

GANDHI ENDS FAST AFTER
PEACE IS PROMISED

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 19 (AP)—Mohanandas K. Gandhi's hope of harmony in India lay today in the solemn pledge by religious leaders which ended his peace fast after 121 hours and 45 minutes.

The Indian patriot and Hindu spiritual leader drank sweet lime juice at 12:45 p. m. yesterday. Last night, five hours after breaking his fast, the 78-year-old Gandhi told a big prayer meeting he did so on the "pledge and counsel" of friends from Hindu-led India and Moslem-led Pakistan.

They guaranteed, he said, complete, unbroken friendship among Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs.

DUTCH-INDONESIAN
WAR ENDED

BATAVIA, Java, Jan. 19 (AP)—The Dutch and the Indonesian republic signed a truce Saturday in the warfare that broke out last summer in Java, Sumatra and Madura.

STASSEN SPEAKS TODAY
AT TEXAS TECH

LUBBOCK, Tex., Jan. 19 (AP)—Harold Stassen brings his campaign for the Republican nomination for president here today and is to make two speeches before appearing in Amarillo tonight.

HOUSTON, DALLAS, FT WORTH
LEAD IN ALCOHOLICS

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 19 (AP)—Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth have averaged more than 1,000 alcoholics per 100,000 persons compared to a state average of 450 per 100,000, Dr. E. M. Jellinek disclosed here.

The Yale University authority on alcoholism has been here the past week holding conferences on plans for a proposed Southwestern Yale institute on alcoholism.

FREEDOM TRAIN GETS
COLD TEXAS WELCOME

TEXARKANA, Tex., Jan. 19 (AP)—The Freedom Train made its first visit to Texas yesterday and an estimated 8,000 persons braved sub-freezing weather to see the exhibits.

TAFT SUGGESTS NEW
CABINET OFFICER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—A suggestion by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) that Congress create a Marshall plan cabinet post provided a new twist today to the argument over who should run the multi-billion dollar European recovery program.

"AID TO EUROPE" DOES NOT
MEAN ACQUIRING BASES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall declared Saturday that the proposed European recovery program would not provide for nor contemplate the acquisition of military bases for the United States in return for economic assistance to the European countries.

VA CALLS ON AMA TO
UNCOVER "CHISELERS"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—The Veterans Administration called on the American Medical Association to ferret out and punish any doctors who have been "chiseling" to make extra money out of treating war veterans.

ASK EXTENSION OF RENT
CONTROL FOR TWO YEARS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Housing expediter T. H. E. Woods Saturday asked Congress for a two-year extension of rent controls after Secretary of Commerce Harman testified any relaxation of the law will "directly raise the cost of living and add to the pressure of wage demands."

BREM WILL DECIDE
DEM-COMMUNISM FIGHT

MUNICH, GERMANY, Jan. 19 (AP)—Kurt Schumacher, leader of Germany's Social Democratic party, said bluntly Saturday night that the fight between Democracy and Communism in central Europe would be decided by bread.

"VOICE OF AMERICA" ON
AIR GETS SENATE NOD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—A permanent "Voice of America" program to counter world-wide Communist propaganda against the United States carried the unanimous approval of the Senate.

WEATHER

East Texas: Cloudy, occasional rain except snow in extreme north portion, colder in northwest portion this afternoon and tonight. Tuesday cloudy, occasional rain in east portion except snow in northeast to east winds in the coast.

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Brazos Aggies Fete Fall Athletic Teams

Trophies Awarded Hollmig, Winkler, Gary, and Welch

"We're going forward from here—not looking backward." With those words from D. W. Williams as a keynote, campus Aggies and Brazos exes feted the 1947 football and cross-country teams last Friday night in Sbsa Hall. Williams, chairman of the athletic council, presented trophies to lettermen on those teams.

Stan (Hondo) Hollmig, back and punter, was named as most valuable player of the football season and received the Lipscomb-Colson award from W. N. (Flop) Colson, co-donor. The co-captain awards, also presented by S. L. (Doc) Lipscomb and Colson, went to Barney Welch and Bob Gary.

The Bert Pfaff award for best blocker went to Jim Winkler, guard, and was presented by the new head football coach, Harry Steitler. Gold footballs were given to senior players by the Senior Class, with Elmo Livingston, president of the class, making the presentations.

Two players who were prevented from lettering by early-season injuries—James Cashion and Bob Goff—were praised by Williams.

