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A Good Job Well Done . . .

"A good job well done," was how the Cadet Colonel, Eli Barker, expressed his feelings, concerning last week's Corps trip to Houston. "The Corps was well behaved at all times—before, during, and after the game." And those were not the only words of praise that the Cadets as a whole received. The officers of the Senior class, the yell leaders, and Aggie-exes, all complimented the Aggies on their exemplary conduct in Houston.

Militarily, the Corps outshone every other unit in the parade in honor of Admiral Halsey, including the Navy bands, Navy companies, Naval R.O.T.C. from Rice Institute, and the motorized troops of the Thirty-Second Division. Again at the half the Aggies proved that this is still the greatest military school in the nation when fifty Seniors marched stiffly and precisely onto the field and held their salutes while the Admiral changed sides. 100 boots shinning in the late afternoon sun was the best sight an Aggie could hope to behold at a between-halves ceremony. Opposite the Aggies were 50 Rice N.R.O.T.C. men who had run out on the field and ran back.

Last weekend was truly a good one, and even if we didn't win the game on the scoreboard, we gained the admiration and respect of all Houston.

Where Did the Tickets Go? . . .

Last Wednesday the Corps was informed that its share of tickets was exhausted and that there were no more at all to be had. The Battalion hesitates to place the blame for this on any one individual, but here are the facts. Originally there were 4500 tickets reserved for the A&M students. Of these, 2200 were purchased by coupon books, 900 were sold to Aggie-exes who had just returned from overseas and had not had an opportunity to buy their own as others did, 200 were sold to the A.S.T.R.P.'s here at College, 200 were sold to wives of student ex-servicemen, and the remaining 1000 were sold to the Aggies beginning at 9:00 o'clock Tuesday morning. By Tuesday evening all of these tickets were sold, and many Aggies who had already invited dates and guests down for the game were given to understand that that was tough.

The reason that the tickets went so fast was that there were some so-called Aggies who didn't have guests coming down for the game went ahead and bought tickets, anyway, hoping to sell them later at a tremendous profit. This practice is not only unlawful, but is particularly despicable when so doing will deprive other Aggies that really need them of their tickets. Also, there is considerable complaint running the rounds that the Athletic office should not have reserved such a small number of the tickets for the students.

The Corps was cheated out of its section at the O. U. game in an episode that was surely disgraceful, and will not be soon forgotten, inasmuch as we have still received no official apology. Again, at Fort Worth, the Corps was assigned a section that was far too small for its needs, and many Aggies were forced to stand on the steeply sloping ground with their dates behind the goal posts. And at Rice, for the third time, although there were plenty of ushers to see that such a thing did not happen, still there were all kinds and sorts of people in the Aggie section except Aggies.

Surely, on our own Kyle Field we should all cooperate to see that the student body is assured of plenty of seats for themselves and their dates, and that no one except Aggies and their guests are allowed in the Aggie section. It is sincerely hoped that the students will solve this problem themselves by selling those tickets that are not needed back at cost to other Aggies who do have need for them.

Aggie Facts . . .

Texas A. & M. is the oldest state supported institution in the state having been created by an act of the legislature in April of 1871.

The value of the physical plant is estimated to be in excess of \$15,000,000.00.

The campus and grounds, fields and pastures of the Texas A. & M. Main College comprise almost 10,000 acres. An estimated 50,000 men claim to be Aggies or Ex-Aggies.

Texas A. & M.'s military record in unsurpassed. In World War I 2200 Aggies joined the service and many of these became officers. In the present war A. & M.'s heroes are legend; more than 15,000 officers as of V-J day, 29 generals, 4 Congressional medal of honors, so many Purple Hearts, Legions of Merits, and other awards you can't begin to count them.

BACKWASH

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

By The Collaborators
Number one goldstar blunder of the week—Eli Barker sitting calmly in the same box with Admiral Halsey and Pres. Gilchrist while the Admiral looked for a fountain pen to give out some autographs with and all the time Eli had a pen in his pocket, which he finally produced. What's the matter, Eli? Afraid he'd steal it?

