

'Aggieland' It Is ...

Encouraged by the response to the editorial "Aggieland Forever," we are taking our own advice. From now on the date line on the front page of The Battalion will read "College Station (Aggieland), Texas."

The Batt suggests that as various classes and veterans' organizations meet, the subject be presented to them. When any groups vote for the name "Aggieland," their recommendations should be put on file with the Battalion office.

The Batt poll in this issue will quiz both students and residents of the city about their opinions. Results will be submitted to the city council. As nearly as we can tell right now, few are against "Aggieland, Texas!"

Get Rid of OD's ...

The announcement of the possibility of a change in uniform for A. & M. cadets caused a stir among the corps, and sides are already beginning to form. Under the new setup, the freshmen and sophomores would gain to the extent of green serge blouse and pants, to substitute for the OD pants and the blouse with the blue lapels.

Juniors and seniors have little to gain under the new setup, and are opposing the shift for many reasons. Foremost argument offered by the dissenters is that class distinction would be destroyed by putting fish and sops in serge. Another cited is that the tradition has been for the lowly first and second year cadets to wear the unattractive, uncomfortable, and unbecoming OD wools, in order that they will value the green serge of juniors and seniors more highly when their day arrives.

Those opposing this change should look at the situation as objectively as possible, and attempt to inject some intelligent reasoning into their decision. If there is going to be any forward movement at A. & M., there will have to be change. This fact is irrefutable.

That fish and sops wear OD has not always been tradition at A. & M. OD's practical value has been small indeed—the pants usually don't fit, the blouses look like high school ROTC, and the shirts are just about as uncomfortable as the hair shirts worn by medieval religious fanatics.

Perhaps the only good argument in favor of retaining the OD is the fact that a sharp delineation between the two halves of the undergraduate years exists. But even under the new plan, wouldn't ample distinction remain? The fish would still wear white stripes; they could wear them even on their blouses. The service bars would furnish distinction, as would rank insignia. Perhaps cuffs for juniors and senior trousers could return.

The other arguments against green serge are just so much rationalization—frantic searching for logical reasons to support dog-in-the-manger opposition to change.

Discipline should not be a casualty, for it should be a matter of training and obedience, not respect for a more gaudy uniform. As for appreciating the serge uniform, it's certain that fish and sops would care more for a snappy-looking uniform than for the dubious privilege of looking forward to donning it some day in the future. Many privileges inherent with class standing are not of the uniform type, and cause just as much envy and desire among underclassmen.

The privilege of wearing serge exalts the ego, and shouts class distinction to the world. However, isn't the reactionary attitude taken by those opposing the change a little incongruous with the belief that the corps is striving to improve its overall appearance?

Let's make some advances occasionally with our eyes on the future, instead of attempting to live in the glorious dead days of John Kimbrough and the national championship football team. This is 1947, not 1939.

Way of the World ...

One of the giants of the newspaper world was removed last week, when Odgen Reid of the New York Herald-Tribune died. Texans reading the obituary were reminded of how much Reid and G. B. Dealey of the Dallas Morning News had in common.

Both were conservatives, men from an older age, and were usually labeled "reactionaries" by their enemies. But even those who fought bitterly against the policies of Reid and Dealey, paid tribute to them as publishers of outstanding daily newspapers. When Dealey died last spring, it seemed that an era might have ended for the Dallas News. But, such is the strength of an institutional newspaper, the News has carried on without losing step. And it is to be supposed that the Herald-Tribune will do likewise.

From TCU comes a tale of something that could only happen in an English class of GI students. Miss Rippy, the instructor, wrote on the board, "Jack is a captain," and went on to explain that in this case the word "captain" was a predicate nominative.

TO EACH HIS OWN

B. MIKE, radio columnist for the Portland Oregonian asks: "Why hasn't the Postal Dept. adopted 'To Each His Zone' for its own slogan?"

HOW ABOUT APPLES?

ONE of the debutants "wore a strand of pears" at a formal assembly in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Texas, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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A&M First Southern School to Begin Floriculture Research

Establishment of the first major college research program in the South in the field of floriculture has just been announced at A. & M. by Professor F. W. Hensel, head of the Landscape Art Department.

Prof. A. F. DeWerth, who conducts the College's course in floriculture, is director of the new Texas Floriculture Research Association.

With annual gross business of over \$25,000,000 a year, the Texas floriculture industry is now turning to scientific research for its answer. Studies will be conducted in problems of flower-raising in the South, with soil analysis, disease prevention, pest control, and similar services for its sponsors.

Recently organized, the Texas Floriculture Research Association is an adjunct of the Texas Florists' Association. It is headed by J. W. Weatherford, Houston, president; George W. Wolfe of Waco, vice-president; Prof. Hensel, treasurer; and Prof. DeWerth, secretary and research director. Officers are maintained at College Station.

In addition to the research projects, the group will sponsor short courses at the College and will cooperate with the Landscape Art Department, which has recently established the first course for training young men in floriculture in the South.

Letters

Aggieland

Dear Editor: There's no use having a good idea unless you do something about it. The "Aggieland" address idea, published in the Batt several weeks ago, is good. Why not suggest that all students use that on return addresses on their letters? Students could, in turn, request that their correspondents use that (Aggieland) as an address.

