

# In 1947, Let Us . . .

## Publish a Daily Battalion . . .

The Batt situation is indeed pitiful! It may be compared to a game of bridge—someone always trumps your ace.

First, the A. & M. Press needs paper. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the newsprint allotment is very low; however, an increase is in view within six months.

Second, we need journalism courses in order to give credit where it's due. This would gradually develop into a journalism department for A. & M.—a much needed addition to the curricula. We have been led to believe that several courses will be available next semester.

Third, The Battalion needs an automatic press, which would enable maximum publication in the least number of hours. This improvement has been ordered and should arrive shortly.

## Develop Student Discussion Groups . . .

We want A. & M. students to be aware of existing social and economic problems, both national and international. From ages past, solutions to problems such as those that arise today, have been solved through discussions and forums. We feel that such a program would fill a vital need at A. & M. today. It would be the first attempt to fill the empty vacuum that exists today in the minds of most A. & M. students concerning national and international affairs.

## Balance Our Athletic Program . . .

Rather than de-emphasize football, why not place more emphasis on other sports at A. & M.? Baseball, which is the greatest crowd-attraction in the US, draws little support here. Basketball, tennis, track, and swimming also do not get proper support.

The reason should not be blamed on students, but rather on the administrative group of the athletic department. If action were taken after each high school graduation, A. & M. could obtain the stars of many a city—the stars of all sports.

## Air-Condition These Buildings . . .

Guion Hall and Cushing Memorial Library. Keep up with this atomic age and air condition these buildings.

We realize this weather does not go hand-in-hand with air conditioning, but there is no time like the present.

One of the newest, most popular, and worthwhile groups on the campus is the American Society of Heating and Ventilation Engineers. Perhaps some of its members could work on this project during the summer months and make Guion Hall sit-able and the Library, study-able.

## Add Students to Athletic Council . . .

Rating high on the 1947 agenda is more student representation on the Athletic Council. It was learned indirectly—after the last Council meeting that one football letterman was selected each year in this capacity. Is that enough?

## What we want is MORE! Two more!

So The Battalion suggests one member, to be elected by ballot either by the Student Life Committee or by the entire Student Body, from each of the two major campus groups. These representatives would be present at ALL meetings of the Athletic Council.

## Close Unsanitary Eating Places . . .

Just before the Christmas holidays, the Brazos County Health Unit inspected the eating places in and around College Station and Bryan. As a result, the College Inn cafe was closed until improvements were made in the cleanliness of the establishment.

This inspection was needed. But one will not suffice. So we suggest weekly or semi-monthly inspections of ALL College Station eateries by the Brazos County Health Unit or by the Sanitary Board of the College.

A warning or fine is not sufficient punishment for this offense; close 'em up!

## Enlarge Library's Fiction Section . . .

Just recently there appeared in this column a Library editorial regarding the need for more fiction and popular reading books. The fight is still being waged.

For the benefit of the unknowing we reiterate. A Special Agriculture Book Fund, amounting to \$15,000 per year, is used entirely for agriculture and veterinary medicine. An Agriculture Experiment Station Book Fund of \$10,000, originating from the fees of this service, is used solely for that purpose. And the General Book Fund \$10,000, supplemented by donations from A. & M. Mothers' Clubs amounting to about \$250, is used for all books and periodicals other than agriculture and veterinary medicine.

## Organize a Debating Society . . .

Do you know that one of the best ways to stimulate thought is through a Debating Society? And do you know that such a group does not exist on the A. & M. campus?

In this respect let us suggest for 1947 the formation of a Debating Society, to be composed primarily of pre-law students. Of course other students so desiring could participate in the forums. The most capable speakers of the society could form a team to represent A. & M. in intercollegiate forensic meets.

A member of the English department staff could serve as sponsor, just as Art Angrist "came through with flying colors" with the Aggie Players. Perhaps even a spot could be found on "your 1150 listening habit" in order to broadcast campus debates.

