### Our Dog Population Is On The Decline ...

luring these summer months when the ocal dog catcher has been proficiently practicing his occupation.

Not only have College Station dogs been caught and impounded, but so have dog catcher that they are out of their transient dogs just passing through the place in the mess hall. Who can resist campus and stopping over for a meal at giving out with a bite of expensive mess the mess hall.

Once caught and impounded, these grel sits staring up at you? patrons-of-the-mess hall face one of four possible fates. If a dog is wearing a tag the owner is notified that his dog is in jail and is asked to pick him up and keep him away from the mess hall. If the dog can't identify himself, he is either given to someone who comes to the pound and asks for him or is taken into the country and given to a farmer who will promise

The dog population on the campus has to give him a good home. A few dogs are been reduced markedly (by around 40) used by the School of Veterinary Medicine as dissection projects.

> Whatever is done with the "pot hound," he is treated humanely.

We like dogs, but we agree with the hall meat when some little sad-eyed mon-

In order to relieve us from feeling like brutes eating food while the dog looks on pathetically, the dog catcher is doing us a service by keeping dogs away from the mess hall.

And on top of that, we are not excited to our best appetites when dogs are wandering around while we are eating.

#### Four Years Ago, Japanese Surrender . . .

Four years ago today shrill voiced Emperor Hirohito told his people that Japan can no longer prosecute the war she started. Unconditional surrender must be the fate of the Japanese nation. He told his people to accept occupation in an orderly manner.

Two weeks followed while Japan waited for their conquerors to arrive. Army and Navy supply depots were opened and the people were told that they could carry off whatever they wanted. For the first time in her history, conquerors walked upon the Land of the Rising Sun.

Now, four years after capitulation, Japan faces the future with encouraged chances of once more becoming a respectable power in Asia. General Robert Eichel-surrender, and Japan's unusual role in berger, former commander of the U.S. our efforts to checkmate Communism.

Eighth Army, told a group last Friday. "Japan is now the key to the entire Far Eastern situation."

Eichelberger pointed to Communist conquests in China and said that as long as Russia does not control the Japanese island chain and particularly the main island of Japan, "the further advance of the Reds is to a large extent stymied."

Japan has now become our barrier against another enemy. Now we are seeking to restore Japan to at least a self sufficiency basis. Japan must be our wall against further eastward advances of

On this anniversary of Japan's declaration of surrender, we take notice of the

### Make Legislating A Profession, Not A Hobby . . .

motives may be otherwise, his announced reason for his resignation from the legislature sounds plausible enough—there is is being closely scrutinized. not enough money in being a legislator.

constitution relative to the pay scale of legislators stipulates that they will receive \$10 a day for the first 120 days of the legislative session and \$5 a day for each day thereafter. Usually the members of the legislature seek to finish the state's business every other year during the 120 day period. At that, as Senator Taylor points out, the pay scale is only \$600 a year.

What caliber of men can be expected to run for legislative positions with prospects of so little remuneration?

Usually the men elected to the legislature work for big companies and take leaves of absences during the bi-yearly sessions. Naturally, their legislative integrity is often challenged, if not actually

While State Senator James Taylor's affected, by their realization that bread and butter is coming from the big company and that their behavior in Austin

If larger salaries were given legisla-The present amendment to the Texas tors, the chances are that more civic minded men uncommitted to anyone would seek public office.

> We do not say that all legislators are the tools of pressure groups and lobbies: we say too many of them are ruled by special interested groups whose interests and those of the people of Texas are not always compatible.

Texans must recognize how they have defaulted themselves of better state government by allowing the present pay scale to remain in effect. After recognition of this malady that is eating away efficient and objective state government, corrective measures should be demanded.

This would require another amendment to the already one hundred-plus amended constitution of Texas.

# In Passing . . .

A group of Chicago truckers were showing the visiting Texas operator the

"What do you think of our stockyards?" they asked him.

"Oh, they're all right, but we have branding corrals in Texas that are big-

That night they put some snapping turtles in his bed. When he turned back the covers, he asked what they were

"Illinois bedbugs," they replied.

He peered at them a moment. "So they are," he agreed. "Younguns, ain't they?"

# The Battalion

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#### Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Battalion: Having just read the headline and article concerning "Loyalty Oath to be Required for Fall Term," I sit and wonder how many students are going to be denied a college education here at A&M? How many, because they will not blindly follow the dictates of the state, are going to be deprived of higher learning?

I am well aware that criticism is many times only the ireful expression of a sluggish mind, which, having seized swiftly upon a conclusion, elects to attack the decisions of others in preference to slowing down and thinking the situation over again.

