

Our Bank Begins A New Period of Service . . .

For the past three years, College Station has had a vault to put its money in. Today it has a bank.

When the College Station bank opened its doors in July of 1946, it had little to boast of except a safe place to keep its depositor's money. Around their modern vault was a lightly-constructed building and a small, informal staff of people to handle its affairs. College people no longer liked to go into Bryan to do their banking, but the new institution was more of a convenience than an actual necessity.

Since that time, both College Station and its business volume have increased appreciably. While the banking staff was awaiting materials with which to construct a new building, its business threat-

ened to crowd its small building out into the street.

Finally last February the bank staff moved into temporary quarters down the street and workmen tore the temporary building down from around the vault and began erecting forms for the new structure.

Today the College Station Bank is opening its new quarters. Fully equipped to handle the banking volume of the city, the new structure reflects the city which spawned it. It is young, it is busy, and it is growing.

College Station is a city that was built by education. It is most fitting that its bank should reflect education's traits of progress and forward vision.

Head, Heart, Hands, Health, Come Back Anytime . . .

To the 1320 visitors on the campus - Welcome. And we're happy to have you with us.

We've got to apologize to you in that we've really not treated you as visitors. We've just let you come and go as you please and do whatever your program men had planned for you. We've treated you as kinfolk and not as guests.

The campus has been yours to roam around on and, as we've been busy, our welcomes have been few. However, we do not think your presence here should go unnoticed or that we should let you leave without some words from us.

Many of the boys who have come to attend the Texas 4-H Club Round-Up will return several years from now to become students here for four years and Texas Aggies for life. Many girls will come back to some of our dances and football games.

All of you have an idea now of what A&M is like.

If you got lost several times, don't be embarrassed. More than once during our first few days here we started for one building and wound up at the other end of the campus.

When you return home we hope your report to your parents will be favorable about A&M. This is a great school (we believe the best in the world) that taxpayers have built. During our regular semesters the new area where you have lived housed the cadet corps. You now know how they live and the kind of food they eat. In a way, its unfortunate that you couldn't be here during our regular semesters and see the school going full swing.

But, you'll be back. Anytime you want to return, you are welcome.

Getting Our Topsoil and Tidelands Together . . .

A wit in the Cave had this explanation for the legislature's reductions in flood control appropriations:

Texas wants the tidelands, and right now the leg we are standing on is pretty shaky. But if more Texas soil could be moved to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico we could say, "Look there, under all that water is the best of Texas farm lands. Over the past generations we've been letting them wash away and filter over our little old tidelands. There's the finest soil of Texas."

By taking samples of the soil on the

Gulf bottom and matching it with soil from Texas farms along several of our rivers (rampant at flood time), proof positive is given to the validity of our tidelands claims.

So, this wit claims, rather than condemn the legislature for their disinterest in flood control, we should praise them. The more lands that wash away, the better our logic in claiming the tidelands as part of Texas.

We don't agree with his logic, but at least we can say he is subtle.

The Passing Parade . . .

Every now and then we receive a milestone-human interest story like this little number from New York.

The Salvation Army woman credited with making the first doughnuts served to American troops in France in 1917 will retire this week.

An officer in the Salvation Army since 1908, Lt. Col. Helen Purviance was sent abroad with 11 other Salvation Army offi-

cers in 1917.

Assigned to a small village near the front, she couldn't find a stove for baking, so she turned out a batch of doughnuts as an experiment.

One of our feature writers glanced over this tidbit and then sighed, his eyes moistening just a bit, "Ah how I hate to see her retire. Sentimentality you know. I ate two of that first batch of doughnuts in Paris in 1946."

★ Classified ad in the Oshawa (Can.) Times-Gazette: "4-Room Apt. with a bath to be shared with young girl."

★ The Montrose (Col.) Daily Press referred to the documents on the Freedom Train as "82 of the most immoral documents in American history."

The Battalion

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GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF IT



Sneak Preview . . .

'Champion' Offers Fifteen Rounds of Sizzling Sex

By ANDY DAVIS

Champion (United Artists) starring Kirk Douglas, Marilyn Maxwell, and Ruth Roman. (Palace)

This is the story of a guy from the wrong side of the tracks, who became a hero in the eyes of the public, and a plague to those who knew him best. His fists got him what he wanted and his personality a little more.

Kirk Douglas hits the screen in his portrayal of Midge Randall, with all the force of an upper-cut to the jaw, and is nothing short of sensational. Getting into the fighting game by accident, Midge, under the able guidance of his manager, fights his way to the top, only to make one mistake. He wins a fight instead of losing it. After giving Midge a rough going over, the big boys pigeon hole him in the fighting profession.

Along comes a blond bombshell, Marilyn Maxwell, looking for a meal ticket, and decides Midge is just the one. She persuades him to drop his old manager in favor of a more influential one who can get him a chance at the title. Midge's brother walks out on him after this deal.

After taking the Championship, Midge discards the blond, and takes up the option of his manager's wife. But even she is just aside for a lump sum payment. His last fight is as gory and realistic as any spectators can hope for, with all his women, including his wife, anxiously awaiting his downfall. Midge wins the fight,

but in his triumph, his mind crumbles, and he dies in the dressing room.

A Woman's Secret (RKO) starring Maureen O'Hara, Melvyn Douglas, and Gloria Grahame. (Campus)

This film should be kept secret from all, because you will be in the dark before and after seeing it.

