of asking some young female citizen of Louisiana to pull off her shoes so you can see if she has web feet or not. You'll never get anywhere that way. Well "Ole Army", Let's beat the (censored) out of L.S.U.

According to "The Skiff", T.C. U's student publication, their band is to carry a large purple and white banner with the lettering "Horned Frog Band" for the first time on the day of their game with us. It must be a huge thing because it is going to take three sweet young things to carry it. This should serve to make their band very colorful.

BACKWASH has just been notified that there will be a large dance in the Texas Hotel after the football game with T.C.U. October 20th. with the Aggieband orchestra playing. Since this is to be one of the official Corp trips of the season this should be a highly

successful dance in the hospitable city of Fort Worth. Another thing which has been brought to our attention is that the corp trip to Fort Worth is to be something in the nature of a test trip. With good behavior we will be allowed to have another for the Rice game. Lets hope that the results of the trip to Fort Worth aren't too mortifying.

BACKWASH hears that last week was "Hello week" at T.U. Good for the sippers. Glad to see the boys and girls of the forty acres whipping out, but why stop at a week. A "Hello Year" over there wouldn't hurt the place a bit.

Have you met Gertrude? If you haven't, you should, but watch your step. Gertrude is mighty fast for one her age. You see, she is sixteen years old, which is rather young for some things, but rather old for an automobile, and Gertrude is Jimmie Vaughn's Model A Ford. But age didn't stop Gertrude when it came to the O.U. football game this past week-end. She went up there and back at over 50 miles per hour which isn't bad for an old gal that's only hitting on three cylinders. Besides that, from Dallas to Norman there was such a heavy fog on the ground Gertrude could hardly see her bumper in front of her headlights. But it takes more than fog or rain to stop Gertrude, and she made the trip without mishap.

At O.U. this past week-end BACKWASH saw the Aggies treated with the least courtesy ever accorded by a host school to cadets of this school. Here's hoping that the corps will never again let itself be so poorly represented that it will have to take a similar insult.

Good News!!! The students of our sister school TSCW will be allowed to have their first official

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and Mechanical College of Texas, but in behalf of the State of Texas and all her people ask that you come and live with and be one of us, and make your home and resting place, after a long and eventful public service, among a people who will never cease to love and honor you. Nor are we entirely unselfish in making this request. We desire to build up the Agricultural and Mechanical College, an institution which shall be a prominent feature in the educational system of the great State which founds it, and worthy of her pride and fostering care, and we know of no living man whose name and efforts can do so much as yours towards accomplishing that purpose. The duties to be performed by the President of the College have not yet been defined, and will not be until you are heard from, and, should you accept, as we trust you will, your wishes will be consulted in fixing them.

It is hardly necessary for me to assure you that it gives me great pleasure personally, to be the medium through which this communication is made. Hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I am Most respectfully and truly yours, RICHARD COKE, Governor of Texas and ex-officio President, Board of Directors, Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Davis replied as follows: Memphis, Tenn. July 8, 1875 His Excellency Governor Coke My Dear Sir: With sincere gratitude I acknowledge the honor tendered me by the Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of

largest export, was sold to Europe before the war, but since then has been shipped to the United States. Rice, corn, plantains, and yucca are other products of importance to this island. During the past few years she has undertaken to supply corn, rice, peanuts, live cattle, butter, eggs, fresh vegetables and fruits—chiefly to Puerto Rico.

The republic declared war on Japan the day after Pearl Harbor, and on Germany and Italy three days later. Planes of the United Nations guarding the Caribbean fly over her mountains, and their ships use her harbors.

NEXT WEEK—HAITI.

# BETWEEN THE BOOK-ENDS

By Edna B. Woods

Libraries are operated in order that many people may have the advantage of using and enjoying books, newspapers, pamphlets, and recorded music. To ignore this opportunity is to deny yourself a privilege of great financial wealth and at the same time to shun the wealth of knowledge and pleasure that can be yours through the use of the library. The College library not only offers the key to individual development; it cooperates with the various departments of the College by putting books on the Reserve Book and Required Reading shelves to aid in the preparation of your assignments.

