

### From the Halls...

During halftime Saturday, when we're midway through beating the SMU Mustangs, the Aggie Band will march onto the field and form the letters U S M C in honor of the nation's most unique and colorful uniformed service on their 171st birthday. Then, as the whole student body stands, and sings, our band will play the spirited and impressive "Marine Hymn" through one chorus.

Marines, too, have their "Twelfth Man" spirit. Their incomparable esprit de corps has given them the edge in many battles where the outcome would otherwise have been most grim. Saturday afternoon the student body and the football team alike will have the benefit of the Marine spirit that drove the American Forces through the islands of the Pacific to the gates of Tokyo. Two of the Aggies' stellar guards, Odell Stoutzenberger and Herb Turley, teamed together in the Okinawa invasion. Bob Tullis, who's in at tackle when Dickey is out, was also in the Pacific theater. Mann "Goober" Scott, ace backfield pass-snatcher, was with the El Toro Marines, and Bob Gary, center, was a Leather-neck corporal until discharge right before football season.

Besides those who carry on the fighting Aggie and Marine traditions on the gridiron, a large number of ex-Marines will be in the stands yelling for the invasion of Mustang territory.

Sure, we'll stand up and sing the "Marine Hymn". It's a fine tribute to a great organization. Furthermore, we'll be singing it for our own Gyrenes, real Marines and real Aggies!

### Comedy of Errors...

Tuesday's edition of The Batt, first under the new twice-a-week schedule, contained a record crop of typographical errors. The paper was sent to press hurriedly, after last-minute arrangements had been made for such an issue. Not even all of the staff knew about the new schedule. In the excitement nobody missed the proof-reader, and not until the paper was printed and distributed did the editors discover that no one had checked the paper for misprints!

The staff has now been reorganized, and proofreaders duly appointed. We can't promise that we will keep out ALL errors—what newspaper does?—but we hope to avoid any such "comedy of errors" in the future.

### A Good Step...

The "wall of Jericho" between the School of Agriculture and the Agricultural Experiment station came tumbling down last week, when the new plans were announced for coordinating teaching, research and extension activities. No longer will there be fences separating the work of one expert—in agronomy for instance—from that of another expert working in the same field but on another part of the campus.

Such an integration of activities cannot fail to help every department involved. We feel sure that in the future the Agricultural School and the Experiment Station will be able to outdo their past fine achievements.

### Watch The Team...

There is a good show down on Kyle Field every afternoon from 4:30 to dark: the Aggie football team is working out. It's free, go down there any afternoon. The boys don't mind an audience (unless Coach Norton calls for a secret practice) and even then the Bee's are watchable.

The team is going places now—let's get out there and watch them work!

### Way of the World...

As this page went to press, it appeared that the Republican party had won a great victory... the biggest political change since the Democrats took over the House of Representatives in 1930, two years before Roosevelt became president. Texas Sam Rayburn will probably trade places with Joe Martin of Massachusetts... as Martin becomes Speaker of the House, Rayburn will probably become minority leader. But Democrats still get elected in a lot of places, including Texas.

While some of the northeastern and middle western states were switching to Republicans, the gubernatorial nominee of that party in Texas wrote the whole thing off in advance... He conceded Jester's election before the polls ever opened.

Every so often some one suggests a two-party system for Texas and the Deep South... We may not have two parties in the Democrat-Republican sense, but during the primaries there seemed little doubt but that there are two parties in Texas, both called Democrats... It's like a football game with both teams wearing maroon jerseys and white helmets.

This week Russia suggested that the United Nations move into the vacant League of Nations buildings in Geneva... those noble marble halls were barely completed before World War II put the League out of commission... Previously Russia has taken the position that Geneva should be avoided, as a place of sad memories... but they are not too keen about UN settling down for good in New York or San Francisco.

Under a miscellaneous for sale in the Madison (Wis.) Capital Times, the following appeared recently: "Maid for one of newer fraternities on campus. Easy to clean, modern construction throughout." Call Mr. ...

