

Dove of Peace Looms As People Sigh Relief

(Editor's note: This is an editorial which appeared in The Battalion on July 6, 1951. It sounds rather familiar.)

A FAINT SUGGESTION of the dove of Peace looms in the indistinct future and already there are signs of relief and urgings to reduce the defense program. Just how foolish can people be?

Hopes for peace are, at the most, very tentative. And, should peace in Korea come that will mean but one thing—the only “hot” episode of the Cold War has come to an end. Few Americans would deny that they want peace. Few other countries want war. But, as long as one country—and that a strong country—shows any promise of aggression, there can be no peace. World peace is not an attitude in your mind that bades you disregard ominous warning from abroad.

New Slates Crumble Without Discipline

THE BEGINNING of a school term always gives a student a fresh and wonderful feeling. He says to himself he is going to put all his bad habits behind him and start with a completely new slate.

A few students actually carry out this resolution. But very few. Everyone likes to think he will do better than the last time, but like a man once said, “Thinkin’ don’t make it so.”

The few who do have the determination and will power to start fresh are the ones who, at the end of the semester, never worry about final exams and passing courses. They are the ones you hear about that “used to make the lowest grades around here, but all of a sudden he distinguished.”

What these persons have who can thrust bad habits aside is a question to which many would like the answer. Many factors enter in individual cases, but probably one of the most common is self discipline.

During freshman week each year, papers are passed out which have outlined on them a blank schedule of the week. It contains each hour of the day and each day of the week. Educators say that if these are filled out properly and abided by, they can influence a person's habits a great deal.

This simple little scheme shows a person how many hours he wastes each day. It shows him how to utilize these wasted hours, and in the final analysis, this little piece of paper can easily mean the difference between good and bad grades.

Starting this long tough road of self discipline is like a person beginning a diet. Self discipline determines whether he will stick with it or cast it aside because it “wouldn't work anyhow.”

The person who sets his course early this summer, backs it up with well-laid plans, then shoots it through with determination and self discipline, is the one who will show up at the end of the session with the best grades, most accomplished, and the most out of his time at Aggieland.

Plundering Nations Are Great Gangs

JUSTICE IS as strictly due between neighbor nations as between neighbor citizens. A highwayman is as much a robber when he plunders in a gang, as when single; and a nation that makes an unjust war is only a great gang.—Franklin

The only real world peace is a harmony in world affairs, shown by unstrained relations between the major powers of the world. Any barriers that bar exchange of thought, goods, and, above all, good will, is a sign that world peace does not exist.

To wish for peace and to work for peace are entirely different aims. In the world of today, real efforts toward peace come only from logical preparations to resist a breach of that peace. Any peace of today must be bought at the expense of armed might.

That does not mean that force must always be the only road to harmonious relations. Quite to the contrary, a peace bought at the cost of fear and force could never endure.

But, until the existing evils spawned by terrorist governments and rule by oppression cease to exist, an enforced peace seems to be the only answer.

When the coal-miners of Pennsylvania and the miners of Siberia can openly discuss mutual questions, when a man can be assured of a just trial in all corners of the earth, and when foreign ministers can meet to calmly discuss the conduct of world affairs, citizens may well talk of peace and the luxuries that accompany it.

Until that time, peace will remain as an ideal toward which all right-thinking people must diligently work.

Extra Effort Pays Off In Dividends

THE LARGEST dividends in success and happiness are the reward of those who are willing to invest extra effort.

Extra effort does not insure extra dividends, but the policy of putting-it-off-until-tomorrow is the straightest road to failure and a minimum of happiness.

There is a great deal of satisfaction in doing a job well. Whether you are building a model airplane or trying to raise a course grade a letter, the extra effort that results in reaching the goal you have set for yourself gives you a feeling of pride in what you have accomplished.

If you start out to mow the lawn and it takes you a week to finish the job, it is quite disconcerting to find that the first part needs mowing again. You don't feel you have accomplished much.

The same principle holds for the model plane. If you put it down when it is half finished, what have you accomplished?

Perhaps Man is the only creature with a reluctance to put out that extra effort. A complete survey of a wooded area filled with bird nests would be unlikely to produce a single bird that built half a nest—and then stopped. Has anyone ever heard of a beaver building half a dam, and then stopping? The dam can be washed away a dozen times, but the beaver resolutely begins the job of rebuilding. He believes in that extra effort.

At some time all of us feel that our daily work is dulled by monotony. We begin to develop the feeling of “being in a rut.” That is the time to take stock of what we are doing. Either the job is wrong, or we are wrong.

If it is the job, you'd better consider changing to something more suitable to your personal tastes. If it is you, that extra effort will not only improve your work, but make it a more stimulating and satisfying experience.

