Battalion EDITORIALS

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Successes of 1947...

In its first issue of 1947, The Battalion published a ten-point platform, "In 1947, Let Us...," Checking the record of the year, we find that eight of the ten goals have been accomplished

The Bart does not claim credit for putting this program through. We can only call situations to the attention of people, who may get "steamed up" and do something to solve the problems indicated. So our thanks go to those who have done so much in 1947.

Here are the points of the '47 platform, with a summary of what has been done during the year:

Publish a Daily Battalion . . .

At the beginning of 1947, The Batt was coming out twice a week, and daily publication was only a dream. During the spring semester, publication was finally stepped up to the pre-war, three-a-week, schedule.

Then things began to break. The A. & M. Press moved to Goodwin Hall, and The Batt office got ready to-follow. A fast automatic press was found, purchased, and installed in the basement of Goodwin. Truckloads of precious roll-paper began to arrive. An Associated Press leased-wire teletype was installed and began clacking.

As Aggies struggled back to the campus after the Labor-Day vacation, they found a daily Battalion in their hall boxes. After fifty-four years The Batt, which began as a monthly, had finally achieved daily status.

Develop Student Discussion Groups...

To create an interest in social and economic problems, both international and national, two new groups were formed to fill the "cultural lag" at A.&M.

The International Relations Club had its beginning last spring when H. H. Caldwell of the geography department and Dr. S. R. Gammon, head of the history department, com- and just stay in Aggieland). bined their efforts to form this group. Since then it has considered and discussed many of the vital world problems confronting our nation and world today.

Following an editorial in last summer's Battalion, in which a "Great Issues" course that there is nothing like it. There way cost only 75¢ (that's not "per ment is making time-and-motion studies of farm similar to that at Dartmouth College was asked for here, the school made immediate plans are nearly 4000 co-eds here all to institute such a course in the curricula. A two-hour course will start next semester, and present arrangements call for several outstanding men in the field of journalism, politics, and economics to lecture on the campus,

In addition, campus clubs and societies have obtained more outside speakers than pre- blocks from the University, there viously.

Air-Condition These Buildings . .

Air-conditioning Guion Hall and Cushing Memorial Library is Resolution No. 1 unaccomplished.

Only an excellent job of pigeon-holing the request has held up action on making Guion and the library cooler places in which to see a movie and study.

If and when the request comes out of hiding, we look forward to a cooler summer





Letters to the Editor :

"NO GREENER PASTURES" was still digging tunnels in the Dear Editor:

sand when this guy took over. When all you gripers hit the

A thousand orchids to Blake Al road, I would suggest that if you lison for telling the chronic gripers at A&M to "hit the road." And, brother, take it from me, an Aggie who did hit the road, the college has one (1) permanent grass is not so green on the other boys' dormitory. You see, not all side. I went to A&M for two years, schools furnish a fellow a room and then this fall I transferred like a certain college does not a because the courses I wanted were million miles from here.

not offered at A&M. (I'm sorry If you're a good cook, you had now that I didn't change my major better dust off that old mess kit. Cuts down on expenses, you know. I am going to a state universi-And if you're lucky, you can find ty now (not T. u., thank you), and, a regular eating place that serves clusive of Sunday's and holidays, compared to 41.2 all you gripers, I want you to know. boardinghouse style. Meals this day" either, Mr. Discontented).

running loose. Sounds good, doesn't Incidentally, how much is board costing at A&M this it? But that's not all-not by a long shot. In this same little (less year? than 20.000) town, only a few With a few exceptions, of course,

the boys up here are a mile away are two (2) ALL-GIRL colleges! from the regular fellows that you of the "rah-rah" type who would

women. The courses offered here are a lead-pipe cinch. Nothing hard like the ones where you are. Of like suits with stripes, bow ties course, one doesn't learn much with dots, and letters with check. at this school, but who cares just You know what I mean. The kind so long as you get that old