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An ad appearing in a recent edition of the Salt Lake City Tribune stated, "Sheer stockings designed for dressy wear, BUT SO SERVICEABLE THAT LOTS OF WOMEN WEAR NOTHING ELSE!"

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## Letters

### ONE-MAN DOG

November 6, 1946

Dear Editor:  
I was talking to "Rusty" the other day; you see, I can understand her, because I was her master. She told me that she would sure like to go back out to Bryan Field and be my dog again. She said that she had nothing against A. & M. but that she was strictly a one-man dog.

She's not a thoroughbred or even very smart, but she is a good dog, and now that AggieLand has a real performer that wants the job of being mascot, Rusty told me confidentially that she would happily resign and let Freckles be mascot without any contest.

Rusty is crowd-shy and bandish and would rather lay around the house all day than run all over the huge campus of this great school.

My little boy and I have missed Rusty, too. When I saw the frisky cocker spaniel at the game last Saturday, I thought that it would make a much better mascot.

So, Freckles, here's good luck to you; I hope you have a good time in Dallas and from now on.

Yours truly,  
Tom H. Westbrook III, '45  
Editor's Note: Many thanks.

### NO MILK!

Dear Mr. Editor,  
This letter is written to ask a simple straight forward question. I hope that there in turn, shall come a plausible explanation. Why does Sbsia Hall have a shortage of milk? Or, when there is milk why must it be rationed to one bottle? There is plenty of A. & M. Creamery milk at the North Gate or the East gate at 10¢ per half-pint.

Would whoever is in charge explain why the students of A. & M. College should be the first to suffer from this artificial shortage?  
A. E. Hudeck

Editor's Note: The Batt interviewed Mr. A. V. Moore, head of the College Creamery and got the following explanation.

Primarily there are four causes for a milk shortage in this region: an increase of students and citizens; low milk production annually between May and January; low dairy production; and Houston dairies' reaching out in this direction to ease up on their problem.

The creamery obtains its milk supply from local farmers. According to a directive of the Board of Directors, all milk used in the mess halls must come from the Creamery. Recombined milk is not permitted by the A. & M. Health Board.

Regarding the presence of A. & M. Creamery milk at the Gates, Mr. Moore stated that it is sold to these concerns as an accommodation to married vets for use in their homes and to these stores which have been buying Creamery products for a long period even when other sources were available. This is not being done at any appreciable loss to students since the percentage of all other sales to those amounted to only 11%.

### WAILING WALL

Dear Editor,  
I read a letter in last week's Batt (Oct. 31) which seems to have been written by one of the 180 2%-ers on this campus. That first sentence started off with "Concerning the midnight yell practice you spoke of, I was not present at this event, so..." Bill Rosser said something significant at that yell practice about the 2% not present.

No, 6000 veterans are not married to this school, and neither are 3000 cadets. We all, of our own free will and accord, chose A. & M. as the school to get an education. No one was forced into it, so instead of quibbling, why don't we stick to the simple rule, "Do Right!", and settle down to school-work — instead of beating our heads against the proverbial wailing wall, "Letters to the Editor".

As to the old line military aristocracy, remember that most cadets come here because of the military life, NOT in spite of it. And only the 2% within the cadets who are not conscientious will try to go non-reg. The other 98% think too much of our school.

Yours truly,  
William M. Menger, '49  
and 26 others

## What's Cooking

Monday, November 11  
6:30 p. m. Badminton Club plays, DeWare Field House.  
7:00 p. m. Reunion Former Members "I" Btry. F.A., Room 114, Dorm 15.  
7:30 p. m. Style and Fashion Group, Sbsia Lounge. Election of new chairman.  
Veterans Administration Office in Hart Hall closed (civil service holiday).

Tuesday, November 12  
7:30 p. m. Jr. FFA, Ag. Eng. Lecture Room.  
7:30 p. m. Pre-Law Club, organizational meeting, Academic Building.  
7:00 p. m. Class of '45, Assembly Hall.

