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To Our Summer Co-Eds, Bless 'Em . . .

Another Summer Semester at Aggie-land is under way with the customary informal dress, speeded-up study, and over-the-top temperatures. The most noticeable added element, however, is the presence of co-eds on the campus.

Long a masculine bulwark, A & M is rapidly coming more and more under feminine influence. First the veteran's wives who came just after the war, and now each summer bringing larger numbers of female students from other colleges.

Because of its long habits formed by having nothing but male students, A&M may not be the easiest college for women. Because of its high ratio of men to women, however, it should be one of the most pleasant for co-eds.

Many of our profs are unaccustomed to tutoring mixed classes and may feel awkward in their lectures for a short while. In time, however, our feminine

students will discover what the profs are dispensing is a very high brand of education—a commodity which has never been restricted to anyone because of their sex.

Our students may experience the same period of discomfort for a time until they compensate for the effect of two semesters of dressing and speaking in their own masculine manner. That, too, will pass rapidly.

We should all benefit from the summer's relationship. Nothing so assuages the summer's studies as a little social life.

When the semester is over, we think you girls will have enjoyed your stay here. We think we have one of the better schools in the nation and we know our students are the best in the country.

So to you summer co-eds we offer our best Aggie welcome. We hope your stay here will be pleasant both scholastically and socially.

In the Stands, An Ambition Realized . . .

As the long list of names were being called last Friday at graduation ceremonies and men stepped forward to receive their degrees, a mother and father watched and listened with obvious interest. Perceptible tears were in their eyes as their son received his diploma, the parents turned toward one another and smiled.

Those were smiles that could be interpreted as following the realization of a long standing ambition attained after much work and sacrifice. Theirs were smiles that said, "We've given our son a college education." And the fathers may have added, "Like I never had the chance to get."

When witnessing graduation ceremonies few of us are conscious of thoughts which occupy the minds of others looking upon this signal event. Our congratulations naturally go to fellow students who have achieved the level of education which we are seeking. We fail to think of the

others who have made this achievement possible.

This scene in the stands of Kyle Field is typical of what is in the hearts of every parent whose son or daughter graduates from college. Here was the goal toward which their labors and money had been directed for many years.

For most parents the education of their children, especially beyond high school, is a difficult and costly undertaking. Yet it is one which they feel privileged to make.

In doing this our parents make a contribution to society—a contribution both personal and national. They have, by their sacrifices, bestowed upon their children a gift of incalculable value—education. In the larger, more patriotic sense, theirs has been a contribution of enlightenment to the generation born to succeed them.

It is little wonder, then, that our parents are so loved and so respected. This is our method of expressing appreciation.

Summer, and the Wrecks On the Highway . . .

Last week The Texas Safety Commission very matter-of-factly released its figures on traffic deaths for April. There were 116 people killed by automobiles, as compared with 135 who died the same way during April of last year.

The average reader glanced over the figures and noted absently that they are a few less this year. A slight improvement he said. It is a little difficult, though, to ignore the 116 people who can't see the improvement.

It isn't just 116 people. It's 116 graves and 116 funerals and 116 heartbroken families. It's 116 people killed by carelessness that could still be alive today.

Next month, the death toll will climb

even higher, with the warmer weather coming on, more people will be on the highways. They will be going more places faster and blowouts and summer driving fatigue will rise sharply with the temperature.

Yes, a lot of Texans will be going more places faster. But about 200 of them won't be coming back.

When you get on the road during the summer, take a little more time to get there, and watch the highway just a little closer.

This 116 written on the page is a pretty cold figure right now. But those figures will warm up pretty quick if your name is added to the top of the listings.

The Passing Parade . . .

That irrepressible group of English wagers, Lloyd's of London has discovered another deserving group which needs protection from itself. (AP quote).

Lloyd's of London is now prepared to insure a golfer against a hole in one. He pays 12 shillings sixpence (\$2.50) a year against the chance of an ace. If he does

it he gets 10 pounds (\$40) which will cover his traditional round of celebration drinks at the clubhouse. (end quote).

We wonder if they have anything out yet to cover college students. Say a small fifty dollar policy to cover the costs of flunking Chemistry 101.

