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A Private Enterprise and Public Utility Listens . . .

College Station citizens have told the Station. Southwestern States Telephone Company that the telephone service rendered by the company has not been satisfactory. The latest manifestation of this public displeasure came last week at a public hearing where telephone company officials and citizens in local government heard written and oral complaints registered by telephone subscribers of College Station.

According to provisions of the franchise granted by the City of Coilege Station, the Southwestern States Telephone Company must provide this community with telephone service consistent with state laws, (an example, business phones must be installed upon a concern's request), operate and maintain equipment in first class working condition, and give telephone service satisfactory to the com-munity. Of 310 telephones in College Station (including many college phones), 75 subscribers Texcluding the College which took no stand) wrote complaints charging nearly thirty different reasons why they thought present service unsatisfactory.

Upon hearing these complaints (too long for repairs, many local dialed numbers give wrong numbers, confused long distance calls, not enough long distance calls, phones going dead during every rain are to mention but a few) and charges of operational inefficiency and administrative favoritism, telephone company officials expressed surprise that such flagrant violations of company policies existed here. They promised to study the complaints and submit a report to the tele-

Though not subscribers to the telephone service in the literal sense, there are many occasions when the student bobecomes customers of the telephone company. A letter was sent to the hearing on behalf of the student body by the telephone committee of the Student Senate. It complained of inadequate long distance facilities to handle frequent student body demands and listed several reasons for dissatisfaction with local service. The letter also pointed out the almost total lack of telephone service to the A&M Annex (three lines to carry both student and college calls) and the inadequacy of the two pay stations at the Annex.

The telephone company should carefully study these complaints presented by both citizens of College Station and students of the College. The aggregate of these complaints points to general public dissatisfaction with the services of what is a private enterprise and a public utility. The enterprise is naturally operated to make money, but its function is primarily as a servant of the people.

Several citizens have stated that the hearing was called to demonstrate to the company public sentiment toward service by the company, and not as an excuse to revoke the company's franchise. Now the Southwestern States Telephone Company knows how the people whom they are supposed to serve feel about the quality of that service. With these complaints known. the company has no other alternative than to correct those phases of their service phone committee of the City of College which have been branded unsatisfactory.

Are Our Doctors Still in Sacred Positions? . . .

family clergyman—he was looked to for the curing of our physical ills, no sacrifice was considered too great for him to make in ministering to the sick, and his only contact with politics was when he occasionally swalbed the throat of the grams that it is far too early to intellicounty judge.

Today, things aren't quite the same. He still cures our ills, but the fee has risen . (along with his curing ability) from produce accepted at a rural home to a five dollar fee in his office, and rather than being associated politically with the clergy, the modern doctor has switched over to almost the same position of the other member of the triumvarite—the lawyer. In short, doctors are up to their stethoscopes in politics.

At the recent convention of the American Medical Association, the nation's doctors heard their leaders outline a long and complicated political learnpaign against compulsory health insurance legislation of any form. To aid this cause, each of the doctors was called on for an assessment of \$25 for an "educational" campaign. Just what this educational campaign will embrace was not made clear, but if the rash of full-page ads and lobbying activi-

Anonymous: Nothing annoys a woman so much as having her friends drop in to find her house booking as it usually

Five years ago the family doctor was ty of the past few months is any indicaregarded in almost the same light as the tion, the campaign will be both powerful and one-sided.

> The issue of a compulsory health program is the approaching, big, domestic political issue. So little is yet actually known about compulsory health progently decide their merits and faults. But you may rest assured that the issue will be heavily discussed and re-discussed in all the nation's periodicals and legislative chambers before any legal decisions are

> If we are to choose wisely among the arguments and decide intelligently on the final issue, we must learn to recognize fact from distorted propaganda and genuine concern from personal interest.

> As the AMA begins distributing its arguments we would do well to forget our picture of the old family doctor and investigate their propaganda with a discriminating eye. When the doctor's fraternity began dividing its time between the office and the senate halls, it lost some of its sacred position.

