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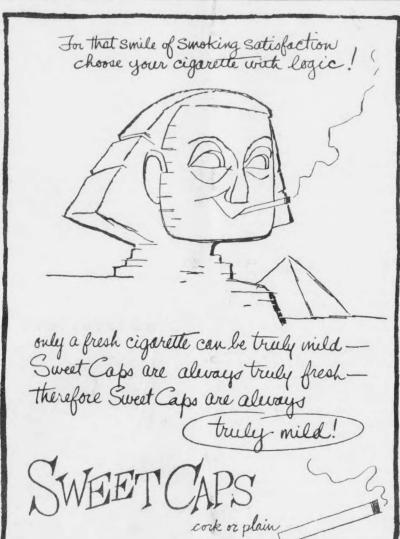
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SILENCE!

This University is blessed with a fine library. It is equipped with an excellent reading room, a new modern wing, thousands of books, and an adequate staff. It has one major drawback . . . you can't study in it.

The usual procedure is to take your books into the reading room, sit down, open the book, and get to the first line. The odds are about ten to one that you get no further before some ill-mannered individual around you will begin to discuss the latest sports scores, the essay he or she is writing, the nearness of tests (for which you are trying to study) or the general state of campus and world affairs.

In this modern country, most people have heard of libraries before they get to the university level. They haven't, apparently, heard that libraries are supposed to be QUIET. Ours is used by some merely as a place to find your friends and have a chat, borrow cigarettes, or just get out of the cold.

The library staff tries to keep things down to a dull roar, but unless someone stands at the front yelling "QUIET!" at two-minute intervals, the situation is hopeless. Perhaps some "Silence"

signs placed around on the tables would remind some that we have recreational rooms in almost all the other buildings, as well as a warm and generally adequately populated canteen for conversation. In this last week of the term, when almost all the campus is involved with exams, tests, and essays, it isn't expecting too much of these inconsiderate children to ask them that they play else-

where on the campus.

Perhaps the library staff could set up a system whereby the offenders (professors as well as students) could be asked to leave until they could be quiet.

DRIVING HOME?

An American Insurance Company, alarmed at the number of traffic accidents involving younger people, has, in the last few years, waged a campaign which is accelerated at the holiday seasons to prevent traffic accidents, and has asked the assistance of all college papers.

Next week, most of us will be heading home for Christmas, some by car, others even by hitch-hiking. All of us will be in a hurry to get there. But the statistics prove chances of us all arriving without some highway mishap, are very limited.

For the next month, highways are jammed, most of them will be in treacherous condition due to the weather, and the holiday spirits add to the hazard. ..The few hours you might save by taking chances are of little value to you if you make the remainder of the trip in an ambulance

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A few simple traffic regulations, if obeyed, coupled with a use of the common sense and superior intelligence we, theoretically at least, possess, will prevent anyone from spending the holidays in

hospital or morgue.

A local campaign held last year had a radio slogan, "If you drink, don't drive, and if you drive, don't drink". We would merely suggest . . . if you drink, take the train.

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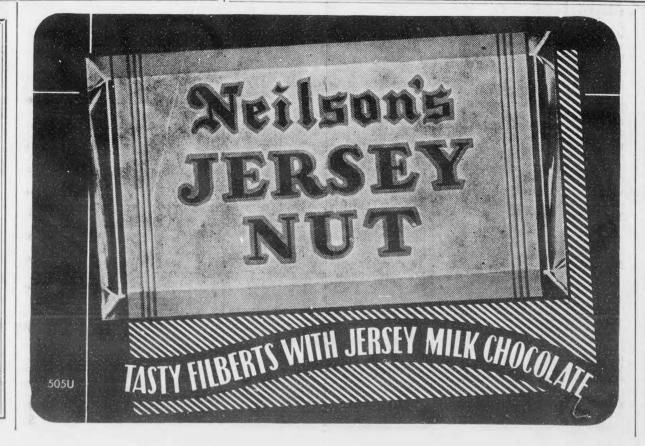
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