The idea of shelves, stacks, and floors filled with books may be terrifying, but a visit to the A. & M. College library will soon dispel that terror. Attractive reading rooms, carefully selected collections, and staff members on hand to answer your questions give the Library an atmosphere of comfortable vitality.

For instance, on the first floor is the Newspaper Room, furnished with comfortable chairs and convenient tables. The Library subscribes to more than thirty news-

corp trip since 1941 in order that they may attend the T.C.U. game in Ft. Worth this year. Backwash, as well as the rest of the Aggie Corp, is really glad to hear this. With the dance and everything in Fort Worth that weekend it should be one of the outstanding highlights of the current social season.

## POEM?

Beware, Beware,  
Of the "Cajun" in her lair.  
She's a mighty dangerous critter.  
So wine her and dine her,  
But stay just behind her,  
For she'll do you dirt if you let her.  
But if you're looking for fun  
She's just the one  
To show you the places to find it.  
And when she is through  
With the things she can do,  
If she does you dirt you won't mind it.

papers, most of them Texas papers, which are placed on wooden racks daily and which may be read at any time a student has a few minutes to stop in the Library. The Library is open from 8 A. M. until 10 P. M.—Monday through Friday; on Saturday it is open from 8 A. M. until 4 P. M., and on Sunday, the Library is open from 6 P. M. until 10 P. M.

Also on the first floor is the Periodical Room in which are kept the current issues of more than one thousand magazines. Located as it is, close to the door on the ground floor, this is an ideal place to spend a few minutes or hours each week. Here are your old Favorites—TIME, LIFE, READERS DIGEST, and ESQUIRE, and here also are some excellent magazines with discussions of more serious problems—NEW REPUBLIC, NATION, and THE ATLANTIC; they suggest excellent subjects for speeches and for term papers. Other than the general reading magazines, however, there are technical magazines on practically every course taught—ENGINEERING NEWS RECORD, AVIATION, VETERINARY JOURNAL, and AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING.

Most of the 122,000 volumes in the Library's collection are available at the Main Loan Desk on the second floor. Display cases near by contain books of special interest; one of them, kept up to the times, contains books on national and international problems. On the second floor also is the Reference Room where one way go to find information or facts about anything in which he is interested.

The Browsing Room on the third floor furnishes comfort in the form of easy chairs and smoking stands, and furnishes pleasurable reading in the form of three thousand books located on the open shelves which line its walls. Recent popular books on scientific subjects, books on radio, travel, and medicine, besides all the fiction books which the library owns are here. You may browse as long as you wish, without interruption. You may read here, or you may take your choice

to read in your dorm by charging it out at the Reserve Book Desk in the adjacent room.

In 1937, the Carnegie Corporation gave the A. & M. Library a remote control phonograph, a small collection of records, and several hundred books (some of them scores) about music and musicians. The present collection of about 1100 classical records with the catalog of records is kept at the Reserve Book Desk. The music of almost a hundred different composers may be played in the adjoining Music Room. Without exception, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky have been more popular than any other composers in the past three years.

The A. & M. College Library is your Library; its staff is here to serve you and to help you get the most from your college years. Library rules and regulations are necessary to protect you as well as to protect Aggies of future years.

Use the Library, respect its property, and suggest books and records that you would like to have added to the collection.

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## Birthplace of 50,000 RADARS

TWO years before Pearl Harbor the Government asked Bell Telephone Laboratories to help perfect radar as a military instrument. The Bell System, through the Western Electric Company, its manufacturing branch, became the nation's largest supplier of radar systems.

Bell scientists designed and developed many different types of radars—each for a specific job. One particular type was standard for B-29s in the Pacific for navigation, target location, and high altitude bombing. Another directed all Navy guns over five inches.

This is not surprising, for radar development and production stem from the same roots that produced and continue to nourish this country's telephone system.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

