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A Memo: On Sportsmanship and A&M . . .

You might think this particular piece of writing unnecessary. We hope that it is unnecessary. But for the few people who have not yet "gotten the word" we print it hoping that it will cause them to stop and think.

We want them and we know you want them to consider the reputation which we, as Aggies, possess — a reputation for sportsmanship in all our contacts with other people. We especially want these few people in our midst who never get the word to think of the award which rests in our trophy case in the Academic Building and just what that award means.

We want them to know that it was given to us, the student body, by students of the other schools in the Southwest Conference in recognition of our sportsman-like conduct. We want these people to

pause a minute and consider the responsibility which our possession of that trophy thrusts upon us.

It means that we will be in the spotlight. All our actions both on and off the campus will be watched, and we will be expected to conduct ourselves in a manner befitting our reputation.

We want these "two percenters," as we label them, to know that we are proud of our reputation; to know that we intend to keep it. We want them to know that during their presence among us we expect them to mold themselves to our pattern, which, we believe, represents to the students of other schools a model upon which they might well base their own conduct.

If you come in contact with any of these "two percenters," tell them what we mean, will you?

Nothing to Fear But Enthusiasm . . .

A lot of people went away from Kyle Field Saturday in a highly dejected state of mind.

Large numbers of them, doing the usual pre-season guessing, let their hopes replace their logic for the night and established A&M as a team with an even chance. Others went so far as to go to the game expecting an Aggie win.

Such an attitude was hardly fair to the team. Despite the fact that every player and coach goes into every game expecting to win, any of them would have told you, logically, that their chances were awfully slim. Villanova had a big, fast, experienced squad. In the line particularly, you can't replace size and experience with anything—even hustle.

Those spectators unblinded by false hopes saw lots of bright spots in the game. For a team with a reputation for weak tackles, the Aggies tackle play was good. The Sophomores-against-Sandusky battle looked about even.

Until his abrupt departure from the game, one of the top candidates for full-back looked excellent. He ran hard up the middle and, defensively, stopped his

The Trees Need Not Have Twisted Limbs . . .

A crutch, a twisted leg, a withered arm, a wheelchair, sometimes even a funeral bouquet—these are signs that "Polio was here."

Polio is the short name for a long Greek medical term that means a disease similar to infantile paralysis—only polio strikes the adult as quickly and as disastrously as the child.

Victims of this disease are not always maimed for life—if the right kind of treatment is given early enough. But this treatment is expensive and not all of polio's victims can afford the medical bill.

The late President Franklin Roosevelt, himself a polio victim was the first to call nation-wide attention to polio through his March of Dimes fund raising campaigns. These campaigns were climaxed throughout the country by dances on his birthday and the proceeds from the dances went to help polio stricken patients with part of the financial burden of their sickness. Since his death, the March of Dimes campaigns continued, and the good done by this cause can be estimated only

departing play about as cold as one can be stopped.

The most outstanding thing Saturday night was the hustle. On one play there were ten Aggies trying with all their might to tackle the ball carrier. They were digging all the way.

Saturday night was the first game in a long comeback trail. A comeback from the bottom takes longer than one spring training session. It requires lots of game experience.

The sophomores learned a lot in sixty minutes Saturday night. They'll continue to get educated—and rapidly. But whatever speed they make, let's have them set the pace. The worse thing they will have to fight will be their backer's over-enthusiasm.

We would like to say this to the team. We haven't expected miracles from you in the past, men. We still don't.

You want to win as badly as we want to see you win, and you have the stuff to do it. We're proud of your past performances.

The twelfth man is behind you, one hundred percent.

in terms of the hundreds who walk now but who would have been hopeless cripples without March of Dimes aid.

This year polio has taken its greatest toll of victims in this country since medical records have been kept. Because of this tremendous upsurge of polio patients, the funds raised through March of Dimes campaigns have been about depleted. The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis has sent out a call for more money if its humanitarian services are to be continued to all who are stricken by polio.

At least \$14,500,000 is needed to fight the dread disease this year. An emergency drive has been launched to raise this money, and the people who have been unfortunate to fall victim of polio solicit your contributions. These contributions may be simply addressed to "Polio" c/o your local post office.

