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Meaning of Word 'Man' Is Vague at Aggieland

The boy is graduated from high school. He goes to college. Now he's on top of the world. Nothing can stand in his way to success. The college has told him he is a "man."

The word "man" is one of the most misused words in the English language. It refers to one of two sexes.

From the moment he enrolls, every freshman is constantly told by college officials and upperclassmen that he is a "man." The freshman is soon surprised to learn the college has taken liberties with the dictionary. At A&M "man" refers to such things as courage, morality and integrity.

After constant indoctrination, the freshman is finally convinced he has achieved "man." He becomes the walking example of finer human qualities. He has developed this three letter quality of righteous dynamite simply by paying his fees and picking up a room key.

After a while he starts thinking. He remembers the past lectures. He remembers everyone at A&M is supposed to have "man." The word develops a supernatural meaning. If he acts like everyone else, he can't go wrong.

For the next four years he does the one thing necessary to keep his "man"—he follows the crowd. He does only what the others do. He thinks only what the others think. While doing this, he loses the real meaning of the qualities that are supposed to be rolled together in his three letter peculiarity. Unless he checks a dictionary, he may remain a "man" all his life.

The college should stop telling new students that just because they have enrolled here that they have matured into strong well-balanced human beings. Growing up is something a person must do for himself. Words won't do the trick. Constantly following the actions and thoughts of others doesn't help matters either.

The college is doing the word "man" a great injustice. This harmless little jumble of letters belong to the biologists. It should be given back to the test tubes and museums. Let's not shorten the meaning of maturity to the size of a three letter word.

Don't Be Taken In By 'Aggie' Salesmen

"Freshmen will buy anything is the common phrase among "sharp" salesmen who often make the rounds of the fish dormitories this time of year.

Be careful of what you buy and from whom you buy. The first of each year, many unauthorized people take advantage of the freshman, who doesn't realize he is not obligated to buy anything from upperclassmen.

The best way to check the authority of any salesman who wanders through a dormitory is to report the incident to the nearest commanding officer.

Your unit CO or first sergeant will tell you if the man doing the selling has the authority to be in the dormitory. Don't be taken in by some high-pressure salesman just because he wears an Aggie uniform.

'Dust Bomb' May Make Food Supplies Useless

TUCSON, Ariz., Sept. 11—(AP)—A terrible, but still undeveloped new atomic weapon—a "dust bomb"—someday may be used to render the food supply of whole nations useless.

Dr. Wallace H. Fuller, working on special assignment for the Atomic Energy Commission, said the fantastically powerful new force could be produced from radioactive strontium.

Consolidated Tigers Play Bremond Tonight

After a student pep rally and a night practice session yesterday, the A&M Consolidated high school Tigers open the season at 8 to-night on Tiger field in a non-district clash.

Coach Jim Bevans ran his team through plays last night in a dummy scrimmage—no butting of heads. There will be no practice session this afternoon.

The Tigers, who are in class B, had two practice sessions each day beginning Sept. 1 until school opened Tuesday. The sessions have dropped to one a day since then.

"The squad is looking good," said Bevans.

Defensive line-up for the game

will be Bobby Carter and Bobby Jackson, ends; Melvin Free and Pete Hickman, tackles; Jimmy Bond and George Sousares, guards; Pinky Cooner, center; Fred Anderson, quarterback; William Arnold, left half; Bobby Joe Wade, right half; and David Bonnen, full-back.

The defensive lineup will substitute Charles Johnson and George Litton for Bond and Sousares at guards; Roland Beasley for Arnold at left half; and Robert Cleland for Carter at end.

The Tigers meet Madisonville for their second game next Friday at Madisonville.

Labor Secretary Durkin Quits Post

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11—(AP)—An uneasy political honeymoon between President Eisenhower and organized labor appeared ended today with the abrupt and angry resignation of Martin P. Durkin as secretary of labor.

Durkin, a union leader and a Democrat, quit his cabinet post with a charge that the Eisenhower administration had broken an agreement with him on recommendations to be made in changing the controversial Taft-Hartley labor law.

Presidents George Meany of the AFL and Walter Reuther of the CIO quickly sided with Durkin and accused Eisenhower of failing to live up to promises made to organized labor.

One Killed, 58 Hurt In Cleveland Blast

CLEVELAND, Sept. 11—(AP)—A street blew up here yesterday—was sought today. Firemen first blew up along a 3/4-mile stretch, hurling big concrete chunks and manhole covers up among hundreds of stunned rush-hour motorists and pedestrians, killing one and injuring 58. At least two of the injured were in critical condition.

The cause of the mighty underground explosion along West 117th

St., a main crosstown artery, still was sought today. Firemen first said it was a broken gas main. But the gas company said their mains probably broke after exploding sewer gas let go.

Mrs. Katherine Szabo, 40, who was driving her brother home from work, died at a hospital. The brother, Robert Gbur, 27, was injured only slightly.

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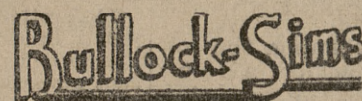
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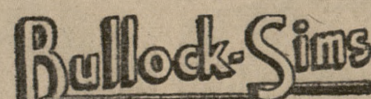


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