

# Battalion Editorials

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## Make Your Student Activity Fee Pay Off . . .

Summer session students just don't seem to care whether or not they get their money's worth from their student activities fee.

Last Thursday night, the Zucker sisters, a piano team from New York, put on one of the finest programs of music featured at A&M in the last couple of years. Attendance at the performance was around 700, but consisted almost wholly of veterans and their wives and members of the College staff and their families.

Even though there was no admission charge to the show, there were very few students present. We wonder if students who didn't attend the performance knew what they were missing?

The shows are brought here primarily for students, and if students aren't going

to attend them, there isn't much use in the College going to the trouble to bring them here.

Performers like the Zucker sisters are brought here during the summer at considerable expense, and that expense is covered by your student activities fee. An effort is made to sign performers for these shows that feature a good summer program.

Next week, the third and last of the professional entertainment groups signed for this summer will put on a show in the Grove. Your yellow fee slip will cover your admittance to the performance.

You paid for the show when you paid your fees for this six weeks, so why not get your money's worth by going down to see it?

## The Rolling Maine's Days Are Numbered . . .

Weak kneed landlubbers who can't stand the rolling of a ship may find hope and comfort in the promises of the Navy about their new anti-rolling gadget. The gadget, they promise, will eliminate up to 80% of a ship's rolling—that is, the side to side motion of the ship as it plows through rough waters.

Just to make sure that their claims are right, the Navy is equipping a minesweeper, the *Peregrine*, with the device. The minesweeper will be taken into rough seas to confirm the Navy's stories about the roll eliminator's effectiveness.

Actually the rolls are not eliminated; they are dampened. Two pairs of large tanks are mounted on opposite sides of the ship. High speed pumps, operating automatically, transfer water from one set of tanks to another as the ship starts to roll. The balance of the ship is thus changed suddenly and the rolling tendency is greatly reduced.

As we are among those most susceptible to the dread sea nausea—Sea-sickness—our interests are naturally aroused and we see the roll reducing gadget as a boon to the weak stomached overseas traveler. No longer will the traveller have to fight rolling and pitching floors that just won't stand still beneath his feet.

We are not moved very much by the Navy's omission of any claims to the device's commercial use. The Navy is more interested in the device's war uses. Heavy air craft carriers may become almost calm runways for the pilot coming in to land. Our gun crews will not have such a hit-or-miss task in their firing at enemy targets.

The difference between the Navy and us is that the Navy presupposes another war when the gadget will be useful and we look for the gadget's commercial uses aboard civilian ships. But war or peace, this will be a better world with this new anti-rolling invention.

## Knock Twice and Ask for Gus . . .

The State of Kansas is no longer "on the wagon" and legal liquor is being sold after 70 long years of prohibition.

By a ratio of 17-14 Kansans voted last November that they were tired of buying bootleg whiskey and they were fed up with playing ostrich to the liquor problem. So they brought liquor out into the open this past week.

Package stores, similar to those of Texas, sell over-the-counter quantities of any kind of intoxicants the customer wants. The Kansas Legislature has decided that there would be no saloons and no public drinking.

This traditionally dry state has placed the choice of "wet" or "dry" in the hands of the communities themselves. Thus far 250 of the state's 597 incorporated cities may have liquor sales. Only 10 of the 105 counties do not have a "wet" city.

Kansans have learned that prohibition is more a state of mind than an effective law. An estimated \$60 million bootleg

liquor business annually flourished in that state where a law for the past 32 years made possession of so much as a thimbleful of liquor punishable by a jail sentence.

This return to the days of the 1870's is an admission on the part of the people of Kansas that prohibition cannot be legislated. Kansas produced many who whipped the nation into adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment of our Constitution. This amendment made prohibition a legal condition honored more in the breach than the observance; this amendment proved national prohibition unworkable.

The choice of indulgence or temperance is an individual problem and not one for the state to decide. The only way the state's voice should be heard on the liquor problem is in levying taxes on liquor and in fixing severe penalties on drivers who venture into traffic while they are intoxicated.

*Evan Esar:* Walking isn't a lost art—one must, by some means, get to the garage.

Headline in the New Castle (Pa.) News: "Bill Would Strip Commissioner."

# The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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## Sneak Preview . . .

### Bob "Penny-Pinching" Hope Has Hit in 'Sorrowful Jones'

By ANDY DAVIS

*Sorrowful Jones*, (Paramount) starring Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Wm. Demarest, and introducing Mary Jane Saunders. (Palace)

Bob "cheap-skate" Hope turns in his best performance to date, as the hard boiled "Bookie," whose heart melts under the pressure of a lovely little girl. The little girl, Mary Jane Saunders, is a ney-comer, and the cutest trick to hit the screen in many a day.

