

## Indication of National Sentiment . . .

When a nation expresses such spontaneous and sympathetic concern for the fate of a little child, as this country has recently shown for Kathy Fiscus, people throughout the world need not doubt the sincerity America is showing for the welfare of the people in other nations.

Competition and individualism may force many showdowns in the field of business but in the field of human emotions and human welfare the heart of America is good and kind and loving.

Of course the news story of this three year old girl, who had fallen into an open and abandoned water well tunnel, had strong human interest appeal. This was just the sort of story that newspapers like to get. But had the story not met with al-

most universal concern and sorrow the front pages would not have carried so many pictures and stories of rescue activities. Newspaper offices, radio stations and news bureau offices were swamped with telephone calls from interested people inquiring "is the little girl still alive?"

Big, rich, brazen America loves little children. Perhaps it is because we often act like little children. Whatever the reason, this love is something grand and noble—something our twentieth century life has not changed in us.

As long as this quality exists our country will continue to be brave and generous. And the world will know that if America is ever given the opportunity to say "yes" or "no" to a Belsen or a Buchenwald, American's answer will be "no."

## And Finally Someone Got Caught . . .

Members of our staff who were overseas during the late, great conflict read this notice from Burtonwood, England with mixed emotions: (AP quote)

The U. S. Air Force announced today that First Lt. James C. Walker of El Paso, Texas, had been found guilty in a general court martial of selling American cigarettes to a British subject.

He was fined \$100 a month for six months and given an official reprimand, the Air Force said. (end quote).

## He Deserves a Bit More in Passing . . .

Mankind is addicted to days set aside for the remembrance of certain things. In May there is a special day given over to mothers. In June, fathers are feted with a day of their own. And all through the year days dawn for some other annual observance.

In May we send Mother a box of candy and kiss her sweetly to atone for the neglect of the rest of the year.

We don't remember Mother for her having ironed our shirt when we had an important date or for having used her influence to get us the use of the car. We remember her kindly teachings and good advice. She taught us how to live.

Christ did the same thing. He performed miracles to raise the dead Lazarus

and feed the multitude and make the blind see again. He ironed the shirts of humanity. But more than that, he showed by his own example how we should live. He taught us tolerance, gentleness, understanding, and humanity.

Now we are preparing to go home for the Easter holidays. There will be picnics, barbecues, dances, and festivities to greet our home-coming. On Sunday morning we shall go to church for a quick hymn.

One day a year we set aside for hymn singing and professing a consecration that our conduct the remainder of the year doesn't always bear out.

That one day is a sham unless the other three-hundred and sixty-four are consecrated also.

## The Passing Parade . . .

Under the editorial head "Constant Courtesy Pays," the TCU Skiff had this to say about this year's Sportsmanship Award winner, A&M:

"The presentation of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy to Texas A&M College was almost an unheralded event amidst the festivities of the Texas Relays last weekend at Austin. Only those who knew the real meaning of the award were aware of the honor bestowed upon the Aggies.

"Presence of the trophy at A&M means

that in the eyes of the other conference schools the Farmers are the best in displaying true sportsmanship.

"This decision was not made by a few. It represents the opinions of students, school and conference officials and team members. The fact that TCU was rated next to A&M is an honor in itself."

We appreciate this attitude of TCU. Students bodies, like people, appreciate reading nice things about them written by their friends.

Hatred is when you dislike someone even on a sunny spring day.

## The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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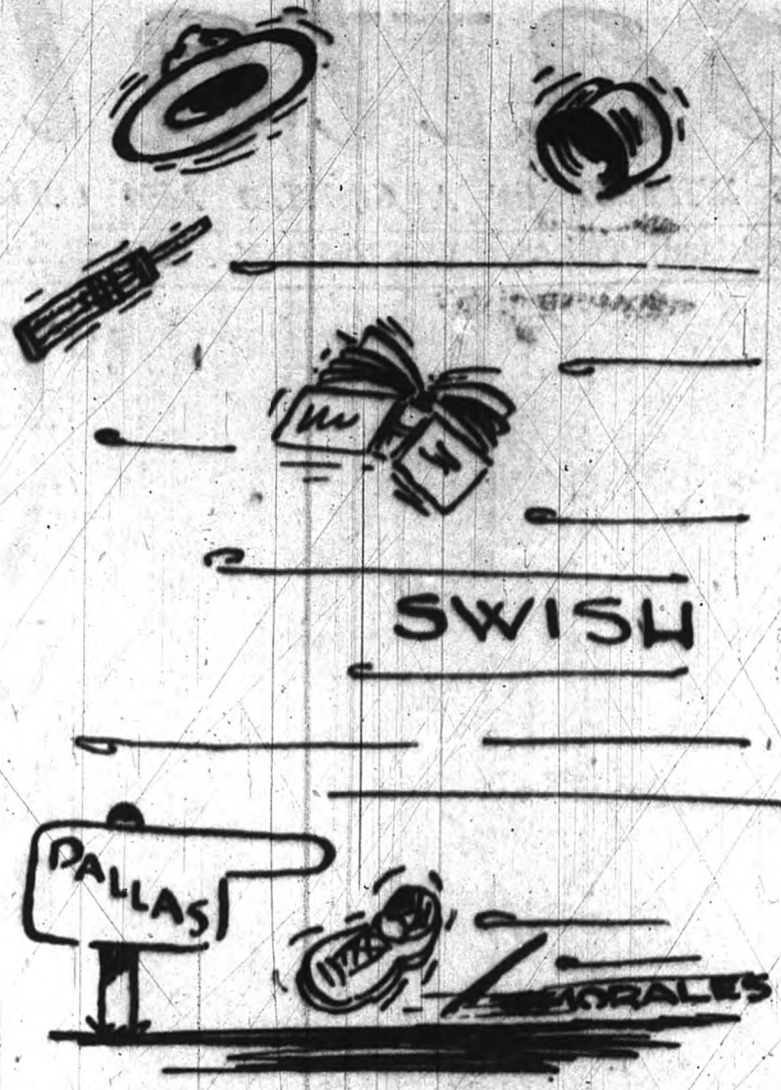
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Picture of activity on the campus today.

