

Ave Atque Vale . . .

With this issue of The Battalion, our duties as editor cease. And like all those on their way out, we are inclined to reflect nostalgically over the happenings of the past year.

Of course, the big news of the whole year has been the fight between the students and the administration. It would have been a whole lot easier for us if the semester had quietly coasted along. We could have written editorials condemning sin and Texas University, and begging the mess hall to cut food prices. We might have been able to recognize outstanding achievements here at A. & M.

We found ourselves right in the middle of the fight, however. We attempted to be impartial, to criticize either group if that criticism was justified. We refused to be a mouthpiece. The censor's blue pencil was never wielded against us. We tried to base our news stories and editorial opinions upon substantial facts, adequate proof.

The opinions we have expressed in our editorial columns have undoubtedly made many people unhappy; too many human beings are averse to criticism and deride differences of opinion, despite pious utterances to the contrary.

All our efforts have been toward making A. & M. a better educational institution, a better military school, with a fuller program of mental and physical improvement.

We are looking forward to the growth of Aggield. We are optimistic about its future, but see ahead obstacles to greatness which probably will not be removed for many years.

The editors of The Battalion sign (30) with sadness. We will miss writing for The Battalion. We hope that The Battalion will not miss us, however, but continue to support vigorously the things it has stood for this year.

—ALLEN SELF



It's been quite a semester. From the midnight march, on the first day of this spring term, up to the campus hearings by the investigating committee, we have been in constant turmoil. Although A. & M. has been periodically agitated for seventy years, this semester has undoubtedly seen the biggest fuss since President Gathright and all the faculty were fired in '79.*

Yet through it all the scholastic work of the college has proceeded on a "business as usual" basis.

The Battalion has tried to avoid taking sides in this semester's quarrels. We believe we have succeeded, and thank those who have told us so. Of course, as is always the case when hot emotions are aroused, we have been accused of being partial to both sides—the same article often being cited as proof both ways!

The veteran editor's thanks go to all those who have assisted in putting out the Battalion. Our best wishes—and a bottle of aspirin—are passed on to the new editors.

As for those with whom we have sometimes taken issue this semester—well, we still respect each other's integrity and can meet as friends. That's the civilized way.

This is our last expression of editorial opinion. As radio scripts say, "Theme under, then up for 15." As scholars say, "Ave Atque Vale," translatable roughly as "Howdy! and so long!" As newspaper men say, "—30—"

VICK LINDLEY

*Except one professor who went fishing.

Yeah Snack Bar . . .

During the last few weeks, a snack bar has been operating in Sbsia mess hall, for the use of those students who want only a sandwich and glass of milk, or similar light snack. There has long been a need for such a milk-bar, and we hope the present one is not only retained but expanded.

During the evening hours the Aggie who has missed chow, or for any other reason gets that empty feeling, would like to be able to drop into Sbsia for a bite of cake, or what have you. When the Student Center Building is constructed, it will have an Aggie snack bar, according to present plans. Wouldn't it be a good idea to practice on that now, in Sbsia?

Poison Ivy, Chiggers, Snakes---That's Summer!

The last quiz is over. The last prof is silently cursed for his unkindness. The bags are packed. The semester is done, and all that lies ahead is vacation. Now, how to spend it?

Geographically, the pickings are not too good. Seashores, mountains, and relatively flat lands just about cover that subject. So name your poison.

Financially, the range of choice is unlimited. Getting by on nothing is difficult, but in the other direction you can go a long way before anyone says stop. Why, some places in Florida never say stop. But let us assume we haven't got much to spend.

That complicates matters no end. We might try a camping trip into the majestic forests. It's inexpensive.

Think of lying down to an untroubled sleep on the bank of a babbling brook, cooking our vitals over a pleasant little fire of dry twigs, fishing for the elusive trout in clear, cold water, hiking through the trackless woods. Then on the other hand, think of the pesky snakes that always get in sleeping bags; think of the blinding, stifling smoke of green wood burning; think of the near zero water in which people are always catching pneumonia, and those damned woods are full of bear.

The seashore might be fun. The sounding surf, moonlight sailing, digging for clams, getting sun-tanned. Ah, that's the life. However, what about hurricanes, drowning, back strain, and blistering? No, the seashore won't do it.

Life on a ranch is a healthy sort of existence. Out in the open, riding horses all day long, plenty of exercise, and we would be aiding in food production. Ah yes, out in hail storms and flash floods, riding horses till your bones come unjointed, working yourself to an early grave, and, besides, we are getting enough to eat.

So we see that any way we turn only disaster and catastrophe await us. This vacation nonsense is nonsense. Where does one sign up for summer school?

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'Dead Week' a Joke . . .

"Dead" week has turned out to be a joke. No doubt the recommendation by the Student Life committee came too late to be thoroughly chewed over by the faculty and incorporated into examination policy. But the toothless decision—that heads of departments might, if they so wished, order that no letter quizzes be given during the week before finals—has proved more confusing than helpful.

Departments that normally shy away from letter quizzes just before finals have continued to follow that policy, and most departments that believe in "letter quiz today, final tomorrow," have still followed that line.

Is it good teaching practice to expect a student to pass three or four letter quizzes on Friday, then try to pass two finals on Saturday?

Perhaps next year it will be possible to work out an examination plan that is more a test of knowledge, and less a test of sheer physical endurance on the part of students and instructors alike.

Sul Ross Lodge Established by Masons In College Station; Gilchrist Master



Deputy Grand Master HORACE K. JACKSON of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. and A. M., presents the gavel to GIBB GILCHRIST as first Worshipful Master of the newly organized Sul Ross Lodge of College Station.

