

Battalion EDITORIALS

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'Constitution Week'...

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, by its formal ratification, the Constitution of the United States of America became a reality and during the coming week will have reached its 160th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, our Constitution has been recognized throughout the world as the greatest man-made document in all history and is today proclaimed as the bulwark of human liberties and rights and the inspiration of people of all races who love and strive for freedom and its attendant privileges; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for all citizens to develop an intelligent familiarity with our Constitution and thereby become more and more deserving of the heritage handed down by successive generations of its makers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, that we, Roy Vick as Mayor of the City of Bryan; Ernest Langford as Mayor of the City of College Station; and A. S. Ware as County Judge of Brazos County, Texas, do hereby officially proclaim the seven days from September 17 through September 24, 1947, as "Constitution Week," and respectfully call upon our citizens one and all to reflect upon and become more familiar with this great charter of human liberties and rights in order that we may be privileged to help preserve our country and other liberty-loving nations and races, and in order that, in the words of the immortal Lincoln, "... government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

WITNESS OUR HANDS this 16th day of September, A. D. 1947.

ROY M. VICK,
Mayor of the City of Bryan.
A. S. WARE,
County Judge of Brazos County, Texas.

ERNEST LANGFORD,
Mayor of the City of College Station.

The Battalion can't deny that the above proclamation isn't both fitting and sincere. However, we can't see why one week out of the 52 should be set aside as "Constitution Week."

Why couldn't every week be honored so. Not so much by looking at the Constitution with reverent awe, but by practicing some of its principles. Too often in the past our only contact with this document has been in the breach rather than in the observance of it.

Recent events tend to bear out many instances where the Constitution has been shown little respect. Here in Texas many Latin-Americans, many of them citizens, were denied the right for several days, to travel to other states to seek higher pay and better working conditions.

When the Constitution became a reality in 1787, it was a compromise between small and large states. Many thought it impractical. Yet the men who wrote it were very far-sighted. They made provisions whereby it could be amended to meet any situation. They realized that in a dynamic society this was necessary. Since then some 21 amendments have been made, including the Bill of Rights.

Under the Constitution our nation has survived many trials. Even a bloody civil war failed to disrupt its intents and democratic motives.

With an excellent record behind us, this is no time to become complacent. It's about time we start practicing what the Constitution has been "preaching" for the last 160 years.

Bringing Home the Bacon...

Life gets down to pretty bare essentials sometimes, and when it does, complex problems are forgotten in the wake of big ones. Right now, in the United States of America, the problem of "bringing home the bacon" becomes so critical that we hardly have enough nervous energy to think about such long-range matters as the rehabilitation of Europe or prevention of another war. Our biggest worry is how to pay our bills. Especially food bills.

One member of the Battalion staff completed a four-thousand mile trip through the U. S. between semesters. When he left, he thought Texas food prices were high. He found Louisiana a little worse, and Virginia higher yet. When he got to New York, he found prices fantastic. Now he is back in Texas, and though he recognizes how much better off Texans are than other people, he still wonders how to make that \$90 stretch.

Who doesn't wonder? The single veteran student faces the same problem, at second hand, for restaurants and mess halls have to pass along the high cost of food. \$60 doesn't last long.

An Associated Press survey of the retail price of eight staple foods in 13 key cities in all sections of the nation showed the following average changes and prices from those for the same foods in the same cities a month earlier:

Bacon, up four cents a pound to 84 cents; pork chops up three cents to 80 cents; round steak, up three cents to 86 cents; bread unchanged; butter up 12 cents a pound to 90 cents; eggs up 14 cents a dozen to 80 cents; milk up one cent a quart to 20 cents; tomatoes, no. 2 can, two cents to 16 cents.

The National Institute of Diaper Services has started a club for expectant fathers, with diaper pin badges free to all members. They think it unfair that the mothers get all the attention because the fathers have a tough time, too.

HOT WEATHER in the Muncie, Indiana Morning Stars "Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Blackburn of Decatur, Ill. are visiting fiends in Muncie this week."

What do the politicians say about it? Asserting that the size of American exports is much too great. Senator Robert Taft (R-Ohio) suggested that high food prices could be remedied if people would "eat less extravagantly." He added that exports can't go on at the "rate of \$15 billion dollars a year without having an effect on prices."

Rep. Sabath (D-Ill) countered that only the poor people, who are unable to pay high food prices, must cut their eating—not Senator Taft "and his wealthy friends."

Instead, Sabath proposed government anti-trust investigations be broadened to include five groups which he charged are "responsible for the ever-increasing high cost of living."

In a letter to Attorney General Clark, the 51-year-old dean of the house listed the five as meat packing, dairy, produce exchanges, "fertilizer trust," and "the few men who manipulate the board of trade."

