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'Twas Good Enough for Pappy . . .

## Infernal Voting Machine Must Go, Twiggins Warns in Expose

By CONRAD TWIGGINS

Before I get any deeper into an expose of this foul invention known as the voting machine, I want it firmly understood by all readers that I am not opposed to the act of voting itself. In fact I think so highly of the whole idea that I have cast as high as ten votes in a single election.

However, as a good taxpaying citizen I feel it is my right and duty to speak out against these works of the devil which are used to accept and tabulate the ballots. I would like to warn any person that might encounter one of these contraptions so he will beware.

Now even if the things worked properly, which they definitely don't, I cannot see why we need a change. What was good enough for Pappy, I maintain is good enough for Junior. After all, why does a man have to go off by himself to cast his ballot. There's something mighty suspicious about someone sneaking behind a curtain to vote. It appears to me that they might be voting for a Republican or something. It is much better that he vote in plain sight so we can make sure he hasn't fallen for the other party's lies.

During the last presidential election, I happened to be in the city working and had to vote there. After standing in line for hours, I finally got up to the voting spot. I couldn't see where to get the straight ticket for my mark anywhere. I was standing outside what I thought was a comfort station when out came a lady. Like any true man of breeding, I looked about for the men's place

when the person behind shoved me through the curtain.

Right then and there, the trouble began. I grabbed something for support, and before I could stop myself, I had voted three times for Dewey. I figured out in no time my mistake, and in order to start off with a clean slate I had to vote for Roosevelt and Norman Thomas three times, too. By that time my arm was plumb worn out.

After I had rolled a smoke and taken a rest I got prepared to vote. I found the handle for the minor candidates and gave all the Democrats a vote or two and then took off my coat and got set to really give Roosevelt a landslide.

I was just warming up to the job and hadn't pulled the lever more than seven or eight times when the machine started acting up. First a big sign saying "Tilt" started flashing, and then a horn started making all sorts of racket. I immediately understood that the machine was broken and started to put on my coat to go vote elsewhere.

Before I could leave the booth the curtain was jerked back and a policeman grabbed me for no reason at all. Now I've heard tell of the long arm of the law, but I had never heard anyone mention just how strong it was. The man shook me until I lost my new Sear's teeth.

I guess I have told you enough so that you will know just how bad these machines are. I hope that all voters will be convinced that our rights are in danger of being taken away. It's high time that we get together and pass laws against such infernal inventions.

## Draft Details Explained As Plans Shape Up In Washington

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, July 23, (AP)—Mixed up about the draft? Here are some answers to questions you may have in mind.

To begin with, plenty of points about the draft still are vague.

For example, 4,000 draft boards—each at least three members to a board—have to be set up, under state directors.

But, first, all the state directors have to be appointed. Then the members of the draft boards have to be appointed. The boards have to find office space.

All this is expected to be finished by the end of August because—

Men over 18 and under 26 must start registering with those boards August 30 and the registration ends September 18. The 25-year-old men start registering first.

(There'll be continuing registrations after September 18, of course, for youths as they reach 18, about 100,000 reach 18 every month.)

Under the law, as passed by Congress, actual drafting of men cannot start before September 22.

But because of various delays—such as time needed for classifying the registrants, and so on—the draft probably won't start before October 1 at the earliest.

Major Gen. Lewis B. Hershey suggested vaguely that maybe the first men to be drafted will be those 25 years old.

But that idea of Hershey's at this moment is very vague indeed. Keep this in mind:

All war veterans under 26 must register between August 30 and September 18. That

doesn't mean they'll be drafted. But they must register.

So must all members of the National Guard and Reserve units—if they are under 26—unless they are on active duty.

Only men over 19 and under 26 can be drafted.

When they are drafted, their length of service is 21 months. And they can be used anywhere inside the United States or overseas.

But—youths over 18 and under 19, although they must register, cannot be drafted till they've reached their 19th birthday.

