

Faded, Torn, The Post Office Flag Stands ...

A limp, faded, weather beaten, torn, old flag hangs on the flag pole in front of the College Station Post Office.

When the wind blows, the tired old flag tries to straighten out, but a tear in the lower half makes the job just too much unless there is a strong wind. Even in a strong wind, the flag is not much of a sight to see.

Faded like an old man, the post office flag is more a symbol of a civilization in decay than our bright, promising America. The old post office flag looks like a museum piece that has hung over some historic collection for generations.

A new flag in front of the post office

would brighten the world around the North Gate. Americans would notice their flag and feel a burst of patriotism. They would experience that involuntary burst of pride—proud to be an American, proud to be alive in this country.

But the feeble, faded flag of the post office can't inspire such thoughts without considerable effort on our part. We just can't see that flag being raised heroically on Iwo Jima. We just can't see that flag flying over vanquished Germany and Japan. We have a hard time seeing the flag, it's so faded.

We may be sloppily dressed, every-day old Aggies, but we want our flag to always look its Sunday best.

The President Speaks His Sentiments ...

Harry Truman pulled few punches yesterday at his press conference. He said what he thought. And if people disagreed with him, okay.

He told reporters that he was the man who ordered the government to grant Yugoslavia permission to buy an American steel mill. The steel mill would help Yugoslavia permission to buy an American pressure of Russia. Should Tito and Joe Stalin reconcile their present differences, he admitted the mill would aid Russia. But that was a risk we had to take.

He told reporters that he thought "five percenter" investigations were not revealing the whole story on his military aid, Harry Vaughn. There's a good side to Vaughn's behavior. The President suggested that judgment on Vaughn be withheld until both sides of Vaughn's story had been told.

He blamed Congress for the sudden widespread rent decontrol activities of the federal Housing Expediter. Because Congress wouldn't appropriate enough money to administer and enforce the rent control laws, many areas are being decontrolled that should continue controlled.

He said that Congress could eliminate the federal wartime tax on luxury items if it wanted to. However, Congress must find other ways to raise the amount of revenue denied the government through

repeal of the tax.

He admitted that he had sent Secretary of Agriculture Brannan on a tour to stump for his Brannan Plan farm subsidy program. The President feels that the Brannan Plan is good, and Brannan is out in the farming areas explaining to farmers why it is good.

At last, the President gave what the Associated Press called "implied backing" to the decision of the Democratic high command to bar some states' righters from next Wednesday's National Committee meeting. He said that the national committee is in control of its own membership, and the committee is made up of "Democrats."

Undoubtedly the President left himself wide open for criticism on several of his statements, but we cannot criticize him for having the nerve to come out and say what he thinks.

Maybe the Yugoslav steel mill will someday make steel for armaments against us, maybe the steel mill deal will start Tito thinking that we are a better ally than the hammer and sickle boys.

Maybe Vaughn is guilty of "five percenter" charges, but Vaughn's story hasn't been heard yet.

We do not agree entirely with all the principles of the Trumanesque Democratic doctrine, but we admire Harry Truman for calling what he feels is a spade, a spade.

For Women, More Than Three Score And Ten ...

We are obliged to the Office of Vital Statistics via the Associated Press for the following enlightening information:

The average expectancy for white women at birth is 70.6 years, for white men, 65.2 years, according to calculations based on 1947 death rates.

In 1946 white women had a life expectancy at birth of 70.3 years—for the first time exceeding the Biblical three-score years and ten—and white men could expect an average life of 65.1 years.

The figure for non-white women in

1947 was 61.9 and for non-white men 57.9. The average for the nation as a whole was 66.8.

This average, the agency said, is about two years better than the level reached in the three years just before the war.

After checking these figures we wonder why all the clamor for old age pensions? Pensions starting at 65 years of age would give us men two tenths of a year coverage. And after we die, surely we will have saved enough to tide our wives over the remaining 5.3 years.

Mistress: "Mary, when you wait on the table tonight for my guests, please don't spill anything." Maid: "Don't worry, ma'am. I never talk much." A little boy surprised his parents by refusing to be scared into being good.