> We must check the AMA's statements to see if they are doctoring our bodies or indoctrinating our minds.

> The Transmitter: A man with six children is better satisfied than a man with six million dollars. The man with six million dollars wants more.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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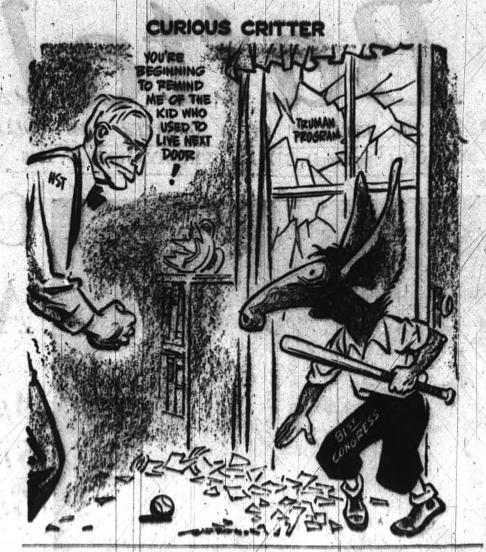
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to give the state a mortgage on their homes in order to secure pensions.

the 35 million dollar ceiling on state welfare grants but imposing

vote rejecting the senate plan was

On the big problem of state spending, the two houses outwardly reached agreement. The senate approved 24-7, a housepassed resolution urging heavy cutting of the big money bills essential to operation of the state government the next two However, the senate turned

thumbs down on a part of the respractical financing plan.

would agree.

til Monday morning.

Some senators who voted for the House Economy Resolution, said the house was bluffing and trying to put the senate on the spot when it suggested cutting appropriation bills 45 million dollars. So the senate called the bluff-

if that's what it was. had it figured that way.

"I think we ought to accept the challenge," he said, telling the senate's presiding officer: "If you will appoint me and two other senators who will follow me on those (conference) committees (on general appropriations), we'll do some cutting and find out who is first

Senators James Taylor

Ashley has prepared a Constitutional Amendment to permit is-suance of bonds by the state to

Another proposed constitutional amendment was added to the list. The house approved senate changes in the proposals to let cities and counties join in establishing health units.

The senate limited the amount of tax that could be levied for citycounty health units to 20 cents on the \$100 property valuation.

House and senate members were advised that unless the amendment were agreed upon yesterday there would not be enough time for routine details essential to putting the matter before the peo-

Opportunities for University Teaching and Advanced Research in Norway and the Netherlands for 1949-50 are available. Applications must be in by June 30, 1949, Details may be secured from R. L. Elkins, 204 Academic Building.

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.

Legislature Splits on Old Age Pension Bill; Seek Compromise

AUSTIN, Texas, June 17—(AP).—The senate and house split yesterday on whether needy Texas old folks should have

Get Marketing Aid

As an aid to Texas peach pro-

ducers, the horticulture department

is sending men into the field to

help determine the exact and cor-

rect time of marketing, according

to Dr. Guy W. Adriance, head of

Commercial peach growers in

Texas, will notdevelop a succes-

sful marketing program until they

have determined the exact and

correct time to gather, pack and

ship their peaches for the re-

tailer and the house-wife consum-

ture department has been placing

men in various orchards through-

out the state for the past week.

He will go to Houston Friday to

inspect peaches as they arrive at

the terminal. Two students, James

Venables and Edward Pauls, of

the horticulture department will

One of the students will remain

there for approximately a month

to study the shipments. The other

student will go to Dallas to inspect

and study shipments coming in to

W. B. Mack, hortculture major,

will be stationed in Red River and

Morris Counties to take notes on

Butler at Chicago

Meat Conference

O. D. Butler, assistant profes-

sor of Animal Husbandry at A&M,

attended the Reciprocal Meat Con-

ference, held in Chicago yesterday

and Wednesday, under the spon-sorship of the National Livestock

The conference was attended by

fifty-two representatives of thirty-

one agricultural colleges and the

USDA. The purpose of the confer-

ence is to provide opportunity for

mutual exchange of information

and ideas concerning teaching and

Methods, Techniques, and Aids in

Teaching the Subject of Meats.

