

Battalion Editorials

The Men in White Are Improving . . .

A&M picked up a lot of prestige on the streets in Houston yesterday.

Eighty members of the Ross Volunteers marched there as a drill group and as color guards in Houston's Army Day parade. Members of the Second Armored Division and ROTC units from the Houston high schools and the University of Houston made up the main body of the parade.

In the reviewing stands were high military brass as well as influential South Texas citizens. What is more important, the show was witnessed by a large part of the Houston population and a small army of visitors. These are the people who make up that intangible thing we call the public opinion of A&M. They judge our school the only way they know how—through personal contact with our athletic teams, student bodies, and formal representative groups.

The RV's, in their show yesterday, made up one of the best representative

groups we could ask for.

This hasn't always been true. For some reason, unknown to us, the RV's got off to a slow start this year. On one of their public appearances, they gave a passable performance. On another, they just weren't what a crack drill unit should be.

Whatever their faults were in the past they were nullified yesterday in Houston. The drill was excellent, their bearing outstanding, and the crowds reaction was gratifying.

Our gratification is that the Ross Volunteers have apparently come out of their lethargy at length, and assumed the ambassador's position they should hold.

Made up of our more experienced cadets, snappily uniformed, and solidly sponsored, they should be a public credit to the school.

In their Houston appearance, they were.

Well fired, RV's. We hope we see more of it.

Putting the "Army" in Army Day . . .

Yesterday was Army Day. From the campus of A&M, throughout the United States, and into the occupational zones army officers took speaker's stands and told the nation that we boast "the best Army in American history—peace or war—barring none."

With its traditional ability for show, pomp, and ceremony the Army staged parades and reviews in practically every place an impressive number of soldiers could be mustered.

The purpose for all this fanfare and military show is to celebrate the date when the United States entered World War I. This also gives the Army an opportunity to beat its chest, call our attention to the Red menace, and climb into limelight.

And way down the list of reasons for Army Day is to call the people's attention to our ground forces and the work they are accomplishing. Without the people's support the Army would have rough sledding when it tries to pad the annual national budget with millions of dollars it doesn't need.

Though strictly to emphasize the

Ground Forces, Army Day does at least one useful service to the people. The case for a strong Army is presented and the attempt is made to make the people realize that a strong robot equipped Air Force, or a huge water logged Navy is not this country's sole salvation in the event of another war.

Ground forces of the army—hoards of them—could launch out across Europe and conquer our allies before we could rally to action. Once conquered we would have to drive the enemy from our allies soil with ground troops; not atom bombs not guided missiles.

Americans are prone to be accept the claims of the more glamorous branches of military service. We are willing to build fleets of airplanes today that may be outmoded tomorrow. We hate the war trenches and fox holes. But wars must be fought on ground as well as in the air.

Army Day gives the Generals the opportunity to exaggerate their claims to power to the same proportions that other branches inflate theirs. If war should come we would have to rely on the Army to take and hold the ground that possibly the other branches soften up for conquest,

The Passing Parade . . .

From Moscow comes this bit of enlightening news. (AP quote).

"Poverty and degradation are the lot of millions of Americans," the Literary Gazette told its Russian readers today.

Beri Beri, pellagra, scurvy, malignant anemia and other diseases "resulting from malnourishment" are widespread in the United States, the magazine said. And 10,000,000 Americans are living "in ruins".

In a full page devoted to articles picturing life in the United States as replete

with poverty, hardship, hunger and disease, the Gazette declared 60 per cent of American families lack the minimum income necessary for a decent standard of living. (end quote).

One of our feature writers suggests a reason why the Russians got this impression. The Comrade Journalist, he suggests, probably came by Pfeuffer hall around the 28 of the month and saw a group of the emaciated veteran students leaving class to go to the post office and sweat out their checks.

Obviously is the comment for this one, appearing in the Dallas (Tex.) Morning News; "Caplan, with his infectious grin, is a man liked by all who meet him."

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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"Have I seen Hamlet? Naw, what outfit is he in?"

Sneak Preview . . .

"Batman" Returns to Screen In "The Fighting O'Flynn"

By ANDY DAVIS

The Fighting O'Flynn starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Helene Carter, and Richard Greene. (Campus)

In this swashbuckling film, Doug Fairbanks not only indulges in sword play, but also engages in quite a few acrobatic feats, besides making love to Helene Carter. Some might call him the "Batman" of 1797.

Saving Ireland from invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte may be described as a large undertaking, but to the Fighting O'Flynn, it's only

in a day's work. Fairbanks exposes treachery in high places and this he does in a lighthearted and often amusing way. All work and no play is said to be bad for the constitution, but O'Flynn manages to mix business with pleasure with alarming results. This a lovely "lass" that Helene Carter.

Fairbanks follows the pattern set by his father and does credit to them both. The film is fast moving with plenty of humor, and it also tells a story, never go through a door, when there's a window handy.

Letters To The Editor

CORRECTION, PLEASE

Editor, The Battalion: As a result of failing to comply with instructions in that a number of key men who participated in Tuesday's review failed to attend a briefing of same, there was a disgraceful mixup in the ceremony. After the completion of the post-humous award presentation and the guests had left the field, Colonel Boatner came out and made the necessary corrections in a way that left little doubt as to how the mistake appeared.

Since the "old army" went out and with it the old form of discipline, there seems to be none sure enough of himself among the students to initiate any real form of correction. The result is apparent, I believe, in merely observing the one tradition that no one has ever condemned—speaking on the campus. If more than 35% of the sophomores speak, not counting grunts and nods, I've gone deaf. If we can't even correct a sophomore I say that we need a good lesson from someone.

