

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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## Wives Show Real Independence . . .

Women, who may be calm about the financial crisis in England or guerilla warfare in Greece, can get thoroughly aroused over the "Battle of the Hem-line", as the Battalion found out last week. Few articles have received more comment this summer than the front-page story a week ago, telling how GI wives and other young women here are pledging themselves not to adopt freakish long-skirted styles, just because fashion dictators say "change!" American women in general, and Texas women in particular, still have a tradition of independence which might shame us men.

Rushing in to the light, the Battalion goes on record as encouraging the independent stand of these women. For year our women have been creating what is often called "The American Look." It stresses freshness and naturalness, and we men like it. The new Parisian styles are distortions of nature, a backward step, destroying everything that American designers have built up over the past fifteen years.

What's more—and there is where we men students are vitally affected—how can we married GI students afford to buy a new wardrobe for our wives, even if we liked the new style? That's the \$80-a-month question.

## We Missed the Boat—Again . . .

One-hundred and forty-three colleges and universities have been deemed qualified to offer professional training to chemists by the American Chemical Society. Forty-nine of these institutions were approved for training chemical engineers. This information was gathered from the August 18 issue of the "Chemical and Engineering News."

The most outstanding omission was again Texas A. & M. College. Although the American Chemical Society saw fit to approve such small colleges as Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, and Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, Texas A. & M. just didn't make the grade.

There is an explanation, of course. In fact, there are several. Last spring the head of the chemistry department listed four reasons for our being omitted from an earlier list. They were:

1. A shortage of men holding Ph. D.'s exists in the departments of chemistry and chemical engineering. Several have been hired with that degree since the end of the war, but there are still too few in the department.

## It's Been a Quiet Summer . . .

It's been a quiet, but hot summer term. Very little has been accomplished and a few changes in administrative positions have been made. But as a whole, everyone has been going to school.

To name a few—"minor" changes—Dean of the Graduate School and Arts and Sciences T. D. Brooks was placed on modified service; Dr. M. T. Harrington was named to succeed him. Dr. F. B. Clark was dismissed as head of the Economics Department, replaced by Dr. C. W. Randle. W. L. Penberthy was named Dean of Men to replace J. W. Rollins, who resigned to accept a similar position at East Texas State Teachers College.

C. G. "Spike" White, director of Intramural Athletics, was appointed director of Student Activities, replacing Joe Skiles, who resigned to become business manager at North Texas State College. Luther A. "Luke" Harrison, of the Physical Education Department will be Dean of Men at the Bryan Army Air Field Annex next month. G. Byron Winstead resigned as director of college information and publications, replaced by R. Henderson Shuffler of the Development Fund.

The Athletic Department was strengthened by the addition of Harry Stiteler. And Lil Dimmitt resigned as assistant football coach.

In addition, the Southwest's first alternating-current network calculator was installed in the Electrical Engineering Building.

C. W. Jackson resigned as radio editor of the Extension Service, replaced by Andy Adams. . . . The "blue star" was regained by the Cadet Corps after a one-year loss. . . . The Aggie Players and Singing Cadets presented the Gilbert & Sullivan "The Mikado". . . . W. R. "Bill" Carmichael was named Director of Athletics, first full-time employee in that position. . . . E. N. Holmgren, formerly business manager of the college, was

At the University of California, Berkeley, students wives have taken the same step as at A. & M., and have banded together to fight new styles. If enough young women stick together on this matter, those who wear the long dresses will look as ridiculous to themselves as they do to us right now.

The Dallas Morning News has found itself in a predicament over the organized revolt of Dallas women in the "Little Below the Knee Club", which has been copied in many other communities.

To uphold Dallas' reputation as a style center (a reputation won during the "American Look" period) stores there went all-out to make Dallas the first city in America to adopt long skirts. The high-pressure back-fired. Dallas has become, instead, the center of organized revolt by American women against the Parisian edicts. Press association wires carried the "revolution" story to all parts of the nation last week. A CBS coast-to-coast broadcast featured Mrs. Warren Woodard, leader of the revolt.