sheepskin. Quite a Utoma, don't you think? So, all you gripers, get a ciga-than me and lives in that building," she said, pointing The school puts no limit on out- and come on up. Like I said, there to the apartment house she was picketing, bearing of-state students, so you won't is nothing like it. have any trouble enrolling. The Give the a school where people marry Glotzer. maximum number of hours you can are people. Give me a school where carry up here is 16: you can't over-Oh yes, there are one or two a buddy dies. Give me a school little things I forgot to mention where spirit and tradition are emthat all you gripers should know. bedded in the soul of every stu-Hang on to your hats. dent. Give me Texas A, & M.! Name Withheld by Request This school has about as much spirit as a decayed tooth. There POLITICAL POKER GAME are seniors on the campus who actually don't know even the Editor, The Battalion: NAME of their own school song. In praise of your "Political Pok- of an eight game losing streak-So when you hit the road, all you er Game" editorial in the Monday to TU of course. gripers, you might as well leave Battalión, I say run more like it. How about all of you-I amall those butterflies at College Sta- It leaves only one thing to be de- talking up A&M to the best pros-Results of the surveys have been run in The Battalion. Since the system of stu- tion. During football season not a sired-that it's not the outlook pects you know-it can't hurt anysmall number of students here de- of 45,000,000 other Americans who thing, and who knows, we may liberately miss seeing a game on can do something about putting round up a championship team! the home field, because they "have the situation right. other things to do." It makes me

Husbands Vs. Wives Vs. Divorce Rate

It Isn't Hard to Hold Your Women, Fellas; Just Follow These Simple 'Grooming' Tips

By HAL BOYLE NEW YORK, —(P)—The former court beautifi-cator for Queen Marie of Rumania says the American divorce rate would fall if husbands would learn how to look in a mirror.

"The secret formula is to look in the mirror long enough to learn how to glamorize yourself for your wife," said bushy-haired Donu Edmond.

"You only count what you look like, and if the husband keeps his glamor the wife will no longer think she has the freedom to be sloppy, and they both like each other better.'

Edmond, who operates a glitter belt, "house of beauty" only a ten-karat stone's throw from fifth avenue, believes the average American husband is about as glamorous as a sheep dog with mange. "Really it is him that is the whole mistake, continued the Egyptian-born beautician. "If he would get a hold of himself and become a glamor boy, the marriage it would last longer. The glamor, it must begin before breakfast."

This means, he indicated, that the husband should quit letting his wife see him when he first turns off the alarm clock, yawning and scratching himself. Instead he should go to the bathroom, shave, comb his hair and come back in a fancy dressing gown before arousing the sleeping beauty he is wedded to.

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

"Women like movie actors because of their voices." Edmond went on. "A husband can make the voice glamorous by speaking very slowly. Then his words have thoughts behind them. "Speak distinctly. Don't give the woman the chance to say "what did you say, dear?" She will have lost the interest, and you will be annoyed." "Most men go to the barber and say, 'gimme the works." That means the barber always decided how they look. If the barber is a glamorous man himself, you're hokay. But how many barbers are glamorous?

"Don't let the hair grow from the nose, trim Trim the evebrows too.

"Pay attention to the mustache. A tall mar should wear a French mustache. A writer or a serious man should wea ra heavier mustache-a La Clemenchez. Never wear a waxed, turned up mustache—it is like the cheap villain. "Any man should wear a beard who can wear

"Any man should wear a beard who can wear one. But every profession can't wear a beard—it is no good on the soda jerk. But a doctor, a dentist, an independent business man—yes, hokay. "Don't let any woman tell you she won't like you with a beard. It gives you a he man look—if it.

is a nice clean beard. A man who can wear a beard adds ten per cent to his glamor."

Plight of Agricultural Workers Improving have an old surplus army tent, you bring it along Finding a place to live might be a slight problem. The

Ag students please note.