"It's no use telling me the angels will write down in their books if I'm naughty," he said. "I might as well tell you they think up in heaven I'm dead." "But why should they think that?" "Because I haven't said my prayers for two weeks."

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Federal or State Ownership Of Tidelands Before Congress Now

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The house has before it two tidelands oil bills—one providing for state ownership, the other for federal title.

Rep. Walter of Pennsylvania introduced the conflicting bills for Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas.

Rayburn, who cannot offer legislation, said he wanted the two placed before the house to thresh out the conflicting claims of the U. S. government as opposed to Texas, Louisiana and California.

The speaker has not endorsed the states' rights bill but has said he preferred it to the other.

Main points of difference between the bills are: Ownership—one bill establishes federal jurisdiction over all offshore tidelands. The other measure asserts state ownership within the three-mile limit and maintains Texas jurisdiction tidelands within 10 1/2 miles of the low tide line. This exception recognizes conditions under which Texas entered the union.

Effective Date—The federal bill would be retroactive to June 23, 1947. Most pro-

visions of the state bill would become effective Jan. 1, 1949. Involved in this disagreement are millions of dollars in lease revenues collected by the states since the supreme court decision in the California case of 1947 declaring the federal government's "paramount" interest in lands off the California coast.

Emergency Powers

The federal bill provides broad federal powers to suspend or terminate any lease, empowers the president to withdraw from disposition any submerged lands and authorizes the federal government to refuse to purchase at prevailing prices all or any tidelands producing oil or gas.

The state bill contains no reservations of federal emergency powers within the three-mile limit.

Inland waters—the federal bill does not specifically include the Great Lakes. The state bill cites the Great Lakes in definite inland waters subject to state control.

Division of Revenues

The federal bill would leave the division of revenues up to Congress. The state measure would give the states 62 1/2 per cent and the federal government 37 1/2 per cent of revenues from tidelands within state jurisdiction, not including bays and harbors.

From the three-mile limit (10 1/2 miles from Texas) to the outer edge of the continental shelf the lease revenues would be divided equally. The shelf extends about six miles off the California coast, but about 160 miles in the Gulf of Mexico.

Plans Revealed For Insurance

Austin, Tex., (AP)—Wait until Aug. 29 before you do anything about getting a dividend on your National Life Insurance, the State Veterans Commission advised World War II veterans yesterday.

When Aug. 29 arrives, follow this procedure to assure the most prompt action on your application to the Veterans Administration: Get an application form from your local County Service Officer, a United States Post Office, Veterans Administration Office, Veterans Affairs Commission Office or Veterans Organization Service Officer.

Find out whether you can understand the instructions on how to fill out the application. If you don't understand, get a service officer to help you.

Spell your name and list your address neatly. Give an address that will be good for six months after you make the application.

Don't worry about how soon the payment will be made. Your request is just one of some 17 million that the VA will have to handle.

Meat Class Tours Houston Plant

The meats class, A. H. 307, spent last Tuesday in Houston as guests of the Houston Packing Company.

Thirty-four students went on the trip along with O. D. Butler, professor of animal husbandry. Woodrow Bailey, general manager of the plant, conducted the class through the packing plant. Bailey is a former professor of animal husbandry at A&M.

Veteran's Wives Club To Have Couples Party

The Veterans' Wives Bridge Club will have a couples party Saturday evening, August 20 at 8, according to Mrs. Jack Wilson, club president.

A charge of 50 cents per couple will be made and prizes given. Refreshments will be served, Mrs. Wilson said.

Everyone who wishes to come will be welcome, she added. The party will be held in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

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 24 catalogue. All students who have advanced beyond first semester Sophomore work will follow the curricula in the number 22 catalogue.

Boyle's Column ...

Logic is Good if Applied Correctly, Boyle Agrees

BY HAL BOYLE New York, (AP)—Everybody lives by his own brand of logic, and one kind won't necessarily suit another.

There is a waitress in a beanery here who should be in her heyday if life really began at 40. She lives entirely on tips from patrons, and collects her wages from the boss only once every four years. The last time she asked him for her money he forked

over \$600. When a patron inquired why she let her wages pile up for four years, the mousy little plate singer said:

"Well, when you go out for an evening you want to be able to hold up your own end." The lady wasn't joking either.

