



TB Occupational Therapy

Leroy Innmon, '58, works on a buckskin donated to the tuberculosis occupational therapy program by Texas hunters. Patients of TB are encouraged to do such handiwork while recuperating from the disease.

TB Victim Awaiting Return to Aggieland

By GAYLE McNUTT

Life at Aggieland revolves around the "sac," someone once said, and daily many Aggies do their utmost to live up to these words.

True, by tradition, Aggies are not very enthusiastic about reveille. Many are the mornings they had rather lie in bed. But there is one Aggie who thinks that being able to get out of bed each morning should be considered a "blessed privilege," that is he thinks so now, after spending seventeen and one-half hours in bed every day for over a year.

"When a fellow is feeling real good and still has to lie in bed, it's tough," he said.

This opinion came in a recent letter from William Leroy Innmon, '58, from Rodgers.

During final exam week in the spring of 1958, when a sophomore, Leroy realized that all was not well when hemorrhaging began. When he went home, his parents took him to the family physician who diagnosed his trouble as tuberculosis. He was immediately hospitalized.

The following paragraphs were taken from his letter.

"Although I felt pretty bad that last week of school, I finished the exams, not knowing what my trouble was. I was going about my usual activities when it hit me," he wrote. "Up until that time, there had been no indication that

I was sick. I had always been a healthy person and never realized anything like this could happen to me.

"At first I was pretty downhearted, for having TB meant that I was going to lose a good job I had lined up for the summer. And what hurt me most was that I would be unable to return to A&M for quite a while. Of course, the situation hurt my family also, because they hated to see me go to the hospital for so long and to have my education interrupted.

"I was in the King's Daughters' Hospital, in Temple, for two weeks and then was admitted to the McKnight State Tuberculosis Hospital near San Angelo. I was on complete bed rest for seventeen and a half hours per day.

"I was given two of the new drugs effective in the treatment of TB. They are para-aminosalicylic acid (PAS) and isoniazid (INH). During my stay of a year and a week in this hospital, I figured up that I took 10,000 of these pills, averaging twenty-six per day. Just try swallowing eight huge pills at one time.

"But my main problem while in the hospital was just getting used to the fact that I had TB. For a long time I couldn't believe it had actually happened to me. However, after being in the hospital for a while, I found out that the TB germ is no respecter of persons.

"It was awful, and surprising to me, to see youngsters no more than

six years old with tuberculosis. I soon realized that no person is too young, too old or too healthy to be attacked by the "bug."

"After a time in the hospital, my tuberculosis was classified as 'inactive' and I was allowed to take part in the occupational therapy program. It helped to take my mind off my illness for awhile each day and to relieve the boredom of staying in bed. I was particularly interested in leather work. The program is new in state hospitals, and for me, was very wonderful. I understand it has been given quite a boost by the tuberculosis associations.

"On June 27 of this year, I was medically released from McKnight, with instructions to continue my treatment under our family doctor. This I have done and now my doctor has declared me an arrested case and given me permission to pick up my college work and to take a light job, if I like.

"I plan to re-enter A&M in February. I am disappointed that I won't be able to be in the Corps, since the doctors have advised against it. I'm sure I will miss being in the Corps, especially "B" Engineers, my old outfit. One thing I can be proud of is that I will still be an Aggie and will be able to return to Aggieland.

"Also, I am thankful that the state of Texas has such fine hospitals where TB can receive up-to-date treatment and that we have tuberculosis associations which are working with doctors and scientists to conquer this dread disease."

The A&M Campus Chest is an organization designed specifically to help Aggies such as Leroy.

Envelopes containing Christmas Seals and a message to Aggies are being distributed in the dorms, both civilian and Corps. A part of the new campus chest will go to the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association in payment for the seals. Money received from the seals is used by the TB association for treatment and research of tuberculosis.

ly the wishes of high college officials.

It recognizes, however, that a free student newspaper cannot exist if any one person has the absolute right to give orders in regard to news content or editorial views. The editor must be guaranteed the right to make final decisions.

The board believes that its decision is in line with the best traditions of the American press.