Yet—those youths over 18 but under 19 can enlist for one year. By doing that, they escape the longer 21 months' service, if they wait till they're 19 and are drafted.

And they'll serve their one year inside the United States. They can't be used overseas. But when they get out, they must spend four to six years in a reserve outfit.

But—not all 18 year old youths can volunteer and be accepted. The draft law limits the number of such youths who can enlist to 161,000 a year.

That means those who can't enlist, because the quota of 161,000 has been used up, must wait till they're 19 and then face being drafted for 21 months' service instead of the 12 they could have had if they enlisted at 18.

### 13¢ WAGE HIKE GRANTED BY FORD

DETROIT, July 23 (AP)—A 13-cent an hour wage increase for 116,000 CIO production workers today erased a national strike threat against the Ford Motor Company.

Climaxing more than 21 hours of nearly continuous negotiation, the CIO United Auto Workers also won increases in premium pay, vacation improvements, and a group insurance plan revision.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### MEXICO PLANS TO ALTER EXCHANGE RATE

MEXICO CITY, July 23 (AP)—Mexico decided Thursday to cheapen the peso. She has lost a long fight to keep it at 485 to the U.S. dollar where it has been pegged since 1940.

The new exchange rate will be set after consultation with the international monetary fund. The bank of Mexico, effective yesterday morning, stopped all buying and selling of foreign currencies until the new rate is set.

### BERRY NAMED SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD HEAD

AUSTIN, Tex., July 23 (AP)—State Adjutant General K. L. Berry Thursday was notified by telegram from Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, National Director of Selective Service, of his appointment as Texas State Director of Selective Service.

The appointment had been recommended by Gov. Beauford H. Jester.

### STRIKES HINDER ERP PROGRAM IN ITALY

ROME, July 23 (AP)—Strikes threaten to upset the Marshall Plan timetable in Italy.

A quickening quarrel between organized workers and management over wholesale labor layoffs has focused attention on the creaky condition of Italy's industry.

Production must be doubled and new markets found for Italian goods if the Marshall Plan is to meet major objectives.

Caught in the tight squeeze of mounting costs (about 85 times above prewar levels) and falling demand, Italian industrialists have trimmed their sales, cutting production and laying off labor.

## Sheep And Goat Short Course Will Begin Monday

A Sheep and Goat Short Course will begin at A&M Monday, and end August 14, according to J. C. Miller, head of the Department of Animal Husbandry.

Enrollment in the short course will be limited to 25 students and to vocational agriculture teachers and county agricultural agents.

The course will be held under the direction of James A. Gray, associate professor of animal husbandry. Gray will be assisted by Stanley Davis, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station wool and mohair specialist, and Dr. R. O. Berry, associate professor of animal husbandry.

The first two weeks of the three-week course will be devoted to lectures in the morning and practical or laboratory work in the afternoon. The class will spend the last week in the field visiting wool warehouses, manufacturing plants, ranches and purebred flocks.

J. A. Hill, dean of the school of agriculture of the University of Wyoming, will be guest professor for the course and will lecture to the class on August 5 and 6. He will also spend August 9 and 10 in the field with the class, Gray said.

In addition, Dean Hill will cover that part of the course dealing with the selection of ewes for the breeding flock.

## Movie Schedule Given for Week

The movie schedule for next week at the Grove is as follows:

