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Hit Those Books . . .

Well, the holidays are over and everyone has had his merry little ten-day fling and is now back at AMC contemplating the woes of college life after a long holiday. Perhaps the largest and ugliest of these, to some students are the three remaining weeks of this semester. Call them what you will—the last mile, home stretch, or photo finish—and they will still be the last three weeks of a college semester with all regular and some other difficulties attached thereto.

These weeks will top off this fall term, in a manner that each individual will decide for himself. The decision will be in the amount of time he puts in on his work—time for classroom concentration, and a collection of reviewing of lecture notes, plus the perusal of the text book. All three are necessary for the successful completion of any course, along with regular class attendance.

This is the home stretch, Army, it can make or break your record, because you're the main influence on it. Make it good and come out on top at the end for your own satisfaction.

BACKWASH

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

We heard of a fish recently, in need of a date, who proceeded to phone a Bryan girl of more or less short acquaintance. With that note in his voice, he quizzed the girl as to "Whatcha doing Saturday night?" Quick as a flash, she enlightened him with "I've gotta date."

"What about the Saturday night after that?" the Aggie asked. "I've gotta date." "And the Saturday night after that?" our undaunted hero queried. "Gotta date."

His honor at stake the freshman bowed out with "Good gosh, woman, don't you ever take a bath?"

APROPOS TO LAST WEEK
I'm always blue
When maintenance is due.
But worst of all
Is the notice "last call".

The most difficult job in the world: If anyone wants to try it, here it is . . . Take a mouthful of buckshot mixed up with an equal portion of oatmeal; then try to talk while eating the oatmeal without swallowing the buckshot.

We wonder just who it was that broke the eighteen expensive light fixtures around the Administration Building drive last week. The same thing this summer. Those fixtures are hard to get and cost quite a bit of money. No one knows who did it, or why, but it looks to us like a sheer act of vandalism.

Friend—Ah, professor, I hear your wife has twins. Boys or girls? Prof. (with the original absent mind) Well, I believe one is a girl and one is a boy, but it may be the other way around.

A good thing has appeared on the campus this week in the form of a bright, new up-to-date Directory of the faculty, staff, and student body, published by the Student Activities Office. It's a handy, helpful packet of paper and ink and everyone connected with the college should own one. If you haven't got yours yet, students are selling them and the news stands have a good supply at only two-bits per each.

We received a communication

Between the Book Ends . . .

Dr. Klein's "Mental Hygiene" Surveys Psychological Field

MENTAL HYGIENE: The Psychology of Personal Adjustment, Klein treats his subject with the by D. B. Klein. Reviewed by Dr. Walter A. Varvel, Professor of Psychology, A. & M. College.

According to Dr. Klein, a major objective of this survey of the mental hygiene movement is to orient the student of psychiatry or clinical psychology who is just beginning his professional studies. But the needs of the intellectually eager, general reader have been carefully considered. Such a reader will secure from this book an understanding of mental disease, and of the factors which promote mental health in our modern society.

Dr. Klein deals more with the general conditions for and the principles of improvement of adjustment than with the nature of and therapy for specific mental disorders. It is not therefore a text on abnormal psychology nor is it one of the popular "self-improvement" books. Rather it is a text which treats the broader social and personal problems of adjustment with no sacrifice of basic scientific accuracy. There are sections on the nature and scope of mental hygiene, the nature of mental disease, and prevention of mental disease, and

the promoton of mental health. Dr. Klein treats his subject with the critical restraint of the conscientious laboratory worker rather than with the zeal of the evangelist or promoter. But he faces objectively some phenomena which many writers have regarded as improper subject matter for scientific writing; for example, he discusses in some detail the significance of conscience and ethical standards in men-tal conflict. He includes references to a wide body of research papers as well as to the literature of opinion.

Dr. D. B. Klein, AB (CCNY, 1918), MA (1921), & PhD (Columbia, 1930), author of MENTAL HYGIENE, is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Texas, teaching general, clinical, and mental hygiene. He is a co-author of two college texts in General Psychology and a lecturer for the Hogg Foundation.

Dr. Varvel will review Dr. Klein's book, Sunday night, January 13th, at the regular meeting of the Hillel Club. The Library has several new books on the subject of mental hygiene and psychology already being circulated.

