

Battalion Editorials

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From the Inspecting Officers, a Salute . . .

Colonel Boatner has received the following letter from Colonel Horner, chief officer of the Army and Air Force inspecting team which recently visited our campus: (quote).

Since returning to Austin following the inspection of your Corps of Cadets, I have made a mental summary of the findings of the Board of Inspectors. For your information and for such use as you deem appropriate there will appear on the inspection report in substance the following.

a. All Army and Air Force requirements are being accomplished in an exemplary manner.

b. The emphasis being placed—on the development of integrity and desirable character traits among the Corps is apparent in the commendable attitude and demeanor of the Cadets.

c. The pride and enthusiasm which each cadet exudes in being an "Aggie" reflects a laudable esprit de corps.

d. In summary, the Board of Inspectors reaffirms the findings of last year's inspecting team, namely:

It is the unanimous opinion of the Board of Inspectors that the Corps of Ca-

dets of A&M College of Texas reflected in its high state of discipline, training, military appearance and attitude, the leadership and outstanding efficiency of . . . the military personnel assigned . . .

The consensus of the Board is that the performance of the Corps of Cadets, its superb administration and the meritorious storage, maintenance, and protection of government property revealed a pre-eminently outstanding Reserve Officers Training Corps. (End quote).

By this letter the Board of Inspectors has indicated its complete satisfaction with the Cadet Corps of A&M and the system of military training offered here. We regard such commendatory letters with considerable pleasure for the Board of Inspectors does not lavish its praises on the undeserving.

The present Corps of Cadets has established itself as being as fine an organization as ever marched upon the drill fields of A&M. The above letter is a salute from high ranking Army and Air Force officers to the men of our Cadet Corps who have done their jobs well. They are a credit to their families, their country, and themselves.

Stitch in Time May Save Nine (In the Head) . . .

A grandstand collapsed Saturday afternoon and twenty eight people were injured.

For us, that accident had one redeeming aspect—it didn't happen at Kyle Field during a baseball game. But it could have.

These twenty eight people were witnessing trial runs on the Indianapolis, Indiana, speedway. They were not aware that the bleachers into which they were crowded were unsafe. Then, as one particular time trial came to a close, they all rose to their feet in the excitement, and as they did, according to one person in the stand, "A gaping hole appeared in the floor, and before I knew it the whole section around me collapsed."

We have been very fortunate that a similar accident has not happened here. The bleachers at Kyle Field are old. In some places the boards are rotten and insecurely fastened. Practically every timber in the structure shows cracks and strain. It is entirely possible that someday perhaps in the not too distant future, a

section of the Kyle Field bleachers may give way.

Thousands of people jam those bleachers during baseball season. It would take only one falling timber to cause the collapse of a section of the stand, and, if a section did collapse we might not have just twenty eight people injured. We might have dozens killed and dozens more injured.

We can prevent the possibility of such a disaster by an inspection of the bleachers. Perhaps such an inspection will reveal that the stands are not as dilapidated as they appear, and, if that is so, then the peace of mind we will have will more than compensate for the effort necessary to conduct the inspection.

But, if that investigation reveals that the stands are unsafe, or are on the verge of becoming unsafe, then we will be able to remedy the danger in time.

Let's look into the situation. An investigation now might avert a tragedy later.

The Passing Parade . . .

For the Liquid Appreciation Department: Those who say "The Play's The Thing" will remember it as an entirely different play from all preceding productions. The cast, working on a limited sche-

dule of rehearsals, believes that "Ghosts" will be even more startling. Some humor, nevertheless, is injected into Ibsen's drama even though it is of a more droll or even morbid nature. (The Bryan Daily Eagle).

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SCIENCE item from the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times: "By examining a salmon's scales under a microscope, the scientists can determine its age by counting rings on tree trunks."

Rent-riots are feared with the end of rent control, says a government official. The only rent riot we could expect here would occur if someone put up a "for rent" sign.