(Ed Note: The Batt is asking for a committee of representative students to see the postmaster about using Aggieland as a return address. For the present, we suggest the style "College Station (Aggieland), Texas," as now used in the Battalion's front page date line.)

Local AVC Group Surveys Room and House Vacancies

The Bryan-College Station Chapter of the American Veterans Committee proposed to operate a booth in the lobby of the Palace theater in Bryan during the week of January 13-18 for the purpose of surveying this area for vacant rooms and houses for veterans and their families. The proposal was made at their Monday meeting.

The survey will attempt to get information as to the size, location, and rent of all vacant facilities open for occupancy by veterans during the coming semester. The housing situation in the College area has caused a great deal of concern in the past, and it is hoped that the survey will do something to relieve the situation. The results of the survey will be relayed to the men who need houses by means of a booth in the YMCA at the beginning of next semester, or by the distribution of copies of the list to interested parties.

Geography Dept. to Offer Meteorology Course Next Term

The Geography Department has announced that it plans to offer a course in Weather and Climate (Geography 306) next semester. The class is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11 a. m. and will require no prerequisites. This course aims to present concisely and systematically the science of meteorology in its present stage of development. The primary purpose is to set forth the facts and principles concerning the behavior of the atmosphere.

Newman Club Meets Friday at 7:15 p. m.

A report on the National Student Conference, held in Chicago during the holidays, will be given at a meeting of the A. & M. Newman Club. The meeting will be held Friday, January 10, at 7:15 p. m., in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel.

Following the reports of the committee members, plans for the redecoration of the chapel basement will be discussed. All members are urged to be present, as their suggestions and assistance are needed.

'Best Years' Named Top Film for 1946

"The Best Years of Our Lives" has been voted the finest film of 1946 by the New York Film Critics.

Close runner-up was the English production, "Henry V", from which Laurence Olivier received world acclaim for being the pictures' producer, director, and star. Third most popular film was "Brief Encounter", an English film, followed by "Road to Utopia", which starred Hope and Crosby in their antics. "Anna and the King of Siam", the story of an English girl in a foreign king's harem, followed by "A Walk in the Sun", said to be one of the best pictures to come out of this war.

Journalism Courses Scheduled for Next Term Under Miller

Former Instructor at Baylor and Wisconsin Universities to Teach

Otis Miller, of Anson, West Texas, as journalist, lawyer, and farmer, will join the A. & M. staff as assistant professor for journalism courses effective February 1, Charles N. Sheppardson, Dean of Agriculture, has announced.

Miller will teach courses in technical journalism, including newspaper and magazine reporting of agricultural and other fields. He will be on the staff of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology.

Instructor at Baylor Miller taught journalism at Baylor University and at the University of Wisconsin before returning to Texas to enter law. During the time that he was in the field of law, he served as county attorney, county judge, and district attorney. While a county judge, he was elected president of the State Association of County Judges and Commissioners. Also while county judge, he led a state-wide campaign that resulted in a special session of the legislature and the passage of the Road Bond Assumption Law.

Returning to journalism, Miller organized and built up a weekly newspaper, the Jones County Observer at Anson. He also has personally operated his own farms in Jones County.

A member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalist fraternity, Miller includes in his professional experience several years of work as reporter and feature writer on the Austin Statesman and the El Paso Herald, and free-lance writing for numerous newspapers and magazines. He is a 32nd degree Knights Templar Mason and a member of the Shrine.

Students in technical journalism at A. & M. are finding an ever-growing demand for the articles they write in the classes which Miller will teach. Recently major articles written by the students have been published in Farm and Ranch, Progressive Farmer, the Southwest Food Journal, Southwestern Sheep and Goat Raiser, the magazine section of the Houston Chronicle, and many other Texas newspapers. Newspapers and radio stations in particular are offering jobs, such as regional editor, to students of A. & M. who have technical training, together with a minor in journalism.

What's Cooking

FRIDAY, Jan. 10 7:15 p. m. Newman Club, St. Mary's Chapel. SATURDAY, Jan. 11 7:30 p. m. Mixed Bridge Group, Veterans' Lounge, Sblis Hall. 8:00 p. m. Newman Club Dance, K of C Hall, Bryan. SUNDAY, Jan. 12 8:30 a. m. & 10:30 a. m. Catholic Mass, St. Mary's Chapel. MONDAY, Jan. 13 7:00 p. m. Sophomore Class meeting, Assembly hall. Sophomore Ball plans, Veteran & Corps urged to attend. 7:00 p. m. Camera Club, Guion Hall. Special business meeting. 7:30 p. m. Choir practice, St. Mary's Chapel.

Bridge Party Tuesday Planned by Vet Wives

Bridge fans will have their inning at a mixed bridge party sponsored by the Veterans' Wives Club, January 11 at 7:30 p. m. in Sblis Lounge. Couples will play bridge all evening. Pries will be given for high and low score. All persons planning to attend notify Nell Creel, phone 4-4504. A charge of 50 cents per couple will be made.