Frank S. Carothers, Houston businessman and humorist, chief speaker of the evening, gave a "ribbing" to prominent football players and Brazos College exes. Herschel Burgess, College Station real estate man and one-time Aggie full-back, was master of ceremonies.

E. L. (Statch) Elkins was chairman of the committee of exes which arranged the banquet.

Homer Norton, retiring head football coach, telegraphed from Florida, "Good luck to all."

Twenty-eight players and three cross country runners also received "Ts."

Football lettermen were Jennings Anderson, John Ballentine, Buryl Baty, Jesse Burgess, Ralph Daniel, Bob Dew, Calvin Dupree, Ed Dusek, Herbert Ellis, Bob Gary, Bob Goode, Max Greiner, Nor-ton Higgins, Stan Hollmig, Cotton Howell, Red Overly, Oscar Pollock, Earl Prokop, Joe Sacra, Marion Stattenag, Preston Smith, Odell Stautzenberger, Bob Tullie, Herbert Turley, Barney Welch, Jim Winkler, Wray Whittaker, and Charles Wright. Managers receiving the awards were Bob Buntin, Warren Gilbert, and Herschel Maultz.

Cross country lettermen were J. E. Bonnen, Carroll Hahn, and J. D. Hampton.

Another experiment in the handling of freshmen is being tried at the annex. This improvement was in the experimental stage at the annex last year, Heaton said. Since the difficulties encountered in announcing buildings and rooms with the official class schedule have been eliminated at the annex, this improvement will now be practiced on the main campus for the convenience of students.

Another experiment now being carried on at the annex is an attempt to eliminate conflicting final examinations. Although a definite cure has not yet been found for this difficulty, Registration Office personnel are continuously making every effort to improve registration facilities wherever possible. Heaton concluded.

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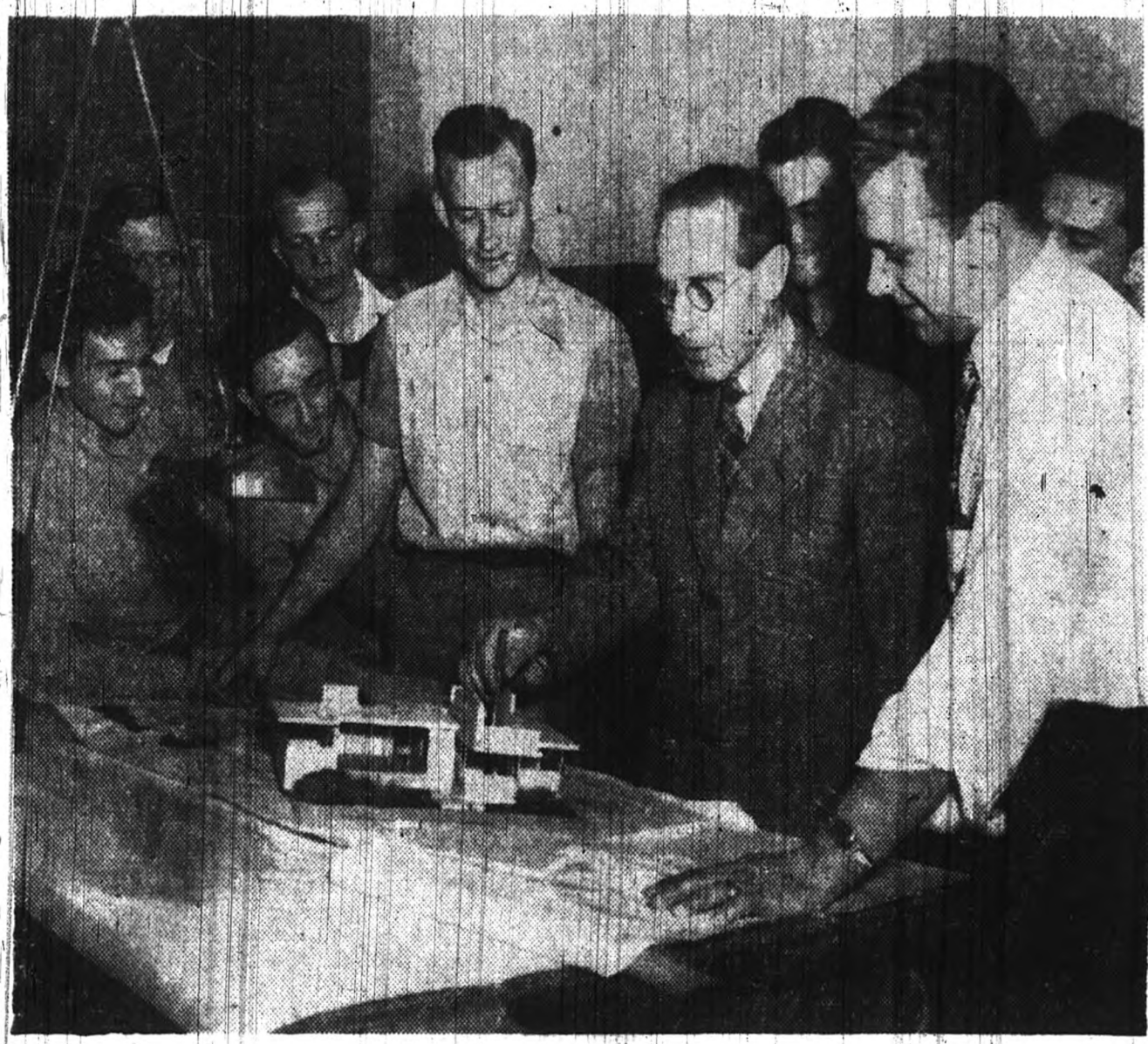
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ARCHITECT students gather around LARS MARNUS, Danish lecturer-architect who visited the campus last week. Left to right, JIMMIE DEMOPULOS, PIERRE PONT, HARRELL A. D. SAKELLARIOU, LOUIE B. GOHMERT, JACK HARRINGTON, MARNUS, JOHN DE HAAS, JOE HANS, and JOE BILL PIERCE.