His observations in teaching meats

courses at A&M provide the basis

Earlier this year, in February,

Roy W. Snyder, professor of An-imal Husbandry here, was in Chi-

cago as a member of the program

planning committee for these meet-

Bryan 2-8879

TODAY - SATURDAY

"CHAMPION"

SATURDAY PREVUE

Sunday - Monday

"MANHANDLED"

Dorothy Lamour

COMING TUESDAY -

M-G-M'S TECHNICOLOR Musical

The Barkleys of Broadway

at and me bill. I down to the ratio

and Meats Board.

research in meats.

for his discussion.

harvesting and packing.

T. S. Stephens, of the horticul-

er market, Adriance said.

accompany him.

that terminal.

the horticulture department.

The senate voted 21-8 to submit to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment lifting **Peach Growers To**

the new mortgage restriction. Objecting to the mortgage idea, the house demanded that a new conference committee be appointed to work out a compromise. The

olution which suggested elimination of a building program for Eleemosynary Institutions unless Gov. Beauford H. Jester offered a

The senate approved a resolution to end the regular session of the 51st Legislature at noon June 28. Both houses must agree before such action can be taken, but it appeared likely the lower house

The Legislature took off for another long weekend, quitting un-

Senator R. A. Weinert of Seguin

to say, 'hold, enough'."

Kerens, Finance Committee Chairman, and Carlos Ashley of Llano were insistent that the Legislature provide a building program.

pay for the building program.

A bill controlling the use of 2, 4-D and other weed killer poisons went to the governor after the house agreed to senate amend-

Failure of the house and senate to get together on removing the ceiling on old age pensions meant that the question can not be submitted at the Sept. 24 special election. Ninety-day notice of the elem tion must be given.

Official Notice

SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATES

H. L. HEATON

Boyle's Column

O'Ryan, O'Groggan Boyle Talks of the Emerald Isle

By HAL BOYLE

SHANNON, Irelandit was high up in the air we were, 8,000 feet above the great Irish

Inside the cabin of the American Overseas Airlines Flagship Service, were some 30 Correspondent returning form a tour of the European battlefields and outside was a thick cloud making a mystery of the land below and the sky

By BASCOM GILES
Commissioner of the General
Land Office
(Editor's Note: Second of a series
of articles on the Veterans Land

The recently enacted legislation implementing the Texas Veterans

Land Board will be the means of

making the dream of thousands of

Texas Veterans for a farm or ranch home of their very own,

come true.

One of the most attractive fea-

tures of this bill is that section

which permits a veteran to person-

ally select a tract of land suitable

for agriculture or grazing held

under private ownership in any

sector of the State. It might be

owned by kinsmen or by a corpora-

Texas Veterans Free To Select

Privately Owned Land Tract

For Farm or Ranch Home

what will matter to the Board. State when such tracts are offered will be that the veteran feels reapurchase will be made three up to the search will be made three up to the

sonably sure that it will serve his sealed competitive bids with the purpose and needs; that it must award going to the highest bidder.

have at least half of the mineral To make the contract valid the

rights unencumbered and that the minimum five per cent down pay land is worth the asking price.

After the veteran has made his Proper application forms will be

selection his next step will be to furnished by the Board on request.

furnish the Board with a complete Each veteran will be limited to one abstract and description of the purchase. However, he will NOT

property so that it may be appeared as to the maximum praised. At the same time he files amount of land he may be able to his application with the Board, he purchase under the full loan of will pay to the Board his initial \$7,500,000.

down payment of NOT less than The term "state owned land five per cent of the total purchase does NOT include Public School

price. In the event the application Land but will include land acquired

is rejected the veteran's money will by the State from other state or be refunded and he will be free to federal government agencies, or

After the Board has appraised for the purpose of resale to Texas

ever made anything more cour ageous than the English.

