

Another Suggestion for Our Traffic Headaches . . .

A Battalion reader came to us recently with what we believe is a good suggestion that might prove to be a partial remedy for our traffic problem.

This reader was concerned with the unholy traffic tangle that can be found in front of George's confectionary any hour of the day, especially about eight in the morning, noon, and five in the evening. It is at those times that the traffic on that busy corner is the heaviest. Students, profs, secretaries, college employees, and three-fourths of the people in Brazos County seem to pick those hours to drive by George's.

The result is a mass of cars that is not only dangerous, but senseless when it easily could be minimized by a simple alteration that should have occurred to all of us a long time ago.

"Why not," our reader suggested, "re-route the busses that congregate in front of George's so that they could pick up their passengers at a less congested spot?"

To us that suggestion rings true. It would be an easy matter to ask the bus company to change its stopping place, and we believe they would see the wisdom in the suggestion. Perhaps they could discharge and load passengers on Lubbock Street which connects Trail and Throckmorton streets, or on Lamar Street which runs in front of dormitories one and two.

Whatever alternate location is chosen, just about any change would be for the better.

Open Letter to Our Favorite Lobby . . .

Gentlemen of the Oil Interests Lobby
Austin, Texas
Sirs:

You men are either extremely subtle, or you are running a poor second in the field of lobbying in our state capital.

Whether by neglect or ineptitude you have permitted the Real Estate lobby to forge ahead of you. They are making you look like a bunch of roughnecks. These Real Estate boys are smooth. They appeal to one's states' rightism. In Washington their branch office got the matter of rent controls in state hands.

Now with the ability of masters they have set upon their current lobbying campaigns to decontrol rent in Texas. You know rent control is one of those vile wartime expedients which protected the people who rent apartments and held down property owners' returns. If rent controls could be eliminated, the Real Estators can charge any amount rent they choose.

Electra Whistlestops in the Dark . . .

The good citizens of Electra and Chillicothe are in quite a stir over prospects of their thriving west Texas communities becoming mere "whistle stops" on the rail line between Ft. Worth and Amarillo.

According to a ruling passed Saturday by the Texas Railroad Commission, the fast moving Zephyr, which has been unprofitably stopping at eight of these small towns between Cowtown and Amarillo, may discontinue regular stops in these towns. Instead of regular stops, the train would stop only when passengers desired to get off in one of these towns.

Electra's City Council (and seconded by the City Council of Chillicothe) has passed several "emergency ordinances" this week to prevent this grave affront by the railroad company. The ordinances require trains passing through Electra (and Chillicothe) to creep through town at 15 miles per hour and during their time in town they must submit to a "sanitary inspection" by city plumbing and sanitation inspectors.

This never-say-die attitude seems to us ridiculously one sided. The well intended citizens of these small towns are protesting the discontinuance of an unprofit-

able enterprise. The towns would not be completely denied passenger or freight service. Only when there was no business would the Zephyr pass through without stopping. To insist that the Zephyr stop whether there is business or not does not seem reasonable.

While the citizens are forcing the train to stop every day to cater to their few passengers, they fail to consider the trainload of people they are needlessly delaying.

We still have enough faith in democratic principles to believe that the line is operating to benefit the majority. If a few people are inconvenienced for the good of the group, it is the perennial lack of perfection in our form of government. If the railroad progresses to the point of inconveniencing a majority of its passengers, we believe those passengers will force a correction by a normal refusal to buy tickets—not nuisance laws against the railroad and its other passengers.

The City Council of Electra and Chillicothe seem to be trying to hobble and hog tie the iron horse and watch him pant in their stations while passengers' time is wasted.

Battalion Poem Contest



The apple pies that Mon would make
The cafes here can't duplicate.
With taste so flat and crust so hard,

House Trims Appropriations Bill by One Million Dollars

By BO BYERS

AUSTIN, Tex., May 12 (AP)—The House trimmed its two-year departmental appropriation bill from 50 million to 49 million dollars and finally passed it last night, 124 to 8.

That cleared the way for the House to take up the 58 million dollar money bill for state-supported colleges today. It is the last of the four big spending measures whose passage is essential to final adjournment of the 51st legislature.

