

Battalion Editorials

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Kids, Noise, and Some Suggestions . . .

Children, without a doubt, are blessings in many ways, but they sometimes create lots of static if their parents aren't keeping a sharp eye on them.

The "static" here at A&M has turned up in the form of noise and disturbances of various kinds made during shows at the Grove and in Guion Hall.

Particularly has this been true of two distinct groups of children who regularly go to the Grove movies.

First, and probably the most disturbing, is the group of older children who sit together near the front and, in their merry-making, make such a noise that hearing is almost impossible.

Second, though less disturbing, are the smaller children who run about through the audience doing "dances," letting out "whoops" and just generally having a good time.

Complaints among students and others enjoying the Grove entertainment have been numerous. Since the students pay

for Grove entertainment through their student activities fees, their complaints are to be expected.

Suggested remedies have run even to the extreme of barring smaller children from the Grove.

That doesn't seem to be a very satisfactory solution to us. We sympathize with the parents of smaller children who have no place to leave them, and who must either bring them along, or stay at home.

In the case of the parents of the older children who sit in the front, we feel that only bringing the matter to their attention will bring results.

Parents of smaller children can solve a part of the problem with only very little trouble. Next time you're at the Grove, or at a Guion movie, check up on your youngster from time to time to be sure that he isn't disturbing someone.

Your neighbor will enjoy some of those "older" movies a lot more, if you do.

The Fence-Straddler Listens for Voices . . .

Coke Stevenson is about the most persistent political "dead duck" that we have ever seen. He's still plugging for the Senate seat that he lost to Lyndon Johnson last summer by an 87-vote margin.

Ever since then Coke has employed all sorts of legal maneuvers to get enough of Johnson's votes "discredited to give him (Stevenson) the election." So far Coke's tricks have failed. Despite his efforts to the contrary, Johnson's name appeared on the November national election ballots. When Coke failed to block Johnson on the ballot he turned to supporting the Republican candidate.

Then he tried to get a favorable ruling from the Supreme Court. The high court refused even to consider Stevenson's wobbly case.

Wednesday the Senate Rules Commit-

tee ignored Stevenson's petitions (three of them he claims) and acknowledged Johnson's claims to the post of junior Senator from Texas. Now that Coke has tried everything, he'll just have to sit back and reconcile himself to his defeat. He's learned that a "miss is as good as a mile."

But don't count "ten" on Coke; he may not be gone from the political arena until after the next election. He told a reporter not long ago that he may run again for governor if public demand becomes great enough.

Just where this "public demand" will come from, we confess that we don't know. If it's "voices of the people" he is listening for, he won't need to strain his ears a bit when he is in a wind blowing from a College Station direction. From over here, there won't be a whisper.

The Ostrich Puts on Field Glasses . . .

Uncle Sam has traded his bifocals for a pair of long range field glasses and committed himself to the North Atlantic Pact. This pact places upon this country the moral responsibility of going to war whenever any of the pact signers is attacked by an outside aggressor.

With a crushing 82 to 13 the Senate beat down loud opposition to our joining North Atlantic nations (including Italy) in a mutual defense agreement. The vote was not unusual or unexpected. Traditionally and chronically isolationist America has thrown off her near sighted views about the wide oceans that separate her from foreign continents and she has finally (after two world wars to end wars) realized that we are a world power and we hold a world responsibility to help maintain the peace.