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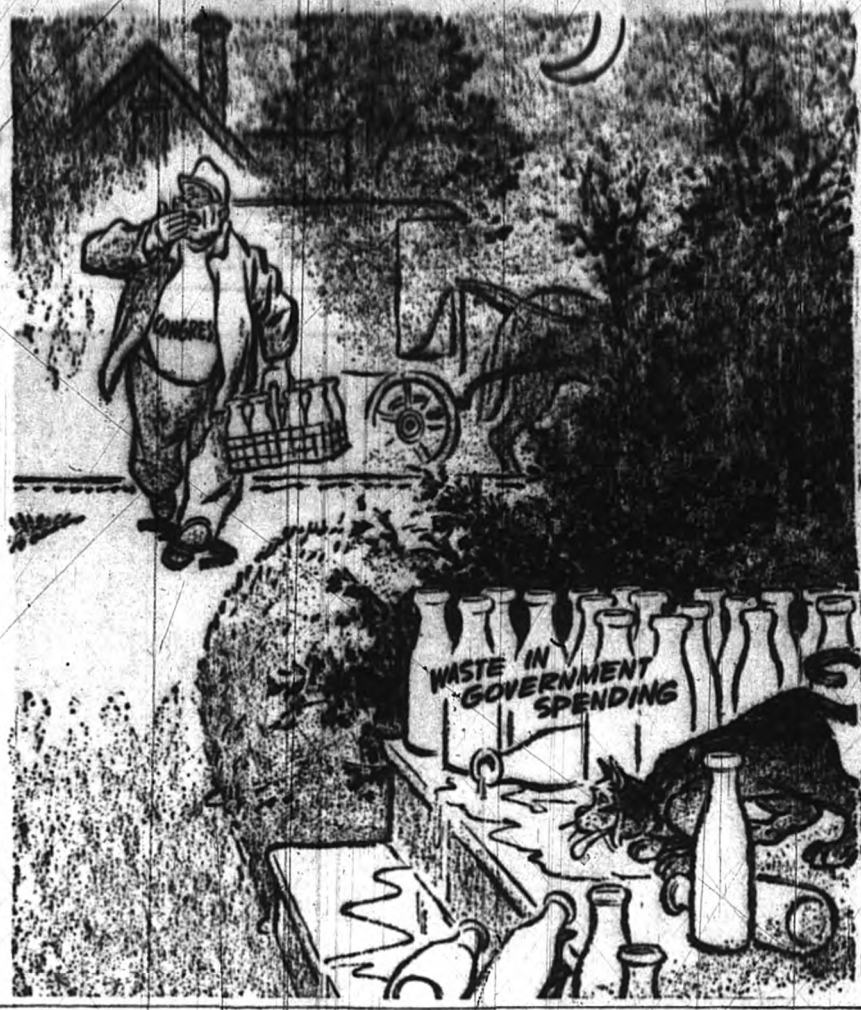
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Reserve Officers' Addresses Needed

Instructions contained in letters of appointment to the Officers Reserve Corps make it the responsibility of reserve officers to report changes of address and other changes in status to the Adjutant General's office in Washington, Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, Executive for the Texas Military District reminded today.

Members of the ROC must report both temporary and permanent changes of address, Colonel Abbott said. In addition, travel or residence in foreign countries, enlistment in the regular armed forces and employment by the Federal Government must be reported.

"In spite of the above instructions in letters of appointment," he said, "increasingly large numbers of reserve officers are failing to render reports of changes, especially changes of address." Such laxity is hazardous to their own interest he pointed out. Applications for promotion, active duty training, new assignments, inactive pay and other matters of importance cannot be given prompt attention if correct addresses are unknown or in doubt.

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There are more than 1500 members in Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Region Five comprises Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and all of Mexico.

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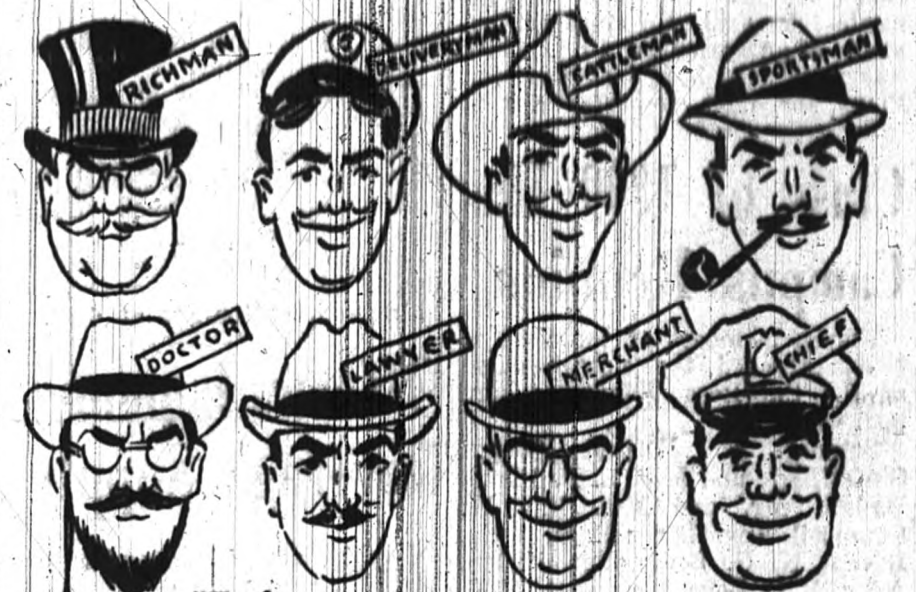
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