

Battalion Editorials

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Good Neighbors and GI Trousers . . .

There's an old expression about the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing. This time, however, it's the State Department and the Defense Department, each of which doesn't know what the other is up to.

We are referring, of course, to the recent order from the Defense Department, barring foreign students from receiving government issue uniforms under the ROTC program. The order was vigorously protested this week by our Board of Directors. They said, in effect, that the government was being inconsistent by spending large sums of money and sending surplus uniforms to Latin American countries (under the Good Neighbor policy) on the same hand, and then antagonizing these same countries by discriminating against their college students on the other.

We want to both echo and expand on the Board's statement. A&M is definitely a stronghold of good neighbor relations. We have as high, or higher, ratio of Latin American students as any other college in the nation. Nowhere else are they so readily accepted into the social life of the school.

Students of Latin American extraction have set high academic records at A&M, and in eight years of association with the college we have heard nothing but praise in their behalf from their fellow students.

This good relationship will not end in college. As the students of today become the leaders of tomorrow, both countries will benefit by the loss of race prejudice; a

disease that has always thrived on lack of education.

And the situation doesn't end with Latin American students. A&M's outstanding agriculture and engineering schools bring students from all over the world, seeking to improve their countries' positions in these two basic industries. Each semester students register here from India, Pakistan, many of the Latin American countries, China, the Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, and numerous other American possessions and friendly countries whose good will is far more valuable than a few GI trousers.

Those foreign students who are in the ROTC and must spend an extra \$250 for uniforms (when they are hedging a budget to stay in school) can not help but feel the sharp bite of discrimination. And those other students, not in the corps, are long accustomed to quickly detect and resent the slightest show of discrimination, not only against them, but against others with their same problems.

We are sure the military was only watching its all-too-small budget when it ordered the paring-off of foreign students from its uniform lists. But in this case, we think they should look past the purse strings to see where they are leading.

The least we can do for our foreign students is to issue them the same boots and pants we issue all other students.

That one simple act might prevent our Good Neighbor Policy from getting a boot in the pants a few years from now.

The Trumpet Blows Last Respects . . .

When death strikes unexpectedly, the normal order—whether it is in government or family life—is interrupted and the fates of those immediately concerned are affected.

There is no one to replace a father or mother or child whom death suddenly claims. Law has given to governments security against a state or a nation becoming thrown into disorganization by the death of its chief executive, but nevertheless, the loss is felt proportionately to the ability of or esteem held by the deceased chief executive. Law has established lines of succession, and the second-in-command becomes first-in-command upon the last breath of the dying leader.

Texans are experiencing the disorder of mind and state government precipitated by the sudden death of its governor. The swearing-in of a new governor after funeral ceremonies of Mr. Jester will not immediately bring things back to normal in the state government. Within the Jester family, the Governor's death has caused a permanent disruption of home life.

Mr. Jester was an able governor, de-

voted to principles that inspired admiration in those who agreed with him and criticism in those who disagreed. But even those most critical of his principles cannot doubt his sincerity or despise him for his beliefs.

While Mr. Jester was Governor of Texas, several reform measures were passed by the Legislature which are improvements in our state government. The farmers will remember his administration because of the vast road-building program launched. Teachers and the people of Texas will remember the passage of school reorganization and other reform measures. Many will remember his campaign against federal control of the tidelands.

The people of Texas regarded Governor Jester with much esteem, and his death is being felt as a personal loss by many Texans.

When taps are sounded in Corsicana today for Beauford Halbert Jester, the people of Texas will be paying their respects to an important Texan whose absence will be felt for some time to come.

The U. S. population now stands at 148,527,000, the Census Bureau estimated last week. A spate of marrying, during the war and since, a "tremendous" rise in the birth rate, and continued high levels of employment had boosted the population by almost 17 million in the past nine years.—*TIME*.