Caught between two fires, the News finally took an editorial stand this week. It approved long dresses, not on grounds of style, but because they are "good for the economic welfare of the cotton farmer." We wonder.

2. A. & M.'s salary scale is much too low, in the opinion of the American Chemical Society, to support its instructors of chemistry and chemical engineering. This drawback has been lessened since then, however.

3. Laboratory and classroom space is at a premium in both departments. The passage of the college building amendment on August 23 might eventually alleviate that condition.

4. Perhaps the most outstanding criticism of our two departments is the most valid: research is neither desired nor encouraged on this campus.

Although any one of those reasons is sufficient to remove a school from the ACS list, it is unusual that all four of them apply to A. & M. Surely, circumstances alone are not to blame. Let's pull the "nigger" out of the woodpile!

With such a distinguished man as Dr. F. W. Jensen heading the department, perhaps the chemistry department will eventually regain the good graces of the American Chemical Society . . . a powerful organization.

granted a year's leave of absence to serve as had of an agricultural mission to Greece. . . . The Veteran Students Association sponsored a key design contest and an All-College Dance with Johnny Sullivan's Orchestra. . . . Dr. John P. Abbott of the Department of English, was named assistant to the dean of the college at Bryan Field Annex.

Classroom buildings were moved from Camp Wallace to accommodate the influx of students and faculty additions. . . . Dr. G. S. Fraps, a member of the Chemistry division of the Agricultural Experiment Station, retired after 44 years' service. . . . Six older dorms on the campus were rejuvenated, and lounges have been started in Dorms 9 and 10.

Dr. F. W. Jensen was appointed new head of the Department of Chemistry to replace Dr. C. C. Hedges.

And, we mustn't forget that A. & M. was granted \$5,000,000 under the College Building Amendment.

Yes, it's been a quiet summer term.

## One World . . .

That new magazine, *United Nations World*, will eschew all such expressions as "foreign" or "foreigners" (foreign to or from what? it asks), as well as all talk about "distant places" (distant from where?) or "strange cultures" (strange to whom?). We consider this a damn good policy which more of us should adopt. But we think the *United Nations World* might go a step further and change its masthead so it won't read the way it has up to now: "Subscriptions: \$4.00 one year. . . Foreign postage, \$1.00."

A RECENT bride, in filling out her wedding data blank for the Waterbury Connecticut *American* wrote under "decorations for reception—Four Roses and Three Feathers."



BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS . . .

## A 'First' in Illustrated Writing Is 'Story of FBI'

BY Mrs. Winona Barton  
Readers' Advisor

THE STORY OF THE FBI. By the Editors of LOOK, with an introduction by J. Edgar Hoover. New York, Dutton, 1947. The story of the FBI was written and photographed with the full cooperation and assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The book tells for the first time in pictures the FBI's history, and shows how it goes about its task of protecting the nation's internal security. Authenticity and accuracy in every detail was insured by close cooperation with the FBI's photographers. LOOK editors and photographers have used the new visual techniques of Picture Journalism to present this exciting story in text and pictures.

The book depicts the preparation and training undergone by candidates for the position of Special Agent, shows the precise work performed by technicians and examiners in the laboratory, and recounts the dramatic role played by the G-men in the battle against spies and saboteurs, thugs and racketeers.

Here for the first time is seen the progress of an FBI candidate in the classroom, the gymnasium, on the range, and in the field. A hypothetical murder case is enacted in pictures, with FBI men playing their real-life roles in its solution; step by step the reader is shown how clues are collected, how the laboratory brings the resources of science to bear on the evidence submitted to it. He learns how modern precision instruments have revolutionized crime detection.

The FBI's dramatic and effective contribution to winning the war is recounted, with many details told for the first time: The

amazing laxity discovered in the nation's war plants by the FBI's survey of their protective devices. . . . How business cooperated to make America's war industry spy-proof and sabotage-proof so that no enemy-inspired sabotage took place.

