

On America, Ever On ...

A Danish radio technician, seeking a job with a circus, has challenged without success the recent American record for length of burial alive. His go at it underwent fiasco after only 80 hours and 30 minutes below the ground, whereas the American record is 110 hours.

Our sympathy goes out to this melancholy Dane in his telephone-equipped casket. The United States already holds more than its share of record flagpole sittings, marathon dances, goldfish swallowings, cataract barrelings and other such demonstrations of human excellence.

It could be that the Dane lacked the most modern equipment in his casket. It would be within the spirit of American fair play and good sportsmanship to make available, in this phase of Euro-

pean recovery, the benefit of our latest scientific achievement and technological know-how.

Should the day ever come when we can not say with pride that we possess the man who has been buried alive longer than anybody, we shall have the deeper satisfaction of knowing it was American genius and American endurance, the competitive spirit and the urge to excel, which fired like ambition among other peoples.

There is also the faint dawn of a suspicion that the other denizens of the burial ground may consider the whole procedure premature and highly academic and in no sense indicative of subterranean stamina.

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It's Time to 'Stop the Music' for Good . . .

Usually we take a dim view of government interference in private business. But we are ready to do an about face in our attitude after considering the Federal Communications Commission's decree of Friday ordering radio networks to take all "give-away" programs off the air by October 1.

We realize that adding our small voice to that of FCC will probably do little to cause the tide of sentiment to shift one way or another. But this controversy is one to which everyone will eventually add. his two-bits worth, so we would like to ing the quiz shows. They have grown to get our plug in at the beginning.

The fate of "Stop the Music" and its thinly disguised counterparts probably, radio station with an antenna seems to will not be settled for a long time. The networks will fight the FCC's ruling in court, and, until the resulting legal battles are concluded, court orders will be used to keep the shows on the air. We are prepared to accept this punishment if our hoped-for goal-silencing the "give-away" shows-is eventually realized.

gifts. These gifts, attractive as they may sound over the air, have proved to be nothing but an expensive headache for people unfortunate enough to receive them.

This was brought to light after a recent poll conducted among winners of radio contests. Of more than a dozen winners questioned, only one said that he would go through the procedure again and then he would do it only with reservations.

But we have other reasons for disliksuch proportions that they now saturate the ether with their squabbling. Every have been bitten by the bug, and every



Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Battalion,

"Accept free education from the state and still sneer at the legis-lature, belittle the constitution, and make those who try to teach us principles of democracy look ridiculous . .

This is the charge leveled at the editorial staff of The Battalion as the result of "Legislators, Why Can't We All Go On Record?", the August 10 editorial questioning the value of the new loyalty oath. Unfortunately, the writer did not sign his name, despite his call for open declarations from all men as to what they stand for.

In case the writer had stopped to consider the matter, college students can not be accused without qualifications of accepting "free" education. It is a fact that no student, not even one paying his own fees and living costs at college, is even beginning to pay for the cost of his education. Tax money makes up the difference between costs and each individual student's payments.

Of course, this tax money comes from the people, but it is our

But for the record a similarlyworded statement has been a part of all contracts signed by these same persons for years. This single statement is intended to guarantee that impressionable students will not be influenced by their teachers to consider any methods except those legally avail-able-the ballot, the petition, even the lobby-as corrective "tools" in instituting changes in government. But the oath as it now stands, and the limitation of it to those persons now subject to the politic-al whims of "Savage Sam" and legislators who feared being label-"Red" if they did not vote for

the requirement of the oath, is certainly nothing to be proud of. Incidentally, I'm not a red, not even a pink, in fact, I even voted Republican in the last national elections. Because I am making this last statement, and yet eventually hope to enter politics, I feel that the only way to preserve my embryonic political aspirations is to request that my name be withheld Name Withheld

ter writer we don't know. We

are responsible for all editorials

appearing in The Battalion, and

we will continue to give our con-

fidence and backing to our

(We think our readers will

recognize and applaud the great

courage the writer displayed in

writing this letter without sign-

Your editorial, "The Loyalty Oath, A Point Of Principle," could

not have been better written had

it been dictated in Moscow. You

went right to the point and used

free education, free speech, and

free press to give democratic prop-

There are some who will say it's

he same old technique used over

and over and which is rather trite.

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and say that the time has come for all men to stand up and say

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Mr. Lewis Burton

Mr. Otto Kunze

Dear Sirs:

unsuspecting!