The Pasadena, Calif. chapter of the American Institute of Architects earnestly resolved that its members for one year should address each other (even in conversation) as "Architect" instead of "Mister," to test whether the title added to the dignity and business volume of the profession.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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THE UNDERSTUDY



Letters

KK ISSUE GOES TO THE DOGS

Editor, The Battalion: Lo! There is an imposter on the Campus. He wears, or did, the uniform of an officer of the Campus Security, and he shot a dog in my front yard. If anyone cares for names and addresses of eye witnesses of the incident I will be glad to furnish them on call.

It would seem the questions boil down to this: Mr. Hickman, are you a liar, or do you not even know what members of your forces do? I can substantiate my 'charge' with proof. Can you?

Robert E. Mayes, 49 Apt. C-3-A, CVV Box 1826 College Station, Tex. P.S.: The officer's name who did the shooting is Morris Maddox, now employed at the Annex and still employed by the Campus Security.

Range Students Make Field Trip

The Range Management 409 class led by Dr. Harold F. Heady, range and forestry professor, visited the Blackland Experiment Station at Temple last Friday.

The class was conducted on a tour of the Station. They studied both cultivated and native pastures while there. The cultivated pastures included legume and grass mixtures in two and three year rotation with row crops.

Of special interest to the class was the experiments being carried on with the new Evergreen Sweet Clover which shows great promise. It is a biennial, reseeds itself, and is deep rooted, to name a few of its outstanding qualities.

Before returning to A&M, the class went several miles west of Belton to study some native rangeland.

Ag Teachers Are Enrolled for MS

Forty-four Texas teachers of vocational agriculture are enrolled in A&M to work on their masters degrees. All of them are now engaged in the teaching profession.

According to Henry Ross, professor in the Agricultural Education Department, these teachers are attending school for the dual purpose of furthering their education and increasing their incomes. Due to the passage of the Gilmer-Alkin Bill, holders of masters degrees are given a 300 per year raise in salary.

Thirty-four men are enrolled in the farm shop course. The post-graduates are also taking courses in dairy husbandry, animal husbandry and agricultural education.

Eight masters degrees will be conferred on July 16. The recipients will be L. W. Cason, F. P. Cherry, J. C. Fox, J. R. McIlroy, J. E. Seamans, G. L. Sybert, R. B. Thomas, and M. H. Timmons.

Fowler to Direct Temple Bible Class

James F. Fowler, evangelist for the Church of Christ at College Station, will be in Temple Sunday to be the director of the annual vacation Bible School and the speaker in a series of gospel meetings to be held July 10-17, elders of the Central Church of Christ said today.

Fowler is a former minister of the Central Church of Christ in Temple and at present is teaching in the Religious Education Department here at A&M.

Official Notice

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE. Students who intend to enter the school of Veterinary Medicine in the coming Fall Semester Freshman class are advised that the test for applicants will be given at the Veterinary Hospital, Sunday, July 17, at 2 p. m.

I. B. BOUGHTON, Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Geology Grads All Employed

Everyone of the 26 seniors majoring in geology or geological engineering at A&M had a position waiting for him after the June graduation ceremonies.

"This unusual record of every man having a job as he graduated was particularly true in case of the graduates of the Texas Extension Service who did not send representatives to interview students in any college."

Of the graduates, the largest number, 35 per cent, took positions with small companies and independent oil operators with 27 per cent of the group accepting positions with geophysical companies. Nineteen per cent found positions with major oil companies, and eight per cent accepted jobs with drilling contractors or in the field of mining geology.

Four per cent of the graduates accepted commissions in the Armed Forces.

Agents to Attend Arkansas School

Nineteen county home demonstration agents, six agricultural agents and three members of the headquarters staff of the Texas Extension Service have been granted leaves of absence to attend the regional summer school for extension workers, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, July 14 through August 10, according to Director G. G. Gibson of the Texas Extension Service.

The three staff members granted leave are S. L. Neal, Mrs. Rosella Cook, and Leta Bennett. All are district agents with headquarters at College Station.

