

SHIRTS MYSTERIES

In view of the fact that there are three components of the campus affected, namely the veterans, professors, and graduating seniors, THE BATTALION deems it necessary to present an overall view of the shirt situation.

Other campuses all over the nation are experiencing the same situation. At the university of Texas, veterans are speculating on wearing polo shirts with suits as a regular thing. In Aggie land, Army khakis and wools are predominant, with no relief, in the form of white or colored shirts in sight.

To present the national perspective, we reprint part of an editorial from the Washington Post of February 3, 1946.

Shirts in plenty, but none to wear! This new variant of famine in the midst of plenty is provided by the barrenness of retailers' shelves and the news that there are more than three million shirts being held in storage, with more being added daily. The cause of this anomalous situation according to the manufacturers, is an OPA price regulation requiring them to maintain the same balance among low, medium and high priced shirts as the balance prevailing in their 1943 base period. A complicated method exists for determining what the average sales price of all shirts is to be, and penalties are exacted for failure to conform. Thus, if too large a proportion of higher priced shirts are manufactured and the average threatens to be exceeded, it becomes necessary either to sell at a loss or to wait until the surplus can be worked off at a later date. The manufacturers assert that they do not object to the specific ceilings set for different classes of shirts, but they insist that low-cost shirt fabrics are unobtainable, making compliance with the average-price formula impossible.

The effort to regulate clothing prices has been more or less a fiasco from the start. Mistakes were made that it was impossible later to correct. In any case the task was one of extreme difficulty and fresh complications have continually arise to make it harder. The dilemma confronting the shirt manufacturers is only one of innumerable instances of price maladjustments that are reportedly holding pack production of textile fabrics and keeping down the output of clothing at a time of urgent need.

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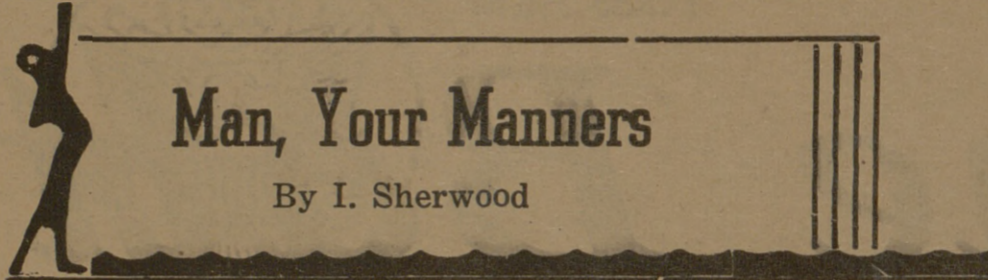
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Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

If you are up on your home work you already know that the lettuce leaf under your salad should be

eaten and head lettuce may be cut with either the knife or fork. Other salads are cut with the salad fork, if they need cutting.

Crisp bacon may be eaten with the fingers if you wish. Any foods that can be eaten neatly without getting the fingers sticky or greasy may be treated as "finger foods".

An Englishman invented the sandwich but he wouldn't be able to recognize, as such, some of the concoctions we Americans fix up and call by that name, such as, the tiny open faced sandwiches or the "triple deckers" that make a square meal. The tiny ones of two or three bite size may be eaten without breaking them up but a medium or large one should be broken, a piece or two at a time. You may have to use a knife to cut a "club sandwich" in order to eat it neatly.

Trust your own judgment or watch others if you don't feel sure of yourself about the proper way to eat certain foods.

Letters to the Editor

Aggie Marine Finds Buddies at Pearl Harbor

Houston, Texas

The Battalion:

I am writing to ask you to put some news in the Batt for an ex-Aggie who is in Pearl Harbor. He is Pfc. Byron L. Maxwell, and his address is USMCR, MCI Pacific Branch, Navy, c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, California.

Byron says he has found about 35 Aggies over there. They held their first meeting March 28 with about that number present. There are others who didn't get to the meeting, but they expect to have all of them in a wonderful time on Muster Day.

He is receiving the paper over there, and says he has met several boys that he went to school with in 1944 and 1945.

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. F. Maxwell.

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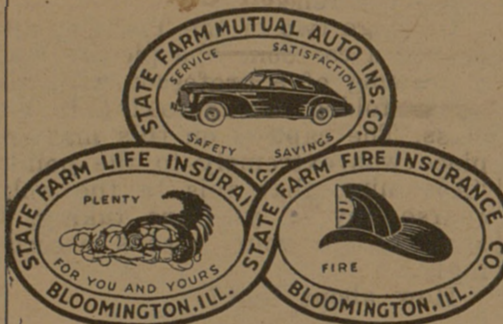
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FEATURES

Aggie House--Marms

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Presented herewith is the eighth of a series of thumbnail sketches on the house masters in charge of the non-military dormitories on the campus.)

A. F. (FRED) KASCH is 25 years old, from Big Spring, Texas. A member of the Class of 1947, he is back in school taking Economics. Entered service in September, 1941 as a private, was discharged in September, 1945 as a Master Sergeant. Served 33½ months in the M.T.O. and E.T. O. as flight chief with the 93rd Bombardier Group. Received ETO ribbon with 11 campaign stars and Unit Citation. Housemaster for Milner Hall and lives in Room 54.

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Assistant Professor A. E. Salis, recently released from the Navy, soon will resume teaching duties in the electrical engineering department at Texas A & M. College, it was announced recently.

Need a Corsage?

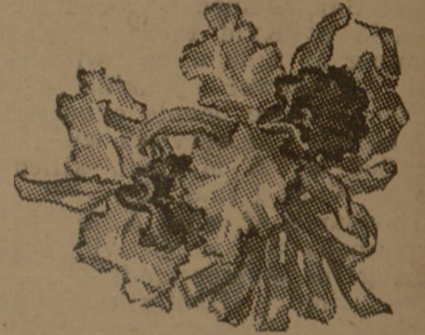
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