

TRADE LAW RESTORED
BY 17 TO 8 VOTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Democrats drove through the house ways and means committee on a 17 to 8 vote today a bill restoring until June 12, 1951 the full powers of the old reciprocal trade law.

President Truman requested the legislation, telling congress it is needed to remove hobbles put on trade negotiations by the GOP tariff law passed in 1948.

He said full operation of the trade act would build world commerce and promote peace.

Two Republicans—Rep. Kean (N J) and Holmes (Wash)—joined 15 Democrats in support of the measure.

Opposing were eight Republicans. The legislation will go to the house for debate next week, with a vote expected Wednesday.

It gives the President power, without any reference to congress, to cut American duties up to 50 per cent below January 1, 1941 tariffs, in trade pacts with nations that agree to reduce their trade barriers.

US INSPECTOR IS KILLED IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Robert L. Proctor, foot and mouth commission inspector of Tucson, Ariz., was killed by a native mob Monday at a mountain village 75 miles northwest of here.

Proctor was thought to have escaped after he and three others were attacked by about 600 men and women as they rode horseback into San Pedro del Alto, five miles from Temascalcingo.

But Proctor, the commission learned today, was killed and buried at the village and later that night his body was taken into the hills and reburied. Today, Mexican troops brought the body here.

Proctor was 23 and spoke Spanish fluently and apparently got along well with the Mexican peasants. He joined the joint U. S. foot and mouth disease commission here Nov. 11, 1948.

Yesterday a Mexican army plane and 100 troops searched the rugged region for Proctor but it was only after the military and police arrested 43 natives and obtained some confessions that the full story became known.

Proctor with a Mexican, Raul Sanchez, also a livestock inspector, rode with two soldiers as guards, into San Pedro Del Alto Monday about 4:00 p. m.

The two inspectors were on their way to vaccinate cattle and other animals against aftosa.

KOREAN SOLDIERS KILL TWO SENTRY IN REVOLT

SEOUL, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Korean Army Headquarters reported today 38 soldiers mutinied and killed two sentries Sunday night at Pohang, an east coast fishing village 165 miles southeast of Seoul.

The rebels were reportedly surrounded by 400 loyal troops 10 miles south of Pohang.

The mutineers killed the sentries at an ammunition dump where they seized 25 American rifles, 35 carbines and 3,000 rounds of carbine ammunition the army said.

The government has said a rebellion at Yosu in October was inspired by Communists. There was no further information on the Pohang mutiny.

DALLAS TO FIGHT MIDWAY REFUSAL

DALLAS, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Dallas promises to "exhaust every legal remedy" in its fight to win a review of the civil aeronautics board grant of funds to Fort Worth for the Midway airport.

The city's stand was outlined yesterday by H. P. Kucera, city attorney. Earlier in the day the fifth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans turned down a petition by the city of Dallas asking for the rehearing.

The funds would be used to build a controversial airport about midway between the two cities.

PECOS COMPACT PASSES

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 3.—(AP)—The Pecos River compact between New Mexico and Texas will be submitted for approval to the New Mexico senate. It was unanimously approved yesterday by the New Mexico House of Representatives.

Library Features
San Quentin Show

"Life at San Quentin Prison in California" is the theme of a special exhibit which will be on view until February 12 in the Library.

The photographic exhibit, prepared by the staff of Life Magazine, shows how San Quentin officials attempt to reform and rehabilitate criminals. The photo panels are displayed in the lobby of the library.

Monroe Concert
Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the Vaughn Monroe concert were placed on sale today for members of the Cadet Corps and the general public.

Non-corp members were given a purchase priority during Monday and Tuesday. Non-corp members may still purchase tickets.

Only general admission tickets are now available. The general admission tickets are \$1.

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Gone to Potts . . .

Spoeede And Potts To Share Batt Sports Editor Duties

By CHUCK MAISEL

The old order changeth, and the Batt has a couple of new sports editors. One, Bill Potts, will write columns, make up the page, and give out assignments. The other, Robert W. (Sack) Spoeede will handle the more important details of sweeping out the office, sharpening pencils, and emptying wastebaskets. If Potts should be sick or snowed under, Sack will probably help out a bit with his duties.

