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Veterans Council Frowns On Battalion Editorial Policy

Charlie Murray Appears Before Group And Defends Paper's View

By F. F. Block

Objection to the editorial policy of the Battalion was voiced by the council of the campus Veteran Association at their meeting last Friday night.

Charlie Murray, veteran editor of the paper, who appeared before the group by invitation explained the policy to them. Murray made it clear that the paper welcomed criticism, but reserved the right to say what it wished on the editorial page.

After Murray gave his explanation, most of the members of the council presented their objections. View aired in particular was that concerning the proposed change in the cadet system. Murray, who advocated a temporary change from a military cadet system to that of a civilian system, was questioned at length on this subject.

Some of the members also disapproved of the Battalion's coverage of Rep. W. T. Moore's action on a recent bill before the State legislature. Moore of Bryan had voted against an appropriation for State institutions of higher learning, including A&M. However some of the members said that the paper had acted in the student's behalf in its attack on Moore.

Other business taken up was the completion of plans for a barbecue and dance to be given at the American Legion hall in Bryan. Admission will be 50¢ for members, \$1 for non-members, and 50¢ for girl friends and wives. Plans for an all college dance before the end of the semester were also discussed.

Before the council went into a closed session, "Buddy" Brennan, president of the organization, expressed his appreciation to Murray for his coming before the group.

Grill Loses Health Permit; June Survey Results Revealed

The Health Permit of the A. & M. Grill, North Gate cafe, was temporarily revoked last week following an inspection by a team composed of a County Health Officer, a representative of the College, and a member of the Veterans Association Mess Committee.

A numerical grading system recommended by the United States Public Health Service was used in the survey of College Station cafes and drug stores. In this area a grade of 70 has been set as passing.

CAFES	
Franklin's	96
George's	88
Casey's	87
Whiteway Cafe	86
Duncan Hall	79
Nisbets	77
Creamland	76
Aggrieland Inn	73
A&M Grill	65

DRUG STORES	
Lipscomb's Pharmacy	100
Madeley's Pharmacy	92
Black's Pharmacy	89
Aggrieland Pharmacy	82

(Note: Drugstores are not classed with cafes in assigning scores for inspection.)

The future policy of the committee will be to inspect both cafes and drugstores at any time, rather than have certain days for the inspection. Results of inspections will be published monthly.

Officers of Texas Administrators Conference Named

Officers named at the Texas School Administration Conference held on the campus recently are: Terrell Ogg, superintendent of the Freeport schools, chairman; V. M. Miller, Pasadena superintendent, vice-chairman; and George B. Wilcox, head of the department of education-psychology at A & M, executive secretary-treasurer.

Heading the county superintendents and supervisors for the coming year are: E. B. Harris, Caldwell County school superintendent, president; Mrs. Irene Hardin, Navarro County supervisor, vice-president; Mrs. Jewel Schley, San Patricio County superintendent, secretary; and W. D. Bunting, Brazos County superintendent, treasurer.

Andy Adam Named Radio Editor; Replaces Jackson

On July 15 A. D. "Andy" Adam will change from his present position as assistant migratory supervisor of the A&M College Extension Service's farm labor program to that of Extension radio editor.

He replaces C. W. Jackson who resigned June 15 to take over as radio farm director for a Kansas City station.

As Extension radio editor, Adam, together with Claire Banister, will head the agricultural and home demonstration radio activities of the college. These include the daily Texas Farm and Home Program, the Saturday morning A & M Farm Review, and work with county Extension agents on local programs.

Adam was born in Marlin, attended high school there and was graduated from A&M in 1928. He served as field representative of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association cooperative for two years, as county agent for Lamb County 1928-35 and Young County 1935-44, when he joined the headquarters staff to work on various phases of the farm labor program.

He is at present in the central and midwestern states winding up details for routing of Texas migrants in the fruit and sugar beet harvests there.

Enrollment Tops 4001; 59 Co-eds

A&M has an enrollment of 4001 for the first six weeks of the summer term which began June 9, according to H. L. Heat-on, registrar. Of this number, 3136 are veterans attending under the G. I. Bill.

Fifty-nine women have enrolled compared to fifty-six for the same term of 1946. Enrollment for the college last summer at this time was 3184, an increase of 817.

The first term will close July 19; the second six weeks will begin July 21 and end on August 29.

The Long Lane' Novel by Kidd, Nears Completion

Harry L. Kidd, Jr., assistant professor of English, is nearing completion of his novel, "The Long Lane." Set in the oil fields of the Southwest, it portrays the struggle of a middle-class American to find a working philosophy of living which can give him spiritual satisfaction in today's materialistic and confused age.

During the nine months of the regular school year, Kidd writes the radio script for the Texas School of the Air program, which is carried over the Texas Quality Network. He has had several short stories published in such magazines as "Argosy," "The New Republic," "Field and Stream," and "Southwest Review."

