

Just Count Your Fingers . . .

Last spring The Battalion lifted the cudgel and swung a hard one at the Kyle Field scoreboard. We were trying to knock the darn thing down and replace it with a swank metal one with electric lights showing yards to go, downs, possession of the ball, and the score. We pointed out that since the football stadium payments had been completed, it was high time to begin improving the appearance of the hallowed grounds, even if we do play just four games there every year.

But the scoreboard must have ducked or something. The verbal cudgel went flying by it, and hit the old green board fence instead. The moguls did see fit to put up a slick new one of the chain wire type, and disposed of the lumber somewhere else. That was a pretty shrewd move — they must have been thinking about the students when they did it. Why, now a veteran and his wife living in one of the Project houses can see the whole game, if they're equipped with high power binoculars, and if Junior holds their feet while they hang out the window. Also, it's harder to chop holes in their new wire fence, and sneak in without paying or presenting a coupon. Yes suh, boys, they done right by us.

And this year, with only one game remaining on Kyle Field, the rickety wooden scoreboard still stands. Tear it down? Destroy it? Desecrate one of the finest traditions A. & M. has ever known, suh? Better to rip up the turf on the playing field, I say, and replant it with some new furrin grass. Can't do that; the seed might cost five dollars a pound, and right now, with football crowds getting smaller and smaller, and revenue gettin' less and less, we can't afford no newfangle ideas like a lectric scoreboard. Thomas Edison? Who's he?

Furthermore, Kyle Field is one of the unique stadiums in the country—every seat is on the fifty-yard line, yes suh. Everybody can easily tell where the ball is, whut down it is, and how many yahds they is to go for a fust down! Suah! Whut? You say they's nine thousand in the student body, and they can't squeeze themselves into sixty—three hunnert seats provided by ouah athletic authorities? Preposterous, suh, preposterous!

What down is it, bub? Fourth? Come on Aggies, kick! We're For It . . .

It's always been the policy of The Battalion to be in favor of studying and good grades, just like politicians are always for motherhood and the Constitution. Now that midsemester grades have been posted, the chore of editorializing on academic work comes around again. But after three years of reading it and writing it, the admonition to "hit those books" falls rather flat.

Everybody ought to know that there aren't any courses at A&M that you can pass without studying any, unless its Marriage Relations or Handball. With competition for exemptions from finals the keenest in history, some conscientious students with A's will have to sit down to the three hour ordeal at the end of this semester.

What we should never lose sight of is the fact that grades and grade points don't insure success in industry or in the professions. They may help in securing a position, but they don't mean that you will keep that position. It's what you know, what you've absorbed, and how your thinking has been guided and trained to lead that tips the balance.

Attendance at lectures alone won't do it. Studying and optional reading won't do it either. In the end, only a sound combination of all good scholastic practices, coupled with alert and curious mental attitude, can make possible the superior scientist, the progressive farmer, and the leading professional man.

The Presidency . . .

Should President Truman have resigned when the Republicans won last week's election by a landslide? That question raised a great deal of talk, but little else. There was some similar discussion when Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President in 1932, and Democrats suggested that Hoover ought to resign, rather than serve out the remaining four months of his term. All that actually happened, however, was that the lame duck amended was eventually put into the Constitution, moving up inauguration day closer to election.

Truman seems to have done the sensible thing in asking the cooperation of Republicans in creating bi-partisan policies during the next two years. The success of the present bi-partisan policy in international affairs shows that such cooperation can result in a bang-up job.

Among the founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton interpreted the Constitution to make the President a figure-head, a constitutional monarch who could do no wrong, but whose cabinet would take all the blame, like a king's minister.

Under that interpretation, after such an election as happened last week all the cabinet officers would resign, and the President would form a new cabinet from the winning party.

But Jefferson had other ideas. He saw the President as the executive head of the nation, the leader of the party, and not a figure-head like the president of France.

The argument still goes on. Who was right?

Kyle Field Seating . . .

Aggies have always been famed as good hosts, but we'll have to watch many details to keep our reputation this week-end. The Aggie-Rice game this year has become as important as the Turkey Day game. Tens of thousands of Aggie-exes and Rice supporters will be here, in addition to our huge student body, most of whom intend to be present in Kyle Field at kick-off time tomorrow.

Reserved for Aggies are enough seats to take care of all holders of coupon books, according to the Athletic Office.

To avoid possible squabbling over who sits where, the following seating schedule is published:

Coupon book holders will sit in sections 132, 131, 130, 129, 127, 126, and 125 from top to bottom. Also in the lower halves of sections 124, 123, 122 in rows 1 through 6.

Of these sections, the Corps will occupy the same section as for Arkansas.

From the 50-yard line south, all seats have been sold to Rice followers.

The west stands are sold to Aggie-exes, Rice exes and the general public.

Each school is to be allowed only two photographers, all of whom will have special side line passes. No one else has any right to be on the sidelines except the team and officials.

A first aid station will be established somewhere under the stands.

It is estimated that 30,000 people will attend the game this week-end. Let's not jeopardize the good name of the school by trying to force ourselves into sections where we have no business to be.