What is the background needed for so vital a position as Sack holds? Just what qualities must the man have? Perhaps a brief tour of his life—which sounds like an extended tour of Texas and the world—will divulge the answers to these questions.

Sack is a big city boy. He was born in that Gotham of East Texas, Wallis, Citizens of Wallis are at present making plans to erect a suitable monument for the home town boy that made good in the big, bad journalistic world.

During his early years, Sack was a sort of nomad, going from one East Texas town to another. Nearly every grade school east of Dallas can boast of his attendance. He finally settled down long enough to graduate from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio.

At present, Beaumont is more or less the place where he hangs his hat.

Sack, a handsome six-footer, gave 19 months of his time to the Marine Corps during the late war. His overseas experience was Puerto Rico, a land of which he never tires telling war stories.

A&M was first graced with Sack in June of '44 and rapid calculation tells that he is therefore in the Class of '48. He is a history major with a minor in education. At present, his plans beyond A&M are directed toward going into the Regular Army.

Originally a member of A Battery, Field Artillery, Sack finished his military science here last spring. He received his commission in Frankfurt, Germany last June while visiting his father, Lt. Col. H. H. Spoeede.

Sack ranks with Ivan Yantis as a world traveler. He was a Batt foreign correspondent last summer as he visited such spots as Paris, London, Hanover, Bremen, Salzburg, and Berchtesgarden. Summer school students will probably remember his interesting accounts of these places.

Sack gained much of his fame on the Batt by his excellent coverage of the Fish football team this past season. A great part of the wide reader interest was no doubt due to the hoped-for greatness of the freshmen players themselves, but to Sack goes a large share of the credit for his accurate and interesting reporting.

Spoeede was once a Distinguished Student. He says, however, that this happened before he went to work on The Battalion. If it's the sports page you like to read, look forward to a good one under the leadership of these two.

By CARROLL TRAIL

"It's just another small town boy makes good story," Bill Potts said, explaining his new job for The Battalion.

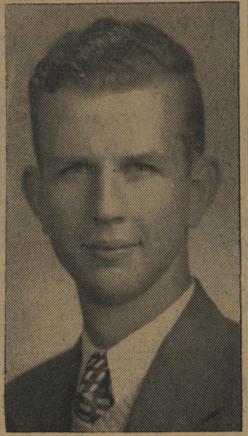
Bill has just been appointed co-sports editor to succeed Art Howard, and he attributes his success to hard work, clean living, and Howard's astute guidance.

A 22 year old veteran of 21 months in the Army, Bill began working for the Batt last summer, covering football games, boxing bouts, ping pong matches, and beer parties.

His keen interest in sports dates back to his school days in Gatesville where he played football his junior and senior years. "I played for Gatesville High School, not to be confused with Gatesville State School for Boys," Potts explained.

"We intend to give all organizations equal sports coverage and hope that they will submit their sport news to my desk in the Batt office, Goodwin Hall," Potts said.

Incidentally this is the first time the sports department has used the co-editor system. This way, Potts can blame any mistakes on Spoeede.



Sack Spoeede



Bill Potts

'Romeo and Juliet' to be Staged in Guion Monday

By M. N. BROWN

The National Classic Theatre, of Pleasantville, New York, will present William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" on the stage of Guion Hall at 8 Monday night.

Clare Tree Major, the director of the troupe, is widely known for her Shakespearean productions. It is her belief that Shakespeare's characters are completely natural

people and are not so different from the people of our time.

Following this contention, Mrs. Major's policy is to cast young players in the youthful roles.

The play features Winton Sedgewick in the role of Romeo, and Patricia Larson as Juliet, and both of these young players give realistic portrayals of Shakespeare's lovers.

At the present time in Verona, Italy, where Romeo and Juliet lived in the 16th century, more than 4,000 girls are named Juliet. Juliet's tomb is a lover's shrine, and souvenir hunters frequently hack off stone chips from her crypt.

On the other hand, Romeo's final resting place is unknown and the name of the world's greatest lover is almost forgotten.

For those who have never seen "Romeo and Juliet," this will be an excellent opportunity to see this famous play staged by an established troupe.