He added that it also would be "well to give some attention to the textile and wearing apparel manufacturing industries." No doubt he was thinking here of the wild new styles for women. As Sabath made public his letter in Washington, a joint congressional subcommittee was preparing to open an investigation of food prices in the first of a series of public hearings at Providence, R. I.

Where it will all end, we don't know. We dreamed last night that we ate a snack lunch at the North Gate, paying 50 cents for a hamburger and a quarter for a coke, and topped it off with doughnuts, two for a quarter. Not so fantastic at that, after some of the prices our correspondent ran into on his vacation trip.



As Mackenzie Sees It....

Future of Italy 'Hangs In Balance' After Peace Treaty

By DeWitt Mackenzie
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

As the signs read the battle is about to be joined between the eastern bloc (headed by Russia) and the western bloc (led by America) to determine whether Italy shall become another satellite of the Soviet Union or whether she shall be an independent Democracy.

It's an ironic circumstance that this fresh tribulation should descend on the beaten and distraught Romans just as the signing of the peace treaty by the Allies formally signalled the end of World War II for Italy.

Stripped of much money and territory, and what hurts worst, of her position as a great power, her government now is facing a fight for its life with a powerful Communist party.

The Allies signed treaties with four other nations besides Italy—Finland, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. All except Italy already are within the Russian zone of influence. That circumstance isn't a happy omen for Italy. It means that the forthcoming fight between Communism and the anti-Communist forces is going to be a tough one.

With the hope of forcing the issue in Italy before the Marshall plan can become effective, the

Communists are adopting drastic measures. Sunday, on the eve of the formal ratification of the Italian peace treaty, Palmiro Togliatti, Russian Italian Communist leader, made a bitter speech in which he charged America with "seeking eagerly to prepare a new war."

He also criticized President Truman and Pope Pius. A cry of "death to Truman" was voiced by perhaps a dozen of the throng listening to Togliatti.

While this speech was being delivered the country was being torn by labor troubles which Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Christian Democratic Party charges were inspired by leftists. Italian harvests were threatened by a strike of 1,000,000 farm laborers. Leaders of 800,000 metal workers announced that they would begin a 48 hour strike today.

It is worthy of note that the United States and Britain must withdraw their occupation troops from Italy within ninety days of the signing of the peace treaty, thus leaving the government to look after itself.

Bigger Year for Clubs Seen; Elms Announces Meeting Dates

By Duke Hobbs

Club activities will increase on the campus in 1947-48, even more so than during the boom year completed in June when A. & M. supported 105 active clubs.

To avoid conflict between home town clubs and technical societies, Grady Elms, club advisor of the Student Activities Office, has arranged a schedule of club meeting dates. Also, Elms outlined rules and regulations regarding club organization.

Each club is required to have an approved constitution on file in the Student Activities Office, together with the names and college addresses of all club officers. Accompanying this information should be the dates, hour, and meeting place of each organization. Those who have not secured a meeting place or have failed to set the date for their proposed meetings should contact Elms at the Student Activities Office, Room 208, Goodwin Hall.

A club aid program will be operated to assist organizations in certain features of activities. Clubs may request funds to send representatives to national conventions, to bring guest speakers to the campus, and similar activities. With each application for such funds, a budget of proposed expenditures and income for the entire school year must be submitted. Forms for this application may be obtained at the Student Activities Office. Only dues-paying societies are eligible for this embursement. All club funds must be deposited with the Student Activities Office, and each organization will be supplied with a monthly financial statement of its account.

The schedule of meeting days is given below; however, Elms pointed out that those clubs which have been assigned meeting dates unsatisfactory to them may have the date changed by addressing such a request to the Student Activities Office.

MONDAY
Y.M.C.A. Cabaret
Y.M.C.A. Club
Economics Club (1st and 3rd)
Entomology Club (2nd and 4th)
TUESDAY (1st and 3rd)
A.S.C.A.
A.S.C.E.
A.S.M.E.
A.L.M.E.
A.I.E.E.
A.I.C.R.
A.I.C.R.
Society of Aeronautical Science
Student Branch Automotive Eng. Society of American Military Eng. Club
Fishing and Game Club
Agricultural Engineering Society
Horticulture Society
Korean and New Club
Landscape Arts Club

Letters

LITTLE AGGIELAND

Dear Editor:

We read with great interest and disgust your recent article on the naming of the former Bryan Air Field (Little Aggieldand). We regret that we were not on hand in time to enter the contest. However we would like to make a belated and, we think, appropriate suggestion: Mr. Gilchrist's School for BOYS.

Thank you,
6 Signatures
Names withheld by request

ARMED GUARD

In a recent bull session the topic of the armed guard at the gate to the Bryan Field Annex arose, and many theories were advanced as to why we need to have gun-toting guards at this institution.