Thomas Y. Crowell and Company, New York City, will publish the book soon after completion of the manuscript in January, 1948.

Bryan Receiving New Dairy Plant

A modern dairy plant to house the Brazos Creamery is under construction at the intersection of Highway 6 and Howard Street in Bryan.

The creamery, which will begin operation about September 1, will market milk, buttermilk, coffee and whipped cream, and ice cream, and possibly butter and cheese. Cal Graham and O. C. Copeland, owner-managers, will use milk produced by Graham's Jersey herd and local grade A dealers.

Col. Meloy Notifies Aggies At Camps Of Inspection Results

The War Department announced yesterday that the rating of "Excellent" was awarded Texas A. & M. as a result of the Federal Inspection conducted May 21-23 by officers of the Fourth Army. This rating will give cadets the privilege of wearing the coveted "Blue Star" on their sleeves the coming school year.

Col. G. S. Meloy, Jr., commandant and PMS&T, immediately notified officers in charge of the A. & M. detachments at the various summer camps that the "Blue Star" had been regained by the Cadet Corps. The text of his message is as follows:

"WAR DEPARTMENT RELEASED FINAL RATING FEDERAL INSPECTION. A. & M. RECEIVED RATING 'EXCELLENT'. AUTHORIZED BLUE STAR. CONGRATULATIONS. COLONEL G. S. MELOY, JR." The rating of "Excellent" is the

highest possible awarded by the War Department. It is not known at the present time the ratings assigned John Tarleton Agricultural College or North Texas Agricultural College. Both are branches of A. & M.

The grade placed on the school's Cadet Corps was based on three things: theoretical knowledge of military science and tactics (particularly branch subjects); performance of the corps during the review staged the final day of the inspection; and results of inspections which were held throughout the three-day period.



A program to suit all taste will be presented at The Grove tonight at 8:30 p.m. by Robert Sprecher, right, and William Wright, left. The program will be held in Guion Hall in case of inclement weather.

Bryan Jaycees Plan Big Fourth of July

Local Girls to Be Presented In Beauty Contest; 15 Now Entered

Big plans are underway for the Fourth of July celebration scheduled by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Bryan Country Club. Under the direction of Davis Grant, the affair promises to be one of the largest celebrations ever staged as Fourth of July entertainment in this area.

Extension Service Courses Added to Ag Ed Curriculum

Recognizing for some time the need for training in Agricultural Extension Service organization and methods, Dean C. N. Shephardson has announced the establishment of two courses in this field.

Both courses will be offered by the Agricultural Education Department and will be designated as Agricultural Education 440 and 441.

Agricultural Education 440 will present an overall picture of the Agricultural Extension Service as well as its place among educational agencies, its economic and social significance, and its general operation. It will be offered in the fall semester and will be two credit hours.

Agricultural Education 441 deals with the development, evaluation, and means of carrying out Agricultural Extension programs. It will also cover methods of selecting and training leaders in farm work. It will be offered in the spring semester and will be a three-hour course.

Assistant Professor John Bertrand has been selected by the Extension Service and the Agricultural Education Department to teach both of these new courses. He is now in the field collecting material for use in presenting each subject.

All students planning to enter Agricultural Extension work should take both courses as advanced electives, Dean Shephardson said.

'Political Expediency Prevalent Before And During Investigation'

Only 8 of 60 Suggested Witnesses Called; Too Little Time on Campus

In a reply to the joint House-Senate legislative investigation committee report, the Veteran Students Association stated that "political expediency" existed before and during the hearing in Austin. The report, signed by the five officers of the VSA, stated that the "biased actions of the several committeemen composing the majority group were not only a disappointment to the mature-minded veterans of this college, but to the many people closely associated with the college as well." The statement was issued June 29.

University Adds Army ROTC Units For Fall Semester

An Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps will be installed at the University of Texas, beginning with the Fall semester, the Army announced recently. Five branches have been authorized by the War Department: Air Corps, Transportation Corps, Corps of Military Police, Quartermaster Corps, and Corps of Engineers.

According to the "Summer Texan", little opposition is being met by proponents of the War Department plan for inaugurating training in a school which produced many naval officers through its Naval R. O. T. C. program. This is in contrast to the fierce controversy stirred up in 1937 over a similar proposal offered in that year. Opponents pointed out that "the unit would split the campus into yet another group, that it would interfere with their freedom, that girls didn't like to go with men in uniform." Headline of the DAILY TEXAN editorial on March 2, 1937, was "ROTC Promotes Herd Action and Blind Obedience."

The state legislature finally passed a bill in 1941 authorizing the President of the University to request the Army to install an ROTC unit. Because of the war, however, the Army refused; it has now acted on the request.