Tickets for the production are now on sale in the Student Activities office. Student tickets are 50 cents, and tickets for non-students are 70 cents.

Extension Courses For Vet Wives To Be Discussed

College courses by extension will be offered to wives of veteran students or of veteran employees of the College, according to Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the English Department.

Those interested are invited to the YMCA Solarium at 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. Dr. Mayo said.

Courses in accounting, child psychology, English, geography, landscape art, Spanish, trigonometry, and woodcraft were applied for at a preliminary meeting.

Equivalent to regular college courses, these extension courses carry credits transferable to other colleges. However, they do not lead to a degree at Texas A&M, Mayo said.

Mayo pointed out that a course will not be offered unless at least 10 women apply for it. Therefore, he said, it is important that all women interested attend this meeting.

Oil Haulers Short Course Being Held

Fourteen supervisors of oil field fleets are attending a short course on vehicle fleet operation at A&M.

Russell Fitzpatrick, in charge of motor transport training in the Industrial Extension Service, said the current course is one of a series of six with one starting each Monday.

Next week's course will be attended by insurance company safety engineers and will be followed by others for warehouse and van company supervisors and two groups representing private carriers.

HOGAN REPORTED SAFE

EL PASO, Feb. 3.—(AP)—A physician expressed the opinion early today that Ben Hogan, the nation's top golfer injured yesterday in a car-bus crash near Van Horn, was "not seriously hurt."

Most Decorated Soldier To Attend Military Ball

Several national, state, and local dignitaries have accepted invitations to attend the Military Ball February 12. Among these is Audie L. Murphy, Texas-born war hero, most decorated soldier of World War II, and now a moving picture star.

College guests attending include the seven members of the Board of Directors and their wives. Chancellor and Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist and President and Mrs. F. C. Bolton also accepted.

Economic Culture Patterns To Be Subject of Lecture Monday

Dr. Paul C. Manglesdorf, Harvard University faculty member, will speak on "Economic Plants and Human Culture Patterns" in the Physics Lecture Room, at 8 p. m. Monday.

The lecture will be illustrated with slides and charts. It should be of interest to persons connected with the physical and social sciences as well as to persons concerned with the biological sciences. P. B. Pearson, dean of the Graduate School said.

Dr. Manglesdorf did his undergraduate work at Kansas State College and his graduate work at Harvard in the field of genetics. He joined the staff of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1927.

Later he served as assistant director and vice-director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Since 1940 he has been a member of the Harvard faculty, and is at present director of the Botanical Museum and professor of Economic Botany.

The doctor's work covers a wide field. He is recognized as a world authority on the origin of corn, said Dean Pearson.

Among some of the scientific commissions on which Dr. Manglesdorf has served are the Rockefeller Foundation, Agricultural Commission to Mexico, the National Academy of Science, the Genetics Society of America and the American Society of Agronomy.

Dr. Manglesdorf's lecture is the third of a series for graduate students since last September. Three more are scheduled for the current school year. The lecture is open to anyone wishing to attend.

Student Loan Fund Opened at A&M By Hereford Group

A new student loan fund has been set up for junior and senior animal husbandry students by the Mid-South Texas Hereford Association.

The fund will be administered by the Mid-South Texas Hereford Association Student Loan Fund Committee composed of the president of the Saddle and Sirlin Club, the secretary of the Former Students Association and the head of the Animal Husbandry Department.

The money for the fund was obtained when the Directors of the Association met October 1 and voted to dissolve the organization and use the existing balance in the treasury, \$608.03, to set up a student loan fund.

Ward Mooring, president of the organization, contributed enough money to bring the total to \$750.

Only junior and senior animal husbandry majors are eligible to borrow from this fund. A grade point ratio of 1.5 made on a normal schedule is necessary for loan fund eligibility.

In addition, the applicant must be earning a part of his expenses and must show evidence of a legitimate need for the loan.

Loans will not be made to students having outstanding debts, and no student may draw more than \$300.

A standard form note, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent will be used. All loans from this fund should be paid in full within 12 months after graduation.