In a recent statement, Gov. Price Daniel has said:

"Everyone who believes in our American theory of people governing themselves through elected representatives must defend the right of the people to know the truth about both their government and their elected representatives. Self-government can be no stronger than the people's knowledge of the facts. Making available full information about the people's business is a duty of public officials. Digging it out and reporting it to the people is the duty of the public press."

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Harrington

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compulsory Corps program until 1954. Harrington, who was chancellor of the college at that time, said the recommendation to make the Corps optional in 1954 came down through the chain of command.

He explained that the heads of the college at the time felt there were students who wanted to share in the opportunities of a land grant college, but didn't want military training. He commented that the college officials probably wanted to increase enrollment by making the Corps optional.

Several months ago, the board of directors voted unofficially not to return to a compulsory Corps program. Asked why the board changed its mind, Harrington replied he didn't know.

"They've had the compulsory Corps issue in their minds a great deal this year, and have felt they wanted to make the change," he remarked.

He explained the board didn't want to make the change this summer because it wouldn't give high school students enough time to think about it before deciding to come to A&M. He said the board wanted to wait until now to make the switch in order that high school boys would know in advance what to expect.

Under the required military training plan, all students must maintain a 1.0 grade point ratio to avoid military probation. Harrington stated if this g.p.r. were not maintained, students could go civilian or leave school. If a student doesn't meet the probation, Harrington felt he would probably drop out of school anyway.

The president told of a pending program for next year which would help students keep up with their work. He guessed it would be enforced within individual outfits and would take some duties or responsibilities away from lagging students to give them an opportunity to catch up with their academic work.

The president was asked if there was any possibility that some students next year might intentionally drop below the required g.p.r. so that they could become Civilians. Harrington answered there was such a possibility, but added:

"That boy would be almost silly because he's letting his g.p.r. drop so low. Remember, you still need a 1.0 ratio to graduate."

Harrington summed up a new student's alternatives in this manner:

"If he wants A&M but doesn't want the Corps, he can go to a junior college for two years and then come to Aggieland."

16 Aggies Attend College Union Meet

Sixteen Aggies left yesterday afternoon for Dallas to attend the ninth annual Region 9 conference of the Association of College Unions.

The conference will be held through Saturday at the Umphrey Lee Student Center of Southern Methodist University.

Approximately 200 students, representing college unions in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, will attend.

A&M will be represented by the following: Don McGinty, president of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate; Hiram French, Frank Buchanan, Joe R. Harris, John Jefferson, Bob Lynd, Michael McGuire, Gray Peeples, James West, Ken Curry, Floyd Hardimon, Floyd Christian, Ronald Buford, Jack Wallace, Bill Hampton and Bob Singer.

Gray Peeples will lead a discussion on organization and Ken Curry will lead one on leadership. J. Wayne Stark, director of the MSC, will give the closing address of the conference at a luncheon Saturday.

Also attending the meeting from A&M are Charles Haas, assistant director of the MSC and Miss Rosalie Spencer, student program advisor.

EDITOR

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the long-range welfare of the institution at heart.

"4. In the editor's decision to publish the story, he carefully considered the president's request to delay the story until the announcement could be made to the Academic Council on Thursday Dec. 5. Acting within the framework of his authority as established by the president, the executive committee, the Academic Council and the Student Publications Board and consistent with the best traditions of a free press, the editor, however, chose to publish the story. (The editor should always give serious consideration to requests such as the one the president made in this case; nevertheless if we are to maintain a free press, the editor does have the right to make the final decision himself.)

The board found that in view of all these considerations they concluded that the editor, in handling the story, did so in an appropriate manner.

In this conclusion the board reiterates its firm belief that the editor should always weigh serious-

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Architects Hold Christmas Dinner

The Brazos Chapter of Texas Society of Architects and American Institute of Architects held a special dinner meeting in the Memorial Student Center Tuesday to honor a local craftsman and a local professional man.

Honored were W. W. Hall, carpenter, builder and master mechanic, and R. F. White, landscape architect. Both received centennial medals and were praised for their service to the profession of architecture.

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