## Show First-Run Movies at Guion . . .

Since recreational facilities at A. & M. are at such a low ebb—with little being done to remedy the situation—we urge that Guion Hall show first-run movies for the benefit of students and residents. This week's program shows an improvement from the usual caliber of Guion shows. But will it continue?

We understand that Tom Puddy is making an effort to better Guion Hall movies. Instead of making College Station people go to Bryan to see good movies, let's make the people of Bryan come to College Station for that purpose. Let's get our films ahead of Bryan's Palace Theater or the Campus Theater!

## Improve North Gate Entrance . . .

From the East, from the West, a visitor is led to believe that he is entering a college campus. But from the North—what a sight to behold!

Now let's not jump to conclusions and say, "It's impossible!" Reconsider. Would it not be possible to build adequate sidewalks, curbs, and streets at the North Gate—to make a divided entrance? The street in front of the post office would remain unchanged; and the main street by Walton Hall would run straight. This would give one block an island-effect with two lanes, and some of the shrubbery could be left growing.

# PENNY'S SERENADE

W. L. Penberthy



We have just returned from the longest and most looked forward to vacation of the school year, and everyone I have talked with reports a very wonderful time. Although I feel that the best deal on vacations is to take a little one each and every day, I also look forward to a vacation of some length. This morning I heard one of my associates remark that "He needs a vacation as bad as one who has just returned from one." The grounds for this remark is that most of us try to burn the candle at both ends, and so have to come back from our vacation to rest up.

Most of us have the wrong slant on vacations. We feel that we need some time off to rest up from our labors, but really the purpose of a vacation is not to recuperate but to prepare us for the tasks ahead. During a football game the teams have a fifteen-minute intermission between halves, not to rest up, but to prepare them for a strong second half.

We have had a fine vacation. Maybe we are a little tired, but we have had a change and some recreation, and should be mentally rested and in shape to wind up the semester's work with a lot of enthusiasm.

In watching sports contests we all like to see our team make a strong finish. This thing is true in just about everything, and to those of us who have been crowding the border line, a strong finish will certainly make a fine impression.

## DFC Awarded A&M Graduate of 1937

Lieut. Comdr. Jackson L. Grayson, USN, a 1937 graduate of A. & M., was recently presented the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Gold Stars in lieu of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Air Medals by the Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Intelligence School, Washington, D. C.

Comdr. Grayson participated in the Defense of the Philippines, the Battle of Java Sea and the Marshall Islands engagements. He holds the Air Medal with five Gold Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation with two Bronze Stars, Army Distinguished Unit Badge, the Philippine Defense Ribbon, as well as the American Defense, American Theatre and Asiatic Pacific campaign ribbons.

Grayson is now making his home in Washington, D. C.

## Faculty Volleyball League Opens Play

Play in the Faculty Recreation Volleyball opens Monday night with all eight teams comprising the league slated to swing into action at the Consolidated High School.

Opening night pairings have the Tigers booked against the Indians; Cubs vs. Yankees; Pirates vs. Giants, and Cardinals vs. Braves. The teams are composed of members of the faculty, members of the staff of the Extension Service with a sprinkling of students thrown in.

More than 10,000 volumes were added to libraries of Veterans Administration hospitals during October for the use of veteran-patients.

## What's Cooking

SUNDAY, Jan. 5  
3:00 p. m. Mask & Foil Club, Gymnasium. A. B. Rodner, Houston Pro, to instruct.

MONDAY, Jan. 6  
7:00 Mask & Foil Club, Assembly Room, YMCA.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8  
7:00 p. m. Former Navy and Marine Corps personnel, organizational meeting for club, Room 307, Acad. Bldg.