Tales from Tessieland . . .

Gals are Pulling for A&M in Southwest Conference Scramble

By Phyllis Radavich
Hello, Aggies. So the Corps Trip week-end has come and gone, and we're left with football programs, pressed mums and our memories of a perfect week-end. Dallas was a wonderful host and Aggies and Tessies deserve compliments for being excellent guests, for it seems to be generally conceded that we were a noisy, but not destructive crowd. Just fun-loving, and believe me, we had it!

Since you were there anyway, I won't say too much about it, but I'll pass on to you some remarks I overheard.

At yell practice, an Aggie declared, "This is what I dreamed about overseas. At the parade a Tessie decided, 'No, I'm not going to the Open House. Why should I go and be with all those girls when I can stay here and be with Aggie?'"

During the second quarter of the game, a Tessie sighed, "Five completed passes in five tries. That's my team!"

"What an Honor! What a girl!" During the downpour, a Tessie laughed, "Those Senior Aggies! Almost as worried about getting their boots wet as about their dates getting rained on." At the

dance, an Aggie murmured, "This brother-sister relationship is a fine thing, but let's don't stop THERE."

On the bus back to Denton, a Tessie moaned, "Ah'm so tired my toenails are limp, but I've positively never had such a wonderful week-end."

Yes, Tessies had a really fine time during this touch of co-ed life. It certainly has its advantages.

But even after the Corps Trip, things get back to normal. We've been having our annual Writer's Conference on the campus the last three days. This is sponsored by the department of English and this year the lecturers are three Texas authors, Lexie Jean Roberts, David Russell and John McCarty.

You may know the juniors are having their dance this week-end. They have made big plans for an Autumn Holiday Ball and things would be running smoothly if more Aggies could come for it. But being the Saturday of the A. & M. -Rice game, difficulties arise.

Good luck to you all, then, from the Sister School—ah hah! And don't forget, at least from our point of view this twelfth Man spirit is Co-ed. We're pulling for you to lead the S W Conference!

With The Corps

By ALLEN SELF

Pass in Review . . .

And relax! When sabers were issued to cadet commanders, Maj. Parsons gave instruction in the use of the blade to all who could bring themselves out of hiding for a little voluntary night school. One of the points he emphasized was relaxed control of the saber in all movements, when at carry saber, and when at present saber.

But when the cadet officers passed the reviewing stand Wednesday afternoon, there was so much difference in way they were bearing their sabers, that if they had been grouped together in a company formation, they would have looked like an awkward squad that had just had rifles thrown at them. Some held their right arms stiff as they passed the stand; others swung them stiffly, and still others did not even look to the right.

Cadet officers who bear sabers should take them down from the wall once in a while and practice the manual. You can't expect a freshman to know the rifle manual without any drill, nor can you expect to make a good showing with the saber without proper practice. Let's look smooth the next time we pass in review.

Sound Retreat . . .

And salute while it's being played. A glance at FM 22-5 reveals that while the band or the bugler is sounding Retreat, units are supposed to present arms, and hold it through the national anthem or To the Colors. Why A & M has persisted in this faulty method, we don't know, unless it's a whole lot more comfortable to stand at parade rest than to stand at attention and salute.

At the review Wednesday, the correct procedure was used, but before evening mess at Duncan, the Corps persists in the same old way.

Intelligence
Naud Burnett, S-2 on the Corps Staff, is attempting to institute an information service that will clear up the myriad of misunderstandings concerning the military and ROTC organization and rules and regulations.

It is his plan to have all the regimental and battalion S-2 officers or their sergeants dig up dope on what the men in their units misunderstand, what questions they want answered, and then relay all this poop to him. Thereupon he will go to Col. McElhenny, who will write up the answers to these questions. The Battalion will print these questions and answers, so that all cadets will know them.

In order to follow through with this ambitious plan, Burnett must have material to work with. So if you have any questions to ask about issuance of uniforms, establishment of a PX, location and duration of summer camp, disciplinary procedure, or any such, get in touch with Burnett or one of his staff.

Corps Chaff
The Reveille gun, an old 75 mm. cannon, cannot be set up in the

Marty Karow Will Speak to Newmans

Marty Karow will be guest speaker at the Newman Club meeting tonight at 7:15 p. m. in St. Mary's Chapel talking on the chapel fund drive, according to John Denning, reporter.

The present Chapel seats 250, or about one-fourth of the present Catholic members. According to Denning, the land for the building site has been purchased and funds are needed to begin construction of the new chapel. All members are urged to be present Friday night.