Three big strokes accounted for the major portion of what was lopped from the departmental appropriation.

The House decided by a slim majority that the state veterans affairs commission is a useless agency and wiped out its entire appropriation, \$449,728, for the next two years. The amendment was approved 63-61.

Maintenance funds for the State Health Department were slashed

\$622,000 in action rammed through so fast by Speaker Durwood Mansford that many representatives did not know what had happened.

The House, in Tuesday action, had abolished one other agency, the State Aeronautics Commission. The money saved would be \$84,000.

Rep. Sid Gregory of Gatesville led the fight to eliminate the Veterans Affairs Commission.

"This is the most unnecessary, ridiculous commission in the state," he told the House. "It's just a big, fat pork barrel. Everything it does already is being done by private agencies."

Reps. Billie Jobe of Putnam and Abraham Kazen Jr. of Laredo defended the VAC.

"We know there's considerable animosity between private organizations and the VAC. I say the VAC has served a useful purpose," Jobe said.

The departmental bill followed two other major money bills to the Senate. Those were the meas-

Bee Habits Interesting Study Student Entomologist Finds

By BEE LANDRUM

Bee-keeping is a common hobby throughout the world, but a novel form of the practice is carried on here at A&M by a senior entomology student, Ralph Hogue of E Veterans Company keeps a colony in his room.

No, he does not get stung, because he keeps them in a glass-sided hive with only one opening which leads out through the window screen. The glass allows Hogue to study the actions of the bees as they perform their natural functions of feeding the young, emerging from the comb, and storing honey.

The hive presents a fascinating picture. Behind the plate of glass, the bees go busily about their work unconcerned about the peering human beings. The brown brood comb at the bottom of the hive is partially covered with hundreds of the yellowish-brown insects. Young workers and drones can be seen emerging from the comb.

Hogue says that four or five days after the workers emerge they will move up to the top of the hive and build comb for the stor-

age of excess honey. The top of the hive contains a shallow super-frame which has on it a wax foundation comb for the young workers to build on.

Hogue bought the frame for his observation hive from a bee-keeper's supply company for about \$3.50, and the college apiculturist gave him the colony of bees containing about two pounds of the insects. Hogue said that the bees would have cost him about \$4 if he had bought them from a commercial apiculturist.

The number of mature female workers in the colony is estimated by Hogue to be about 1,000. He estimates that there are about 3,000 immature workers in the frame. Only about a dozen drones

(male non-workers) have emerged from the comb, but there will probably be 40 or 50 of them when they have all matured.

Although the colony does not have a mature queen bee at the present time, there are nine immature queens in the comb. Hogue is expecting one of them to emerge from the comb within a few days. He says that the first queen to emerge will immediately kill the other immature ones. If two queens emerge at the same time, they will fight, and only one will survive.

The bees consist of Caucasian and Italian strains and crosses of the two. Hogue hopes that the immature queens are of the Caucasian strain because that strain is less easily excited and more easily cared for than any other.

Hogue expects to make practical application of his hobby by using the information gathered as material for his technical reports next year.

Bill Ellsworth, veterinary medicine student living in Waiton, is putting one of these pet bee-hives in his room also.

Stark Inspects Shamrock Exhibits

J. W. Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center, and three staff members, including Wayne Smith, C. F. Gent, and Bill Hill attended the exhibits of equipment and food supplies held in the Shamrock Hotel this week.

The invitation to attend the Texas Hotel Association Convention was extended to Stark and staff members by L. L. Purjet, Chief Accountant for the National Hotel Company, Stark said.

As a result of the visit, numerous ideas on equipment and supplies were collected, Stark commented.

Official Notice

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural sophomores who took Dairy Husbandry 202 in the first semester and those sophomores who are now taking D. H. 202 are eligible to compete in the sophomore Dairy Cattle Judging Contest Saturday morning, May 21, beginning at 8 a.m.

It will aid in the organization of the contest if each student who is interested in the contest will leave his name with the secretary of the Dairy Department in Room 218 Agriculture Building any time prior to May 20.

A. L. DARNELL
Professor of Dairy Husbandry

ures taking care of state hospitals and courts. The only appropriation of consequence, other than that for higher education, now awaiting House action, is one for state supported junior colleges.

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