I pointed out speaking on the campus in a quest for further information on the question at hand. Why wasn't any note made of the fact that during the briefing for the parade when the role was called the flag detail was, for the most part, absent? If the men won't, and evidently don't, have to be present at an ordered meeting to receive their instruction, what in thunder are we to expect?

Rogers Presented Burpee Award

Ewell A. Rogers, senior horticulture student, was awarded the Burpee Seed Company scholarship Tuesday night at a meeting of the Horticulture Society.

Dr. Guy W. Adriance presented Rogers the scholarship before 35 members and guests of the society. The relationship between botany and horticulture was discussed by Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the Biology Department.

A buffet supper will be held on April 19, it was decided at the meeting. Tickets for the supper may be obtained for 65 cents from J. R. Moore or H. W. Engelbrecht.

Think Of This

"Those who were scattered abroad went from place to place spreading the gospel of God's word." Acts 8: (Weymouth). The early leaders of the Christian faith were men who believed in the Christian religion so completely that they carried it into their business and daily living. Spreading them out, in attempted persecution, simply widened their influence for Christ. We Christians today often sit at home and wait for someone from the church to invite, and then plead and then come back again to insist that we attend the services. Even then we may not go. If we once get the genuine faith those early Christians had, we will be burning evangelists, just as they were.

Never Again . . .

Pictorial-Contest Winners Announce Retirement Plans

By FRANK CUSHING

Fortune in the form of three prizes determined the awarding of the "So You Know A&M?" Contest. Because of their tied scores the three individuals were forced to depend upon their luck in drawing for the gifts donated to the contest by the Student Center's confectionaries—Campus Corner and The Cave.

The final, all-important straw-selecting was done under the watchful eye of Wayne Smith, manager of the "Campus Corner." Smith then distributed the prizes to the campus-wise individuals.

James R. Whitfill of Denison,

Texas, proved to be the luckiest member of the trio and received the Evans "Boat" lighter which was the first prize. The "Panda," 620 camera, which was originally intended for the second-place winner, was drawn by James R. Whitfill, San Marcos. James R. Whitfill, Pittsburgh, Texas, found himself possessor of the third-place award of the Evans pocket lighter when the straws had been compared.

The winners confessed that they weren't sad to see the contest end. For obvious reasons, few references were made to the post of the exhaust pipe clinkers of the quiz. The photographer who

took pictures of the drawing for prizes, thinking of his own skin, took great pains to disclaim any responsibility for the contest photo.

In summing up the virtues necessary for a person to win a contest of the nature: Sherrill, Whitfill and Whitley said that a strong constitution and complete perseverance were the most important. The occupational discussion for those entering "So You Know A&M?" seemed to be blisful upon the fact and a bitter outlook toward photographers and editors in general.

The trio as a body swore that never again would they tramp countless miles around the campus looking for hidden or non-existent objects. Content to rest upon their laurels instead of their feet, the winners have retired from the field of pictorial contests.

Leaders of Gilmer-Aiken Bill Stand Ready for Its Passage

By BO BYERS

AUSTIN, Tex., April 7. (AP)—Leaders of the Gilmer-Aiken school bills held the whip hand today as they pressed for passage of the first reorganization measure.

They could point victoriously to yesterday's substantial 88-to-51 vote against a substitute amendment that virtually would have kept the school administration set-up in its present form.

But they could not press too hard for an immediate final vote on Senator Jim Taylor's much amended bill.

The strongest advocates of the measure were slapped on the wrist

yesterday when they tried to push to conclusive action. The House voted 98 to 40 against bringing the issue to a direct vote on second reading.

Several representatives who have gone along with the Gilmer-Aiken leaders on various tests of strength indicated they wanted to consider amendments yet to be offered before making a final decision.

The complete substitute which the House defeated was offered by Rep. W. R. Chambers of May. He would have kept the present system of an elective state superintendent of education and an appointive state board of education. He was willing to go along with the Gilmer-Aiken bill in expanding the board from 9 to 21 members.

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No Traffic Action

George Edwards, chairman of the traffic committee, explained the information he had received on the Senate's recommendations to President Bolton on the subject of traffic regulation reform on the campus. Only two recommendations were accepted by the Administration.

One of these called for removal of traffic violations from an individual's record after a specified probation period during which the individual had not received additional violation reports. The other called for a reviewing and revising where necessary of the present traffic code.

Among the rejected proposals were ones calling for student representation on the Traffic Committee and designation of certain areas as 15-minute parking zones.

Julius Blum of the social committee announced that Miss Pat Parker will represent A&M at both the Rice Institute Rondelet and a similar TCU event. The committee designated Chuck Cabanis, senator from Dorm 15, to escort Miss Parker to the Rice ball.

Areas not represented were Dorm 8 and the Trailer Village. One senator-at-large, one senator from the Bryan Field Annex, and one day student senator were absent.

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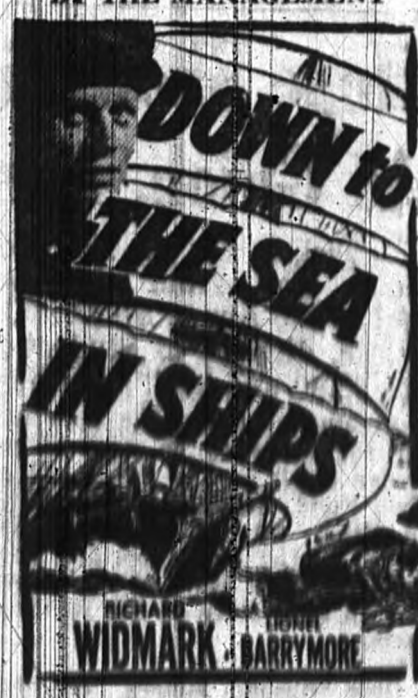
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