Special courses will be offered at the University for extension workers. The school is one of the four regional schools set up for the purpose of giving advanced training to extension personnel. Special emphasis will be placed on methods for improving the work being done by the extension worker, Gibson said.

FFA Chapter Has Watermelon Feast

The Collegiate Chapter of the Future Farmers of America met in Area 3 of Hensel Park Wednesday for its annual watermelon supper.

Approximately 100 families of agricultural education undergraduates, graduates, and professors bought admission to the watermelon supper which was purchased from the Navasota Watermelon Association.

E. R. Alexander, head of the Agricultural Education Department, was coordinator for the affair.

Brazos VFW To Give Barn Dance

The Brazos County VFW is sponsoring a Barn Dance Wednesday, July 13, at the Bryan Country Club. The dance will begin at 9 p. m. and will continue until 11, announced Adolph Slovacek Jr., post commander.

Music will be furnished by Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. Women are invited to wear gingham, and men may wear levis, Slovacek said.

Admission will be \$1.80 per couple, and proceeds will go to the VFW Building Fund, Slovacek concluded.

HMS Ship in Safely

Hongkong, July 13.—(P)—The British ship Hanyang arrived in Hong Kong today from Tientsin with 10 foreign and 8 Chinese passengers aboard.

The ship's crew said no Nationalist China warships were encountered as it ran the blockade.

Boyle's Column . . .

New York Has a Little Of All Towns' Lots It's Own

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(P)—Oh, I tell you New York is a wonderful town.

It must be fine or there wouldn't be so many people crowded here together to enjoy it. It's really a terrible place to visit or die in, but a grand town to live in.

For here the poor man has courage, and fights for his rights. He's as good as a millionaire any day, and he'll stay up all night to tell you why. Yes, rich or poor, you're

just another number here. And sometimes it's pleasant to wonder whether you're 8,675,341 or maybe 1,435,768. Who cares?

There is one thing sure: You can never be Mr. Number One. Because nobody is big enough to be really important on this 34 island. You have to belong to it—it can never belong to you. This is a man's town, and it's cut for size. It has outgrown everybody who ever lived in it—and it's still growing.

And the people who live in it are growing, too. The fat-voiced

tourists come here and look around and shake their heads and leave again, saying, "after all, New York City isn't America."

But New York City is America, and there is no town more American. Because here people are really working toward the kind of democracy the rest of the country reads about in high school civics books.

There are only a few cities in the world that are really cities—London for courage, Paris for love-

liness, Calcutta for misery, Shanghai for sin, Rome for healing and hurt, Athens for blue skies, Cairo for gold and intrigue, Naples for a merry heart and a dirty face, Berlin, the tomb and womb and anvil of war, Moscow for mockery of human rights, and Washington, where every man who has been elected twice can hope for a marble monument.

Wrap them all together and you'll almost have New York—but not quite.

For there is nothing as tremendous as this tremendous village, America's long dream pushed into a few square miles of struggle and grope, where people move like molts underground and hope in terms of towers.

Never a day dawns here but my spirit feels taller on the way to work from seeing the Empire State building shoulder the morning mist, comforting as a fairy tale in an hour of fear. And never an evening sun sinks down without my spirit wearing from the sight of some ugliness that dwells here, too, in men and buildings.

Bombay Air Crash Takes Lives Of 45; Knickerbocker Killed

Associated Press

An airplane crash near Bombay, India, took 45 lives yesterday, including 14 newspapermen, one of whom was H. R. Knickerbocker, who has lectured at A&M several times in past years.

Knickerbocker made his home at Dallas from 1938 to 1946. He was graduated from Southwestern University at Georgetown and took postgraduate work at Southern Methodist University, where he later taught journalism.

In a plane crash near Los Angeles early reports said 11 persons were killed and at least 30 persons were injured. Forty-eight persons were aboard.

A French military plane crashed in French Morocco killing 18 persons, it was reported today. The crash occurred yesterday.