When such expressions as mine are made in reference to an official decision, and in this case an order, of the state, the suspicion of disloyalty is in the making, is

But let the State be spared such fear, for I am not disloyal-nor am I displaying disloyalty by making use of the democratic right of freedom of speech to say I think compulsory signing of a loyalty one's signature to be the infallible testimonial of his loyalty?

How narrow minded and pigheaded many readers are going to classify me. Naturally by just signing an insignificant pledge one is not required to sign his Constitutional rights away. The State is not demanding too much of one in making him sign his name to a little old printed slip of paper. One signs his name many times

a day, so one more signature will not hurt. But I do believe the Constitutional rights are being devaluated, that our State has a serious case of the jitters and that it obviously has no faith or trust in its citizens. During the war a soldier was

taught that officers were "officers

and gentlemen by an act of Con-gress;" taught that an officer's word was his bond; taught that an officer's signature had to be accepted as an oath—yet there have been instances where an officer's signature was no more accepted by his commanding officers than a professed Communist is

by higher circles in Washington. How now can an act of the State Legislature make acceptable the signatures of all the Toms, Jims, and Leroys as an oath of loyalty? Lion Feuchtwanger hit the nail on the head in his novel "Proud Destiny" when he said, "The people today simply lack the courage to place their trust in the sound common sense of the individual.

Some may argue that I would sit by idly and let subversives take over our government. Nay! I have no such intentions. Subversives or not, a signature is not going to lesson their number by any means. Maybe I have missed the whole idea of having to sign this loyalty pledge, which I do not want to do.

But where else can one become a Fightin' Texas Aggie? There is ly one Texas A& J. P. Breen Jr.

Class '51 P.S. I had not proceeded beyond the first page of the Batt before writing this letter. Since then I have read your editorial. Now I do not feel alone.

Editor's note: No, Breen, you are not alone. Your letter expresses the opinion of many people on this campus. How ever the required loyalty oath is just another sterling example of the fine work turned out by that remarkably intelligent and efficient group of gentlemen who comprised the 51st Legislature. We just hope that they do not break their arms patting themselves on their respective

Tiger in Blood ...

# It's a Little Like Living in a Dream

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington—(AP)—It's a little bit like living in a dream. Dressed for summer, men and women stroll the streets of Washington and Moscow, talking, looking in the shop

They'd like a little more money, maybe, and some more comforts and they'd like to live a long time. Particularly, they'd like to live a long time. But some-

how they've been caught up in something, an age-old something:
The conflict between people, ideas, desires, politics, ec-

And while they walk the streets, laughing in the sun, their officials are in buildings in Washington and Moscow,

The officials, in uniforms or civilian clothes, are planning and they're talking of death, death that seems remote now, in the future, but still death.

What the officials in the Moscow buildings are saying the people on the streets there don't know. They're not told. But jet fighters shoot overhead, and you can be sure the things the Moscow officials talk about are not much different from the things the Washington officials talk

There's the atomic bomb, which the Russians are trying to make or maybe have made.

And here Airforce officials tell a committee of Congress It can travel 8,000 miles, it can fly at 40,000 feet. In

an overcast at 40,000 feet jet fighters can't stop it, and it can carry atom bombs. And the Russians are probably talking about what

an atom bomb could do to Washington, or Paris, and they're probably talking about a plane like the B-36 that could carry the bombs overseas. Only a short time ago they let loose a dazzling pack of

et planes over Moscow . . But the sun is shining. Death seems far away. And the men and women, dressed for summer, stroll the streets. Life is like a tiger in their blood. They hope it never is subdued.

#### Official Notice

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS

Students registering for first semester Sophomore work in Electrical Engineering will make their study plans in accordance with the curricula in the number 73 catalogue. All students who have advanced beyond first semester Sophomore work will follow the curricula in the number 72

Russians to Produce 'Missouri Waltz'

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (P) - The Vakhtangava Theater has scheduled for Autumn production a play called "Missouri Waltz." The Transport Theater recently announced it would present a new play called "The Mad Haberdash-

Boyle's Column

# Highbrow or Lowbrow' Is Big N. Y. Saloon Question

New York-(P)-Are you ighbrow or a lowbrow?
This is the biggest question today in the salons and saloons of

The controversy was started by a light-hearted article in Life Mag-azine. It classified the "brow lev-el" of people by their tastes in food, furniture, clothing, drinks and literature. Do you like Stravinsky with your

meals or a light white wine? That

tabs you, Mac.

Did you buy a new black posture chair for the living room, lady, or did you come home with an overstuffed sofa on your back, you old lowbrow, you? Either way, sister we know what you

Why, it's got the whole town culture crazy. Here in the of a heat wave some men dead of sunstroke change from their into seersucker. Tweeds, dontcha know-and you'd better know-tare highbrow.