What Do You Think Of . . . ?

Students Favor Elimination Of Small Football Openers

By C. C. MUNROE
Ninety-three percent of Aggie students are in favor of A&M opening next season's football schedule with Villanova.

This overwhelming approval was determined by a poll taken Saturday by The Battalion to discover Aggie reaction to the new game scheduling policy that was announced Thursday by Athletic Director Bill Carmichael.

Replies to the question, "What do you think of A. & M.'s new system of eliminating football season opening games with small schools and substituting one big inter-sectional game each year on a home and home basis?" were in almost unanimous approval.

Perhaps the approval can best be summed up in the answer given by WILLIAM H. DUFFY, sophomore veteran student, who said, "I think it is one of the best things that could have happened to A. & M. It will give us a chance to get a true picture of the team from the start, and at the same time be good publicity for the school throughout the nation."

Another reply in favor of the new plan was voiced by M. E. VOURCOS, a junior from Brownsville, who said, "With a tough opener we will know where we stand from the start of the season. This will do away with any over-confidence that might develop if we came out of the first game with a lopsided win. I think it is a fine idea."

A dissenting opinion was voiced by W. C. LEWSCHNER, a junior from Victoria. Lewschner thought that by starting a season against a strong team we might jeopardize our chances for a perfect season since the team would not be at its best during the first game. However, Lewschner was in favor of inter-sectional games being scheduled for later in the season.

R. H. BOYETT, senior student from Marshall, while in favor of inter-sectional games on a home-and-home basis, said, "We should also trade home and home games with such teams as LSU and Oklahoma so as to give Aggies a chance to see more than three games a season played on Kyle Field."

This opinion was upheld by W. C. GERSCH, who said we should play more games on Kyle Field. "If big enough crowds cannot be handled here we should play them in Houston instead of Baton Rouge or San Antonio. This would give more Aggies an opportunity to see such games as those with LSU and Oklahoma."

"Fine, excellent," were the words of W. D. HARDESTY, senior student. He maintained that big-time games will be a boost to the spirit because they will help to defeat any over-confidence which might develop if we win openers by lopsided scores against a school such as Northwestern.

A junior from San Antonio, T. G. DAVIS, said, "It is time for A&M to tackle big-time football on a regular basis. It will be a good drawing card and help the team and the school gain recognition wherever we play."

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Three Changes Announced In CE Department

The employment of two associate professors and the resignation of a professor have been announced by S. P. Wright, head of the civil engineering department.

Col. James B. Baty, who recently retired from the army, has been employed as associate professor of municipal and sanitary engineering. A graduate of A&M in civil engineering, Class of 1925, he did advance work at Cornell University.