The money you give will contribute toward the health of someone whom polio has paralyzed. It is not altogether inconceivable that your contribution will help someone you know.



"Do not conceal yourself about me losing me girlish figure on this good Aggie chow. Moigatroyd. All me classes are in Splinter Village, while me place of residence is just north of Navasota."

System Men Write Textbook On Use of Southland's Resources

A new textbook on the natural resources of the South has been published by two members of the A&M System, Everett Evans, school specialist with the Texas Forest Service, and Roy Donahue, extension agronomist, have collaborated to write "Our South." The book deals with the basic natural resources of the South. Also included are chapters on the sociological problems and the climate of the South.

One natural resource is dealt with in each of eight chapters. The entire book is illustrated with photographs and illustrations selected from the collections of the authors and from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A companion book, "Teachers' Manual for Our South" is supplied to teachers who purchase the book for classroom work. It contains 49 pages with lists of sources of additional information for each chapter. The book itself contains 406 pages.

Evans, now a polio patient of the City-County hospital in Fort Worth is author of conservation manuals on soil, water, forests, birds, mammals, and fish, "Forestry for Teachers," and "Pupils Activities in Forestry and Related Conservation Subjects."

He has been a teacher in the

public schools and Supervisory Assistant, Missouri Conservation Commission.

Donahue has been an instructor in soils at Michigan State College, acting head of the Forestry Department at Mississippi State College, and instructor at Cornell University, Senior Forester in the Rubber Development Corporation in the Brazilian jungle, and Control Chief, Forest Mapper, and Soil Mapper in the Michigan Department of Conservation.

Express Comments

The San Antonio Express devoted an editorial to the book when it was released by the publishers, Steck Company of Austin.

"Indeed," the Express said, the book should be required reading for the adult Southerner. Then he could consider himself informed as to the South's opportunities."

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Applicants are invited to register at the office of the department at their earliest convenience.

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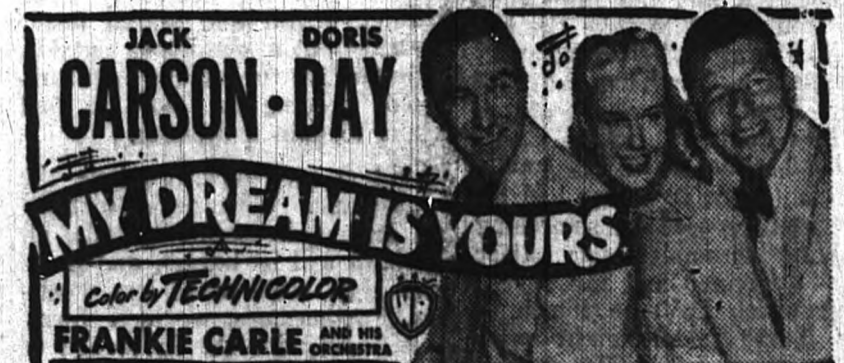
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'Doctor Dan' Russell Featured In September's Texas Parade

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Daniel Russell, professor of rural sociology was one of four Texans included in Parade's "Texans in Action" series.

The article reads: Daniel Russell, professor of rural sociology, at Texas A&M College, got his education the hard way. He walked long distances daily to high school; tended boilers and cut grass through college; risked his life doing graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Spied on Al Capone There, among other chores, the quiet, but determined young man spied on Al Capone's enterprises. Evidence he gathered ended several of them. All was done as a part of his sociology work.

Now, when he can, he avoids talking about Chicago. He prefers telling about a haunted house. He secured it during the depression and turned it into a cooperative boarding house for students. It was so successful in allowing poor students to stay in school that models sprang up all over the nation. Today, many a student owes his education, in part, to

Dan Russell's foresight. Currently, he warns rural people that "there is no use saving soil if we let our spiritual life decay."

Among his activities: originator and sponsor of the annual Texas Rural Church Conference serving his fourth term as president of an organization of the state's welfare workers; chairman of the Rural Health Council of Texas.

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