## Letters

SUPPOSE WE REALLY HAD A FIRE?

Editor, The Battalion:

Last night we had what was apparently a small fire in Guion Hall. So far as I can determine nobody was hurt except my roommate; he was run over by two bruising tackles from Hart Hall while trying to beat the fire trucks to the fire. Incidentally he won that race by approximately four minutes. But the fire trucks came and jockeyed into position, the hose was yanked off in several knots, and then the fire truck proceeded to back over it making it impossible to carry the hose to the fire.

I am not condemning the driver,

because nobody was giving him any instructions, and he had no way of knowing what was going on. Maybe he should be commended, because after all he only backed over the hose once. Fortunately the hose was not needed.

The point I wish to make is that something was lacking in organization. The spectators cheered wildly at the fumbling ineptitude of our famous fire fighters. Now A&M College has the technical know-how to fight fires, because it is famous for its fireman's short courses. Since this is a voluntary fire department, the firemen must come a long way to the station, and I suppose it is difficult to have an efficient organization at night. But the pathetic situation still remains that College Station is a thriving metropolis of 1,500, three fire-

## Letters To The Editor

Trucks, and no firemen at night. Now as a spur of the moment suggestion, why not train students to man the trucks at night and quarter them either in the second floor of the Fire Department or in the basement of Milner Hall. These students could be organized and have a man in charge of each group with adequate training and a voice of command. We should study these things out in advance instead of waiting until after Vet Village, College View, or some similar area is completely burned out.

Do you realize what could happen to one of these areas some windy night at two a. m. in the morning, with no firemen answering the call. It is my firm belief that if more authority and responsibility was placed in the hands of the capable students that A&M as a whole could be improved.

W. S. Dalby '48

ing at the Annex is a convenient excuse for all the ills of A&M. I will not pass judgement on Colonel Boatner's actions, but I will say that he has worked harder to maintain the Aggie Spirit, to raise its military standards than any of those "tree bleeders" in the Corps.

And, lastly, when we came to A&M, we were supposed to be grown up enough to take a jacking up, whether it was deserved or not. If there is anyone here who can't, I suggest that he run home to mama and start splicing those apron strings he thought he had cut when he came to College.

I would like for it to be clearly understood, that I am not writing this to get any suction with the Military Department. I will not be eligible for a Cadet Corps commission, even if I am lucky enough to get a contract, so I have no "axe to grind." I just believe in giving

## UPHOLDS COLONEL BOATNER

Editor, The Battalion:

I have followed, with a great deal of disgust, the letters concerning the action of Colonel Boatner. I am not very proud of these supposedly 100 per cent Aggies who wrote them.

Everyone, these gentlemen included, agree that A&M is in a hell of a shape, but no one does anything about it. If action speaks louder than words, then most of us Aggies sound like Jane Wyman, in "Johnny Belinda."

We bemoan the fact that the Fish are out at the Annex, and we brag about the great Aggie spirit "that we used to have." But, meanwhile, what do we do to keep this spirit alive? Practically nothing. The whole story is: We have fallen down on our job, and the Fish be-

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credit where credit is due, and Colonel Boatner deserves an "E" for effort.  
If I were ashamed of this letter, I would not have written it. You may print my name if you like.  
Ernest J. Check, '50

## Social Scientists Hold Convention

The Southwestern Social Science Association will hold its annual convention in Fort Worth, April 15 and 16. D. R. Davis of the Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department announced today.

Approximately 60 representatives of A&M are expected to attend and take part in the speeches and round table discussions, Davis said.

This convention will offer an opportunity for students who attend to get acquainted with the current problems in their particular field of interest, Davis said.

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