But some of us were looking to the hearts of forebears who had left this beautiful land for something better out carried the memory of it wherever they settled.

There was one among us, Cornelius Ryan who had been born here and was seeing his homeland again for the first time in eight wears.

There is Ireland's tallest mountain.

of the land below and the sky mist there gleamed a river beneath us. And faraway, sure it was a fair river—as if the Lord ter taking off from London. Some of the passengers dozed in their seats, quietly digesting one of merrie England's postwar Auster—ty meals and wondering if God silver flood.

Operation of this part of the veteran purchase plan will etiminate the necessity for migration of veterans from one part of the state to another as a majority of the purchasers will select land adjacent to their homes where they are already familiar with prediction conditions. This factor will serve to lessen chances of failure.

Under the provisions of this mec-

tion a veteran may purchase a

he will be required to tender the difference above the \$7,500,00 state

terfitt, permits a veteran te pur-chase a tract of land owned by the

Another provision of the sponsored by Senator Lohn

and Representative Reubert

finance maximum.

trai Plan," said Ryan. "See how few roads there are and notice

Around each farm is a stone will They were built in the days then the Irish used to say "We ot have any ammunition to the British, but we have enty of rocks to throw at them.' Our plane landed at Shannon Airport and we picked up a souvent of Irish Earth at the edge of the nunway. Then we went into the launge. We had only as hour belone our plane left and we spent it leaching about Ireland.

It seems there are two rival Dairies here. One is run by a fel-low maned Bushmill. The other is operated by a guy named John Jamusch. They both bottle beauti-

What else can you learn in an hour about Ireland, mayourneen? It was too dark to look for sham-

Prairie View A&M Announces Grants

Two grants, one for \$5,000 and other for \$600, have been made to Prairie View A&M College, acpling to Dr. E. B. Evans, presient of the college.

The General Education Board as made available \$5,000 toward a purchase of steel shelving for library. The fund is available though June 30, 1950.

General Mills; Inc., Minne-olis, has made \$600 available ward the workshop in nutrition and health education to be held his summer.

We're open so late (It's now 'till 8)

So bring the date You want to fete.

be entitled to take possession. EDITOR'S NOTE: (In the next issue Commissioner Giles will tell of the eligibility requirements for qualification for a farm or ranch home loan and the protection provided the veteran under the legislation.)

this legislation.

Helicopter Pilot is Rocked by Kids

make another selection.

the land and approved the appli-

cation for the loan for the balance,

the applicant will be required to

execute an on or before note for

forty years at three per cent in-

terest for the balance. After re-

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 17 (A). Stones tossed by tots "are worse than the flak over Berlin's says Lt. Joseph E. Barrett of the Waco air base.

Barrett is pilot of an army hal copter spraying DDT over police and diarrhea-ridden areas here,

The helicopter blades are break able. Police guards Were set up today to protect the machine.



HOUSTON'S GLEN McCARTHY and His

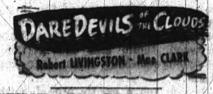
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SATURDAY ONLY -SUPER DOUBLE BILL



- AND ALSO -



"SHOCK PROOF"

SUNDAY—SEE. Cornel Wilde

abilities will have a 90 day priority in financing, during which time non-disabled veterans applications ceiving his contract of sale he will will be held in abeyance.

from individuals or corporations

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Under the terms of the bill,

erans with combat connected

TODAY & SATURDAN FIRST RUN

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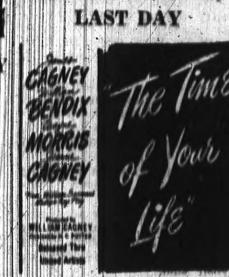
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