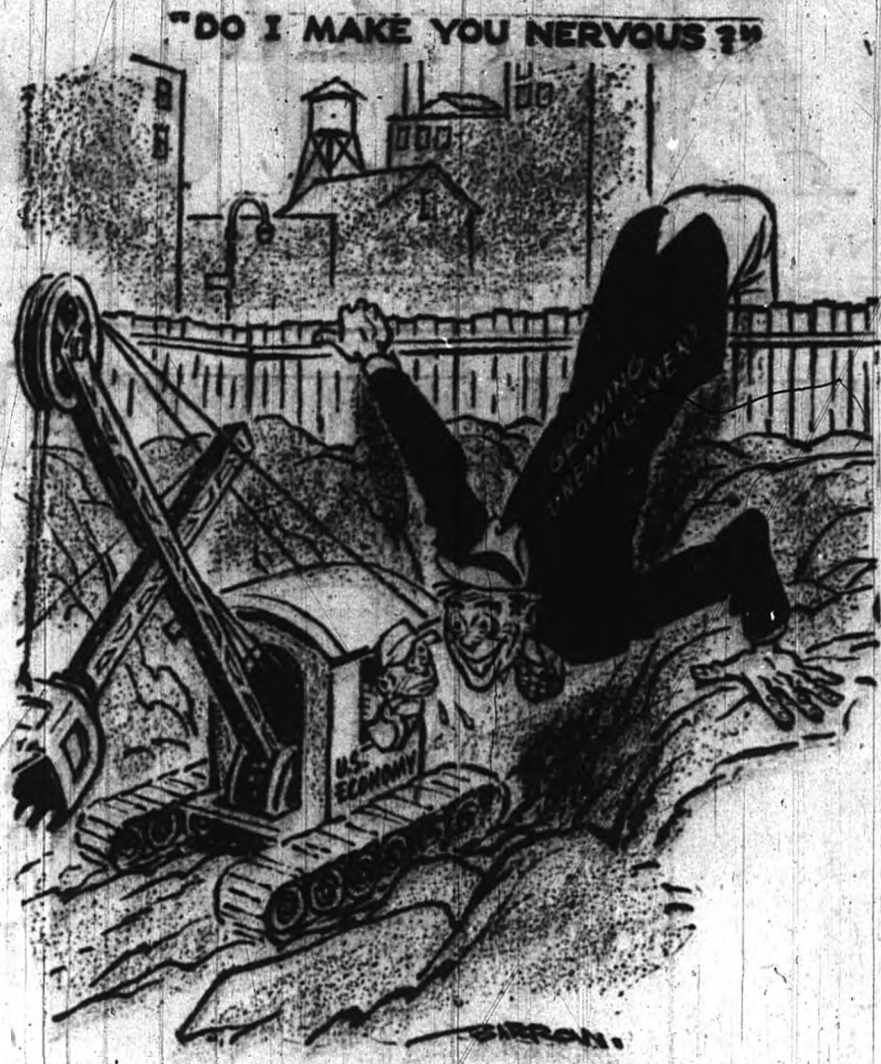
Not only has our thinking become world-wide but also our experiences are international. There are few towns in this country that do not have some citizen who trod upon foreign soil during the last war; there are few towns whose citizens do not mourn the death of fallen relatives or

friends on foreign battlefields. We have learned that Europe or Asia is not so far away that it cannot claim the youth, or life of someone we know or knew personally.

The Atlantic Pact, together with the arms aid necessary to supplement our promises of assistance, are vital to our future international role as a leading nation in the world family of nations. These are active steps toward the prevention of another war which every nation hates, but which every nation is edging toward.

Not only have we gained valuable allies and friends among the North Atlantic Pact nations, but we have also gained fighting soldiers, should war again seize the world. For every dollar we spend in Europe in arming our allies, more than a dollar is saved here at home should another war develop.

Planners and implementors of national policy have taken a judicious step toward showing the world that the United States will never again withdraw to her own boundaries and wait until shooting starts again before we pull our heads from the sand.



Sneak Preview . . .

Tracy Brings Destruction To All in 'Edward My Son'

By ANDY DAVIS
Edward My Son (MGM) starring Spencer Tracy, Deborah Kerr, and Ian Hunter. (Palace)

Spencer Tracy brings Robert Morley's stage play, "Edward My Son," to the screen with all the realism of its predecessor. This is the story of Sir Arnold Boulton, who lied, cheated, and stole to lay the world at his son's feet, bringing destruction to all, including Edward, his son.

Arnold Boulton and his lovely wife Evelyn, Deborah Kerr, are blessed with the birth of a son, Edward, and Arnold proclaims that "the world will be his oyster." He makes good his promise by first setting fire to his furniture store, in order to collect the insurance money. Edward was in need of an operation, and nothing was too good for Edward.

Whoever stands in Arnold's way, he steps on them. He even has his partner sent to prison for a crime that he committed himself. To keep Edward in school, he takes up the school mortgages, and com-

pels the headmaster to comply with his wishes. In between time, Arnold acquires a mistress, but Evelyn puts a stop to his playful antics to save the family name. Arnold threatens Evelyn with blackmail, if she tries to obtain a divorce. So with each additional year, Edward becomes more rotten, with Arnold always at his side to buy him out of trouble. Evelyn takes to drowning her sorrows in beverages of intoxicating brands. England plunges into war, and soon afterwards Edward plunges to his death, while performing stunts over his girl's house. Evelyn follows suit, and Arnold is left alone to face the past and the future. After serving a prison term, Arnold starts the search for his grandson. Edward has either just been or is coming throughout the film, because you never get a glimpse of him. The acting of Tracy and Miss Kerr is excellent. The film is a little morbid, but with this in mind beforehand, the audience ought to be well-pleased.

Battalion Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Solution of yesterday's puzzle with answers for Across and Down.

Boyle's Column . . .