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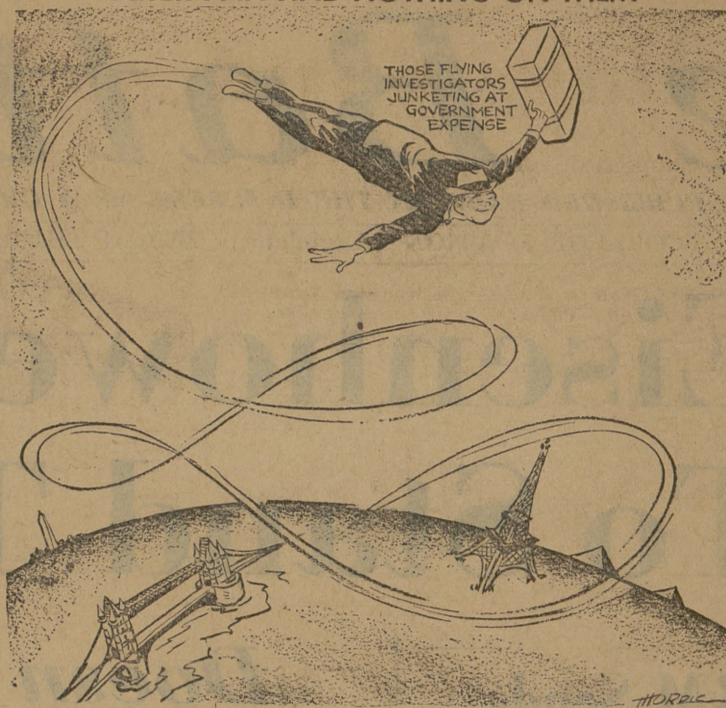
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For Study and Research . . .

Wildlife Students Plan Trip to Guerrero Jungles

Unusual experiences await a group of students in the Department of Wildlife Management at A&M this summer when they resume the study begun last year on the wildlife resources of the Mexican State of Guerrero.

“Parrots will chatter at them from the tree tops of the jungle, boa constrictors may slither across their paths at night, kinkajous and coatis peer at them in silence and the jaguar grunts his displeasure at their intrusion of his domain,” Dr. W. B. Davis, head, Department of Wildlife Management, says.

“Opportunity will be afforded to partake of such exotic native foods as papayas, tacos, dried iguanas,” Dr. Davis points out.

Prof. Keith Dixon, Department of Wildlife Management, and Chester Rowell, Department of Biology, will be in charge of the party of 11 students. The group will make studies of the native birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and plants in an effort to learn their abundance and distribution in the state and their economic importance. This study was initiated last summer at the request

of Sr. Luis Macias, director of the Mexican Department of Game, and will continue each summer until the state is adequately explored.

The party will establish base camp near the village of Acahuizotla on the Pacific slope of the Sierra Madre del Sur. From there they will work the cloud forest of the mountains, which rise to an elevation of more than 11,000 feet and the tangled jungles of the tropical lowlands.

The group will have many friends in Acahuizotla as a result of a similar field study made last summer by wildlife management students. Although the students will be living in camps, all the comforts of home life will not be lost. They can get their weekly laundry done by native women. They will be invited to attend frequent fiestas (dances) held by the country folk. But in the main, the daily routine is work from dawn to dark collecting and preparing specimens, writing field notes, cooking, and cleaning camp.

Lockjaw Warning Given For Summer

Increasing numbers of lockjaw will develop between now and fall, State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox warned today, despite known measures of prevention.

Lockjaw, or tetanus, cases jump in summertime because exposures in the form of cuts, scratches, or puncture wounds are more frequent in warm weather when people are out-of-doors.

The germs of lockjaw are commonly found in soil—especially manured soil. They enter through a skin break and emit a deadly toxin which causes jaw and neck muscles to constrict so severely that jaws involuntarily close, vice-like.

Slowly, the muscle constriction spreads to other body muscles, until the victim is bent like a bow. A fatal case of the disease has

been traced to a serated roset horn.

Lockjaw germs are spores, which means they can live outside an animal. Life processes lie dormant until finally, through a sliver or nail gets back into live tissue. The wound may heal, protected as it is from the spore will begin “revival” and emitting deadly toxin.

Farmers are especially liable to lockjaw, Dr. Cox says because the primary source of germs is the intestines of farm animals. They get onto the ground in animal waste, easily available for a human body when that cut or scratched or wounded.

Exposures to lockjaw are common that it is mere sense for everyone to maintain a high level of protection organization. Dr. Cox called it “od of gaining immunity and convenient.” He said, “You can't go to a doctor every little scratch,” he said, “so the best way to is to take an immunizing shot, and keep the immunizing high with periodic ‘boosters’.”

Directors To Meet Here on June 27

The board of directors of A&M College System will meet June 27, at 10 a. m. on the campus of the college.

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School Leaders Will Conduct Meeting Here

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Texas School Administration Conference, the twenty-eighth meeting of the Texas Association of County Superintendents and the third meeting of the Texas Association for Instructional Supervisors, will be held here June 22-24.

Consultant speakers for the general meetings will be Dr. Kate Wofford, head of the department of elementary education, University of Florida; Dr. Lawrence Dertthick, superintendent, Chattanooga public schools and president of the American Association of School Administrators.

Also Dr. Frank Williams, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction, Dallas public schools; David Sellars, coordinator of instruction, Fort Worth public schools and Dr. A. T. Dyal, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Bryan.

R. E. Slayton, superintendent of the Longview public schools, is president of the Texas School Administration Conference.

G. L. Wilcox, head of the department of education and psychology, is secretary of the conference.



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