The majority believed that this gunman was employed to protect our freshman class from the brutal, manual, and sadistic tortures which, according to the Dallas Morning News, the Board of Directors, the Administration, and many other graduates of Texas University, have degraded and endangered the morale and physical existence of past freshman classes.

But a minority held that this wasn't it at all. The guard wasn't to keep beastial upperclassmen OUT, but rather he is to keep the freshmen IN. They contend that if the fish were allowed out, they may discover that it's not true that freshmen in all colleges live in taxpayer shacks sans plumbing, but in some schools freshmen are treated just like people and are allowed to live in dormitories equipped with real honest-to-Gawd indoor toilets. And if the fish were allowed to become thus informed, they may peek their bags and go elsewhere.

One ex-GI suggested that in view of the fact that freshmen no longer wear fish stripes, they might have PW written on their backs in large white letters in order that they may feel more in style while being herded about by their pistol-packing guards.

The one thing that every one did agree on is that "our" administration will go to any lengths to destroy the Aggie way of life, the hood and bad of which they sum up in the one ugly way of "hazing." And if employment of gunmen fails to halt all that which we of this and past classes have gained by being Aggies, then maybe next year cell blocks will be tried.

Sincerely,
H. CHELF, '46

Team Managers, Athletic Officers To Meet Tomorrow

All athletic officers and vet team managers from military units, veterans' dormitories, trailer camps, project houses, vet village, and College View Apartments will meet in Room 301, Goodwin Hall Thursday at 5 p. m. to get started on this year's intramural program.

According to Director of Student Activities, C. G. "Spike" White, big plans are in store this year for intramural activities. Fewer sports will be played this semester with the idea in mind of added concentration on the various sports, such as flag football, team tennis, and basketball, which will be played.

A. V. M. A. Jr. Chapter
Accounting Society
Industrial Education Club
Geology Club
WEDNESDAY
Religious Groups
Junior Y. M. C. A. Council
Senior Y. M. C. A. Council
THURSDAY
All Home-Town Clubs
Latin-American Club
FRIDAY
Scholarship Honor Society
Hillel Club

BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS...

This Changing World And YOU—'Science Digest'

By Mrs. Wilhona Arnold
Reader's Adviser

THE SCIENCE DIGEST READER. Windsor Press, 1947.

Are you merely an idle bystander in the great drama of science remaking our world? Obviously you can't read all the thousands of volumes of scholarly books and magazine articles pouring from scientific pens, but here is a book on science that brings you into the thick of the plot. This little book tells what this changing world means TO YOU.

The editors of Science Digest, upon the occasion of the tenth birthday of that distinguished publication, have brought together, the cream of the articles published during those eventful years. The result, you will find, is one of the most absorbing and informative books to be published in years. You will find the latest word from outstanding authorities in every field of scientific endeavor, covering such diverse subjects as medicine, the weather, animals, speech, crime, astronomy, and dozens of others.

THE REPUBLIC OF SILENCE. Liebling, A. J. editor. Harcourt, New York, 1947.

What makes one man submit to oppression, and another rebel? At what point does the quiet, law-abiding citizen get up and take law into his own hands? How extreme must the provocation be before men begin to whisper revolt? This is the day by day story of the French Resistance movement. It is the raw stuff of history culled from the underground press which, under the occupation, perpetually waged a war of ideas against the conqueror.

Written by men in constant danger of arrest and torture at the hands of the Gestapo, these selections create an unforgettable picture of France during the war years. Some of the writers represented here—Louis Aragon and Francois Mauriac, for instance—were well known before 1939; others, such as Verneer and Vladimir Pozner, established their reputations during the occupation; many were anonymous patriots who refused to be stifled and spoke out, urging their countrymen to reav-

er from the initial shock of defeat and turn against the oppressor.
A. J. Liebling, the brilliant war reporter whose unrivaled knowledge of France helped to make his Paris Letter one of the outstanding features of THE NEW YORKER, selected and edited this material, which is drawn from the entire field of Resistance literature. His commentary alone makes the publication of THE REPUBLIC OF SILENCE a noteworthy event. Some of the stories, at least, are deserving of a lasting place in the history of patriotic literature.

What's Cooking

WEDNESDAY

6 p.m.—Senior Class Meeting, Assembly Hall.
7:15 p.m.—Hillel Club Meeting, YMCA.

THURSDAY

4:30 p.m.—Commentator staff meeting, Room 208, Goodwin Hall.
5 p.m.—Athletic officers, veteran team managers, Room 301, Goodwin Hall.

7 p.m.—College Night.

7:30 p.m.—Veteran wives meeting, YMCA chapel.

7:30 p.m.—Agriculturist staff meeting, Room 207, Goodwin Hall.

FRIDAY

7 p.m.—Battalion staff meeting, Room 201, Goodwin Hall.

SATURDAY

Football game, A&M versus Southwestern University.

9-12—All-College Dance at The Grove.

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