

Battalion EDITORIALS

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'Confetti' Is Running Low ...

Aggrieland may soon be without "Aggie confetti" unless yell-practice habits are changed. Without confetti for any purpose, that is.

Six months ago the B&CU department ordered 700 cases. Only 180 cases have been received, and those were procured only after many long distance calls and pleas of emergency. No one knows when more will be received.

Painting-Party Headaches ...

Inter-collegiate warfare has broken out again in the Southwest Conference, but this time it is between Baylor and Texas University, who meet in football this Saturday. Baylor University's colors, green and yellow, decorated University of Texas Buildings yesterday and Texas Dean of Men Charles V. Dunham reported that one of the painters who did the midnight smear job had been identified as a Baylor student, according to Associated Press.

excitement. And we certainly think there is enough bad feeling in the world, without stirring up more. Students over at East Texas State College are becoming dubious of the value of their past painting-parties to North Texas State at Denton. The East Texan remarks editorially: "Probably what is said here will have little or no effect on these evil spreaders who will continue to make their annual North Texas tour."

More 'Color' in the Stands ...

Throughout the history of A. & M., its students have shown remarkable school spirit. Their enthusiastic and loyal support of Aggie athletic teams has won them the title of "the fighting Texas Aggies". Today, Aggies still exhibit the characteristics in their performance as one of the largest and best coordinated cheering sections in the nation. Numerous yells and songs serve to convey this tumultuous display of school spirit.

is sung in "The Aggie War Hymn". Both of these exhibitions are very colorful but are of necessity limited. The use of additional yells combining sound and motion would add tremendously to the effectiveness of the "Twelfth Man". Many students commented on the white glove display made by an LSU group in Baton Rouge during the Aggie-LSU game. Novelty yells from various schools on the west coast have merited articles in national weekly magazines.



On The Screen ...

Crime and Prisoners Shown In the Raw - 'Kiss of Death'

THE KISS OF DEATH (Palace, WTS) is an absorbing mystery-drama from the 20th Century-Fox lot. Starring Victor Mature and Brian Donlevy, the picture has as a leading lady Coleen Gray, a newcomer who will be seen often in succeeding pictures. The audience will be divided in its reactions to THE KISS DEPENDS on their individual tastes. Those who lean toward a screen diet of gore, suspense, and sensationalism will find much to their liking. For the romantic and sissy ones there are moments to stir the emotions. Those who tend to be too discriminating or analytical will be disappointed, however, since the story is very loosely woven.

Downward Makes Industrial Survey

Professor Virgil M. Faires, head of the management engineering department, today announced the employment of R. A. Downward to take charge of an industrial survey of Texas. The survey, authorized by the last legislature, will include a study of Texas resources. According to Faires, the survey will also be concerned with aiding industry and industrialization in Texas.

THE LONG NIGHT (Campus, FS)

THE LONG NIGHT (Campus, FS) presents something a little unusual in the way of pictures. The moods and background characterizations resemble a "surrealist" atmosphere uncommon in movies. The excessive use of flashbacks (extremes, such as flashbacks in flashbacks) makes the plot very difficult to follow. It's noisy, it's hysterical, it's dizzy... all in a super-duper style of Director Anatole Litvak.

QUEEN TODAY

Headline in Rochester (N.Y.) Times-Union: "Gift of Bed Gives Family Fresh Start After Home Fire."

A hot weather note from social columns of the Butler (Pa.) Eagle: "The bride asked her cousin Pauline Muff to be her maid of honor, and carried a gown of pale pink satin and net with matching headband."

Advertisement for 'BLACK GOLD' featuring a man in a suit and the text 'THEY MAKE YOUR HEART RACE WITH THRILLS!' and 'ANTHONY QUINN'.

Letters

HAPPY LIVING Editor, The Battalion: A recent editorial in the Battalion urged the rounding out of engineers through the study of the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences. The enlightened editorial writer pointed out that we've got to do it, or we will most certainly fall down on our task of becoming educated men.

Correct! And some interesting and significant items arise in connection with certain of these scientific studies. For example—we learn in wildlife management that one can exterminate the quail from a central Texas farm or ranch without firing a shot—by simply grazing out all the food and cover the wretched birds must have to live.

In this the quail and the human being are very much alike. If we let our good soil wash into the Gulf, if we permit our grazing ranges, now so persons overgrazed, to continue in this condition and maybe to get worse, if we allow our east Texas forests to burn up, if we pour our city sewage and our industrial wastes into the great rivers that cross Texas, we ultimately can and will eliminate ourselves and our children and their children from one of the fairest of all our American states from sheer lack of the fundamentals of subsistence.

Nevertheless every man in the Texas A&M student body, whatever his major, should insist on familiarizing himself with at least some of the phases of the battle to keep enough of the good earth and its products to permit him and his family and his children to live healthily and happy lives.

REPLY TO MATULA

After reading Andy Matula's and story in The Batt, I'm tempted to invite him up to my room for a little indoctrination in the ways of an Aggie. When and if any of the fair-haired pen staff boys of The Batt think they can play better football than the team, they can be suited up quickly.

Three out of five World War II veterans are under 30 years of age, according to a new Veterans Administration tabulation.

Marshall Plan Outlined As Aid to News Readers

WASHINGTON, (AP)—You'd better start reading about the Marshall plan, if you haven't done so already. Whatever this country does about it will affect you in one way or another, no matter who you are.

Briefly the Marshall Plan means giving a lot of help to Europe for the next four or five years. Your newspaper will be full of talk and arguments, about it for weeks to come.

Here are just two examples of how what is done, or is not done, will touch your life: 1. Many congressmen want to cut your income tax in 1948. But can this country cut taxes if we have to dish out billions of dollars for Europe under the Marshall Plan?

So, whatever tax cut you get, or don't get, next year will in some way depend upon what we do with the Marshall Plan.

2. If we don't help Europe with goods and money, more countries there may turn to Communism out of desperation. A Communist-controlled Europe might shut off, or cut to a dribble, trade with this country.

In time such a big cut in our foreign trade would close down factories here. That would mean unemployment. If unemployment spreads, the whole country will be affected.

Here is a short outline of what the Marshall Plan means: Last June 5 Secretary of State Marshall told the European countries, if they want any help from us, they must do this:

Advertisement for 'PALACE Theatre' featuring 'KISS OF DEATH' with stars VICTOR MATURE, BRIAN DONLEVY, and COLEEN GRAY.

Advertisement for 'TEXAS A & M TOWN HALL Presents CHRISTOPHER LYNCH'.

Advertisement for 'TENOR IN CONCERT Monday, November 10 8 P. M.'.

Advertisement for 'GUION HALL General Admission \$1.00'.

Advertisement for 'FOR THOSE WHO DEMAND THE BEST... College Shoe Repair North Gate'.

Advertisement for 'CAMPUS Opens 1:00 p.m. 4-1181 TODAY - THURSDAY'.

Advertisement for 'LES MISERABLES' by Victor Hugo, featuring Fredric March and Charles Laughton.

Advertisement for 'Guion Hall' featuring 'PARAMOUNT NEWS COVERS DRAMATIC SEA RESCUE OF BERMUDA SKY QUEEN'.

Advertisement for 'CYNTHIA' featuring 'LEARN ABOUT LIFE FROM CYNTHIA!' and 'I fell in love with Cynthia'.

Advertisement for 'JAMES CAGNEY' featuring 'NEVER SO FIGHTING MAD OR FRIGHTENED' and 'BLUE MADELEINE'.

Advertisement for 'The Battalion' newspaper, including contact information and subscription rates.