## EARNINGS

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Earnings that should be reported are wages, salary, commissions, bonuses or other payments received by a veteran by reason of his employment. This includes earnings from overtime work custom-

# What Makes A Person Go to War Told in "State of Nature"

By WILNORA BARTON  
Readers' Adviser

THE STATE OF NATURE, a novel by Paul Goodman, is an unusual study of those basic urges found in individuals of the human race which make us wish to wage war and find satisfaction in destruction. He tries to explain the social and psychological relations among people which make them seek to return to the elemental nature within them. The violence of war, however, cannot bring them to this nature. Mr. Goodman's conclusion is the joyful one—that we must "wage peace" in feverish and explosive determination if we are to have peace at all. On the whole Mr. Goodman's book presents a pessimistic view of the war, but the approach and presentation of the problem of peace is unique. THE STATE OF NATURE is indeed a novel that is different.

ALL THAT'S MINE by Alice Lent Covert is the pathetic and deeply moving story of two people who found love and deep happiness in middle life. The little Indian village of Tres Padres high in the mountains offered a refuge for pretty, red-haired Maureen Angus, who went there to supervise the Indian Schools. After eight years of devotion to a worthless man, her personal world blew up in her face, and wishing to leave her old life behind, she went to Tres Padres. There she met Gundar Sandow. Sandow had suffered a double loss, and his grief, which was tied up with his devotion to the Indians, had made of him a bitter and cynical man. The

sincere devotion which both Maureen and Sandow felt for the Indians brings them together, and for the first time in their emotionally warped lives they find peace and happiness.

Using the rich and varied background of conflict between two civilizations Miss Covert has written a story both beautiful and stirring.

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WOODLAND, FIELD AND WATER FOWL HUNTING, by Ben O. Robinson.

"What is more precious to the outdoorsman than the sight of a wedge of wild geese painted against the background of the autumn sunset; the remembrance of a flight of mallards dropping out of the falltime of dusk into some meadow pond; or the sly rustle of the birches as a cunning buck deer slips down the wooded slope and then goes dancing off across the prairies with its white flag waving a challenge to the huntsman?"

This is the opening sentence of Mr. Robinson's book and reveals the fact that he is a man whose whole heart is devoted to the fine art of hunting. With such a beginning one might think the book would dwell more on the esthetic pleasure in the sport than on practical considerations. That, however, is decidedly not the case. Mr. Robinson discusses the guns, and other equipment, as well as the habits and best methods of hunting various types of game. Any hunter will find this admirably-written book filled with real enjoyment.

# Just Ask Any Member--A. & M.'s Radio Club's Best--Says Member

By CHAS. GALLAWAY

Any member will tell you that one most entertaining, educational and nationally-known club on the campus is the Radio Club. Involving work that is very intriguing, those members of the amateur operators' organization have a chance to keep up on the latest gossip and happenings in other parts of the country.

It is possible for members of the club to keep in contact with people in many parts of the world, both in the States and in foreign countries. Communicating with Hawaii has been reported. However, the more distant countries are hard to contact, except in the wee hours of the morning.

The local club has been in operation since back in the early twenties. They have QSL cards dating back as far as 1927. These QSL cards are mailed upon request by the station you were communicating with, in acknowledgement of having received your message. Several students over the campus proudly tack these cards to the doors of their rooms. Most of the boys on the campus have their cards issued for operating from their home address. When operating from the local station on the campus, they have to state the fact that they are using portable sets.

The letters that appear upon these QSL cards have a meaning. For example a card with the lettering W5AQY has the following meaning: "W" stands for the United States, the figure "5" stands for a certain zone in the United States; and "AQY" is the call sign which has been assigned by the Federal Communication Commission.

The maximum power allowed in operating an amateur transmitter is 1000 watts. The local station on the campus, which is located in the Electrical Engineering Building, was originally the old transmitter of WTAW. This station operates on about 900 watts. One of the Electrical Engineering students is a trustee of the station, and is held responsible for abiding by all regulations set forth by the Federal Communication Commission.

Anyone is permitted to talk over the transmitter, provided that a licensed operator is there operating the transmitter. This has come in very handy in sending messages to "Tessie" and "Not exactly like the telephone, this is the next best way of communicat-

arily scheduled, but will not include any other overtime pay. A veteran who desires information or assistance in completing the report should consult the Veterans' Advisor in Ramp B, Hart Hall.