The industrial worker, organized in labor unions, may be working increasingly short hours, the New

Jersey Department of Agriculture said recently, but the farmer's work is never done. Despite advances in the efficiency of term machinery, the department's report said, the average work week for a farm operator in September was 69 hours, exhours for the average factory worker. The departwork to reduce the time spent on various chores.

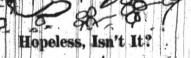
SOMETHING NEW

A person without a can opener has proved that lack of such equipment can cause no end of trouble. Leo Hill, Cleveland, Ohio, was arrested as he

entered the basement door of a Kansas City apart. Why, man, the place is lousy with meet at A&M. Most of them are ment house. He was held for questioning. Police said Hill was carrying a can of beans not feel out of place in a racoon in his hands and told authorities he was driven to coat and black derby hat. They

desperation in a search for a can opener or something with which to open the container.

Mrs. Hilda Garold, a 46-year old Chicago widow who join a fraternity so they won't said she was determined to get "the man I love"



in 1948.

Add Students to Athletic Council . . .

At the March 7 meeting of the board of directors a new policy regarding the numbei of student members on the Athletic Council was adopted. Before this new rule work. was written into the books only one student was on the council. The adoption changed -the number to two.

Two senior students are now elected each year by the senior class for the Athletic Council posts. One represents the corps of cadets, the other the veterans.

Close Unsanitary Eating Places . . .

A step toward cleaning up eating establishments in the College Station area was taken last vear when the Veteran Student Association Mess Committee joined with the - Brazos County Health Unit in monthly inspections.

dent government underwent a change, the Student Senate Mess Committee continues the monthly inspections.

All cafes and drug stores failing to score 70 points on the inspections are closed until sanitary measures are taken.

Enlarge Library's Fiction Section . .

To meet the need for more fiction and non-technical books in Cushing Memorial library, \$14,000 of this past year's Exchange Store profits were allotted to the library to The spent in buying more books.

Also a committee of students and faculty members was appointed by the Student "Life Committee to assist and advise in the selection and purchase of these new books This committee will begin work following the Christmas holidays.

-Organize a Debating Society . . .

October the committee on discussion and debate, composed of three English professors, Narl E. Elmquist, N. A. Huggett, and Emil Hubka, was formed to promote in-"terest in forensie work

At present the Discussion and Debate Club divides its work into three phases: intercollegiste, intramural, and club operations. The former requires funds for sending -students to tournaments throughout the southwest; for that reason, it is hoped that an independent agency, operated somewhat like the Singing Cadets, will eventually take over the functions of intercollegiate debating.

Intrainural debaters are looking forward to an elimination tournament early next spring, while the club itself will feature panel discussions of questions of local, state, and national interest There is also a group at Bryan Field.

Show First-Run Movies at Guion . . .

Number 2 unfulfilled resolution was that by the end of 1947 first run movies would be shown at Guion Hall.

Such an accomplishment has not been brought about, but through no fault of theatre manager Tom Piddy, who says that a competitive buying system has been established with Metro-Goldwyn Mayer for all their first-run movies. Under this system each individual theatre submits a bid for each of the movies and the dne having the highest bid is allowed to show the movie first.

Puddy has made a bid on "Song of Love" co-starring Paul Heinred and Katherine Hepburn. The successful biddler for this area will be notified by next week.

Improve North Gate Entrance . . .

No one entering the campus by the North Gate today would suspect that a year ago an ugly traffic-trap existed there. Last year, traffic snarls and hold-ups were common, especially at 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., when it was almost impossible for cars to get in or out by that gateway.

Today traffic moves smoothly, even after football games. The new divided-lane entrance was completed in time to be opened briefly at all home games, and was opened per--manently on Turkey Day. Post Office traffic has its own read, and there is plenty of parking space.

What is more, the new North Gate looks good. Though less dramatic than East or West Gates, with their long approaches, it makes an inviting picture. especially with the low hedges just planted on the West side. We are proud to drive friends through it.

