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'Good Deal' Offered to A&M...

An opportunity to raise our state colleges to their well deserved, top-flight ranking will be granted the citizens of Texas when the College Building Amendment goes before the public for vote on August 23.

The amendment provides for a 30-year \$60,000,000 development program for 16 state colleges and universities. This is the most important development in higher education in Texas during the past 25 years. It will give Texas one of the finest systems of state operated colleges in the nation.

The beauty of the whole proposition is that it can be done without increasing taxes. In other words it is a "free ride" for some 16 state colleges.

From a selfish view it is to the advantage of every supporter of A. & M. College to support the amendment. This amendment permits A. & M. College to issue \$5,000,000 in bonds, payable out of the income from the invested portion of the Permanent University Fund which income A. & M. shares with the University of Texas. A. & M. will obtain its needed funds from this source leaving the total of the income from the 5-cent readjusted tax for the other state-supported colleges.

With colleges and universities overcrowded by thousands of veterans and an increasing number of Texas high school graduates, it is important that this amendment goes over.

So let's get out the vote on August 23.

Ladies an' Gennulmen...

Several years ago a young Texan with an elementary education was looking for a new job. He was considered the intellectual light of the community; therefore, he was above doing any menial task about town so he went out into the world to seek his fortune. After succeeding miserably as a musician and then as a flour salesman, he decided there was one golden opportunity... politics.

Our hero did not know much about politics, but he did know that to be a successful politician he first had to find something to be "agin". In his search to find something to be "agin" he arrived in Austin. After learning that the University of Texas was a state-supported institution and was located in that fair city, he began a comprehensive investigation. It was not long before he knew that he had discovered his "scourge of the people", something he could be "agin".

Upon returning home, he called a political rally, and from a flag-bedecked platform he cleared his throat and began this fiery oratory.

"Ladies an' gennulmen, as you all know I have just concluded an investigation of our State University down in Austin. I want you to know that I found this to be the most corrupt institution in this fine state of ours,

The A-Bomb--Two Years After...

Two years ago this week the terrible fury of the atomic bomb descended upon the world. In two years the blast of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, has helped split in two the ideal of one world. The repercussions of the bomb's creation and the resultant scientific, political, and diplomatic problems have affected every city and village on the globe.

The two coalitions are pouring billions of dollars into atomic research with the "Bomb" as the chief objective. In August, 1945, it was predicted that the minimum period of time for another country to discover the secret of the atom was two years. As yet this deadly secret remains in the hands of the United States, but there is growing conviction that one or two more years will be sufficient time for another country, Russia perhaps, to achieve its goal.

The single change toward a better world is in the use of newly made radioactive power has undoubtedly been retarded by the international political situation.

Atomic power will not arrive until it can compete with coal, since nuclear power is in the form of heat. The United States, with 52 per cent of the world's known coal reserves, has cheaper coal than anyone else.

Out of the Deep...

Norman Ross, the Chicago radio announcer, disk jockey, music store proprietor and ex-long distance Olympic swimmer whom we reported on June 20, seems to be a man who likes his little joke. One day he was swimming way out in the middle of Lake Michigan taking a constitutional. Eventually he started back to shore and when he got fairly close, noticed that a big crowd had gathered and was watching him from the beach. This sort of thing had happened before so Ross knew what was coming: when he got to the beach he'd be surrounded and bombarded with "Ohs" and "Ahs" and a lot of silly questions.

So okay. Ross swam into the shallow water, stood up, shook himself and asked: "What city is this?" Everybody hollered: "It's Chicago." Ross said: "Oh, hell. I wanted Milwaukee," dived back into the lake and swam away.

—TIDE

One Hour Flat...

A certain Ed Trent, new staff announcer on WNCW, Elizabeth City (N. C.), threw a personal stunt—a casual mention that he needed an apartment for himself and family. One hour later he had the apartment—and a bill from the station manager for the cost of one spot announcement.

—TIDE

Newell-Emmett, which handles the Chesterfield account, keeps a girl to see all movies in order to look for scenes in which Chesterfields are used. So her latest assignment list included Laurence Oliver's production of Shakespeare's Henry V.

AP COPY reaching the *Marshfield, Wisconsin News Herald's* "LANSING, MICH.—With the deadline for filing nomination petitions, four candidates had their hates in the ring today."