Office receptionists still read Faith Baldwin—but they wrap the book in a dust jacket from the latest novel by Jean Paul Sartre. He's a genuine 24-karat French highbrow existentialist, he is.

The bartender draws a foamy glass of beer, and whispers, Would you mind taking it in the back room? They say it's a low-brow drink—and the boss wants

## Shivers Sets **Election Date**

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 15 (AP)-Official proclamation was issued Wednesday calling a statewide election November 8 for selection of a 21-member board of education of 10 proposed constitutional amendments.

Gov. Allan Shivers issued the order, as directed by newly enacted laws. The official state seal was affixed by Secretary of State

One member of the education board is to be elected from each of Texas 21 congressional tricts under the new Gilmer-Aikin education laws. Candidates are required to file application with the secretary of state between September 8 and 19 or a petition bearing the names of 100 qualified voters may be filed instead between the

same dates. Results of the election are to be canvassed officially November 23 by the Governor, attorney general and secretary of state.

Among the proposed constitutional amendments are proposals to abelish the poll tax voting requirement, authorize women serve on juries and to provide annual legislative sessions.

#### Gibson Takes Trip To South Carolina

Director G. G. Gibson of the Texas Extension Service, left Lake Texoma Saturday for Bennettsville, South Carolina to attend the Cotton Mechanization Conference. He was in Lake Texoma to attend a training meeting for those working on The Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest.

is spensored by the National Cotton Council. Its purpose is to stim- Miss Mae Miller ulate interest in continued and progressive education and research in cotton mechanization and to promote the development and use tern of Agriculture."

son will visit and confer with ex- ding trip to New Mexico and Colotension directors I. O. Schaub, rado. North Carolina, L. I. Jones, Mississippi, and J. H. McLeod, Ten-

LAST DAY

Screenilay by Laurence Stallings - Adapted from original Stories by Laurence Stallings - Richard H. Landau - Preduced by BENEDITOT BOOLLAUS Directed by EDWIN L. MARIN - Selected thru United Artists.

to keep this a classy joint."

The cop on the beat hauls in a drunk, and the sergeant says, class war is on now, the true-blue "Throw him in with the other snobbery based on the altitude of

"But this man says he drinks nothing but an adequate red wine," protests the cop.

brow," says the sergeant, "Show the gentleman to a private cell. By the way, Sir, I'm a red wine man myself. Which do you find gentleman to a private cell.

Personally, I'm going to sit out this latest cultural war. The lowbrows will probably lose, because if they start drinking an adequate red wine the highbrows will immediately decide beer is better. For a highbrow can't stand to be in the majority.

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#### **Battalion Crossword** Desone Stands Jees Ork Ogees Cookerv Soda See See I. Face value of

4. Kind of bag 8. Undermines 12. Two halves 13. Mark Poem Unaspirated Omit Reduced

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle 1. Prods 2. Anoint 3. Withdraws 4. College song 5. Tear 6. Imbecile Grow to be Moon goddess Declare 0. Evergreen tree Was the victor rritate Concerning Adhesive Measure of

> Small case Law Rumanian coin

# Elliott to Meeting | Cops Prove Tale In South Carolina

Fred C. Elliott, extension cotton work specialist left Saturday for Bennettsville, South Carolina, to attend the third annual Cotton Mechanization Conference.

Elliott will have an opportunity caused the accident, to confer with extension, teaching and research workers from other cotton producing states problems of common interest. He will use the information gained in his cotton work in Texas.

He was accompanied to South Carolina by Rex Colwick of the Lubbock Experiment Station and by Dr. Sloan Jones, assistant director, Texas Experiment, Station, Don L. Jones, Supt. Lubbock Station, and H. F. Miller, Agricultural Engineering Department. The group is expected to return on August 21.

The meeting in South Carolina Murdoch Marries

Russell Irwin Murdoch, senior agricultural administration major from Dallas, and Miss Doris Mae of machines on cotton farms. The Miller, also of Dallas, were martheme of the 1949 conference is—ried Thursday evening in Dallas at "Tooling for the South's New Pat- the Forest Avenue Baptist Church." They will make their home in Before he returns to Texas, Gib- College Station following a wed-

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Duesseldorf, Germany An-Two policemen from Hilden near here fell off their motorcycle. In the hospital they explained they had been driving at about 20 miles an hour when a bicyclist suddenly stopped in front of them and

The police chief didn't believe their story and asked two other policemen to demonstrate that the accident was avoidable. They are in the same hospital now, with the same sort of injury.



SUN. thru WED. FIRST RUN

Starts: 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:00



Starts Thursday