Mr. Charles Kirkham

By Request

Writer Bemoaning Lack Of Dog Stories In the News

BY ED CREAGH (for Hal Boyle)

Boyle's Column

New York,-OPI-These may be First there was that mouser dog days but the dogs are dogging

aboard the British Warship, Ame-thyst. He got a real, honest-to-george military decoration for There hasn't been a Grade A holding the rats at bay while the Amethyst was bottled up by the Chinese Reds. All-dolled-up-with pictures dog story in the papers since Hector Then there was Kiki. He went

was a pup. And this (you should pardon the expression) is a doggone the Amethyst cat one better by When I was breaking into the

newspaper business, shortly after strong drink, walking with un- arettes, steady dignity, hiccoughing as he An the battle of Chickamauga, a wise if watery-eyed old city editor told purre

"Kiki just loves cocktails," con-"Bub, If you want people to read what you write, remember this: "One weather story equals two Madrid. "He'll go for Manhattan,

that ever came down the pike. This worthy man later died a pickled liver, but his advice s

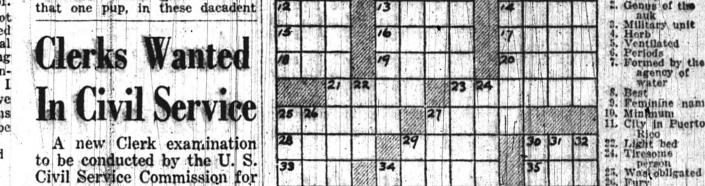
seems sound to me. The only trouble is,

aren't cooperating. Cats get into the news. So elephants and monkeys. E fish are splashing their way i the headlines. But dogs

Except for Popo, the wire-ha terrier they've turned as cam shy as a movie blonde with black eyes.

You remember Popo. He sho up only last Sunday, swimn Bravely in the general direc of Ireland. He was nine miles the Maine coast when a tuna i ing boat hauled him aboard, pr well pooped.

Popo's story was that he fallen off a yacht, but nobody lieved him, Obviously, he was for glory as a transatlantic sw mer. And it was good to k



days still had some git-up-and-go. had Cats, now-They're perform-And but one hangover." Yes all the beasts are getting ing all over the place. into the act.

There's Mickey, the New York monkey that wipes the dishes after every meal. Just like a husband. Mickey also hangs out the window and gives pret girls a big hello. Just like a-Well of course, there was Grady the cow that got caught in the silo, and Booger, the Rhode Island getting bottled up himself. Came Red that hangs around the Hia-in on the liner Atlantic reeking of leah Bar in Miami, mooching cig-

> And there was that fish up at Hydaburgh, Alaska, that was found to have a bottle of sherry - unopened - in its stomacl

Fish stories? Not me_I'm a society divorces, and one good dog a martini, anything. Carries it dog story man, myself. Can I help story will beat any weather story like a gentleman, too He's never it if the dogs have all abdicated?

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We have several reasons for favoring the FCC's stand. First, we don't believe that any of the "give-away" shows are. entertainment worthy of the name. They do not command an audience because they are entertaining; they buy an audience and tired of this radio tripe and ask that by offering stupidly large numbers of it be discontinued.

In Passing . . .

Memories of Europe revisited, June, 1949 The most successful denazification program in Europe can be found just eutside of the village of La Cambe-in Normandy.

It is a German military cemetery, an 1,000 years.

under black metal crosses of the fatherland-der Feuhrer's panzer grenadiers, his nobody shouts, "sieg heil!" dark clad paratroopers, his prize storm troopers, with their loyalty locked in their irozen throats.

The cemetery was left under French

"For six weeks you were shipwrecked on a desert island with a beautiful girl? What did you do for food?" "Darned if I remember."

day more and more shows of this type are being heard.

Even the National Broadcasting Company, which for a long time refused to air such shows despite the alluring income they command, has fallen victim to "giveawayitis". It now produces a slushy question and answer show entitled "Hollywood Calling."

So, with the infection of NBC, we would like to raise our voice in protest to the "give-away". We would like to join with the rest of the people who are sick

care. And the French, with a stern but honest hospitality, have passed on this responsibility to nature. They didn't invite the Germans in-and they-see no reason for honoring those who stayed.

Weeds, thistles, nettles, grass and epitaph to the reich Hitler meant to last daisies spring from the sunken graves and wave above the crosses. Here and in row after ordered row they dwell there a poppy blows in scarlet surprise. It is a quiet and peaceful place. And

> Wonder what the allied soldiers in the allied cemeteries would say to either of them?

> > From AP, by Hal Boyle

"Your daughter, sir, has consented to marry me.'

"Good. That makes you the second happiest man in the world."