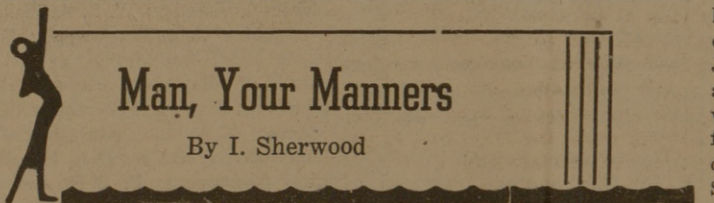
Those senior boots really looked good as they marched out on the field between halves at the game Saturday. Many people were heard to remark that they looked much more orderly than the N. R. O. T. C.'s. Someone even said that the N. R. O. T. C.'s looked like they were chasing rabbits. There ain't no rabbits there though. From all reports the Corps was very orderly during the weekend in Houston. This should meet with the approval of the Office of Student Affairs, who were very instrumental in directing the activities of the weekend.

TEAHOODS WHOOP IT UP

The teasippers are really whooping it up in a big way. They are going to have a huge pep rally Friday night. It will consist of a parade, led by Bevo III, Longhorn mascot, and then followed up with some lusty cheering. Reports have come in that most Frat members are going to start a feverish quest for apple boxes some time next week for their bonfire. Old tea

ODE ON "D's" AND "B's"

I think that I shall never see A "D" as lovely as a "B"— A "B" whose rounded form is pressed Upon the records of the blessed. A "D" comes easily—and yet it ain't easy to forget: "D's" are made by fools like me, But only a queer could make a "B."



Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

There are only five Saturdays left before Christmas, the biggest card day in the entire yearly cycle, the time when almost everybody remembers almost everybody else with a greeting card.

If you intend to have your cards specially printed or engraved for Christmas, now is the time to have it done. It is equally proper to send cards which may be purchased at your almost any store, and write your name on them.

You will need to give some thought to choosing suitable sentiments on the cards; dignified ones for adults, and jolly ones to send to your youthful friends.

PENNY'S SERENADE

Last week-end I had occasion to make a trip which involved travel by train, bus and plane. There is much contrast ever present between these ways of travel but it was my happy experience to find that one thing was common to all—the employees were very human and courteous in their relations with the passengers. I got a kick out of watching a bus driver handle his passengers in a very kind, courteous and yet very firm manner which inspired the confidence of all concerned.

During the war I marvelled at the patience and even disposition of a great many so-called public servants. It appeared to me that those who went about their tasks with a smile and a sense of humor and tried to get as much enjoyment as possible out of their work were the ones who were the happiest and stood up

To have a ready smile and to be friendly are by one means signs of weakness because some of the toughest citizens I have ever known were those who were the most pleasant as long as you did not try to take advantage of them. There are times when we may have to get the other fellow straightened out but it is always best if we try to be pleasant in our dealings with our fellow man and not resort to the rougher methods unless driven to it.

It has been my observation that the bigger the job the more one needs the human touch and it will get results where other tactics fail. I think the wise old negro had something when he said, "A chip on de shoulder is 'bout de heavies' load a body ever carries."

NOTICE

The Meat Laboratory is not in position to handle deer except for locker box patrons. All deer must be delivered to the laboratory skinned because of inspection regulations.

BETWEEN THE BOOK-ENDS

By Edna B. Woods
(Readers' Adviser for the College Library)

American cartoons achieved world-wide recognition in the latter part of the nineteenth century, when Thomas Nast did a series of caricatures on Tweed, the New York city boss. Since that time cartoons have been shaped by the trends of the various periods. Wartime cartoons have been exceedingly popular, for making fun of a serious or desperate situation is peculiarly effective in arousing general interest and concern.

Bill Mauldin is without doubt the outstanding cartoon correspondent in World War II. His two GI's, Willie and Joe, typified the American fighting man so well that the American fighting men liked the characters. More than a few soldiers clipped Bill Mauldin's cartoons from Stars and Stripes and sent them home, but that wasn't always necessary, for Willie and Joe appeared in the newspapers in the United States also. A collection of Bill Mauldin's cartoons with about thirty thousand words of explanatory text was published this year using their cartoon caption "Up Front" as the title of the book.