"Sorrowful" Jones was brought up to watch his money. You would not exactly call him stingy, but some say he has the first dime he ever made, and the few he stole from the blind. When "Big Steve," Bruce Cabot, fixes a race, "Sorrowful" cleans up on the deal, including a four year old girl, named "Shorts." She's left as security for a twenty dollar bet, which Sorrowful never collects. Her Dad is found in the East River, disposed of by "Big Steve."

With the aid of his girl friend Gladis, Lucille Ball, the two take "Shorts" in hand. Its really the other way around, because "Shorts"

goes to work on Sorrowful. The shell isn't hard to break, and once its broken, there's no turning back. He even parts with a few sheekles, buys himself a new suit, the first in half a century, moves to a larger apartment, and each night finds him kneeling besides "Shorts" saying his prayers.

When "Big Steve" is thrown out of the race by the racing commission, he signs his horse, "Dreamie Joe," over to "Shorts," not knowing who she is. Given a "Speed-Ball," the horse will win the race, but will die from its after effects.

"Shorts" identity is discovered and "Big Steve" tries to remove her from Sorrowful's company. The child falls from the fire-escape, and is critically injured. In a coma she calls out for "Dreamie Joe," so Sorrowful steals the horse before the race, and sneaks him into the hospital. One look at Dreamie, and his sweet dreams from then on. The police round up the gang, and Sorrowful figuring two can live cheaper than one, decides to marry Gladis. The two adopt "Shorts" and the three go on a honeymoon.

## Letters To The Editor

DOGS AGAIN

**Editor, The Battalion:**  
Might I be so bold as to inquire to what level the KK's can drop? Is there not a man on the force with a heart big enough to like a dog? (Who is, by the way, man's best friend?)

At first they were content to only shoot the poor animals, but now the ice water in their veins has frozen over and they have planned to turn the dogs over to the veterinary department. Being an ex vet I can well describe the cruel torture these dogs are given. Why don't the KK's just pull their legs off one at a time? (The dog's that is.)

Sure they say their excuse is that the dogs are dangerous but has anybody been bitten yet? Believe me if a four-legged creature could shoot back I'd gladly give him a gun.

**Bob Ramsey**  
Class '50  
**Editor's Note:** I am afraid that you didn't read our story very closely Mr. Ramsey. If you will reread it, you will find that the announcement was made by the office of the Dean of Men and that students have been employed to pick up the dogs. The Campus Security Office has nothing to do with the dog catching campaign.)

## TSPE Chapter To Inspect Brenham

The Brazos Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers will make an inspection trip to Brenham, July 22, according to J. G. McGuire, secretary.

Plans for meeting for the trip, according to McGuire, are for those in Bryan area to meet on north side of the Bryan courthouse square at 4 p. m.

Those in the College Station area are to meet in front of the YMCA at the same time.

Members planning to attend should phone H. C. Dillingham or McGuire, in order that car arrangements may be made, McGuire added.

## Official Notice

A public hearing will be held Thursday, August 4, at 7:30 p. m. in the College Station City Hall to discuss the city budget.

RAYMOND ROGERS  
City Manager

FINAL REGISTRATION DATE

Friday, July 22, is the last day for registration in the college division for credit during the second term of the summer session.

Friday, July 22, is the last date on which changes in registration for the second term of the 1949 Summer School can be made without penalty. Subjects dropped after these dates will show grades of "F" as the final grades.

H. L. HEATON  
Registrar

HOW ABOUT SPOT?

**Editor, The Battalion:**  
There is a rumor going around the campus to the effect that all unlicensed dogs are to be impounded and eventually killed. Is there any truth to this rumor? If so, is there any way "Spot" can be saved from this fate?

Please understand that I am writing this letter in an attempt to secure information, and I am not in any way condemning the actions of any group or groups.

**Bill L. Stephenson**  
Class '48  
(Editor's Note: According to Bennie Zinn, assistant dean of men, "Spot" has not been, and will not be picked up "due to his unofficial affiliation with the student body.")

## Civil Service Has Federal Openings

Examinations to fill vacancies in the federal service have been announced by the Civil Service Commission. Positions to be filled are that of Conservation Aid. Entrance salaries range from \$2284 to \$2724 per year.

Employment will be with Field Headquarters of the Soil Conservation Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Application forms may be obtained either from any post office or the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas 2, Texas.

## Experiment Group Receives Grant

A grant-in-aid of \$300 has been made to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, according to Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the station.

The fund, from the Agricultural Research Division of the American Cyanamid Company of New York, "will be used in the support of cooperative experiments at the Lower Rio Grande Valley Station on weed control in onions and other crops," Dr. Lewis said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council is considering a proposal to rezone the Kyle Pearson tract of land located on Highway 6 south of Sulphur Springs Road in the R. Carter Survey from the existing District No. 3, Apartment House District, to District No. 5, Second Business District.

All of those that are affected by the proposed change in the zoning are invited to be present to present such protests to the City Council at a Public Hearing to be held in the City Hall at 7:30 P. M. on Thursday, August 4, 1949.

