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Publications Progress

During the regular session of A. & M. College just ended, The Battalion was issued twice a week, for the first time.

Next term it will become, for the first time, a tri-weekly paper.

And today still another step of progress in bettering the publications set-up of the college is being taken, with the issuance of the first issue of the first summer publication ever attempted at A. & M.

It has been named "The Summer Battalion", to distinguish it from the seven-column paper of the long session. It is a five-column, tabloid-size newspaper, and will be issued weekly.

It is destined and intended to make the summer session at A. & M. one of greater value and interest than ever before. It will carry for the first time during the summer months news of the college and notices for the student body.

It will afford merchants of the vicinity an advertising medium during the summer months, one that will reach some two thousand students. The staff of The Summer Battalion extends its thanks to those merchants who have cooperated in supporting, through their advertising, this, the first issue of the summer newspaper of A. & M.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

BY DR. AL B. NELSON

THE COST OF AGGRESSION to the entire world is appalling even if the armament expense alone is counted, but the loss to the aggressor nations, of whom Japan is a shining example, can no longer be estimated merely in terms of armament and equipment cost, even though one might so desire. Tremendous sacrifices have been made by the patriotic Japanese in privation and lowered living standards, but with the end of their undeclared war apparently as far away as ever, the real cost is becoming every day more visible. This can be seen clearly in loss of trade through unofficial boycotts and loss of credit. Word has come in the last few days that Standard Oil, munitions manufacturers and dealers in scrap iron, are demanding cash in advance for every barrel of oil, pound of scrap, or bullet. Tankers loaded with precious oil, vital to Japan's war machine in China, are waiting in California ports while Japan scrapes the bottom of her purse to find the money wherewith to pay. While Congress vacillates and argues over neutrality legislation, merchants and public opinion are putting on pressure.

SQUEEZE PLAY IN REVERSE was one thing the dictators had hoped not to see for a much longer time. For years the totalitarian powers have appeared to have a copyright on the squeeze play and have worked it successfully in Europe, Asia, and Africa, but at last a new team seems to be trying the idea since England deserted appeasement for encirclement. Chamberlain's "better late than never" realization of the necessity of an Anglo-French-Russian alliance is freeing Russia's hands in the Far East. With a friendly England and France to watch Germany on the European front, Russia has been allowing frontier "incidents" of major proportions to develop on the border facing the Japanese occupied area. While this is happening, the attitude of the major western powers toward Japan has definitely stiffened in the last week or two. Britain has curtly notified Japan that searching of all ships within two hundred miles of the China coast must stop (the same thing that caused the United States to war against England in 1812), and the United States, England and France landed marines and sailors at Amoy to prevent seizure of the International Settlement by the Japanese. In addition to all this, the Chinese are once more winning battles.

AUSTRALIAN REPORTS show definitely interesting preparation for eventualities. This independent member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, population seven million, is ordering one thousand war planes per year for protection against Japan, and is preparing to establish a fully staffed legation at Washington, D. C. The latter action opens possibilities of an effective loophole in the U. S. embargo on war supplies in the event of a major European conflict, always provided Congress retains the embargo and the law against loans to debtor nations. Is there a flaw in the prospective set-up? Australia, which owes us no war debt and would not be in a European war zone, may become a way station for money and supplies to the "democratic" powers.

Open Forum

This is the first issue of any summer publication at A. & M.

A small but industrious staff has worked hard to bring you this summer paper. We hope you will like it—like it well enough to subscribe to it and read it.

We hope to cover in this summer paper all local news of importance, to afford all an opportunity never before available during the summer months to get notices before the student body, and to help make summer school more profitable and interesting for everyone than ever before.

We welcome and will greatly appreciate any comments or suggestions anyone may have to make that will enable us to give you a better paper that will better satisfy you. Those who have news of any social function or other event taking place here are invited to report it to us for publication. And all who are interested in doing newspaper work are invited to join the staff of The Summer Battalion.

In the future this column, "Open Forum", will be used for the publication of any contributions from readers. All such contributions are welcomed and will be printed if judged worthy.

—The Editor.

What's Showing

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL:

Tonight—"The Saint Strikes Backs", with Louis Hayward and Kay Sutton.

Thursday—"Four Girls in White", with Florence Rice, Una Merkel, Ann Rutherford, and Mary Howard.

Saturday—"Always in Trouble", with Jane Withers, Jean Rogers, and Arthur Treacher.

AT THE PALACE:

Today and tomorrow—"One Third of a Nation", with Sylvia Sydney and Lief Erikson.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—"Dark Victory", with Bette Davis, George Brent, and Humphrey Bogart.

Sunday and Monday—"Stagecoach", with Claire Trevor and John Wayne.

Good Books For Summer Reading

BY DR. T. F. MAYO, Librarian.

Summer is hereby recommended as a good time in which to catch up on books that you missed as they came out. The Library accordingly suggests the following mixed grill, all of which have appeared within the last year or two. Perhaps you may have overlooked some of them:

"I Like America", by Granville Hicks. (The ablest American Communist gives a radical's reason for loving his country.)

"Music for Everybody", by Sigmond Spaeth. (The best of all the beginners' guides to enjoyment of music.)

"And Tell of Time," by Laura Key. (A sort of Texas "Gone with the Wind". The scene is laid in the Brazos Bottoms!)

"Farewell to Sports," by Paul Gallico. (Plain words about the athletic world by one of my two favorite sports writers—John Tunis being the other.)

"The Glands Regulating Personality," by Lewis Berman. (The recent edition of the most popular book about the ductless glands and what they do to our dispositions.)

"The Wild Palms", by William Faulkner. (The new novel by the most powerful novelist in America. You may hate him but you won't lay him down.)

★ BACKWASH ★

BY GEORGE FUERMANN

(Ed's Note: Students! Here it is—the first copy of a new feature to be run weekly in The Summer Battalion, as well as in The Battalion starting next September.)

With many attractive girls on the campus this summer, the usual weekend business of "mooning and spooning" should become a nightly occurrence. Most of the girls will be staying at Walton Hall.



This is the place I mean.

And what, in these hot summer months, could be a better incentive for students to work on the Summer Battalion than the announcement that there will be several girls (ah-h-hhh) on the staff?

It's the truth. "Peggy" Campbell, Sara Cofer and Margaret Hollingshead are the first three to sign up. And there's more to come—we hope!

Add to historical notes: This marks the first time in The Battalion's history that members of the opposite sex have taken a part in regular staff work. Progress, 'n' stuff. . . .

An unquotable quote taken from a southern college's humor magazine: "We still think, after seeing the R. O. T. C. drill, that it's a good thing we have a navy."

Maybe the author of this not so complimentary quip should come to Aggieland and see our Final Review—rain and all!!

Overheard a conversation between two freshmen at Final Review last Saturday morning—and it's a good simile, too. "Women and mice, like oil and water, don't mix well."

Ruth Gordon, Queen of last April's Cotton Pageant and Ball, thought enough of the Final Ball to ride an airplane from Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans to Houston.

New Records

Blue Barron does a fine job of two smooth "pop" tunes: "THEN CAME THE RAIN" and "NIGHT MUST FALL". Russ Carlyle is featured as vocalist.

Hal Kemp with Maxine Grey as vocalist give us "BOOM" and Bob Allen as the vocalist on the opposite side singing "S'POSIN'."

Grey Gordon and his Tic-Toc Rhythm present the much discussed hit "I'M IN LOVE WITH THE HONORABLE MR. SO AND SO", and "A LADY NEEDS A CHANGE". Benny Bradley is vocalist.

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