PENNY'S SERENADE

W. L. Penberthy

In the field of sports the "breaks of the game" come in for a lot of discussion. The fact that a team capitalized on the breaks is often given as the reason for their victory by those who recorded the game for the press or radio. In most games there are usually a few so-called "breaks" and for this reason many coaches spend a lot of time in emphasizing playing for the "breaks".

The most common break in football is the fumble, and it is interesting to note that the team is hustling and playing hard, heads-up and alert ball recovers more than their share of fumbles. Some teams suffer badly when a break goes against them and go to pieces, while others seem to be able to make the best of it and steady down to win. Some teams score quickly when they benefit from a break, while others get a little too jubilant and fumble their chances.

In life we are going to get a certain number of breaks. Some are not really breaks but situations, be they good or bad, that have become self-provoked. Some of us feel that we have had too many good or bad breaks, and we may not be able to understand why certain people have many undeserved tough breaks, while others have just as many undeserved good ones—but I guess that is life. However, just as in sports, if we are working diligently at our job, if we are heads up and alert, the chances are very much in our favor of being able to recognize and capitalize on the breaks of the game so that we will have many more good breaks than bad ones.

We are sure to get some bad breaks, but these can be overcome by the same recipe used by a good team—get down to fundamentals and steady down. The way we handle the breaks of the game can have a lot of influence on our success in life.

Wilcox Attends Teacher's Retirement Board Meeting

George B. Wilcox, head of the Education and Psychology Department, attended a meeting of the Teacher's Retirement Board held in Austin on January 8.

Routine business matters were discussed, as well as the proposed amendment to the retirement act. Liberal changes are contemplated, Wilcox stated.

We Have These Late Recordings for Your Dancing and Listening Pleasure

- Stardust—Tex Beneke; A Gal in Calico—Benny Goodman; At Sundown—Tommy Dorsey; Foggy, Foggy Dew—Burl Ives; You Broke the Only Heart That Ever Loved You—Sammy Kaye; I Can't Get Started—Maurice Rocco; There, I've Said it Again—Vaughan Monroe; I Used to Work in Chicago—Sammy Kaye; Pretending—Kate Smith; Easy Pickin's—Frankie Carle; Oh! But I Do—Harry James

BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS ...

A Book for Pre-Med Students Is Doug Guthrie's 'History'

By Winora Barton Readers' Adviser A HISTORY OF MEDICINE, by Douglas Guthrie Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1946

The publishers say of this book: "A new . . . different . . . refreshing approach to the traditions of an ancient and honored profession!" and with that statement I wholeheartedly agree. This is an appreciation of the marvelous advancement of medicine as a science and as an art. Only by looking back can we acquire the knowledge and ability to look forward. In any field of study history supplies a convenient avenue of approach.

The many recent and spectacular developments of medical science have overshadowed the earlier achievements of the pioneers in the field, and there is a tendency to forget the essential benefits of their courageous work. "Early medical theories and practices now regarded as quaint, sometimes amusing, and of little value to the modern world, in reality constituted the foundation of all future progress."

Dr. Guthrie gives a lively account of the chronic and geographic march of medicine. Countless pertinent anecdotes describing practices in other times make delightful reading, a truly fascinating consecutive narrative of the development of the healing art. This is a book for men of science and for those who wish to know what medicine has done for humanity.

THIS WAS CICERO, by J. H. Haskell Knopf, New York, 1946

If you've always steered clear of biographies, and if you think history is dull, then you have a jarring surprise coming to you when you read H. J. Haskell's new book This Was Cicero. This is a

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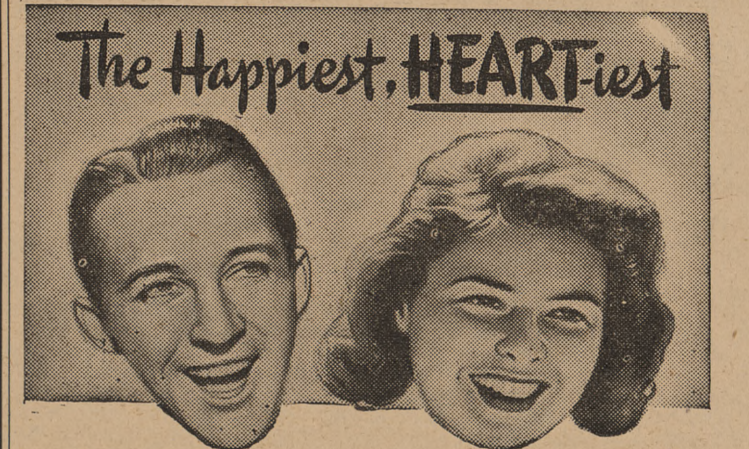
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Advertisement for the movie 'The Bells of St. Mary's' featuring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman, produced by Leo McCarey. Includes the text 'Rainbow Productions, Inc., presents BING CROSBY-INGRID BERGMAN LEO MCCAREY'S THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S' and 'with HENRY TRAVERS • WILLIAM GARGAN Produced and Directed by LEO MCCAREY Screen Play by Dudley Nichols Story by Leo McCarey Released through M.P.M.'"/>