Two U.S. Airforce fliers were found dead today beside a C-54 which crashed in the Russian zone of Germany. A third crewman was believed dead inside the craft. The plane was on the Berlin Airlift.

Fourteen Americans, including 13 newspaper, magazine and radio reporters, were among those killed in the crash of a Dutch airliner in a dreaching rainstorm near Bombay.

In Los Angeles, the Sheriff's Office reported that the craft which crashed near there, a Standard Airlines plane, was burning atop Susanna Pass in the Northwest end of the San Fernando valley.

The Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) Constellation smashed into a hill while groping for an airfield north of Bombay with which the pilots were not familiar.

Other than Knickerbocker, American victims included Pulitzer prize winner S. Burton Heath of the Newspaper Enterprise Association.

The correspondents were returning from a visit to Indonesia sponsored by the Netherlands government.

A Coast Guard seaplane cracked up in the Pacific about 480 miles northwest of San Francisco last night, on a rescue mission, but all 11 persons aboard were saved. The plane was trying to remove an ailing passenger from a steamer.

Smith Speaks To Business Class

George Smith, district manager of the Houston office of the Dictaphone Corporation, addressed the Business 435 (Salesmanship) class Saturday.

Smith stressed some of the important points of selling in his talk, during which he gave a "carry and show" demonstration of the latest model dictaphone his company now sells.

Smith began his presentation by saying that in order to be a successful salesman one must always have the outlook that "tomorrow is going to be a better day." He then emphasized the importance of positive selling and gave some tips on how to overcome price obstacles and how to delay the discussion of cost until after the sales presentation is completed.

Smith is an A&M graduate of the class of '30.

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TODAY thru SAT. "City Across the River"

SATURDAY PREVUE SUNDAY - TUESDAY

DOE HOPE BALL

HMS Ship in Safely

Official Notice

College Station Council Meets

College Station aldermen met Monday night and among other things, authorized Mayor Ernest Langford, to request a joint meeting with the Bryan city commission next week.

The Council stated that "what we want to talk about is buying the REA lines in College Hills." Inter-city sewage problems will also be discussed.

At the suggestion of Alderman Bob Halpin, an all-out drive in the city limits of College Station is to be made immediately to license dogs.

The new livestock ordinance, requiring registration and inspection of livestock premises, was ordered published and enforced immediately.

A request from Chester Allen of Austin for a permit to construct a "Motel" on Highway 6, South, in an area zoned for apartment houses, was referred to the zoning commission.

The Council discussed a request from the Carnegie Library for a nominal contribution, but delayed action pending study of the new budget. Although the request met a favorable response, it was pointed out that the city should establish its own library eventually.

The meeting adjourned after setting next Monday night to study and recommend the city's new budget, after which a public hearing will be scheduled for August 15.

AH Students Tour Hungerford Ranch

Nineteen members of the AH 406 class, accompanied by Fred Rau, instructor in the Animal Husbandry Department, toured the J. D. Hudgins ranch at Hungerford Monday.

A. C. Crouch, foreman of the ranch, guided the group on a tour during which range cattle and range conditions were seen and discussed.

The Hudgins' Brahman show herd was also inspected by the class.

Campus

LAST DAY FIRST RUN

Feature Starts 1:06 - 3:23 - 5:27 - 7:44 - 10:00

GARY COOPER THE FOUNTAINHEAD

PATRICIA NEAL WARNER BROS. PRESENTS

BUGS BUNNY CARTOON

TOMORROW FRIDAY - SATURDAY FIRST RUN

MAUREEN O'HARA FORBIDDEN STREET

Thursday Feature Starts 1:00 - 2:54 - 4:48 - 6:29 8:23 - 10:00

No Preview Friday SAT. PREVIEW 11 P.M. "The Judge Steps Out" FIRST RUN Also Sun. - Mon. - Tues.

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TODAY

WILLIAM WELLES

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SATURDAY

JOHN MILLS JOAN GREENWOOD THE OCTOBER MAN