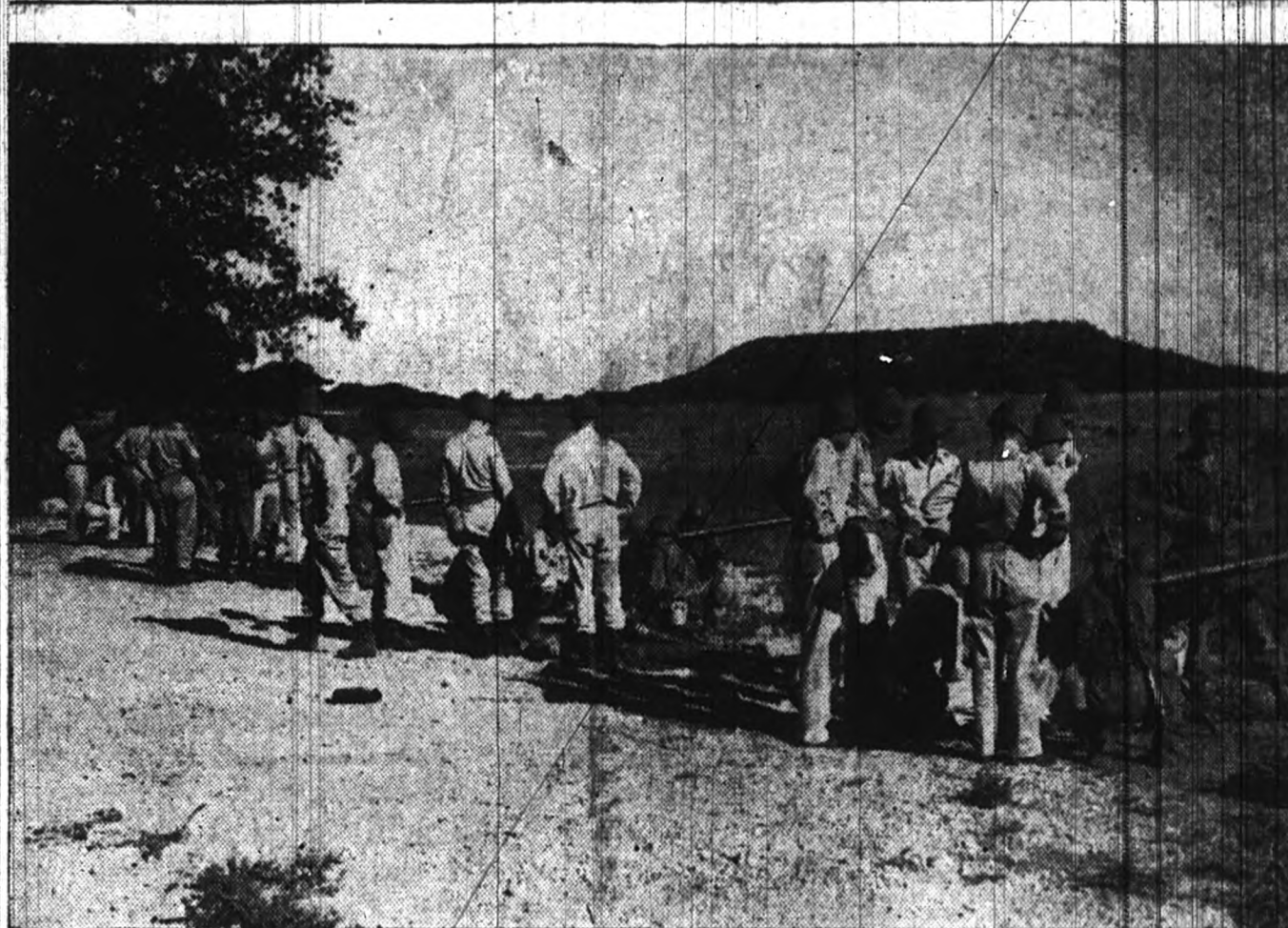
Monday, "Moss Rose" with Victor Mature and Peggy Cummins.

Thursday, "Humoresque" with John Garfield and Joan Crawford.

No admission will be charged for these shows which are presented as a summer entertainment feature.

Each feature will begin at 8:30 p. m.

## Skating, Dance, Symphony On Wax Will Highlight Weekend



Members of the Organized Reserves examine the 75MM Recoilless Rifle after witnessing a demonstration by the 2nd Armored Division. This is a part of the training the Reserves get at their summer camp at Camp Hood.

