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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Two Weeks Ain't Very Long . . .

Vacations are frabjous. They therefore need an explanation. You Aggies haven't had a vacation for so long that we think that you need specific instructions on how to use one most efficiently. It's a common tendency of mankind to fritter away their time unless they have someone pushing them or unless they follow a schedule.

We suggest that you use a schedule. You've been pushed around too much already. The World Publishing Company advises us that all of its vacation publications went out of print before the war and the Southern Pacific vacation aids are inadequate so you can use one we worked up for you.

The first item on your schedule is simple but completely necessary. You must first get away from this semi-tropical, luxurious paradise. Don't waste, anytime on this step or you might be tempted to remain. That would be disastrous. You would hate yourself later.

The second item on your schedule is

more difficult. You must secure capital in the form of cash. There are infinite possibilities about how to acquire this useful material. Ideas naturally vary, but we suggest that you adopt the method that is least violent. Al Capone made money but Al Capone went to jail. You can't get paroled to a university.

The third item is the most interesting to contemplate. You must secure companionship for your leisure hours. We have our ideas. You have yours. Of course some of you may not have a choice. This is regrettable, but not insuperable as a difficulty. Make yourself obnoxious and maybe you can look into new prospects. You've had good training in being obnoxious and this step should be easy.

The fourth item is rather difficult to achieve. You must postpone as long as possible your return to this paradise. We will admit that you will ultimately lose this fight, but it will be good character training. Take it on the chin, boys. Thanksgiving won't be far off.

The Army's Diplomatic Maturity . . .

There is one good aspect of the Berlin blockade that many of us are apt to overlook, and that is the capable handling of the delicate situation there by the United States Army.

When it first became known that the Army was to have complete charge of the Berlin affair, and that no special diplomatic corps was to be flown in, many people forecast dire results. Perhaps these forecasts were justified, for in the past the Army has not been noted for the success of its diplomatic flings. This time, however, these forecasts have not borne out.

Time and time again the Russians have thrown fuel on the fire that threatens to set off the European powder keg. They have planned many incidents beside the blockade itself, designed to agitate the Army into committing some overt act. But the Army has not risen to the bait. It has ignored the taunts thrown at it by the Russians.

When the Russians demanded that the allied appointed chief of Berlin police be replaced by a Soviet backed police chief,

the Army refused. In addition it made it clear that any actions of the Berlin chief had the full sanction of the Army.

More recently the Russian zone police force has launched what it terms black-market raids. Cruising bands of police, often accompanied by armed Russian soldiers have crossed into the Allied zone of Berlin. Each time they did so a situation was created that could have led to armed conflict between Russian and Allied troops. But the Army has been careful. Conflict, so far, has been avoided.

All these actions are not lost to the German people. This is evidenced by their oft expressed gratitude to Allied officials for the work being done. The German initiated and German conducted memorial services for the Army flyers who lost their lives is proof of this.

So long as the Berlin blockade continues there will be imminent danger to world peace. However, if the Army continues to exhibit its new found diplomatic maturity we may be sure that no action of theirs will be responsible for any future war.

Let Us Not Lose Faith . . .

Why is communism dangerous? We fear and distrust the disciples of Marx because they are totalitarian; because they are unalterably opposed to our democratic ideals; because they enslave their neighbors; because they are challenging us to defend our faith; these things merit fear but they are not the greatest danger of communism.

The greatest danger of communism is not in the industrial strength of Soviet Russia, not in the size of the Red Army, not in the machination of the Red diplomats, not in their ruthless destruction of human dignity and freedom. The danger of communism reveals itself when it convinces us that its techniques are more powerful than our democratic techniques.

We fear the ruthless power of a con-

trolled press. We shudder at the potential powers of a one party system. We are reluctant to compete and negotiate with communist diplomats who lie and cheat and renege on their promises. We fear these things so much that we have begun to discard our democratic methods and have begun to adopt communist methods.

Let us not lose faith. Truth has never been permanently obscured by lies. Hate has never conquered kindness. Dishonesty has never overcome honor. We must not give communism the choice of weapons. We must force them to compete with our democratic tools, democratic techniques, personal integrity, honest diplomacy. We can't beat the devil by using his tools. Using our own we need never fear communism.