The Battalion

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Battalion Poem Contest



He gazed so deep into her eyes
She felt a stir within her breast.
The oft-strayed ends of love's old ties

Quarterhorse Movie Is Given To College By James G. Hall

A documentary movie of the foundation animals of the American Quarterhorse breed which Vice-Chancellor for Agriculture D. W. Williams describes as "one of the most important historical records of the American livestock industry" has been presented to A&M. The gift was made by James Goodwin Hall of New York in the name of his daughter, Anne Burnett Hall of Fort Worth, and was formally accepted by the board of directors of the College.

Vice-Chancellor Williams, who is a recognized authority on the horse in America, says the film, made by Hall in 1940-41, and shown before the American Society of Animal Production in Chicago, was a major factor in securing final approval for recognition of the breed.

The quarterhorse, an ideal mount for working cattle, is today the top breed in Texas, and Texas is the leading state in Quarterhorse production.

The film, made in color, shows top Quarterhorses on which the original recognized breed was established, on Texas and southwestern ranches. Included in its scenes are such famous early sires as Rainy Day No. 466 of the 6666 Ranch, Bill Thomas No. 538 owned by Jack Hutchins of the Pierce Estate Ranch, King No. 234 owned by Jess Hankins of Rock Springs Peppy No. 212, John Dial No. 208, Macanudo No. 211 and Wimpy No. 1 of the King Ranch; Golden Chief No. 194 and Redwood No. 191 of the R. L. Underwood ranch and Roan Hancock No. 456 belonging to Tom Burnett.

Opening with a shot of Bruce's Stud Book of 1830 showing a list-

ing of "Celebrated American Quarter Running Horses," the picture gives shots of famous sires at work on various ranches, showing colts and mares as well, and including roping, racing and horse show scenes.

Prints are being made from the original film for classroom showing and for the use of Texas quarterhorse ranchers. The original will be sealed and placed in a vault at the College for permanent preservation.

Letters

THEY LEFT THURSDAY
Editor, The Battalion:
Thanks for writing an editorial about the track team, but by the time you have us leaving, we hope to have our third Southwest Conference championship.