It takes - 80 - little - time - to - make - some - folks - happy now. There is a middle-aged lady who

lives in Greenwich Village and years to be an opera singer. She is taking lessons from a merry old rascal whose only training as a voice teacher is the years he spent tuning pianos.

Recently a friend who visited her in the small practice room she rents found her weeping with joy.

"The maestro at last told me I had hit one perfect note," sighed the dear old lady.

Then she began strumming her own accompaniment on the piano, and started singing. Every few moments she would pause, uncork a small bottle, sniff from it vigorously, then quickly recock it again.

"What are you doing?" Asked the amazed friend.

"Oh the maestro told me all the best voices were trained in Italy," she said. "Since I can't afford to go there, he is importing Italian air for me in these bottles. It helps me immensely!"

"Why do you keep putting the cork back in?"

"The maestro warned I must use the air sparingly," said the lady complacently. "It's expensive to import. I pay him \$1.50 a week for each bottle."

Battalion Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues on the left and right sides. Clues include: ACROSS 1. Frantic, 2. Astate, 3. Atrideaman, 4. Encore, 5. Beverage, 6. Fanon, 7. Genus of the peacock, 8. Measure of length, 9. Small inlet, 10. Heavy swell, 11. Necktie, 12. Aair of change, 13. Permits, 14. Arm joints, 15. Turn aside, 16. Norwegian land division, 17. Egyptian solar disk, 18. World's largest nation, 19. News organ, 20. Weir, 21. Bush, 22. Frank, 23. Party, 24. One indistinctly material, 25. Writing, 26. Load a vessel, 27. Sail, 28. Metal worker, 29. Pertaining to a part of a bird's wing, 30. Measuring instrument, 31. Brevity, 32. Exclamation, 33. Alcoholic name, 34. Greek portico, 35. Early English money, 36. Pertaining to the Norsemen, 37. Go astray, 38. Operated, 39. Annoy, 40. Fitted, 41. As far as, 42. Exist, 43. High, 44. Let, 45. Check, 46. Lowest, 47. Inactive, 48. Liquid part of, 49. Greek letter, 50. Note the duration of, 51. Precipitous, 52. Facts, 53. Short jacket, 54. Flasher for motors, 55. Dewy, 56. Sing, 57. Nobleman, 58. Sancy, 59. Protected by a Government agent, 60. Ancient language, 61. Town in Canada, 62. Ruler of Turkey, 63. Solano, 64. Player, 65. Feminine name, 66. Musical show, 67. Genus of the frogs, 68. David Copperfield's wife, 69. Knitting material, 70. Burrito, 71. Symbol for cerium.

New Steel Development May Reduce Cost of Television Sets

Pittsburgh, Aug. 19—(AP)—A leading steel producer announced today development of a new type steel which may reduce the cost of television sets.

The new steel—called telemet—will be used to make the cone section of television picture tubes. It was developed for the television industry by the Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. after two years of research.

Russell M. Allen, Allegheny Ludlum vice president in charge of sales, said telemet "will permit metal-glass picture receiver tubes to be produced at substantially lower prices." Just how much is not known.

The picture tube is the heart of any television set. In the tube a stream of electrons is directed through a vacuum onto a phosphorescent glass screen, creating a picture by building up light and dark areas.

Allen declared picture tubes made of glass welded to telemet offer many advantages over present all-glass tubes and are essential for large screen tubes. Allen said telemet is a steel alloy—a combination of steel and other materials—but declared its formula is a trade secret. It is being marketed as a television receiver tube material and not as a regular high alloy steel to a designated metallurgical analysis.

Marshall Aid to Italy

Rome, Aug. 17—(AP)—Forty-eight ships carrying Marshall aid from the United States were unloaded in Italian ports last month.

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Trotter to Speak At Baptist Roundup

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the graduate school, will be on the program for the Baptist Brotherhood Roundup of District 15 to be held at Round Rock, August 22 and 23. Dr. Trotter will speak on "Foreign Ranges" Tuesday evening.

Campus

TODAY & SATURDAY FIRST RUN Starts: 1:10 - 2:55 4:40 - 6:30 - 8:15 - 10:00 Sat.: 1:40 - 3:35 - 5:30 7:25 - 9:20

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