

To 1946 . . .

You're just about gone, old man! Not long from now, a young 1947 will be born bursting with happiness, health, and hopes for a brilliant career.

You were ushered into the swirl of life with the same ideals, old man. The results of your life's work cannot be too severely criticized, even if it hasn't measured up to scratch. You've been caught in the midst of a postwar reaction—every one has started sitting back in their chairs and enjoying life once more, without worrying about whether a loved one will return from the far corners of the earth.

Some of the things you hoped for haven't gone so well, old man. Peace hasn't been the rosy Elysian paradise we had once imagined. With all the nation's productive power, strikes and shortages still persist. But these are just minor irritations, and wholehearted cooperation will ease 1947's burden. They aren't so hard to take.

You have left a great inheritance to your young successor, old man, with assets greatly outweighing the liabilities. But there are strings attached to this legacy. The heir, 1947, must promise to do his best toward bringing a lasting peace on earth and good will to all men. The United Nations organization is a step in the direction of world peace—it must be made to function properly. Closer to us, A. & M. must grow and improve in stature and in spirit if it is to retain its high position in Texas affairs.

This is no reflection on you, 1946, for failing to do everything you set out to accomplish. It's our fault for not helping you any more than we did. We're rather sorry to see you leave, but we wouldn't want you back. We won't forget your failures or your successes. We hope 1947 will profit by both.

Plant Now for Posterity . . .

A recent letter to the editor from C. C. Doak of the biology department suggests that the college plant a plot of ground near the campus with trees to be grown for the annual bonfire. This was to keep the erstwhile gatherers of wood for the conflagration out of other peoples' backyard and to insure a supply of combustible material close at hand.

An offer has been received from Bob Cherry, scoutmaster of the local troop of Boy Scouts to plant seedlings on any area designated, if the trees were supplied. This offer of help together with Doak's suggestion sets the stage for the beginning of this venture.

Somewhere on the 8,000 acres owned by the college there should be a small plot that could be used for this project. The trees can probably be obtained from the Texas Forest Service for a small amount to begin planting for future demands of classes that will follow.

A Needed Improvement . . .

Prices of construction may be too high right now to allow any large scale building, but the small bits of needed expansion like the new slab at the Grove, fulfil a pressing need. Spring is not far away—in fact, anyone would believe it is springtime at the moment, since it's warm enough to go around in a T-shirt after nine o'clock in the morning.

With spring, will come the gaudiest social season at A. & M. in history. Class dances, regimental balls, all-college dances, the Cotton Pageant, and the Senior Ring dance should satisfy the desires of the most earnest of the weekend playboys. Name bands will be booked for several of the occasions, if large enough gates are anticipated.

We feel that crowds large enough to meet the cost of big-name bands can be accommodated, either in Sbis Hall, or in the newly-enlarged Grove. Outdoor dances, when the weather is clear, usually have a more romantic and country club-ish atmosphere.

The enlargement of the Grove dancing space is a step forward in providing adequate entertainment facilities for students. If proper attractions—stellar dance orchestras—are offered, this expansion will not have been wasted. But if merely the size, and not the quality of entertainment features is enlarged, the social calendar for the spring is doomed to only half-hearted support.

Christmas Star



"Peace," says the star in its quiet way,
"Peace to men of good will."
It blesses the decks, phosphorescent with spray,
And the crosses spread on the hill.

"Peace, in this horrible world?" we cry.
"In this world of war and sin?"
"Peace," is still the star's reply.
"The peace that is found within.

"Perhaps we never will find the day
When man knows only love.
When all of evil is passed away,
Empty the iron glove.

"Yet year by year from the secret places
Where we hide our souls apart
A living flood of love erases
The hurts of the sick-at-heart.

"Each Christmas day we nearer move
By an imperceptible mile
To the ever-ultimate day of love
When the world will be sweet and still."

The star smiles down through the frosty cloud.
Our hearts know a great release.
Who could be angry, fearful, proud,
When the Christmas Star whispers, "Peace?"

—VICK LINDLEY

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VETERAN'S OPINION;

Proposal to Athletic Council Names Rice's Coach Stiteler

This article isn't a personal rub against any person or group of persons connected with our Athletic Department, but is written in consideration of the fact that should we lose Coach Norton, the problem of filling his shoes with a better man is going to be a big one. The Student Body should have their say in this matter, but to do so we'll have to stick together as a unit, and use more diplomacy in forwarding our ideas to the right people. After all, we'll never have the last word, and if we intend to get cooperation from those who will, they're going to have to have confidence in our ability to do and say things in an intelligent manner.

Coach Stiteler is one of the outstanding coaches in Texas, and within the next few years he'll be among the very top in the nation—why not let him gain that reputation right here at A.&M.? There are two main hitches in Stiteler's coming down here. First, the college has to get on his trail, and second, do it before someone else grabs him. There is at least one school—Baylor—after him now, and there are probably others.