7:30 p. m. Institute of Aero. Sciences, Petroleum Lecture Room, Speaker, Penn E. Mallowney; Topic "The Possibilities and Potentialities of Air Freight".  
Note: Texas A. & M. Business Society will meet Tuesday November 19 in the EE Lecture Room instead of Tuesday November 12. Only one meeting in November.  
Thursday, November 14  
7:30 p. m. Houston County A. & M. Club, Room 305, Academic Bldg.

### "The Roosevelt..."

## Roosevelt, Crime, and An Egg Not Related, But Good Reading

"The Roosevelt I Knew", written by Frances Perkins, close friend and political associate of the late President, is probably the best biography yet to be written on F. D. R. Miss Perkins has made clear the spirit of the Roosevelt Administration, which served through one of the stormiest eras in the history of the U. S., in a critical and unbiased manner. Such statements by Miss Perkins as "the President's thinking had some blind spots", and "he grew from a supercilious young aristocrat into a truly great humanitarian", are significant of this swiftly moving story of our last president. (The Viking Press, \$3.75)

A good book for mystery addicts is "The Complete Murder Sampler", an anthology which contains a wide variety of crime stories suitable for practically any taste. Thrills and chills are furnished by such authors as W.

Somerset Maugham, R. Austin Freeman, John Buchan, Mary Roberts Rhinehart and Raymond Chandler. Readers not committed to one school of gooseflesh should enjoy skipping from one gruesome tale to another in this encyclopedia of murder. (The Crime Club, \$2.50)

Ole Army, if the quizzes are getting you down, try glimpsing through Betty McDonald's "The Egg and I", an hilarious story of two city-bred young people who undertake to operate a chicken farm located in a veritable wilderness. Their experiences with unruly hens, borrowing neighbors, forest fires, and winter weather are compiled in a story of clever wit and humor. Published by Lipincott, this laugh riot has been at the top of the non-fiction best-seller lists for months, and has sold over a million copies. (Lipincott, \$2.75)

## Whittemore And Lowe Prove Sensational At Town Hall

By Ferd English

Town Hall presentation of the duo-pianists Arthur Whittemore and Jack Lowe proved to be one of the finest pieces of entertainment ever offered at Guion Hall. The homogeneous pair showed such dexterity and were so closely united throughout the whole recital that it seemed phenomenal that two talents could be so closely paralleled.

From their performance one would think that there was some type of telepathic communication between their fingers. The audience was so pleased with them that they were asked to play four encores.

Whittemore and Lowe first met at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where Mr. Whittemore was director of the chorus and Mr. Lowe was his assistant. Their complete knowledge of music, along with some very hard work, won the chorus national recognition.

In 1942 the pair entered the navy and during the next four years played before one million service personnel. They were discharged the first part of this year and were immediately put under contract by Victor Recording Artists for whom they have made both black seal (modern) and red seal (classical) records. They are the

only artists on the Victor lists who are making both types of records at this time.

Their bid for fame and fortune has not come suddenly. They have been accepted by audiences made up not only of the proletariat, but also of the people who recognize and appreciate good music. In the future they plan to try to get away from popular music and play only the classics. The reason for this is that during their entire tour of service they were asked to play popular music relatively few times in comparison with the flood of requests that they received for classical numbers.

The team Whittemore and Lowe should be well remembered. We, here on the A. & M. campus have seen them at the beginning of their careers. Their future is bright. They have hitched their wagon to a musical star and they will soon be the most popular classical piano team in history.

### VA HOLIDAY NOV. 11

The Veterans Administration office in Hart Hall will be closed Monday, November 11, Armistice Day, which is a civil service holiday, according to W. H. Bailey.

## PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

Wednesday night I had the pleasure of attending the concert given by Arthur Whittemore and Jack Lowe, duo-pianists on the Town Hall program. After the concert I heard two very interesting remarks, one by a lady who knows music, the other by a man who might not have known music but could appreciate the technique. The lady said, "They started together, played together, and finished together." The man said "If Coach Norton had a couple of backs with the timing of those two musicians, we would be world-beaters."

Timing is of primary importance in a great many things. There is no telling how many hours of practice Whittemore and Lowe put in, perfecting their timing so that they would be absolutely synchronized at all times. We have all watched our coaching staff work long hours perfecting a certain play so that each and every player would not only be doing the right thing, but doing it at exactly the right time. We have all seen plays fail to work, not because a player failed to carry out his assignment, but because he carried it out too soon or too late.

## A Worrieless Club-- Incredible but True

"Les Messieurs San Souci" (The Gentlemen Without Worries), first French Club in A. & M. history, made its auspicious debut at 7:30 p. m., October 29. President-elect of A. & M.'s only trouble-free group is E. L. Sargent; W. B. Norris was elected vice-president; secretary is J. M. Huddleston; and A. Van Arcken was elected to serve as treasurer.

French atmosphere was created by Marlene Dietrich's interpretation of "Symphonie", Lily Pons' spirited rendition of "The Marseillaise", and by the Toreador Song from "Carmen". Truett Book, French instructor, spoke on the life of Vincent Van Gogh.

French movies, a field trip to New Orleans and occasional lectures by some of France's outstanding authors are all part of "Les Messieurs San Souci" Club's tentative program schedule.

Although present membership consists solely of students enrolled in French classes, all other Aggies who feel a particular need for spiritual rejuvenation, who yearn to sing out gaily again, "Bon Soir!", are cordially invited to visit the newly organized French club.

During the early stages of the war our army was being criticized for its lack of timing in the statement "Too little too late." In our daily lives many of us are prone to be a little out of time. We do the job, but in most cases I don't imagine we are guilty of doing it too soon, but too late. The habit of doing the thing that is to be done at the right time is a fine one to acquire. As well as giving us a lot of confidence in ourselves, it gives others confidence in us. It is a fine feeling to know that you can deliver when and where it will be most effective.

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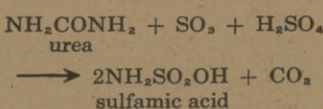
Items of Interest in the Fields of Chemistry, Engineering, Physics, and Biology

## Low-Cost Sulfamic Acid Was Result of Newly Discovered Process

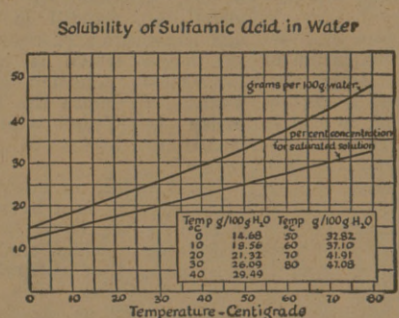
Once obscure laboratory chemical now finding wide use in industry

Sulfamic acid, which for years was merely another obscure laboratory chemical, is today being produced in carload quantities for a constantly growing list of uses because of a discovery made by a Du Pont chemist.

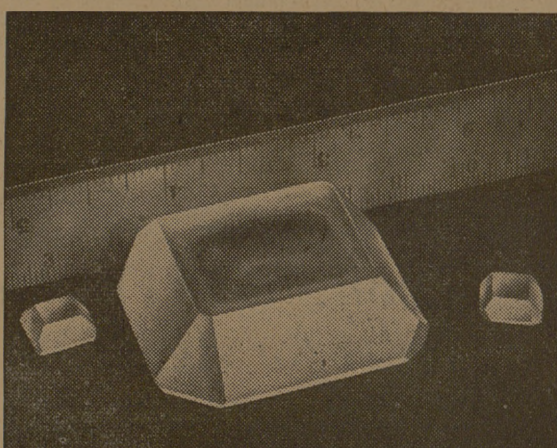
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