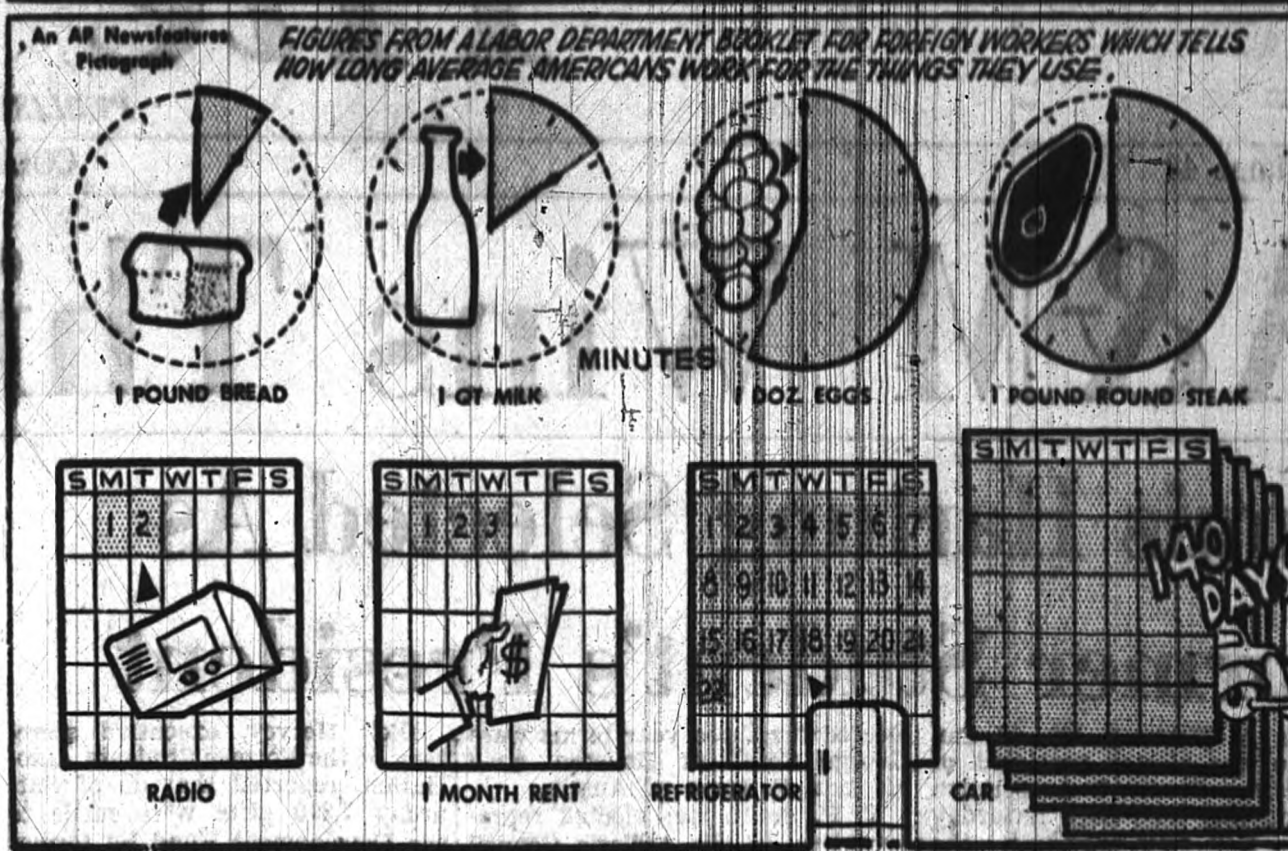
We are leaving today, Thursday, not Saturday, at 6:10.
Charles W. Clark '50

(Editor's Note: The editorial writer, two editors, a proofreader, and copy reader read that editorial, and not one noticed the discrepancy. The conflicting dates didn't register until our readers began bombarding us with telephone calls Wednesday afternoon. It was then too late to make the correction.

Our apologies to the track team for trying to get them off to a false start from College Station and to our readers for confusing them so that they didn't know what day to see the boys off.

We hope the announcements made in the mess halls made the exact time clear.)

WHAT AMERICAN WORK IS WORTH



Civil Service Job Examinations Set

New examinations for a number of Civil Service positions have been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission. The positions for which men with an eye on federal employment may try range all the way from topographic engineer to customs examining aid.

No written test is required for the positions of topographic engineer and topographic engineering aid; ratings will be based on applicants' experience and training pertinent to the job. Pay ranges for these jobs are from \$2,947 to \$5,284 a year for the engineers and \$2,162 to \$2,974 a year for the aid position.

Other engineering jobs which are now available are those of engineering aid, with pay from \$2,152 to \$3,727 per year, and petroleum inspector, with pay from \$2,947 to \$4,479 per year.

For those who might be interested in teaching, the Civil Service Commission has open the position of training instructor (electronics) at entrance salaries of \$4,479 and \$5,282 per year. Employment would be with the Anti-Aircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Other training instructor jobs were offered in instructional methods, AA material, and electricity at the same range of salaries. Employment would also be at Fort

Bliss.

Examinations will be held for the position of architect in both the branches of working drawings and general architecture. The positions to be filled from this examination are located in Washington, D. C. and vicinity and pay from \$3,727 to \$6,235 a year.

The last of the current crop of announcements from the Civil Service Commission is for the position of Customs Examining Aid at the entrance salary of \$3,727 per year. No special qualifications were listed. Employment would be with the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, in Texas.

Further information about any of these positions as well as application forms may be obtained from Roger W. Jackson at the College Station Post Office.

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