## Colonel Adcock Killed In Blast At Ft. Belvoir

Colonel Thomas A. Adcock, assistant PMS&T at A&M, was killed in a demolition explosion at Fort Belvoir, Virginia July 22. Colonel Adcock was attending summer camp at Fort Belvoir.

Colonel Adcock, senior instructor in the engineering section of the Military Science Department, first came to A&M in September of 1939. In February 1942 he left the college and went to Alaska to work on the Alcan highway. He later saw duty in the European Theater. Among other ribbons and decorations, he received the Leopold 2nd Class while in Europe.

Colonel Adcock graduated from West Point in 1929 and received his masters degree from the University of Iowa in 1934. Born on October 14, 1905, his home was in Hopkinsville, Ky.

He is survived by his wife and two children.

## Water Supply Cut Off Temporarily

The water supply to the college was cut off last night when the 16 inch pipe between here and Bryan was damaged. The line was open for some work being done on a sewer pipe nearby. Some of the machinery being used swung around accidentally and struck and broke the water line.

A smaller line of lower pressure was used during the four hours required to repair the line. Mills P. Walker, City Manager of Bryan, said that it was most unusual for a 16 inch main to be broken in such an accident.

## Bryan Firm Gives A&M Gift of \$600

Cotton Poisons, Inc. of Bryan, has given the Agricultural Experiment Station, \$600. R. D. Lewis, director of the station has announced.

Cameron Siddall, manager of the Bryan firm, said that the money will be used "in support of research on cotton insect control investigations under the supervision of Dr. J. C. Gaines of the Department of Entomology."

## Batt Will Hold 'Open House' To Provide Election Returns

The Battalion will have an "Open House" from 8 p. m. until midnight Saturday in order to give the latest election returns.

Members of The Battalion staff will post local election returns and state returns on the black-board in Room 202, Goodwin Hall. Chairs will be available, and a cold beverage will be served.

The Associated Press teletype will be operated continuously until midnight in order to bring returns on out-of-county balloting. Local returns will be handled by telephone.

These releases will be available to anyone, students and faculty, who care to visit the office.

## Gilchrist Explains Changes In System Under New Plan

Changes in the administration of the A&M System were explained to the "home folks" by Chancellor-elect Gibb Gilchrist in a recorded speech rebroadcast over WTAW at noon today.

Gilchrist traced the development of the A&M system from the founding of the parent school here in 1871. The complexity of the present system, which includes A&M, John Tarleton, NTAC, Prairie View A&M, the Agricultural Experiment Station, the Agricultural Extension Service, and the Engineering Experiment Station, was noted.

Under the new plan, Gilchrist said, the heads of Tarleton, NTAC, and Prairie View, now deans, will become presidents of their respective institutions, with wide discretion and authority. They will have primary administrative responsibility in their schools.

Gilchrist expressed personal satisfaction about the appointment of F. C. Bolton, present Dean of the College, as the first president of A&M under the new administrative system.

"Since 1909, Dean Bolton has worked diligently and faithfully for the best interests of the institution. He has never wavered in the face of a difficult or unpleasant task and has never failed to make an effort which he believed to be in the best interests of the College. It is most fitting that his final year of service in an administrative capacity should be as President," Gilchrist said.

"We are happy to have had the privilege of serving four years as President of the A&M College of Texas. I say we because my wife has contributed greatly to such success as we may have had," Gilchrist said.

"Our relations with the staff and student body in this position have been a source of real pleasure to us. We appreciate the many kindnesses they have shown.

"As we go on to what seems greater opportunities for service in this great System, we are happy that our duties are such that we can still have the same pleasant official and personal relationships as in the past."

### GIANT PLANE TO MAKE CROSS-COUNTRY FLIGHT

BURBANK, Calif., July 23 (AP)—The world's biggest passenger plane, the Navy's new Lockheed Constellation, will make her first trans-continental flight Sunday.