Ever hear of an Aggie miss- we need, as a nation, although it sing a game on Kyle Field?

sounds a little flippant and doesn't And when you come up here, all go far enough. you gripers, you will just have to The rest of your editorial is like get used to the fact that the only the spirit of our times-the need boy you will meet for the first six is recognized but the corrective Editor, The Battalion:

months will be your roommate; And action is lacking. It reminds me of you mustn't speak to anyone on the story the English prof made nion set forth in the letter, "Tale campus. Oh ho, that just isn't done, us all read-King Canute ordering of a Shirt-IV". Another thing. I have been go- the ocean given 300 lashes because

ing to this state university for it didn't obey his command. Like who would like to receive ALL three months now, and I have not King Canute, we can throw our their laundry back and in as good seen one single senior who was voices at Washington but Washingwearing a ring. I will go even one ton, like the sea, goes its own ways obeying the laws of politics. step further than that. I have not Why wait until the November seen one single senior who even knows what the school ring looks elections? There's a Recall and Referendum in this country of ours like. It's disgusting.

Ever see an Aggie senior who wasn't wearing a ring?

By the way, I forgot to mention that along with those 4000 co-eds vote then! are enrolled more than 9000 boys, and, also, the majority of the girls at the other two colleges are either damn Yankees who think that the North won the Civil War or else they are Southern belles whose "blue-blood" runs icy in the pres-

ence of the "ordinary college peas- the ex-Aggies have given Homer ant." So, you see, the pieture is Norton a nice present of \$20,000-

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an oil cloth sign which announced her intention to

She said she met Glotzer four years ago when people shake hunds and say howdy, he was teaching folk dancing at the Chelsea folk where Silver Taps is played when dance group, and that they became engaged by

> and the exes to round up some excellent material for the future seasons. All of us are going home for two weeks and all of us know many boys on our home town team who would help A. & M. come out

Come on, let's work together-Your last paragraph there is just for A&M.

getting a little closer to the thing Sincerely TOM WESTBROOK III

> * TALE OF A SHIRT-V

We fully agree with the condi-

We, too, are among the many condition as it was sent. It has reached the point where a laundry Texarkana as "effete Easteners". It is farther from El Paso to Texpackage rarely ever returns unless the contents are damaged in some arkana than it is from Chicago way New York; and Texarkana is close

to Milwaukee by airline than it is El Paso. (Try this on your Raad Also, besides damaged laundry, there is the problem of misplaced clothing. On inquiring, we find McNally.) The United States with the laundry is not responsible for Texas left out would look like three-legged Boston terrier.

The chief occupation of the peo-All we desire is for the laundry to clean our clothes and return ple of Texas is to try to keep from them in good condition without making all the money in the world. damage and minus losses. At that, the wealth of Texas in-Sincerely.

4 Signatures (NAMES WITHHELD) "mutual agreement."

"But now, he's out when I call," she complained won't talk to me when I see him. He thinks it's all over. But I'm going to picket him until I get results. If I don't get them here, I'll picket his place of business. I don't know where it is yet, but I'll find out."



(Editor's Note: Maybe you've read before the article which follows; but because it's humorous and entertaining, it's worth our repeating and your re-reading. We suggest you clip this article to spring on some Yankee friend!)

Texas occupies all of the continent of North America except a small part set aside for the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Texas owns the north half of the Rio Grande, which used to have one wet bank and one dry, but now has both "wet".