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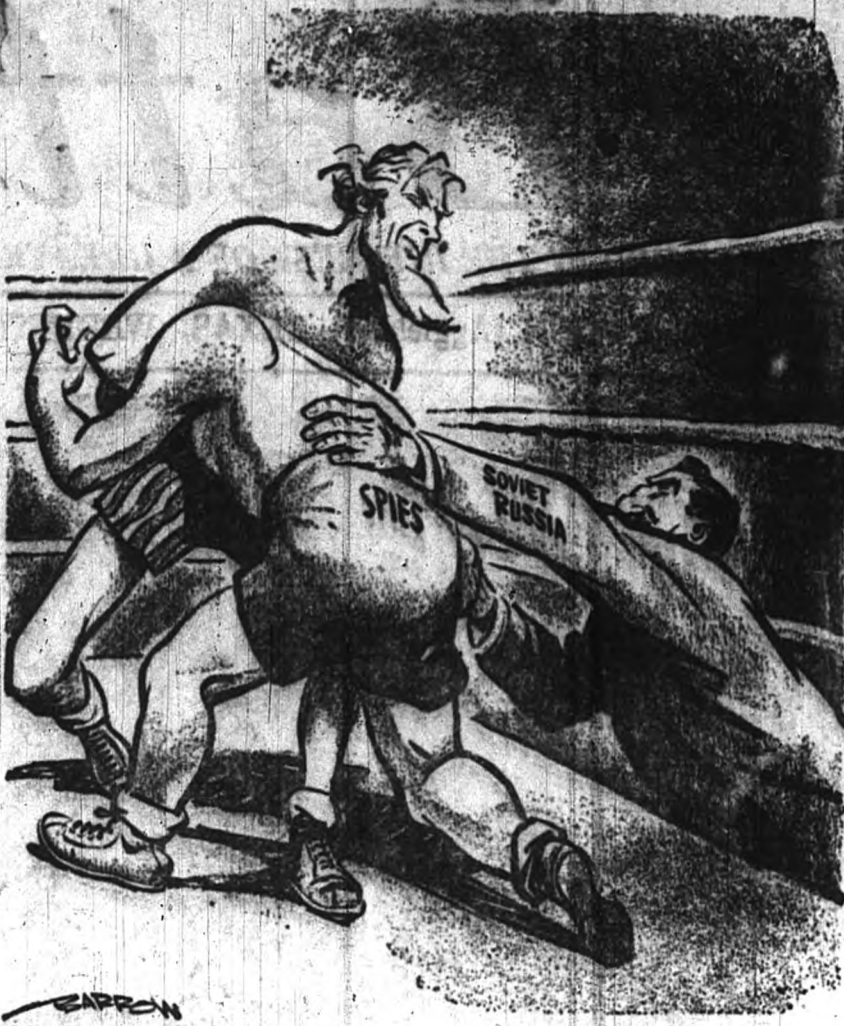
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Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

Dear Sir: I want to sue somebody. I have suffered intense physical pain and mental embarrassment as the result of someone's carelessness. I slipped on a coke bottle in front of the Ag building and fell down a flight of steps, tearing my trousers and lacerating my sensitive areas.

Whom can I sue? Can I sue the school or the Ag Department for not policing around the buildings? If I sue the student body I would have to help pay for my own damages. That wouldn't be fair, would it?

What do you think a reasonable compensation would be? Sincerely injured,

H. L. K.

Answer: If you were hot on your law, H. K., you would know that the ones responsible are the students, so you would have to sue them.

The coke company provides cases for the bottles. The students and faculty drink the cokes and litter the campus with bottles. It is their fault.

To the best of my knowledge, you could sue the student body

and perhaps collect a package of band-aids.

Dear Sir: I am leaving Aggie land. Yes sir, I am graduating at the end of this semester, and I would like to make one last request.

I would like to eat one meal in Sbsa Mess hall where I had a choice of something besides roast beef, beef stew and meat loaf. Is that asking too much? Pleasingly,

G. S.

Answer: Either you have no social spirit, or don't understand the situation. G. S. The beef that is placed before you each day in the mess hall has quite a history.

I guess you don't appreciate the meat's past. If you remember, the last year we beat Texas University was in 1939. The longhorn we took that year has been the source of our meat ever since.

The first few days choice steaks were cut and all students ate like kings. But the steak was soon gone and all that is left is what you see: hash, roast beef, stew, meat loaf.

I think that the mess hall should be commended. After all, I bet you couldn't do as good with meat that is 9 years old.

Statewide Writers Conference Opens Here in September

The Writers' Conference, to be held at A&M College September 3-4, will be attended by writers from all parts of the state. The conference is set up to better acquaint agricultural writers and others with the departments of the college.

Dr. O. C. Stine, assistant chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, USDA, will attend. He is a recognized authority on agricultural economics.

Press conferences will be held with department heads of the college. A dinner, gridiron-style, is among the entertainment features scheduled for the session.

Spring Grads Fill Teaching Positions

Thirty-eight teaching positions in regular vocational agriculture departments in Texas and two in other states have been filled by this year's spring and summer graduates, E. R. Alexander, head of the Agricultural Education Department, announced today.

Graduates have filled vacancies all over the state, with the majority accepting positions in the south- and north-east parts of Texas. An excellent argument for generalized courses in agricultural subjects, this group of graduates has gone to all parts of the state and will work under almost entirely different circumstances due to variations in climate, topography, types of soils, and crops grown.

They Say They Enjoy College . . .

Cooking, Ironing, Children And Decorating Occupy Wives Time

By H. C. WILSON

"Lady, I'd like to ask you a few questions about how you spend your time and your opinion of the life of the college wife in general."

This question was asked the wives of students around A&M last week to determine whether the college wife is different from other wives. The interviews ranged from a one sentence answer to a 45 minute conversation.