Stiteler began his football career here at A. & M. as an outstanding back in the Southwest Conference under the guiding hand of Dana X. Bible; he showed his coaching ability right here on the campus when he coached a badly outweighed Cavalry Intramural Team to the championship over much-favored teams of the Field Artillery and Infantry. After graduating he took over the coaching job at Smithville, Texas, and for three consecutive years won that regional championship with an undefeated team. He went from there to Corpus Christi, and his first year in Class AA football was rewarded by a state championship. After several very successful years at Corpus, Waco got him, and last year his Tigers tied a powerful Highland Park Eleven for the State Crown. This year he went to Rice as a backfield coach, and anyone who saw their backfield in operation needs no further information.

Stiteler plays this game to win, and he knows nothing but to win. He is a coach who believes in deception and polish and we've got the material to give him plenty of both. Every man who has ever played under him speaks of him as a coach among coaches. He has turned out such players as: Pat Hall and Jack Hennant of LSU; Emory Nix of TCU; Dickey Haas, Norman Brown, and Cotton Lindloff of Texas A. & M.; Ken Matthews, Zuhel Connally, and Joe Mitchell of Texas; and Froggy Williams of Rice.

I wrote this article because, aside from being a Stiteler backer myself, I have heard much comment about him all over the campus, and from many Exes. Many offered their signatures in the form of a petition in order to get this printed, but I didn't feel that it was necessary.

Let's get behind Coach Stiteler, and if we are to have a new coach, let the Athletic Council know that we want him.
Kleber Trigg

Unbiased Southern Viewpoint In "Experiment in Rebellion"

By J. M. Nelson
Clifford Dowdy has done an excellent job in writing "Experiment in Rebellion", an "unbiased" history of the civil war "from the Southern point of view". Written too much from the Southern point of view to please the orthodox historians, it is also far too unbiased to please the ardent supporter of the "old South". The author begins his independent approach by calling the Southern effort "a rebellion". That of course is the official title given by the Supreme Court of the United States, but it is not what good Southern supporters call it. Mr. Dowdy gives a very clear picture of the President of the Confederacy and his cabinet.

Jefferson Davis appeared to be

Letters

TWO QUESTIONS? Friday 13th

Dear Editor:
The following questions have been puzzling us for some time. Of course they are doubtless easily explained by the proper authorities (as is everything in this institution), but, nevertheless, here they are:

(1) Last year the Exchange Store announced that they would pay dividends on the purchases made by the students if any profits were made. Maybe the store has been losing money, eh?? Perhaps if the store waits a little longer all present stub-holders will graduate or die off.

(2) Why was a student severely punished for "making derogatory remarks about the Administration"? We have always felt free to criticize the national government, why not that of the college? Democracy, you know—
Yours Sincerely,
B. Summers '48
B. Wallace '46
H. Burkhalter
R. G. Wheeler

AGGIELAND FOREVER

Dear Editor:
Upon reading the Batt of Friday, 13 December, we noticed with interest your editorial on "Aggieland Forever". (Three CHEERS for your idea.)
We, the men of barracks 229 at Lower "Slobbovia" (the Annex), think that if this matter were properly presented before the city council, it would see the desirability of the move and make the arrangements for a special city election to vote upon a name which all of us would be proud of. If the city council would not call an election because of the cost, we are sure that the Aggies would be more than happy to contribute toward the cost.

We are behind you 100% in your suggestion and am sure the 98% are, also. Now is the time for action—Aggies, let's go!!
Sincerely,
Dan Parrish and 5 others.

an arrogant man who would take no disagreement either in the form of criticism or advice, so as a result, the executive branch of the Confederacy was very weak. Mr. Dowdy also goes into detail concerning the conditions at home in the South, the actual fighting of the war, including the brutality of Sheridan and ill-treatment received by Southern prisoners, and the actual fighting of the war. All this is well told, but the real significance of the book lies in the fact that the author understands the two points of view taken in regard to the civil war. In present an "unbiased" story from the Southern point of view Clifford Dowdy has rendered a real service.

"The Navy's Air War", packed with information and history ranging from the manufacture of plans to combat flying, sails along without a dull page. The bulk of the book naturally deals with combat, sometimes with individual exploits, but mostly with group efforts from forces of a dozen or so to huge armadas of hundreds of ships and thousands of aircraft. The most extensive and decisive naval actions were in the Pacific, and foremost of these were the famous "turkey shoot", between Guam and the Philippines, and the battles, both surface and air, for Leyte Gulf in October, 1944. They are carefully described by words and maps so as to give a clear account.

There is sufficient attention given to other theaters, and to what might be called sideshows, support at numerous landings, and defense of Australia, most of which are too little known. Altogether covering a period from 1938 to 1945, it is a splendid record, well told.

SAN ANTONIO ENGINEER ADDRESSES STUDENT CHAPTER OF A.S.C.E.