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Change Made Yantis to Return to A&M in Fall

By Ivan Yantis

We can't all be perfect, we can't all be punctual and true to our words, so don't let your nasty tempers make you say nasty things about this poor sinner who hasn't had his articles in on time all summer. As I see it, if every one did as he promised there would be only good in the world, but if all was good there would be no had by which to judge the good, therefore no good. I maintain the balance, for which you should be grateful though exasperated. (My wee brother wants you to write an explanation for that paragraph).



Yantis

To be truthful, I have been slothful or had you guessed? While I should have been picking out things on my gold-plated typewriter, I was instead running away to Colorado, the annual fiesta ball, fires, weddings, baptisms, bull sessions, and other convivial gatherings. I guess I just ain't no damned good. However, I will try to be a better boy in the future.

Speaking of the future: this unworthy one will be returning to A & M—am-der-Brasos for the fall (and maybe the winter). Prepare to change the "roving" part to "unroving." I will need a desk, so keep on the look-out for another orange crate. Say, what department is this Prof. Experience in? The radio keeps telling me he is the best teacher—I might want to take a course under him.

Why do people get so hysterical over home-cooking? The worth of home-cooked food depends a lot on the chef, and my chef is lousy!

Brother Alexi decided today that as a steady diet leaves much to be desired. Consequently, he declared that he would whip up a meal to bring a benign smile to the face of Duncan Hines.

While I waxed my mustache he thundered about the kitchen like the proverbial male cow in the crockery dispensary. The chocolate pie he made, after much arduous effort, was a joy to behold, but contained the nutritive value of wax apples. I seriously believe he has discovered a wood substitute that can be poured like cement.

Being inclined by nature a kindly sort, I made several valiant attempts to eat the pie that Alexi had concocted to brighten our dull menu. I nudged it gently with my fork, then brought the knife into play, then the meat cleaver. Nothing availed, not even the saw. Tomorrow, after I have had my fillings replaced, I am going to put that thing in the stove wall we are building, and I'll wager that centuries after all the granite in the wall has fallen in dust the enduring crust will remain to baffle archeologists.

Alexi as a cook would make a good hod-carrier, and that is precisely what I will have him do after tonight's brilliant display of culinary proficiency. I may not personally be an excellent cook, but I wield a mean can opener, and here that's what counts.

About 35 per cent of the veterans who have entered education or training have terminated their courses, the Veterans Administration has reported.

By H. W. Spencer

Twenty-two years ago, the late Billy Mitchell was court-martialed for promoting the idea of a separate and independent U. S. Air Force. The recent unification of the services has made Mitchell's dream a reality.

Now the Air Force enjoys an independence equal to that of the Army and Navy. Only recently the Navy was the first line of national defense—today, the Air Force assumes that role. This long sought license has been enhanced by the current pressure of world events.

Russia is the only potential enemy of the United States. A powerful U. S. Navy is unable to blockade a land-locked Russia. The U. S. Army is far removed from the heart of Russia and greatly outnumbered by Soviet man power. It is the Air Force that can be used to effectively strike back in the event of a Russian attack which would surely come by air.

Civilian James Forrestal is the Secretary of National Defense. Under his guidance military planning will, of course, include all branches. It is expected, however, that in this respect the aviation branch will play a predominate role.

Under the new Research and Development Board, the airman are to be even more favored. The Army and Navy ordnance branches will continue their projects through the Board, but the development of supersonic planes and guided missiles are both largely under control of the Air Force.

The first "Secretary of the Air Force" will probably be W. Stuart Symington, the present Assistant Secretary of War for Air. The

A Short Story...

A Lab Neurotic—U2MAyBl

By Louis Morgan

With the audacity of a Judas Goat, the instructor led us into the chemically laden atmosphere of the laboratory. His fiendish laughter (in recitation I had thought it a nervous giggle) echoed from atom to atom throughout the vast stillness.

"Now you know what to do," he spoke with an assurance I didn't feel as he assigned my desk. Then he retired to a dark corner to sip nitric acid through a length of glass tubing leaving me alone with an array of bottles whose contents were carefully disguised behind a perplexing variety of chemical formulas.

Unorking my test tube containing a small amount of innocent-looking liquid I began my quest for the unknown. The manual said add hydrogen sulfide and I did. A somewhat suggestive odor was the immediate result. It was then that I first noticed the big blonde cooed working opposite me. Her stare was reproachful. Resenting the insinuation but nevertheless feeling that some explanation was (See NEUROTIC on Page Four)

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