The best example of a short answer came in the first interview. The lady, when asked how she spent her time, replied shortly, "Sir I have three children—Are you kidding?"

Stop number two proved to be slightly longer. Mrs. R. D. Dennis, who lives in one of the two story apartments in Vet Village, was busy hammering, sewing, and painting, trying to fix things to her liking. Mrs. Dennis has just moved to A&M from Waco. She cooks three meals a day, types her husbands reports, and never finds time to sleep during the day. She says the college work is very interesting; the school spirit overwhelming.

The next wife interviewed was Mrs. Minter, who lives in one of the pre-fabs in Vet Village. Her favorite pastime is cooking although she serves sandwiches of meat, Mrs. Minter says her husband keeps her awake studying at night but things are due for a change. He will soon be kept awake by a blessed event that will require a two o'clock feeding.

After leaving Mrs. Minter the reporter picked what he thought was the scent of a good story. It turned out however, that the scent was of cookies baking at the home of Mrs. H. E. Dixon. Of course Mrs. Dixon's favorite indoor sport is baking, although her two children take up most of her time. Besides this she finds time to see movies, play bingo, and is learning to crochet. Mrs. Dixon's home is in Nebraska but she is a confirmed Texan. The people here are so friendly, she says, it's as if you had known them all your life.

After having eaten several of Mrs. Dixon's cookies, the inquiring reporter stopped at the next door, put on his best smile knocked, and waited for the sweet young wife to appear. The door opened and there stood a six foot six gorilla with a weeks growth of beard on his face and a dish towel in his hand. He grunted something as the reporter began to explain his mission while slowly backing away. As the missing link listened his face turned a bright purple, then he began.

"My wife works," he screamed, "I wash the dishes, mop floors,

take care of the children, cook—at this point his voice broke and he began to weep bitterly. The reporter put his arm around him and led him to the bed. The poor creature was still mumbling something about the ironing when last seen.

Mrs. E. J. Creider was interviewed next. She and her husband came to Texas from Pennsylvania looking for a warmer climate. They found the warmer climate so they plan to stay. They were the first family to move into the trailer camp. Mrs. Creider spends her time taking care of her son, cooking, and going to movies. She thinks the Grove entertainment is swell.

Searching carefully until he found a trailer with an air conditioning unit the reporter stopped at the home of Mrs. H. C. Van Wager. She had just gotten her two children to bed for their afternoon nap and was taking a ten minute break before she started doing what the children had been undoing all day.

Mrs. Van Wager had nothing but praise for college life. She says the fact that the people are all near the same age, that they live on the same amount of money, and that their interests in general are the same, make living here at the college something more than pleasant. Mrs. Van Wager's hobby is bridge. This usually takes up three or four nights a week. Politics too is one of her favorite pastimes.

An anecdote that may be typical of the life of the college wife was told by Mrs. Van Wager. Her husband, a graduate zoology student, needed the skeleton of a cat. He finally managed to secure a cat that had been soaking in formaldehyde for several years. To

remove the meat from the skeleton he boiled it for an hour in one of Mrs. Van Wager's best pots, without her consent. The Van Wagers slept in the yard for the next week.

In general it was found that the college wife is very much the same as other wives. She goes out less than they would ordinarily, goes to bed later, but receives much more help from her husband than most groups of wives. None of the women regret the time they are spending here.

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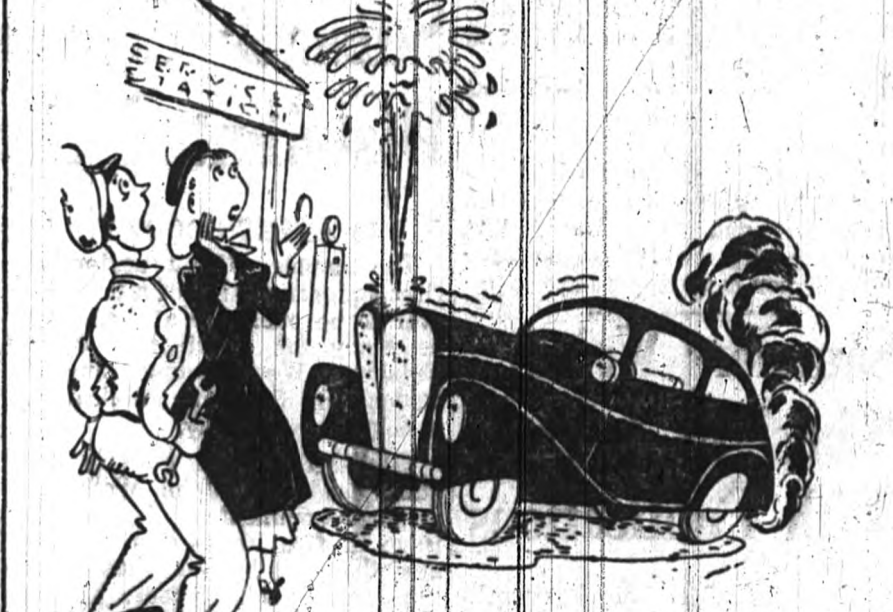
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