There Was Beer on Noah's Ark and on Mayflower Too

By HAL BOYLE
New York (AP)—Guess what Noah took into his Ark—besides people—that also rode in the Mayflower and sojourned the Pilgrims. Beer!

Richard E. Byrd on his Antarctic expedition in 1939. These and other little known facts about beer have been compiled by the United States Brewers Foundation. They have been set forth in a little pamphlet designed to let the common man know what's behind the foam in his glass.

It shows that gent who sidles up to the bar and says "Pull One" isn't simply ordering a cooling drink. He's bending elbows with history. Why, it says here, beer has marched step by step with man in his upward march since the dawn of time. Beer is as old as farming and has played a bubbling role in war, science, cooking, medicine and the development of a hundred modern industries.

Information Released for The Benefit of Veteran Students

Information for Veteran students attending A&M under Part VIII of the GI Bill of Rights, has just been released by Taylor Wilkins, veterans advisor.

This information is to enable those students now attending A&M to take the necessary action, Wilkins said.

A&M Will Have Modern Dairy Building Soon

A&M will be the home of the most modern dairy farm in the state when the new installation is completed.

Veterans who indicated that they would interrupt their training at the end of the second summer semester will be interrupted automatically. In order to receive the 15 days subsistence pay after the end of the summer course, students who are planning to have a change of address should report to room 104 Goodwin Hall by August 5.

If the student wishes to stop subsistence pay at the end of the summer term, he should report to Wilkins' office by August 13, and cancel the 15 days leave, since it will count 15 days against remaining eligibility if accepted.

No action should be taken by students who are not interrupting their training at the end of the summer unless they desire to cancel the 15 days leave they are now set up to receive. Wilkins said. In the event leave is canceled, training will be interrupted on August 27 and will start again September 17.

If students now in school register at the end of the summer term at the early registration, the VA will be enabled to continue subsistence pay without interruption, Wilkins added.

Students who indicated that after the second summer semester, and have since changed their plans should report to room 104 Goodwin Hall by August 13 and complete an interruption form.

Veterans who plan to transfer from A&M should report to the veteran's advisor's office between August 1-6 and submit a form for Supplemental certificate of Eligibility.

Those veterans who have enough remaining eligibility to carry them one day over half the semester will receive full benefits and subsistence for the entire semester, Wilkins concluded.

Disbelieving Crooks

DALLAS (AP)—The sign on the safe said—"No money in this safe. The combination is written here."

Nevertheless, two young burglary suspects were arrested trying to get in the office containing the safe today. Neighbors saw them and called police.

"We put the sign up during a knob knocking spree before the war," said I. T. Houston, manager of the company, "and after burglars ruined one safe. All we keep there is records."

Ex-Aggie Returns To Teach Course

Dr. Robert L. Skrabanek, '42, will return to A&M this fall to teach rural problems course offered by the Rural Sociology Department, according to Dr. Daniel Russell of the department.

After graduation, Skrabanek entered the Navy. Following his discharge from the Navy as a Lieutenant, he returned to A&M and received his masters degree in 1947.

For the past few years, he has been working at LSU, where he received his Ph.D.

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TODAY & SATURDAY

SAT. PREV. 11 P. M. Sunday thru Tuesday

"AFRICA SCREAMS"

QUEEN SUN. through WED.

"LAST BANDIT"

with Bill Elliot

Guion Hall

TODAY

JOAN FONTAINE

Burt LANCASTER

KISS THE BLOOD OFF MY HANDS

co-starring Robert NEWTON

SATURDAY

JOIN in the LAUGHTER

EXCITEMENT and SONGS...

of Disney's greatest "star" show!

Walt Disney's Fun and Fancy Free

with SAMUEL GOLDWYN presents DANNY VICTORIA KAYE MAYO

Campus

TODAY & SATURDAY

LAUGH AGAIN! HOWL AGAIN!

At the funniest picture ever made!

GROUCHO CHICO HARPO

MARX BROS

Night Opera

KITTY CARLISE ALLAN JONES

Friday Features Start—1:46 - 3:50 - 5:54 - 7:58 - 10:00

Saturday Features Start—1:28 - 3:24 - 5:20 - 7:16 - 9:12

COLOR CARTOON — NEWS

No Friday Prevue

The Battalion "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman" Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

THERE'S AN ART TO CLEANING... Spot removal requires more than a dab of liquid! It needs skill and care to permanently remove a stain and retain the perfection of the fabric. It's our specialty—Campus Cleaners "Over the Exchange Store"

Just Think!... A good idea Is to always say "Let's go to Hotard's To eat today!" HOTARD'S

SPENCER TRACY DEBORAH KERR EDWARD MY SON

Fun and Fancy Free

THE BIG STEAL