# The Battalion

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# Hollywood Revelations

By Harry Revel

Hi 'ya Aggies . . . Autograph fanaticism in New York City is plainly becoming hoodlumism, as witness the recent frenzied attack on FRANK SINATRA . . . arriving at a broadcasting station, he was seized upon by a mob of gibbering bobby-soxers who proceeded to tear him apart. Two smart alecks grabbed hold of his bow-tie and began pulling at each end of the tie, slowly strangling him. While Frank was gasping for air, another so-called 'fan' began pummeling the singer's head with his fist . . . only the intervention of the police prevented what might have become a serious injury. Only recently, other movie celebs have been the recipients of the same sort of treatments from these mobs . . . something's got to be done about this . . . BUT SOON!

LANA TURNER is sponsoring a handsome singer by the name of NICK DELANO . . . his recent discing 'HONEY' and 'GUILTY' on Black and White Recordings are selling by the thousands . . . They say that MARTHA RAYE'S interpretation of the wife that couldn't be killed in the forthcoming CHAPLIN picture MONSIEUR VERDOUX is really something. This picture was originally called BLUEBEARD and CHAPLIN has discarded his old baggy pants, cane and moustache, and plays a French dapper dandy, who wins the woman, and then one by one, bumps them off . . . until he meets his Waterloo.

Two new Broadway shows soon to be produced have unusual titles . . . THREE INDELLICATE LADIES and MOON FOR THE MISBEHAVING.

An impressive English picture called STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN is getting raves from the reviewers . . . it was originally called 'A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH' . . . it was started 18 months ago and in the early stages of shooting, scenes were being enacted on a deserted beach in Devon . . . a Captain (Army) was cycling by and stopped to inquire the name of the picture that was being made . . . 'A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH' replied the producer . . . The Captain frowned and retorted "if you don't get away from this beach right away, it will be a matter of life and death, there are plenty of hidden land mines under the sand . . . the company scrambled pronto. THE LIFE OF VINCENT YUMANS will be made by MGM.

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Youmans was the composer of such all-time favorites as TEA FOR TWO, TIME ON MY HANDS, WITHOUT A SONG, and CARIOCA. A trunk full of compositions was found recently, and some eighty numbers that have never been heard may get a chance to attain popularity . . . a lovely red-headed bundle of feminine pulchritude by the name of JOANNE MYLES has arrived in Hollywood from the East and every studio in town is seeking her services for various movies . . . right now she's being Technicolor-tested for BUILD MY GALLOW'S HIGH.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL from all of us Hollywoodians.

## Mask and Foilers to Meet on Monday

Members of the Mask and Foil Club are urged to be present at a meeting to be held Monday, January 6, at 7 p. m. The meeting will take place in the YMCA-Cabinet Room, Bill Wallis, president of the club, announced.

Since there are many important subjects for discussion, everyone is requested to be present. First on the agenda is arranging for semi-monthly meetings with A. B. Rodner, fencing professional of Houston. Round-robin tournaments will be held to select a fencing team. At this time arrangements will also be made to send invitations to other schools for fencing meets. Lastly, Wallis concluded, it is planned to make the Mask and Foil Club the official fencing team of A. & M.

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## Tea and Cookies on Agronomy Menu Each Wednesday

A way to combine business with pleasure is being demonstrated each Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock by the Agronomy graduate Seminar 603 class.

Ordinarily, 5 p. m. marks the end of a not-so-perfect school day for most students, but this is not so for the 603 boys. At this time they are just beginning their Seminar class, which really isn't bad, since during each lecture, tea and cookies are served.

The refreshments are paid for by contributions made by those attending the weekly class, and the chief cook and bottle-washers are selected weekly by R. C. Poits, instructor-in-charge. Regular attendants to the class include extension workers, experiment station workers, members of the Agronomy faculty, graduate Seminar 603 class members, and Agronomy senior Seminar 415 students.

A spot of tea might help make any course more interesting.