VETERANS NEWS

By S. J. McConnell
Ex-Servicemen's Club Reporter

Mr. J. R. Varnell will be in the Veterans Administration office, Ramp B in Hart Hall, every Monday morning from 8:00 a. m. until 12:00 noon. He will answer questions concerning insurance claims or any other questions relative to veterans' rights. All veterans who desire answers to their questions are urged to contact Mr. Varnell.

President Gibb Gilchrist has announced that married veterans living in Walton Hall will be able to stay there as long as they meet the set requirements. However, preference will be given to returning Aggies on other apartments made available. No assurance could be given as to the future housing conditions for any veteran students.

A special meeting of the Ex-Servicemen's Club will be held at 6:30 p. m. on January 21. All members are urged to attend. Fellows, we can't have a club without your help. This is your organization, and it's up to you to make it successful. An estimated 1,000 to 1,500 new ex-service students are expected to attend A. & M. College next semester; let's set them a good example!

ATTENTION, VETERANS! A dance will be held for all veterans, their wives and dates, with the time and date to be announced later. The price is 50¢, stag or

the other day from A. C. Cannata from Guam that Aggies would be interested in: It reads in part . . . "We have formed a Texas A. & M. Club on the Island of Guam, which meets on the 29th of each month in honor of the 29th Bomber Command. There is a membership of about 30. We still have that Aggie Spirit and we hope that in '46 we will all be back at Aggie-land". That's the kind of letters we like to receive. Here's hoping we get more.

Song of the E. E. Lab
Press the first switch down
And the current goes round and round,
Whoooooooooooooooooooo—
And the power comes out here.

Now press the middle switch down
More current goes round and round,
Pooooooooooooooooooooow—
And the breakers go out here.

Now press the last switch down
The instructor goes round and round,
Yaaaaaaaaaaaaay—
And now you go out here.

Fish: How do you like your room as a whole?

Senior: As a hole it's fine, as a room—not so good.

Geology prof: Yes, the inside of our earth is a molten mass of rock and flame.

Student: Ain't that hell!

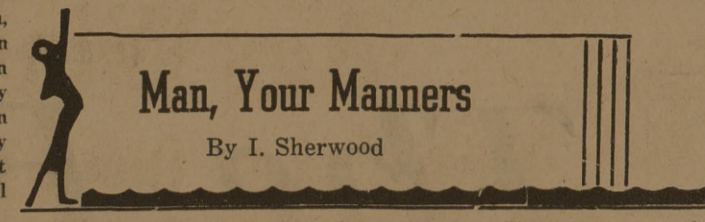
Another rumor—The 1946 Longhorn will be here in about two weeks. Only this time it looks like the real thing. If it's true or not it makes no difference to Smith. He set a record—eight months late.

Congratulations to Guion Hall's arch rival of flicker flashbacks. Their last two cinema attractions have been topnotch entertainment. It wouldn't surprise BACKWASH if they were not financially profitable to the owner, for the Aggies know a good thing when they see it. Why not more of the same?

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Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

"Why is a printed card of thanks regarded as bad taste?"
ANS: No one should acknowledge that he expects a gift, and to have cards in printed form indicates that thought. Regardless of how many gifts a person receives, each gift should be recognized with a thank-you message written either on note paper or on his visiting card. On the visiting card one might write, as an example: "Thank you very much for the bill fold. It will be very helpful."
"Is it ever correct to ask for an invitation for a guest who is visiting in your home?"
ANS: Yes, if the entertainment

is to be a large reception or party, a telephone call might be made requesting an invitation for the guest, but never ask this favor if the occasion is one where dinner is to be served, or if it is a house wedding.
(The writer of this column is glad to answer any questions. Please send them in care of the Student Activities Office.)
A large German flag once flown in Leipsig has been placed in the Texas Memorial Museum in Austin, Texas.

USED BOOKS WANTED

Our book lists for the Spring Semester are now complete and we are in the market for many used titles. We pay 50% of list for used books.

We also want the following:

- IC&E Minusa Drawing Sets
- Dietzgen National Drawing Sets
- Dietzgen Commander Sets
- IC&E Log-Log Decitrig Slide Rules
- 24" T Squares
- 18x24 Drawing Boards
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