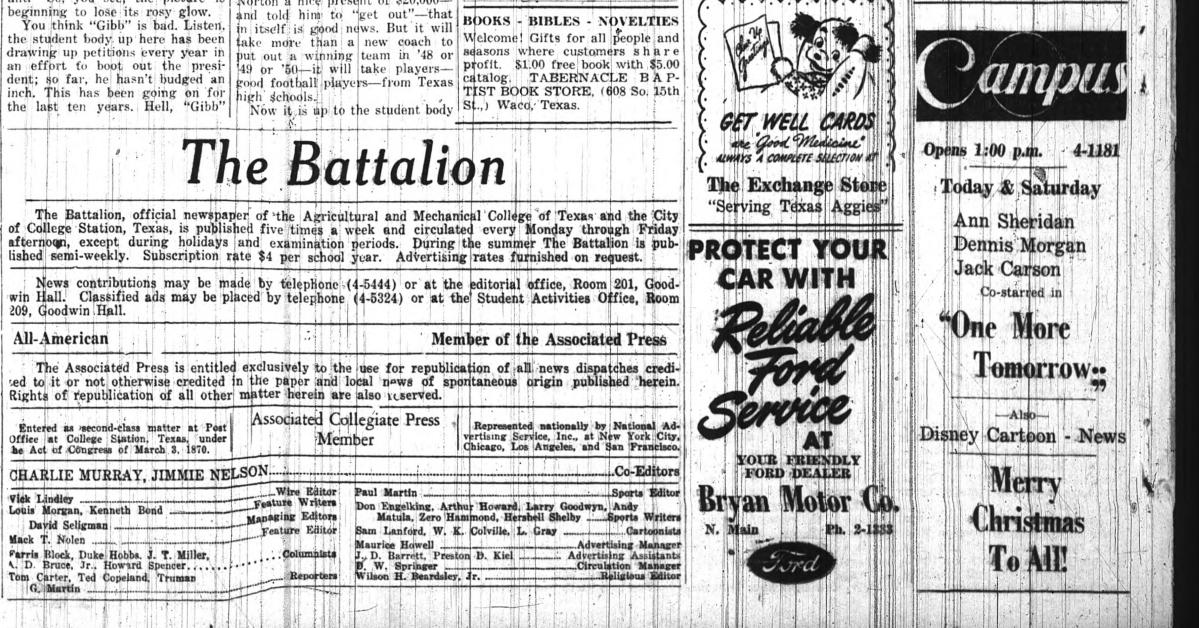
Texas is bounded on the north by 25 or 30 states; on the east by all of the oceans except the Parifie; on the south by the Gulf of Mexico

and South America; and on the west by the Pacific Ocean and the rest of the world. Underneath Tex-as they have at this writing been down, out in Upton County, only 12,500 feet or so for oil; and up in the origin the south by the Guil of Mexico Valley, Texans have done even bet-ter. The wealth there increased 2,000% from 1939 to 1945. At one time Texas was so wild that not even the law of gravitation was even the law of gravitation was the air Texas has at Guada une Peak, 9,500 feet above sea level. obeyed, and the chief pursuit of the Texans was Indians, but now the highest hill in the United Stait is crop records and production. tes east of the Rockies.

natural gas, citrus fruits, and in Brownsville call the Dallas peo- large industries. It is so healthful ple Yankees, and the citizens of in Texas that out in Eastland a El Paso speak of the residents of horned frog lived for years once, sealed in a cornerstone without food, air, or water.

Texans are so proud of the Lone Star State that they cannot sleep at night without dreaming about their State. If a Texan's head should be opened, the map of Texas would be found engraved on his brain.

The word "Texas" is of Indian origin and means "Friends", and the Texas people are that way yet unless you take a slam at their At that, the weath of 1900 and at least 18 miles from your front creased 539% between 1900 and at least 18 miles from your front 1927. In the Lower Rio Grande door, you do not belong to society State. If your front gate is not as constituted in Texas.

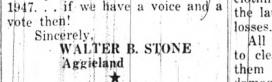


Sincerely WALTER B. STONE Aggieland TALK IT UP! Editor. The Battalion:

and 10 years from now is no time

to stop and wish we'd used it in

Right here at Christmas time,



Balance Our Athletic Program . .

We think that definite steps have been taken to assure a more balanced athletic program in the future. A full-time athletic director has been hired whose duty it is to coordi-. nate and supervise the appletic programs.

This represents an improvement over the old set-up in which the football coach also held the title of athletic director.

Additional scholarships have been provided for sports other than football, Already the balanced program seems to be bearing fruit, as basketball, baseball, and track team prospects look brighter for 1948.