Hans Helland, prominent San Antonio consulting engineer, and past president of the Texas Section, American Society of Civil Engineers, spoke to the student chapter of the A.S.C.E. at a banquet held in Sbis Hall Tuesday night.

The question of unionizing professional engineers is now under study by the larger groups, Helland declared, and their findings will be handed down to the local chapters who will make the final decision on this problem. He called for more participation by the young engineers in the professional societies, and cited the many opportunities afforded the young engineers to consult with their older colleagues on the problems confronting them.

Helland, after graduation from the University of Texas, did engineering work in Europe. During the recent war years he was engineer in charge of construction on several Army bases in this area. Other guests at the banquet included L. D. Snow, engineer for the Gulf Oil Corp and president of the Houston Chapter A.S.C.E., and R. R. Stricket, class of '26, head draftsman for the Gulf Oil Corp.

What's Cooking

THURSDAY, December 19
7:00 p. m. Houston County A&M Club, Room 305, Acad. Bldg.
7:00 p. m. Johnson County A&M Club, Room 303, Acad. Bldg.
7:00 p. m. Kaufman County A&M Club, Room 205, Acad. Bldg.
7:00 p. m. Eastland and Stephens County students invited to organizational meeting of club. Christmas plans.
7:00 p. m. Young A&M Club, Room 125, Acad. Bldg.
7:00 p. m. Galveston A&M Club, Room 32, Science Bldg.
7:00 p. m. Land of the Lakes Club, Room 324, Acad. Bldg.
7:00 p. m. Victoria County A&M Club, Room 107, Acad. Bldg.
7:00 p. m. Bell County A & M Club, Room 103, Acad. Bldg.
6:30 p. m. ASHVE Christmas Party and supper, Bryan Country Club.
7:30 p. m. Ellis County A&M Club, Room 225, Acad. Bldg.
FRIDAY, December 27
8:30 p. m. Brazos County A&M Mothers' Club dance for Aggies and their friends, Bryan Country Club.
MONDAY, December 30
8:00 p. m. Houston A & M Club & TSCW dance, 506 Club, Houston.

Agronomy Society Hears Chandler

Dr. R. F. Chandler, Jr., professor of forest soils, now on leave from Cornell, spoke to the Agronomy Society meeting Tues., Dec. 10 on Agronomic problems in Mexico. Dr. Chandler used kodachrome pictures to illustrate his speech.

Dr. Chandler was a distinguished professor at Texas A & M in 1941. At present he is with the Rockefeller Foundation studying agronomy problems in Mexico and working out of Mexico City. After a year's leave, Dr. Chandler will return to Cornell University as professor of forest soils.

PALACE

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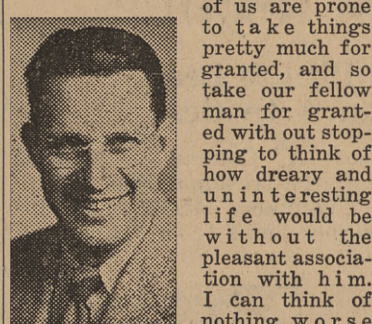
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PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

Our Christmas holidays start Saturday, and, before we return to resume the semester's work, two very important holidays will have passed. With the start of a New Year our thoughts usually turn to an analysis of the past year, and most of us decide we should make a few changes, so we make some resolutions which we may or may not keep. To those who have no particular resolution you would care to make, I would like to take the liberty to suggest the carrying out of the Christmas message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" throughout each and every day of 1947.

All of us have our own idea of what constitutes real joy, but to me there is no joy as sweet, satisfying, and everlasting as the joy we experience from our associations with our fellow man. Most of us are prone to take things pretty much for granted, and so take our fellow man for granted with out stopping to think of how dreary and uninteresting life would be without the pleasant association with him. I can think of nothing worse than to be placed in such a position that for a period of time I would have no association with other human beings. I believe any who have had this experience would not want to repeat the performance.



It has been my observation that the really happy people in life are not those with the worldly goods, but those who have a deep-seated love for and faith in people. It is nice to have things, but they can't begin to give the real joy one derives from friends are

made so easy—it just takes the spirit behind the Christmas message.

INFORMAL DANCE FOR SAN ANTONIO AGGIES

All students from San Antonio and Bexar County, are invited by Mrs. J. Barto Arnold to dance to music of George Abrams and his orchestra on December 23 as guests of the San Antonio A & M Mothers' club. The informal dance will be held at Bolivar Hall (La Villita) from 8 'til 12.

Mrs. Arnold, who is entertainment chairman of the club, has sent invitations to the homes of all the students, and stressed that the invitations must be presented at the door to prevent the attendance of outsiders.

HILL COUNTY CONDUCTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Hill County Club held a meeting last Tuesday night and put out a call for members from Kindall, Kerr, Gillespie, Bandera, and Blanco counties. The club decided to hold a Christmas party at the Sunny Side Tavern in Fredericksburg on December 27

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