## Vocational Ag May Be Added To High School

Vocational agricultural training is once again being considered at A&M Consolidated High School, and as in the past the lack of interest among the students is the biggest obstacle in the way of its adoption, says Les Richardson, principal.

These facts were brought to light last Saturday when three residents of Peach Creek objected to inclusion in the A&M district. The main objections were the lack of vocational agricultural training, music teaching at odd hours, and a probable \$1.50 tax rate.

In order to stimulate interest in agricultural training in the past, the students were urged to become actively interested in the Future Farmers of America and Vocational Agriculture.

The incomplete Fall schedule may include agricultural training if enough students show an interest in it, added Richardson, but so far only courses like Latin and public speaking have been added for sure.

Meanwhile a new full time music teacher has been added to the staff of the school, Richardson said.

Mrs. Kathryn Stokes will be the first full time music teacher Consolidated has ever had. She is a graduate of SMU and has been a private teacher of music in Crockett for the past two years.

Richardson branded as erroneous the rumor that music has been taught after school hours. Part time teachers were employed for this course, he said, but it was taught during the regular school hours.

## Gift to College Honors Teeple

Mrs. Nancy Teeple Duggar has contributed a valuable collection of Hawaiian plant specimens to the college in honor of her brother, Lawrence Homes Teeple, who was killed in an automobile accident November 9, 1947.

Teeple, a distinguished student, attended A&M from June 1942 to September 1943, and from February 1947 until his death in November. He majored in chemistry and was interested in music. Besides serving as acolyte in the Episcopal church, Teeple sang in the choir and was active in other church activities.

While serving as a radar navigator in the South Pacific Theater, he had to bail out from his plane and became a member of the Cat-copillar Club. Teeple also received the Air Medal and was discharged with the rank of captain.

The plant collection presented in his memory consists of more than one hundred specimens, mainly of mountainous Hawaiian species. Some of these specimens are rare but are excellently preserved and labeled. Pertinent habitat data and the native names identify each article.

Teeple's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry M. Teeple, are from Jacksonville, Florida, while his sister, the donor of the collection, resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## Girl Born to Dr. And Mrs. Howerton Monday

On Monday afternoon a baby girl was born to Dr. and Mrs. Murlin T. Howerton of College Station. She weighed six pounds and nine ounces.

Howerton is connected with the Chemical Engineering Department.

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LAST DAY

BOB HOPE

and LUCILLE BALL

in

"Sorrowful Jones"

**QUEEN**

LAST DAY

"The Crooked Way"

Starring

JOHN PAYNE  
and ELLEN DREW

## Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS  
1. Nervous twitching  
4. Tapestry  
7. Drooping  
8. Butte  
11. Iron  
14. Answer  
15. Zebra  
17. Turkish Imperial standard  
19. Crave  
20. Mother-of-pearl  
21. Blast furnace  
22. Frumpy  
23. Plates  
24. Listen  
25. Municipality  
26. South American birds  
27. Pronoun  
28. Sewwood  
29. Custom

DOWN  
2. Ornithologist  
3. Firm  
5. State flower of Utah  
6. Cover  
12. Run  
13. Indiana  
16. Location  
18. Approached  
20. Characteristic  
22. Under jacket  
24. Variant  
25. Brightest star in constellation  
26. Biblical city  
27. Kind of wren  
28. Insect  
29. Slumber route  
30. Road in timber

Answers to today's puzzle will appear in this space Friday.



AP Newsfeatures

## MARS Network Acclaimed By Ham Radio Operators in Texas

Amateur radio operators throughout the state are giving enthusiastic reception to the Military Amateur Radio System which is now in operation, according to Colonel Oscar B. Abbot, executive officer of the Texas Military District.

The system has been almost stopped for the summer months, but many of the operators are still active in order to keep the organization alive and maintain activity on the various MARS

frequencies. Establishment of MARS was brought about in order to create interest and further training in military radio communications; to promote study and experimentation; to coordinate practices and procedures of amateur radio operators with those of military radio communications; and provide an additional source of training radio communications personnel in the event of a local or national emergency.

At present the membership is limited to military personnel, Organized Reserves, National Guard or ROTC personnel who possess a valid amateur radio operators license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

Plans are being made to admit civilians who are at present not authorized. Anyone interested in joining MARS can obtain full details from any Organized Reserve or National Guard instructor's office, PMSAT's of all ROTC units or at any regular Army post, camp or station.

## Atomic Authority Publishes Book

An International Bibliography on Atomic Energy has been prepared by the Atomic Energy Commission Group of the United Nations Secretariat. Its two volumes will mark the first attempt to provide a comprehensive international bibliography on atomic energy.

Volume one, which contains materials on the political, scientific, and social aspects of atomic energy, is now available. Volume two, dealing with published scientific literature on atomic energy, will be published later in 1949.

## City Budget Hearing To Be Held August 4

A public hearing will be held Thursday, August 4, at 7:30 p. m. in the College Station City Hall to discuss the city budget.

Raymond Rogers, city manager, announced today.

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