## 'Carmen' Opera Will Be Given Sunday Night

By HENRY LACOUR

Free skating, a dance with "live music", and the regular "Symphony on Wax" are the main attractions on the Campus this weekend. Intramural softball games will also provide entertainment.

Free skating at The Grove will be one of the Friday attractions. Law and Bizzell will play on the lighted diamond in the Intramural League. Game time is eight p. m.

### Dance Saturday Night

Saturday night The Grove will be the scene of a dance, with music furnished by the Modern Downbeats. The Downbeats have made an addition to their organization recently.

Bill Turner will play as an addition to the brass section. Turner hopes to add more members to the group in the near future.

### Carmen Featured

Symphony on Wax, the all-record program of classical and semi-classical music, will present the opera "Carmen" Sunday evening at six.

The featured singers are Gladys Swarthroat as Carmen, Runtun Vinay as Don Jose, Licia Albanese as Micaela, and Robert Merrill as Escamillo, the Toreador.

This opera, written by Bizet, will be remembered as the opera from which the justly famous "Habanera" and the "Toreador Song" are taken.

### Rice Commentator

A brief sketch of the story of the Commentator, Marvin Rice, between each act so that everyone may understand what is happening while the music is being played.

These programs will continue to be presented each Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday evening at six. The programs are sponsored by Student Activities.

## Two Landscape Art Students Receive Belsterling Awards

C. F. Morris, Jr., of Houston and Martin John Zerr of Corpus Christi, landscape art students at A&M, have been awarded the Belsterling Scholarships.

The Belsterling Scholarships have a value of \$300 and extend from September 1, 1948, to May 31, 1949.

The scholarships were awarded by The Dallas Garden Club. Mrs. Mark Lemmon is chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the club.

Morris transferred to A&M from the University of Houston. He entered school here in September 1946. He works for an engineering firm in Houston during the summer, doing draftsman's work. He is employed by the grounds department of A&M during the school year.

Zerr specializes in sketching and general design. He is working for a landscape architect this summer.

## Yantis Returns

Ivan Yantis returns to throw weight into coming election. Chancellor - Elect Gilchrist strums note of welcome on guitar. See Page 2 for story.

### Question of the Week

by MARAK

WHY ARE YOU GOING TO SUMMER SCHOOL?

ONE STUDENT RETORTED: "WHAT, GO HOME FOR THE SUMMER AND MISS READING THE FREE DAILY NEWSPAPERS IN THE Y.A.C.A.? NOT ON YOUR LIFE!"

ANOTHER STUDENT SAID: "I'M AFRAID THAT IF I WENT HOME DURING THE SUMMER, I'D GET LONESOME FOR THE FRIENDLY AND POLITE SALESGIRLS AND WAITRESS AT THE GATE."

WHERE ELSE COULD I FIND A LAUNDRY THAT WILL RETURN MY SHEETS—STILL DIRTY, DYE MY WHITE SOCKS RED, BLUE, AND PURPLE, AND RIP MY NEW SHIRT BEYOND ALL REPAIR?

MR. SQUARE HEAD'S REASON FOR REMAINING IN SUMMER SCHOOL IS THAT HE COULD NEVER GET HIS HAIR CUT AT HOME THE WAY HE DOES HERE. HE ASKS THE BARBER FOR A LIGHT TRIM AND GETS SCALPED!

AND CAN YOU IMAGINE... THERE'S A GUY THAT IS IN SCHOOL TO STUDY. HE CLAIMS HE'S DOING RESEARCH ON PROFS. AND HAS DISCOVERED THAT IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY THERE WAS A CREATURE 1/2 MAN, 1/2 BULL, CALLED 'PROFESSOR'. OVER CENTURIES THE NAME HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO PROFESSOR. STILL MEANING A CREATURE WHICH IS 1/2 MAN, 1/2 BULL!