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WHEN PEOPLES MEET. Edited by Alain Locke and Bernhard J. Stern. New York, Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge, Inc., 1947.

In this significant book 85 eminent scholars analyze group relations in the past and in the present here in America and all over the world. The contributors are a veritable Who's Who in this field. With the advent of atomic power, mankind has entered the most critical period of history. Now, more than ever before, every citizen needs accurate knowledge about group relations, for on such knowledge depend the very existence of our institutions and culture.

In this comprehensive study the editors have brought together and interpreted the most scientific and authoritative literature on the crucial problem of group relations. Citizens everywhere, students, teachers, parents, employers, clergymen and civic leaders will find the volume an indispensable source of information.

This edition brings the material up to date, through the period of the second World War. New topics include: how the war affected American minorities; the treatment of the Japanese in the United States during the war; intercultural education; the passage of laws forbidding race discrimination; American Indian policy; the results of anti-Semitism; the fate of dis-

## Germans Planned Rocket With 3,000 Mile Range

By SCIENCE SERVICE

The Germans planned a bomb to cross the Atlantic and blast New York. It was a rocket to be started on its long journey by another rocket which detached itself when its job was done.

This was revealed last week by Brig. Gen. William L. Richardson, chief of the AAF Guided Missiles and Air Defense Division. The Germans, he said, developed several rockets known as the "A" series. The V-2, used against London, was one of these and although it was the only one of this series to be used operationally in the last war, it is not hard to visualize what might have been in store for the Allies had the Germans been given sufficient time to complete developments.

Each of the "A" series was developed primarily for research with the exception of A-4, later known as the V-2. The A-10 was the end result toward which this whole program was directed. This is the weapon which the Germans expected to use in bombing New York.

The A-10 was described by him as a booster rocket placed behind the A-9 giving it two-step cooperation to secure ranges of 3,000 miles. The A-9 was much like the A-4, more familiarly called the V-2, with wings added to give increased range and using acid as an oxidizer in its fuel.

The A-10 was never actually constructed. However, all design studies and computations had been completed, and it appears that it could have been built and served its purpose provided the Germans had been given another year of development and production.

The total weight of the A-10 was to have been 190,000 pounds, of which 140,000 was fuel. The weapon was nearly 12 feet in diameter and 55 feet long. The 8,000 pound A-9 was to have been accelerated to a speed of 2,500 miles an hour by the use of the A-10 as a launching rocket, which detached itself and would drop free after serving its purpose.

located peoples; Soviet policy regarding minorities; and the colonial crisis.

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BILL BOYD  
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## Every Dog Has His Day—In Colorado!

Every dog may have his day, but the legal rights of a dog seem to depend on whether the laws were made by friends or foes of the canines.

In Colorado, Springs, Colorado, a court ruled that a dog is entitled to one bite.

But out in Pasadena, California, you cannot keep a dog that barks, the law says.

These are two of the unusual animal laws discovered by Fred Meyer, "answer man" at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. Here are some other animal laws which Meyer reported.

Bullfrogs and cottontail rabbits are protected in Hayden, Arizona. It is against the law to disturb them.

California might suffer from too many mice if all Californians obeyed the state's law. The law requires a hunting to set a trap for a mouse.

are protected in Hayden, Arizona, anyway, but there is a Colorado state law against angling for trout while on horseback.

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There will be NO Prevue Saturday Night —

After the last showing Saturday evening, the

Campus will be closed for repairs and remodeling. . . .

Re-opens —

SEPT. 14th



Rev. Carlos W. Davis

## ACCREDITED BIBLE COURSES

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### A. & M. Methodist Church

Rev. Carlos W. Davis, Director of the Wesley Foundation will be the teacher.

Rev. Davis received his B.A. Degree in Bible from Centenary College, Shreveport, and his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from S.M.U., Dallas. He is offering the following courses: . . .

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