Master Masons from 38 Masonic lodges headed by Horace K. Jackson, of Gatesville, Deputy Grand Master; George H. Below of Waco, Grand Secretary and J. J. Gallaher of Waco, Grand Treasurer, gathered at College Station Wednesday night, May 14 to set a new lodge to work, the Sul Ross Masonic Lodge of College Station.

Deputy Grand Master Jackson presided at the meeting and ordered the warrant of Grand Master R. Bruce Brannon of Commerce authorizing the organization of a Masonic Lodge at College Station read to the assembly by Grand Secretary Below.

Jackson also announced the first officers of the new lodge as appointed by the Grand Master to be first Worshipful Master, Gibb Gilchrist; Senior Warden, Joe J. Woolket; Junior Warden, Harry Boyer; Treasurer, I. G. Adams and Secretary, W. H. Badgett.

After accepting the gavel as Worshipful Master, Mr. Gilchrist

announced the following additional officers; Senior Deacon, W. Lamar Fly; Junior Deacon, S. R. Wright; Tyler, W. G. Rowland; Stewards, Joe Sorrells and Ralph W. Steen.

The new Masonic lodge at College Station will meet regularly at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the lodge room on the top floor of the old American Legion Project House on the Texas A.&M. campus. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

The College Station lodge was named for Former Governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross of Texas, a Mason, who was also a general of the Confederate Army and at one time president of the A.&M. College of Texas.

This new lodge is the third such body organized on the campuses of Texas universities or colleges; the other two are located at Baylor University and the University of Texas.

Hand-Painted Drawings On Display in Museum

An exhibit of hand-painted drawings is on display in the vestibule of the A. & M. museum. This array of drawings done by Hugo Krenek, of Bryan, consists of sixty-nine varieties of flowers growing on the campus today. No pencil marks showing the outlines of leaves and other portions of flowers were used.

Krenak, a landscape art student in the Class of '43, did these drawings while a sophomore, without previous art training. H. B. Parks, curator of the museum, said that Krenek is "a born artist and his drawings are the finest I have seen, considering the training and experience he has had." He added that "if they were reproduced for use in flower catalogs, they would compare with the best."

Krenak is now an army captain with the occupation forces in Germany.

Parks stated that the exhibit will remain on display through commencement week. The public is invited to see these drawings any time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays and until noon on Saturdays.

Experiment Station Publishes Bulletin On Texas Industries

"Geographical Distribution of Some Basic Texas Industries" is the newest bulletin published by the Engineering Experiment Station, it was announced today.

Professor J. G. McGuire is compiler of the information and maps contained in the bulletin, which was designed to be of use in Texas' rapidly-expanding economy.

Industries tabulated and located geographically include Texas' refineries, chemical plants, electric generating plants, cottonseed oil mills, vegetable oil refineries, paper pulp plants, tanneries, Portland cement plants, carbon black plants, point manufacturers, soap manufacturers, foundries, clay products plants, industrial research laboratories and institutions of higher learning. There is also a map of Texas' chief forest regions.

Single copies of Bulletin 97 may be obtained by writing the Texas Engineering Experiment Station here.

BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS . . .

'Destiny,' China's Most Read Book, Makes American Debut

By Wilnora Barton
Readers' Adviser

CHINA'S DESTINY by Chiang Kai-Shek, with notes and commentary by Philip Jaffe. Roy Publishers, New York, 1947.

The momentous events that are shaking China to her very foundations are closely related to a carefully worked out blueprint, drafted four years ago by Generalissimo Kai-Shek. That blueprint constitutes the text of his now world-famous book, entitled China's Destiny, but better known as the Mein Kampf of China. It is by far the most widely circulated book in China. Long shrouded in secrecy and mystery in the rest of the world, it is now presented for the first time in English to the American reading public.

China's Destiny is a political testament of the most profound implications in international relations. In it we find Chiang Kai-Shek's

version of the "leader" principle and the theory of "racial" supremacy. Here we learn of his deep conviction of the superiority of all things Chinese; his scorn of Western political concepts; his plan for maintaining the Kuomintang dictatorship even at the cost of civil war; and his views concerning China's future foreign relations. China's Destiny is required reading in Chinese schools and colleges; for civil servants, army officers, and members of the Kuomintang Youth Corps; and for all students at the Kuomintang's Central Political Training Institute.

The importance of a book that has been so intensively used for the indoctrination of the future leaders of China can hardly be overemphasized. No book currently in circulation exercises a more direct influence on Far Eastern and even world politics.

LATIN AMERICANS IN TEXAS

by Pauline R. Kibbe. University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

How do Texas' more than a million inhabitants of Mexican descent make their living? Why don't they get an even break in education? What are they up against in their everyday sanitation, housing, and health problems? What of the matter of "discrimination"?

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W. L. Penberthy

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To a man they will go out with the purpose of making what they consider to be a success in their respective fields. This is a very worthy aim, but to be completely successful one must also succeed in the art of living. I am passing along a formula for each, which might give us something to consider.



Penny

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McMahan Wins Geology Award

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From the papers presented by the geology seniors, Dr. J. J. Graham, associate professor of geology, selected seven to be judged by the geology club and staff members. Two of these, one by McMahan and a second by William J. Gill, Houston, were forwarded to the Houston society for the final selection.

McMahan, the final winner, was presented the award at the annual dinner of the society in Houston. The award was in the form of a certificate signed by the four officers of the group.

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