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graduated tax schedule that en ables us to raise sufficient funds by taxation for such costly benefits as public education.

Graduated taxes mean that persons in the higher income brackets pay more in taxes than do those in the lower brackets.

Did the writer ever stop to think who is in the higher brackets? Well, quite naturally, the higher brackets are becoming more and more studded with former college students, persons who can earn a little more because of their better educational background.

Thus the country as a whole receives the "re-payment" of the individual for the cost of his education.

The limiting of the requirement of a loyalty oath to employees and students of state-supported schools seems to be the actual "kick in the teeth" rather than any stand by The Battalion or any group of persons affected by the requirement.

The emphasis is on the idea of "state-supported" facilities in all defenses of the oath requirement, so let us consider this angle. "Savage Sam" Hanna, author of the pledge, has said that students and faculty members are receiving public tax money, and therefore, as such recipients, they should be required to sign the pledge.

State legislators and administrative officials, every person in a state-supported eleemosynary institution, every person accepting an old-age pension, every person using a public highway, every person depending on public health inspectors to guarantee his food and water meet sanitary and health requirements, in fact, everybody receives the benefits of state-supported facilities and services.

But has any politician or un-thinking individual demanded that everybody sign a loyalty oath before using any of these facilities or receiving any of these services? No. The American public would not perfit such a situation; they wouldy raise the hue and cry for the repeal of any such law and rightly so.

force, violence, or any other unlawful means.

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filling positions at \$2,284 and (Editor's note. Although it is \$2,498 a year (grades CAFagainst the policy of The Batand 3) in various Federa talion to print unsigned letters to the Editors, we feel that our readers will enjoy this one as agencies in Washington, D C. and vicinity was announced today by R. W. Jackson much as we did. (Why we co-editors escaped the Commission's local secre the attention of our excited let-

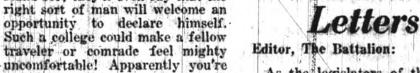
tary. Among the types of clerk positions to be filled from this ex amination are appointment, cor respondence, docket, accounting time, leave, pay-roll, statistical coding, mail, file, information, indexing, purchasing, traffic, and transportation rate.

No previous training or experi-ence in clerical work is required. To qualify, applicants will be required to pass a written test which will consist of questions designed to test their aptitude for learning and adjusting to the duties of the

nositions. The age limit, 18 to 62 years, will be waived for persons entitled to veteran preference and, under certain conditions, for war service employees.

Further information and application forms may be obtained at the College Station Post Office, Jackson said, or from Civil Service regional offices, or from the Commission's Washington office.

Applications must be received by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25 D. C., not later than September 6, 1949 to be eligible for consideration, Jackson tan. concluded.



As the legislators of this state seem to doubt our loyalty and are requiring us to sign affidavits it has occured to me that these same legislators should also be required to sign in affidavit. This affidavit should contain among other things a clause to the effect that a legislator will not allow himself to be influenced by pressure groups and lobbies under penalty of expulsion.

The legislator should also be required to be present at all times while the legislature is in session.

Although this seems far fetched, nation. It's a strategie place to t is no less more hair-brained than what they ask us to do. How many legislators would hesitate to sign



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Javnes Leaves To Brassiere Maker Attend Workshop **Explains** Delay

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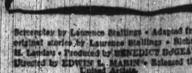
an extension workshop on rural organization and the American have complaints about his new product, "The Posies:" Institute of Cooperation. If you've had to wait a long On August 21, Jaynes will par-ticipate in a panel discussion, "The Job of the Land-Grant Colleges time, it's because there are 36,000 unfilled orders ahead of yours and Langs doesn't know much about

in Cooperative Education." He will discuss-"What Should be the Job he brassiere business. If your letters about the delay of the Land-Grant Colleges in Reveren't answered, ditto. lation to Cooperative Education. Two publications that were pre-pared by Jaynes, "A Handbook for Farmers' Cooperatives" and "A Handbook for the Directors' of If you got one pink posy and one green one, that's due to the

Posies, explained designer Langs who would much rather stick to his







Tuesday and Wednesday

stepping right out against such open declarations. And that point you made about the legislature pointing an accusing finger at the young people Texas-Boy! What a perfect blow below the belt! That's the spirit. Don't ever let the young people get the idea that they're loved or respected or given opportunities and privileges. Keep them disgruntled and belly-aching.

portunities!

RECORDS

Certainly no one objects to the requirement that state-employed faculty and administrative officials at schools sign the statement that "I . . . will not in any manner aid or assist in any effort or movement to subvert or destroy the government of the United States or any State or of any political subdivision thereof by

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