Baty has served as sanitary engineer of the Texas Department of Health, the New Jersey State Department of Health, Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, and the Department of National Health Ottawa, Canada. He has also served as editor of "Water and Sewage," for the Monetary Times Publishing Company, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Prior to the war Baty was assistant professor of civil engineering at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. During the war he served in the Army Sanitary Corps.

Frank M. Smith has been employed as assistant professor of civil engineering. Wright also announced. He received his BS in civil engineering from A&M in 1927 and his MS from A&M in 1939. He has had 15 years experience teaching engineering subjects at NTAC at Arlington. During the war Smith served as a major in the Engineer Corps and has just returned from the army of occupation in Germany.

Professor R. M. Dixon has resigned, effective January 31, Dr. Wright said. He has accepted a position as executive secretary of the Municipal Contractors Association, a Southwest chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. Dixon will make his headquarters in Dallas.

Six Short Courses To Be Held Here During February

Six short courses ranging from Guernsey breeding to egg grading will be held on the campus within the next 30 days.

A short course for commercial florists will be held January 20-21 under the sponsorship of the landscape art department.

The Texas Guernsey Breeders' Association will hold a one-day meet January 20. The dairy husbandry department is sponsoring the event.

A laboratory short school, sponsored by the Texas Waterworks and Sewerage Association, Texas State Health Department, and A&M, will be held January 26 through 31.

A shell egg grader's short course will be held January 27, under the supervision of the poultry husbandry department.

A waterworks and sewerage short school will be held February 8 through 12.

Motor Vehicle Fleet Supervisors' short course, to be conducted by the Industrial Extension Service of A&M College, will be held February 10 through 14.

Poll Tax Payments Due Before Feb. 1

Poll taxes are now payable until February 1 and several places for payment have been made available. B. H. Dewey Jr., chairman of the "Pay your Poll Tax" Campaign Committee of the Bryan Junior Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday.

The taxes which will be \$1.75 may be paid at the Bryan Court-house or the College Station State Bank from 8 to 5 daily.

The "Pay your Poll Tax" campaign which is being sponsored by the Bryan Junior Chamber of Commerce has as its objective the encouragement of all eligible people to pay their Poll Tax, Dewey said.

It was further stated that all people who will be 21 in 1948 should secure an exemption at the Courthouse, which will entitle them to a free vote.

"VOICE OF AMERICA" ON AIR GETS SENATE NOD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—A permanent "Voice of America" program to counter world-wide Communist propaganda against the United States carried the unanimous approval of the Senate.

The measure, first major piece of legislation to clear the chamber this year, now goes back to the House for consideration of amendments. The House passed a similar bill last June.

Editorials and Letters to Editor Sound Familiar . . .

Battalion Celebrates 70th Anniversary In 1948

Part I
(In 1948 The Battalion is 55 years old under that name, 70 counting predecessors under other titles. This is the first in a series of four historical sketches telling the development of student publications at A. & M. College.)

By VICK LINDLEY
The year was 1883—fifty-five years ago. Lawrence Sullivan Ross, president of A&M College, was at his desk in the twin-towered Old Main Building. A cadet clad in Confederate grey stepped into the room and saluted. "Sir, I wish to present you with the first copy of our new student publication. We call it 'The Battalion,' sir."

Volume 1, Number 1 of The Battalion, which was presented for Ross to see, bore little resemblance to its present-day descendant. Published monthly from October 1883 to June 1904, it was more a magazine than newspaper, and in its scope somewhat resembled The Commentator, today's liberal arts magazine.

The Batt of those early days was published by two "literary societies," the Stephen F. Austin and Calliopean. They were debating and discussion societies, and strange as it may seem today, they were the most important organizations on the campus. Four out of five Aggies belonged to one or the other. These societies elected the editors of The Battalion, three editorial staffs being chosen every year, so that each staff put out three issues.

There being no A&M Press at that time, the magazines were printed in Bryan, first by the Brazos Weekly Pilot, and later by The Bryan Eagle. By standards of the day, they were well printed.

Collegian in 1878
The Battalion—at least under that name—was not the first A. & M. student publication. In 1878, two years after the college opened its doors, the Austin and Calliopean Literary Societies are said to have published the first issue of The Collegian, a publication about which little is known. This was later renamed The College Journal, and was issued under that name from 1889 to 1893. After the January issue, '93, The Journal suspended publication, but was revived in the fall of that year as The Battalion.