Officers named as branch instructors include: Lt. Col. L. B. Matthews, PMS&T for Air; Major William H. J. Chambers, Assistant PMS&T for Air; Lt. Col. John R. Dale, Transportation Corps; Lt. Col. Frank E. Hartman, Quartermaster Corps; Major Jack S. Tabb, Transportation Corps; First Lt. William E. Watts, Corps of Military Police.

Dr. Randle Named Acting Head Of Eco Department

Dr. C. Wilson Randle, 38, Professor of Economics, has been appointed acting head of the Economics Department, Dean F. C. Bolton announced Monday.

Professor Randle received his undergraduate training at Duke University. After graduating from Duke, he did work on his Master's degree at that school and the University of Colorado, he received his Master of Arts degree from Duke. The University of Kentucky awarded Randle his Doctor's degree in 1946.

During the war Professor Randle was Director of Labor Statistics, Region VIII; Wage Stabilization Director, National War Labor Board, Region VII; Vice-Chairman, National Wage Stabilization Board, Region VII.

The new acting head of the Department of Economics is the author of numerous articles dealing with transient workers, wage analysis in the petroleum industry, and Latin-American trade. He has completed work on an arbitration manual, and his research has extended throughout the field of current wage demands, analysis of union contract provisions, union demands in negotiation, and the War Labor Board itself.

Dr. Randle is a member of the National Arbitration Association, Arbitration Staff of the U. S. Conciliation Service, the American Association of University Professors, American Economics Association, Beta Gamma Sigma, scholastic honor society, and Who's Who in Arbitration in the United States.

Vet Wives to Meet Tonight in Y Chapel

The July business meeting of the Veteran's Wives Club will be held Tuesday night, July 1, in the chapel of the YMCA at 7:30 p. m.

Gordon Gay will show two films, one on Physical Fitness and the other on Nutrition. The films will last about 30 minutes after which the business session will take place. All members are urged to come and those who would like to become members are invited too.

The account further declared that the 12 hours spent on the campus by the investigating committee could not have been ample time to analyze the disturbance at A. & M. Of the 60 names submitted to the committee as possible witnesses, only 8 were called to testify, it was asserted.

The reply, in its entirety, is as follows: "We, the Veteran Students Association of Texas A. & M. College, in view of the nature of the majority report submitted by seven members of the joint House-Senate investigating committee, which investigated the three (3)-year dispute between the A. & M. student body and their president, set forth the following statement after reading and analyzing the finds and recommendations of the aforesaid committee."

"It is the belief of this association, now composed of some 8,800 veterans attending summer school, that political expediency was prevalent both before the committee began actual hearings in Austin and during the entire investigation. The biased actions of the several committeemen composing the majority group were not only a disappointment to the mature-minded veterans of this college, but to the many people closely associated with the college as well."

"In addition, we believe the time spent (12 hours) by the joint investigation committee (of which only six members were present) on the A. & M. campus, could not possibly have been ample time for them to analyze at first-hand the disturbing conditions so long prevalent on this campus. It is well to mention that of the sixty (60) witnesses living in various parts of the state which the veteran students wanted subpoenaed before the investigation committee that of that number only 8 were called to testify."

"Furthermore, we wish to state that at no time during the investigation were our attorneys allowed to question any of the witnesses called before the committee."

"We wish to make it clear again that outside influences, hazing and college traditions were not among the factors causing the unrest among the veteran students. The state law forbidding hazing is respected in its entirety by the veterans of this college."

"The veterans of this college fully recognize the unquestionable ability of President Gibb Gilchrist as an engineer and as a politician. However, we do not accept his ability as an educator nor as a leader who can inspire and guide a group of young men toward a finer and more wholesome life."

"It is our belief that the unhealthy conditions which fostered this recent state investigation are still in existence on this campus today. But, despite the disadvantages under which this college is functioning today, the members of the Veteran Students Association have hope for the future of A. & M. College. We are confident that somewhere in the future there lies a better A. & M., and it is our desire to help this school seek that new goal. In so doing, we shall endeavor to establish a harmonious relationship between the college officials, the faculty, and the student body—a relationship that is a vital necessity before A. & M. College can live on in the admiring eyes of the people of a great institution of learning."

The above report was signed by T. C. "Buddy" Brennan, president, of Houston; Jerry Sutherland, vice-president, of Wimbobor; Sam S. Williams, secretary, of Marshall; E. O. Courtade, treasurer, of Waco; and Frank F. Yates, parliamentarian, of Dallas.

Dansby in Charge Of Brazos County Party for July

Martelle Dansby will head the committee to decide the date and place to procure food for the annual "anything goes" July party of the Brazos County A. & M. Club.

Chick Sale is chairman of the committee to procure drinks, and Brownrigg Deway will handle ticket sales in Bryan. W. G. Breaux will handle tickets at College Station.

In announcing these assignments at the club meeting Tuesday evening at the Bryan Country Club, committee chairman is to select his own assistants.

C. N. Hilscher won the drawing for the attendance prize.