Fortson Named On Research Group

Eugene P. Fortson Jr., chief of the hydraulics division, Waterways Experiment Station, has been selected as a member of the Hydraulic Research Committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Shortly after graduating from A&M in 1932, with a B. S. degree in civil engineering, Fortson was employed by the Waterways Experiment Station. He served five years with the U. S. Army corps of engineers during World War II.

After separation from the military service, Fortson returned to the Waterways Experiment Station where he was assigned as chief of the hydraulics division, the position which he holds at the present time.

Gunter Named To Extension Service Post

Allen C. Gunter, instructor in the Entomology Department for the past two years, has been appointed associate entomologist of the Extension Service, according to Dr. H. G. Johnston, head of the Department.

Gunter's appointment was effective February 1. He will replace Charles A. King, King, who has been extension entomologist since April 1946, plans to enter commercial insecticide work, with headquarters in Waco.

Gunter was born in Antlers, Oklahoma, and graduated from Commerce High School, in 1934. He attended East Texas State Teachers College, receiving his BS degree in 1939. After teaching school for two years in Plantersville, Texas, he spent five years in the military service and was discharged as a captain in 1946.

In 1947, he received his M.S. degree from A&M, and spent the next two years instructing in the Entomology Department.

King, born in El Paso, received his B.S. degree from A&M in 1932, and spent the next two years in mining engineering work. From 1934-36, he was assistant in cotton adjustment, and became an assistant county agent in 1936. From 1937-41, he was county agent in Starr County. In 1941, he entered the Army and was discharged a major in December, 1945.

Vice-Chancellor for Agriculture D. W. Williams and Assistant to the Chancellor E. L. Angell and their wives will also attend the Ball.

Members of the Board of Directors who will attend with their wives are E. W. Harrison, John W. Newton, Roy C. Potts, Henry Reese III, Rufus R. Peoples, Tyree L. Bell, and C. C. Krueger.

Bad Weather Looms . . .

Ground Hog Foils Bell County Club

By DAVE COSLETT

An imposter has been unearthed. The culprit in the case is that age-old weather prophet the ground hog, who deigns to stick his head out of a hole each February 2 in search of a sometimes too elusive shadow.

For countless years, many naive folks have put their utmost faith in the ability of this subterranean mammal to accurately foretell the length of winter. Little do they know that they have placed a sacred trust in an imposter.

The real truth arose from an investigation conducted by the IOWA F&P International Order of Weather-Men, Forecasters, and Prophets, Local No. 672.

They found that, first of all, the furry deceiver is not a ground-hog at all. That name is just one of his several aliases. He's more widely known as a wood-chuck.

Traveling under this pseudonym, the little animal tries to make the uninformed think that he is a hard-working, honest lumber agent. Here again, he is deceitful. The name wood-chuck stems from a northern Algonquian word, "we-jack." This latter word holds no connotation whatsoever of anything to do with lumber, but means simply "a fisher." Obviously the

little deceiver must be trying to hide some subversive activity of his in the giant fishing industries which support large numbers of our nation's population.

It is the so-called weather prophet's real name which is incriminating, though. After his cloak of secrecy has been removed he stands forth as his real self, the Marabota monax. Upon learning this, the House of Un-American Activities Committee immediately tried to book the "ground-hog" on charges of being a Communist. With a name like that what else could he be?

Retribution toward this treacherous creature was fast and sure in our own state as soon as the whole truth was revealed. An anti ground-hog organization, The Bell County Ground Hog Beaters Association, was formed last Tuesday. They stood vigil all day yesterday armed with base-ball bats. With these they were prepared to sock each ground-hog which dared to show his head.

In an effort to hide the alarming truth from the unsuspecting public, they disguised the act by saying that they were trying to keep him from coming out. "That way he can't see his shadow and we won't have to worry about more bad weather." The real reason behind the move is obvious to us, the informed.

The infamous fiend, however, was not to be beaten so easily. He assumed his alias, the name wood-chuck, stuck his head from a hole in Punsawtawney, Pa., far from his hat-swinging adversaries, saw his shadow, and disappeared into his hole.

And do you know that some people actually think that that indicates six more weeks of cold weather? I would go on with this expose, but I must go and tell my room-mate not to send my overcoat to the cleaners—I don't want to freeze to death.