Since the line from The Collegian to The College Journal to The Battalion is unbroken, The Batt may claim to celebrate its seventieth anniversary in 1948, as well as its fifty-fifth under the present name.

All official files of Texas A. & M. publications were lost in the Old Main fire of 1911. Fairly complete files of The Battalion, The College Journal, and The Longhorn were reestablished by contributions from exes, but all copies of The Collegian have apparently vanished forever.

The College Journal had a lavishly-ornamented gee-gaw cover page, such as was favored by magazines in those Victorian days. It was pocket-size slightly larger

than Reader's Digest. The new Battalion appeared for a while in newspaper format, the first issue being 12 pages, each about a quarter the size of present-day Battalion pages. Then it went back to the old Journal size and style.



AGGIE, OLD STYLE
(From 1903 Long Horn)

adopted maroon-colored covers. The Battalion was published in that pocket-size format until 1914.

Editorials Sound Familiar
For all the differences in appearance, there is a familiar touch in editorial comments of the early Battalions and Journals.

In the first issue of The Battalion, Editor E. D. Bruce wrote: "This thing of wading through water on rainy nights cannot last long!" He suggested better campus drainage and better street lighting, still subjects for editorial consideration.

Another editorial complained that prices at the campus store (a private concern) were so high that it was worth the 30-cent round-trip fare to go to Bryan for supplies.

Apparently some state papers had been editorially attacking the college, saying that farmers weren't getting enough from the college to justify the taxes they were paying. The Batt invited the editors to visit the campus and see what was being done.

Same Letters to Editor
A letter to the editor signed "Nemo" charged that the English department was assigning too much outside reading. Another letter in reply suggested that if "Nemo" didn't like it at A. & M. he "should resign and go elsewhere."

On the other hand, this statement from an 1894 Batt now seems amusing: "Football at the A&M. C. is surely the coming game. Two years ago comparatively no inter-

est was manifested in the scrappy game at all." By 1902 The Batt was printing reports of all games in its two fall issues, and the A&M - Tulane game of 1902—won by the Aggies—was reviewed IN VERSE! That game, incidentally, made the Aggies "Champions of the South."

Censured Gridsters
In 1900 The Batt censured members of the football team for "preparing cigarettes to glory" and frequently breaking training either by smoking or eating items not on the training menu. Names were printed. First glance at the record makes it hard to understand The Batt's indignation. A. & M. defeated LSU, Tulane, Baylor, and Houston by lopsided scores. But they lost to Vandy (TU) and Sewanee. Even then a loss to Texas could sour a whole season.

A little hard to believe is the fact that the chief article in the first Battalion was a long critical essay on Shakespeare's interpretation of King John! Other Batts describe "Life in the U. S. Army" (six installments). The two biggest stories ever carried by The College Journal were Shilly Ross's acceptance of the A&M presidency, and the elaborate memorial services conducted in the college chapel when Jefferson Davis died. Davis had been asked to become first president of the A&M College; he declined because of ill health but suggested his friend Thomas Gathright instead. Gathright got the post.

Geologist to Talk On Oriental Soils Tuesday, Jan. 20

James Thorp, chief correlator of the United States Department of Agriculture, will give an illustrated lecture on the soils of Japan and other parts of the Orient in the conference room of the Agricultural Experiment Station Building Tuesday at 5 p. m.

Thorp is responsible for the classification of soils in the Great Plains region. He was with the Military Geology Unit during the war and worked in the Orient assembling information on terrain for use in preparing battle plans. Following the war he remained in the Pacific area to obtain the colored pictures, which he will exhibit.

Previously he had spent two years on a special assignment in China. The lecture will be with particular emphasis on soils and their uses.

RS Department To Offer Scouters' Course in Spring

Rural Sociology 408, Organization for Boy Scout Work, will be offered during the spring semester by the rural sociology department, Dan Russell, head of the department, announced today.

"The course is designed to fit the needs of the student entering the professional field of scouting, although anyone interested in scouting will profit from the course," Russell said.

Included in the course is the history of the scout movement, understanding the boy, and fitting a program to his needs. A study will be made of the development of boy, man, and institutional leadership as applied to the specialized fields of cubbing, sea scouting, senior scouting, and air scouting.

The two-hour course, taught by Russell, will be offered Thursdays from 1-3 p. m. "Anyone interested in scouting is welcome to take the course which will be augmented by cooperation with local scouting activities," Russell concluded.