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### Swan Song, for Summer's End . . .

When their terms expire, it is the custom of retiring Battalion editors to write their swan songs. They usually comment that they have enjoyed being editor of The Battalion and that they wish the new editors the best of luck.

I will wish the new editors for the 1949-50 term the best of luck, but I won't say that I have enjoyed every minute of my own editorship. We have had fun, but we have had our moments of hard work too.

Some of our staff members have been on vacation and others have been in camp. Some days there has been little news, and some days there has been more news than our reporters could handle. We have had a few newcomers to the Batt staff and they have done well. In fact, without their help The Battalion would have been almost non-existent. This summer we added a new feature

to The Battalion-the crossword puzzle. The two biggest stories of this summer were about the death of Governor Beauford H. Jester and the story on the loyalty oath.

The latter story caused more comment, pro and con, than any we have run for quite a while. Some people approved our stand on the loyalty oath, and one reader decided that The Battalion was an official Communist mouthpiece. It just goes to show that you cannot please all of the people all of the time.

We do hope, however, that we have pleased the majority of our readers, if not all of them. The primary aim of a newspaper is to report the news, and if we can do that and keep our readers happy at the same time we feel that we have done a good job.

Marvin N. Brown

# Town' Hall Next Year, Half Dozen the Best ...

The Town Hall planning committee decided last year that six top-rate programs in a year are better enjoyed and appreciated than a dozen mediocre programs.

Under that policy, the Town Hall series of last year was imminently successful in bringing to the campus such outstanding entertainers as Alec Templeton, the Don Cossack Chorus, the San Antonio Symphonic Orchestra, and Phil Spitalny's all-girl orchestra.

· The Town Hall series for this coming year promises to be just as star-studded and top-quality as was the series last year. The reputation of abilities of Burl ives, king of American folk balladeers. and Frankie Carle's orchestra are well known to most everyone.

blended male and female voices, is rated as one of the five best choral groups in this country. Shaw was choral director for Fred Waring for many years. Jacques Abram, pianist, and Joseph Szigeti, violinist, are nationally known concert artists, and are widely acclaimed in classical music circles in this country. The Houston Symphony Orchestra enjoys a very respected position among American symphony orchestras.

Students of A&M and citizens in this area are fortunate that such entertainment of this year's Town Hall series will be available to them.

able contribution to the college and com-

munity cultural life by presenting really

The Town Hall series makes a valu-



PINCH HITTER

## Happy Birthday! Li'l Abner's Shmoo Is 1 Year Old September 2

By M. N. BROWN

On September 2, 1948, there appeared on the international scene one of the most beneficial discoveries since some dirty person invented the bathtub.

For on that day in the sleepy town of Dogpatch, Li'l Abner found a shmoo waddling around laying quarts of milk.

The public immediately welcomed the shmoo with open arms and watery mouths. Some schemers even dreamed of putting the A&P grocery chain out of business.

But Al Capp, the inventor of the shmoo, would not let the little animal be used for nefarious purposes. Berlin clamored for an "Opera-

tion Shmoo." So did Lower Slob-

bovia. So did families in College

View. There were not enough shmoos

### Letters

to go around, in spite of prolific rabbit-like efforts. in spite of their The A&M Animal Husbandry Department received one shmoo

from Capp for research and observation. Named Lou, the shmoo quickly became the Aggie mascot.

Professor Angus S. Teer pub lished a book entitled "The Care and Feeding of Shmoos." Sbisa Hall threw away their supply of horse meat. Pandemonium really raged, no?

But Lou the Shmoo knew that this world was not his home. One dreary day Lou's body was found lying at the base of the water ower. More pandemonium. Fred Hickman investigated and

returned a verdict of shmooicide. Sbisa Hall had to find some more horse meat. Profs forgot to give pop quizes. Sadness, sadness every-

elsewhere things were But bright. In Dogpatch shmoos over-ran the place. People gave

# Texas Actress, Pretty As **A Peach' Stumps Experts**

In each session of "Who Said

That?" Trout reads quotations from the week's news and a pan-el of experts or would-be ex-perts, tries the name the well-

### By ED CREAGH (For Hal Boyle)

Boyle's Column .

New York (P) It sounds like a terrible thing to say about a Texas girl especially when she's an actress and as pretty as a tree-ripened peach. But those rumors you've been hearing are true, and truth will

This Faye Emerson Roosevelt is brighter than a shiny new dime, and a Roosevelt dime at that. In four appearances on a radiotelevision quiz show, the late Pres-ident's daughter-in-law has done more than stump the experts. She has bowled them over. She has

left them groggy. "It is not fair that she should have so much beauty and so many brains, too," growled Gregory Rat-off, the movie director, in a Russian accent as thick as the sour

cream on a cheese blintz. Some of those present got the some of those present got the impression Ratoff wasn't entirely kidding. In her gentle, unbump-tious way Miss Emerson had just fielded a question which the man from Hollywood had booted all over the studio. She has a habit of doing that.