Maureen O'Hara readily confesses the shooting of her protegee, Gloria Grahame. Then, after much aimless flashback to depict events leading up to the incident, it is revealed that the shooting was a pure accident. Melvyn Douglas is thrown in the film for good measure and manages to get lost with the rest of the cast. Miss Grahame's voice is easy to listen to, and as usual Maureen O'Hara adds her beauty to the scene. Anything else you find is purely coincidental.

Timm Will Attend Extension Meeting

T. R. Timm, extension economist and professor of agricultural economics here, will leave Saturday for Washington, D. C., where he will attend a conference of state extension workers and members of the federal extension staff, according to G. G. Gibson, director of the Texas Extension Service.

Timm will stop over in Knoxville, Tennessee, to confer with officials of the University of Tennessee. He will return June 26.

Official Notice

SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATES

Applications for Degrees to be awarded at the end of the Summer Session are now being accepted by the Registrar's Office. All students who expect to complete the requirements for either a Bachelor's Degree, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree, or Master's Degree by the end of the Summer should file formal application for the degree immediately. Application blanks are available in the Registrar's Office.

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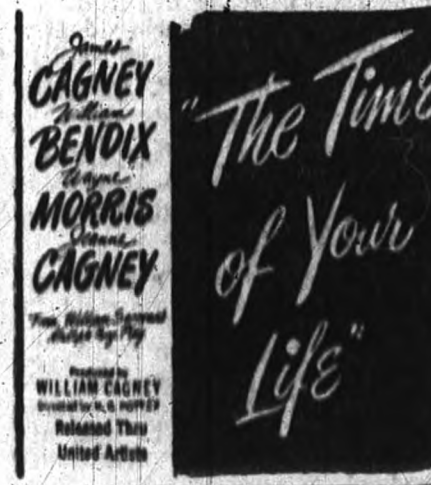
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Some Well Turned Figures About Those Same Figures

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—It takes a lot of figuring to keep the female figure in bounds.

And that watchdog of the womanly bulge, The Corset and Brassiere Association of America, has come up with a few well-rounded

statistics. It has found that no one shape seems to satisfy the girls for long. The only thing about the feminine contour that has remained unchanged since Cleopatra's day is the shoulder. (Eds. Note: It is as cold as ever.) Researchers of the CBAA have

discovered the American woman of today is no longer the wasp-waisted stringbean of yore. She's more willow than willow.

But in terms of a mathematical formula, the average woman now is 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 133 pounds. She has a 35½-inch bust, 29-inch waist and 38-inch hips.

At least these are the typical measurements of the women who buy foundation garments. And 85 per cent of those over 15 years of age do.

The farmer's daughter is shorter and wider at the beam than her city sister. And the rich girl has a narrower chassis than the working lass.

One survey showed that only about one out of 13 women has the classic measurement—A "Perfect 36."

Perhaps this helps explain the Corset and Brassiere Association's contention that 55,000,000 American women figure they have a figure problem—And do something about it.

Some 800 American firms, employing more than 17,000 persons, each year turn out 100,000,000 brassieres, 5,000,000 "Falsies" or bust pads, and 41,000,000 girdles and corsets.

Today the industry's best customer is the best-dressed girl in the world—The American working girl. She buys four brassieres and two girdles a year.

Cotton Clamor . . .

Ag Officials and Southern Senators Clash Over Plan

WASHINGTON, June 15—(AP)—Agriculture Department officials today opposed a new plan for controlling planting and marketing of cotton backed by 28 senators and leaders of the cotton-producing states.

Frank Wooley, appearing in behalf of Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, told a Senate Agriculture Subcommittee the proposal is "inflexible" and probably would result in production of surplus cotton.

Senator Anderson (D-NM) presiding, said the proposed legislation would assure a larger cutback in cotton production, in case of a surplus, than existing law.

But Wooley urged congressional passage of a bill that would give Secretary Brannan more flexible powers to offer acreage and marketing controls for all basic crops, including cotton, corn, wheat, tobacco, rice and peanuts.

Representatives of cotton-producing states worked out the new controls program at a series of local, state and regional conferences last April.

Their program calls for a minimum acreage allotment of 10,000,000 bales, or not less than 1,000,000 bales less than domestic consumption plus exports of the preceding year, whichever is smaller.

It also calls for fixed minimum allotments to states, counties and individual farms.

The Beltwide Conference also asked continuance of the port-war government support of cotton prices at 90 percent of parity if growers vote for acreage and marketing controls. But this is not involved directly in the pending bill.

Federal controls over cotton acreage and marketing were lifted during the war in 1943, and a price-depressing surplus was wiped out by wartime demands.

Last year more than 23,000,000 acres of cotton produced 14,626,000 bales, with a new threat of surplus from an estimated carry-over of 6,500,000 to 7,000,000 bales.

Some type of control program is regarded as certain during the next year if cotton growers want to continue government price-support programs.

Maybe He's A Bird Of Another Feather

WILLINGHAM, Eng., May 26—(AP)—This suffolk village is being bothered by an old owl that isn't as wise as old owls are supposed to be.

The bird, who has been pecking at unsuspecting passersby on a dark lane, took a nip recently at its own best friend—local game warden Percy Pert.



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