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Thoughtlessness in the Library . . .

The College Library has suffered irreparable loss during the past months.

Mutilation or "taking" of expensive, unreplaceable scientific journals for some students' selfish use, has prevented the librarian from sending volumes to the bindery, and has likewise thwarted others in their attempts to use these journals for research. Bound copies of periodicals have had pertinent articles ripped from them, causing damage which can not be repaired.

Do we, as students, as Aggies, want our library to lack material when we are urgently in need of it? Is it not true that we all want the library to continue its good services, and to even enlarge upon them?

The thoughtless action of students in depriving others of important printed matter should stop immediately. No person should benefit himself at the expense of countless others.

Texas is larger than the combined area of France, Portugal and Switzerland. Then there was the sailor who bined area of France, Portugal got stuck on a bar and it took and Switzerland. four MP's to get him home.

Between the Book-Ends . . .

New American Folklore Series On Ozarks, Mormons, Alaska

AMERICAN FOLKWAYS

by
Paul S. Ballance
Acting Librarian

The folk-stories of the different sections of the country make very interesting reading. There have been published about nine volumes of the American Folkways Series and ten more proposed. These books give an excellent insight into the lives, customs, and habits of the peoples of the various sections which have been included.

Walter Stanley Campbell who writes under the name of Stanley Vestal has written a book *Short Grass Country*. This volume is history, legend, economics and humor of that portion of the Southwest bounded by the Ozarks and the woodlands on the east, by the foothills of the Rockies on the west, by the Colorado River on the south and by the cornfields of Kansas and Nebraska on the north. The author has interpreted his land most graphically in the various chapters of this book.

Otto Ernest Rayburn has written a volume of this series entitled

Ozark Country. The hills people of the Ozarks and their customs have been curiously presented in radio programs, cartoons, movies and fiction. These people and their ways of life have been misrepresented to other sections of the country. The author of this volume has lived in the Ozark hills for a long time, and he here records the facts, stories, legends and customs of the people whom he has observed and loved.

Mormon Country by Wallace Stegner makes excellent reading and is solidly based. The author's residence of 15 years in the region he is describing shows him to mingle ease with authority. He combines a great amount of information with excellent description of one of the most beautiful and least known regions of the United States.

Thomas R. Williamson has written a volume of this series entitled *Far North Country*. This is more of a popular narrative-type history of Alaska from pre-historic times through the battles of Attu and Kiska. The author includes an optimistic prediction as to the

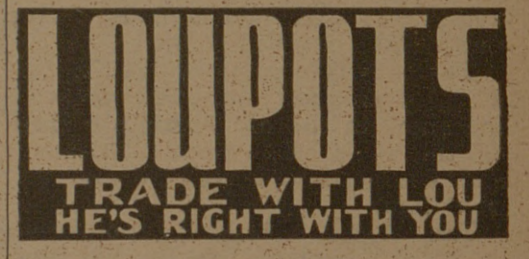
FEATURES

Turn in Your Pix Or Longhorn is Nix, The Editor Kicks

Do you want your outfit represented in the '46 Longhorn? Pictures of intramurals, dormitory and campus life, and activities are urgently needed to complete that section of the book.

Anyone having any pictures depicting Aggie life in general should bring them to the Longhorn office in the Administration building. Robert McCallum, editor of the Longhorn, requests that all pictures be turned in by Friday, March 22, or by the first of the following week at the latest.

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