What's Cooking

- FRIDAY, November 15
 - 5:00 p. m. American Veteran's Committee, Assembly Room, YMCA
 - 7:00 p. m. Free Stage Show, Guion Hall. Floyd Graham's NTSC troupe.
 - 7:15 p. m. Newman Club, St. Mary's Chapel.
 - 9:00 p. m. All-Military Dance, Sbsia Hall.
 - "B" troop Cav. reunion; call Bob Shell, 4-4439.
- SATURDAY, November 16
 - 2:30 p. m. A & M vs Rice Institute, Kyle Field.
 - 9:00 p. m. All-College Dance, Sbsia Hall.
- SUNDAY, November 17
 - 8:30 a. m. & 10:30 a. m. Catholic Mass, St. Mary's Chapel.
 - 4:00 p. m. Hillcl Foundation, YMCA Assembly Room. Rabbi Louis Peigon "The Present Day Palestine Scene".
- MONDAY, November 18
 - 7:30 p. m. Aggie Wives Circle, A & M Methodist Church, at church.
- TUESDAY, November 19
 - 7:30 p. m. Spanish Club, Room 123, Acad. Bldg.
 - 7:30 p. m. Kream & Kow Klub, Creamery Lecture Room.
 - 7:30 p. m. Texas A & M Business and Accounting Society, EE Lecture Room. Afterward Business Society will have business meeting to discuss Longhorn picture.
 - 7:30 p. m. Foods Group, Aggie Wives Club, Sbsia Hall.
 - 7:30 p. m. Economics Club, Geology Lecture Room. Col. T. J. Moroney speaks on "Banking in Southwest".
- WEDNESDAY, November 20
 - 2:00 p. m. Newcomer's Club, Sbsia Hall.

new area until a concrete base is laid for it. . . . The same seating arrangement used for the Arkansas game will be used next Saturday. . . . But two-bits gets you a buck there won't be enough seats for the cadets to remain together. . . . Hope nothing happens on Kyle Field resembling the wholesale brawl in 1944 at Rice Stadium in Houston—but there probably won't be, as only a few sailors go to Rice now. . . . Guards out on the campus are just waiting for a chance to catch some Ricebirds casing the joint for a point job. . .

The Battalion

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Letters

BIRD MAN VS. BATT

Dear Editor:

Concerning your story in the Nov. 8 Batt headed "Theory of Flight Learned by Aggie Pilot 'Hard' Way" I would like to correct a couple or three wrong impressions. The writer of the little article had good intentions, but unless aviation publicity is handled honestly, it too often leads to impressions about flying which just aren't that bad.

Pilot Thornhill did have a forced landing, and he handled it just as he had been taught to handle it, namely, find a suitable field and land on it in a normal manner. He did just that.

Point one: "A. & M.'s 221 Aero Class—finally had its initial mishap." No one out at Easterwood sits around and waits for a forced landing which will come "finally" if they wait long enough.

Point two: "this engine went the way of all engines—" too many people think just because an airplane engine burns gas it is no more dependable than an auto engine. Wrong—because you can buy two brand new auto engines of twice the horsepower for the price of one little airplane engine. You can't buy airplane precision and dependability at automobile prices.

Easterwood has long been proud of the fact that there has never been a serious accident of any kind involving a student.

Point three: "slipped his trusty (?) air speed—" at first thought a plane with a dead engine doesn't seem very "trusty", does it? But consider the fact that even without power, Thornhill picked out his field and landed having control of the plane at all times.

Airplanes, like any other mechanical device, will remain dependable as long as proper care is taken of them and as long as they are used properly.

Thank you
Aero 221 Birdman J. G.
Editor's Note: Jostling a birdman is riskier than flying a plane—it seems.

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IN 1937, after receiving his doctor's degree as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, Herbert C. Pollock came to work in the General Electric Research Laboratory. He knew that at G.E. he would find facilities, opportunity and encouragement to continue his fundamental research into the secrets of the atom.

This was important to Herb. As a senior at the U. of Virginia in 1933, he had studied methods of concentrating isotopes. His doctor's thesis at Oxford was on isotope separation.

When war approached in 1939, isotopes—specifically the uranium isotope 235—became the subject of feverish study, as men sought to exploit the atom's enormous energies. Herb put aside his research into pure science. Working with another G-E scientist, Dr. K. H. Kingdon, he succeeded in preparing a sample of U-235 which was used to confirm the fact that it was this isotope which fissioned under slow neutron bombardment. Later he joined Dr. E. O. Lawrence's Manhattan Project group which was at work on the atomic bomb.

With the Research Laboratory again today, Herb has resumed the fundamental research he began at Virginia and Oxford. Using such complex electronic "tools" as the G-E betatron, he studies the atom that man may have, not bombs, but new sources of power, new weapons against disease, new truths about the physical world.

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PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

All of us are working toward what we consider to be a successful life. As we go through life our ideas of what constitutes a successful life are prone to undergo some changes and sometimes these changes are pretty big. At the present time I am in that stage where I feel that a pretty fair measure of one's success is in the number of true friends he has. The number of friends we have is determined by the way we treat those with whom we deal. I feel this is very well brought out in the following verses by an unknown author:

"The man's no bigger than the way He treats his fellow man! This standard has his measure been Since time itself began! He's measured not by titles or creed High-sounding though they be; Nor by the gold that's put aside; Nor by his sanctity! He's measured not by social rank, When character's the test; Nor by his earthly pomp or show,

Displaying wealth possessed! He's measured by his justice, right, His fairness at his play, His squareness in all dealings made, His honest, upright way. These are his measures, ever near To serve him when they can; For man's no bigger than the way He treats his fellow man!"

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