Bill Mauldin went into the Army in 1940, when he was only eighteen. Perhaps it was the sensitiveness of youth and the protective shell of defense that often accompanies it which gave him such a deep understanding, yet caused him to produce cartoons in a hardened style. At any rate, Willie and Joe are not fighting men of the arm chair variety. Bill Mauldin was a member of the combat infantry in Sicily, in the mountains of Italy, and on the beaches of Southern France. He was wounded in action and knew war for what it is. UP FRONT is a part of the historical record of this war, and though it deals with misery, its unique qualities will attract many readers.

THE BEST FROM YANK, according to the editors of Yank

Cadet Sharpshooter Passes the Buck to Company C, Infantry

Company C, Infantry, at Texas A. & M. College is going to enjoy a venison dinner due to the steady trigger finger of Cadet Lewis N. McGuyre, class of 1947, of Richmond, who hunted last week near Hondo with his roommate Franklin Bless, class of 1948, of Hondo. Both boys killed deer, but Bless had to shoot his five times to bring him down, and he left it at Hondo for his folks to use.

The venison banquet is scheduled for Monday night, November 26, and it is safe to say that the boys of Company C, Infantry, will sing the praises of their member who proided the meat for the feast. McGuyre skinned the deer and it was frozen and butchered for him by Roy W. Snyder, meats specialist in charge of the Meats Laboratory in the Animal Industries building.

PALACE

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Dana Andrews
in
"STATE FAIR"

Preview Saturday Night
Sunday - Monday - Tuesday

James Cagney
in
"BLOOD ON THE SUN"

(the Army weekly magazine), was never intended to please civilian tastes. "The writings, drawings, photographs and cartoons. . . were made to order for the pages of Yank, by enlisted men on active duty in the armed forces who wanted to please other enlisted men and nobody else."

Yank has been published for more than three years, but the material in this anthology covers the period from the summer of 1942 until late autumn, 1944. Geographically, it covers all parts of the world where American soldiers have been stationed. The purpose of the anthology is to give civilians a clear and penetrating picture of life in the United States army during wartime as well-qualified enlisted men saw it; and in three hundred and four, large size pages, it does exactly that.

Tales from Tessieland

Here it is almost Thanksgiving up here, or rather it will be by the time you read this. Here in Tessieland we have a holiday this Thursday. What I just can't realize is that it actually is this time of year again. (Oh, those blue slips—which tell the tale of passing or—dreaded thought—falling.) Let's don't think about that. It puts us in a bad mood. Anyway, as I was saying, it's Thanksgiving, and a holiday, a relief from studies.

Most of Tessieland plans to either go home, to "Big D" or just off the campus to "get away from it all." The thing is, we regret the holiday isn't the same as yours, or else A. & M. would be invaded by TSCW for that Turkey Day game. However, that isn't daunting TSCW's spirits, as a majority plan to attend the game the following Thursday anyway. Those lucky people.

Now, if my plan worked out, A. & M. and T. S. C. W. would have a holiday on the same Thursday, plus two days before, and two days after. (To recuperate, of course.) In other words, that would be practically a whole week of holiday.

Have you heard this one? Woman's best asset is man's imagination. The big talk on the campus this past week has been the revision of the constitution of the student branch of the College Government Association. According to plans, the constitution will be parallel to the one of the United States. In this way, government will be brought closer to the students on the campus, and they will know more of what's going on.

Until next week, be seeing you.
Sue Jones
TSCW correspondent.

NEW TELEPHONES

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AT GEORGE'S

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GEORGE'S CONFECTIONERY

TWO AGGIES, CLASS OF '44

JUST BACK FROM OVERSEAS

MUST HAVE FOUR (4)
THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL
TICKETS

If you can help us please call Mr. McQuillen, 4-6824, who is placing this appeal for us at our request.