In other appearances on the show—called "Who Said That?" —she out-experted H. V. Kalten-born, left Quinton Reynolds at the post, and built up a threeto-one margin over one Elliott Roosevelt-her husband.

"Men," says quizmaster Rober Trout, "respect Miss Emerson and it's not because she dresses up a

television screen. "Besides, if there's a joke being concocted in the vicinity she wants to be in on it. And I'm well aware that she'd love to turn the tables and ask me a question I couldn't answer.

As for Miss Emerson herself. the brown-eved blonde from Beau-mont, Texas, looks on the whole

thing as just good fun. "I love working in television," she says, "and especially on a program with no rehearsals. I get a real kick out of working with such bright, quick-thinking

" I'd also like to do a television show of my own-as a commenta-

speech.

talk to."

director.

"No, I don't do any special stu- known person quoted. dying before "Who Said That?" I See how you'd make out with ust read the seven or eight papers these:

just read the seven or eight papers I read every day. "Fan mail? Yes, there's been quite a lot. It's surprising how many letters begin 'I am a Repub-liacn but-..." "There was one priceless letter from a woman who misunderstood "The won't retire until my omething I'd said about Thomas brains wear out." E. Dewey. She wrote in to com-plain that I'd called him a 'Red.'"

Guest expert Emerson rattled Ratoff. 2-Frank Sinatra. 3-Connie Mack.

One of the experts who didn't ecognize the Ratoff quote was Ratoff. He had a right to complain

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The Robert Shaw Chorale, a choir of fine entertainment at reasonable prices.

## **Peddling** the Red for Fire-water . . .

In Philadelphia this week, the president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union urged that blood banks stop accepting "obviously unfit" blood from donors seeking money to buy liquor.

It seems that the practice of selling blood to obtain drinking funds has become prevalent among vagrants who term it "peddling the red." These people with blood for sale are often local drunks who are quite willing to swap a pint of blood (\$25 to \$50) for several gallons of "hooch."

The WCTU wants this intemperate outrage to stop. If hospitals and clinics don't cooperate with the WCTU's efforts to keep the drunkard's blood out of public blood banks, the WCTU will press health authorities for corrective action.

The prisoner was a very toughlooking customer. He was asked whether he could read or write. "I can write but I cannot read," was the reply.

He was then asked to write his name and after he had scrawled huge letters over the page was asked what it meant. "I dunno," said the man, " I told you

I can't read."

Just whether the blood from a souse is unfit for the blood systems of lilywhite abstainers is a question being argued by medical authorities. WCTU thinks that drunkard blood is unfit.

We realize that the girls in the women's Christian Temperance Union are, by definition of their organization, unalterably opposed to alcoholic indulgence in any form. We applaud their stand against professional blood peddlers selling blood to buy whiskey, beer, gin, and the Demon Rum.

Think of the ghastly consequences a confirmed abstainer might find himself in if, after a severe illness, he discovered his veins were filled with blood long accustomed to dilution with fire water!

A stranger brought to the police station for speeding, when asked his name replied that it was Smith.

"Give me your real name," he was ordered.

"Well," said the stranger, "put me down as William Shakespeare."

"That's better," the officer told him. "You can't bluff me with the Smith stuff."

# The Battalion

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#### Editor, The Battalion

In reply to the long letter to the Editor, I wish to say that I uphold the staff's opinions concerning the loyalty oath.

I agree with the policy of the staff in refusing to print all but exceptionally interesting letters which are unsigned. I am glad the Battalion printed this certain letter because it gives me a chance to lambast the writer, knowing he will not expose himself. After all the politically exped-ient opinions he professed, the writer went on to say that he would enter politics in the future. I am not in favor of a person like him entering politics and gaining an important position in the government. If he preserves his embryonic

political aspirations by secrecy, what other precautions will he take to protect the further development of his political career? Politics is too overcrowded with such characters today. Otherwise, such a measure as the loyalty oath would have been debated more carefully, and possibly never have been made law.

Harold W. Sundberg

#### **New Civil Service** Jobs Open With VA

Examinations for filling vacancies in positions of education therapy instructor at entrance salaries ranging from \$2,974.80 to \$5,232 per year have been announced by the Civil Service Commission.

Examinations were also announced for manual arts instructor therapist at entrance salaries ranging from \$2,498.28 to \$5,232 per year. Employment will be with the VA

in the states of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Application forms and further information may be obtained from

### **Official** Notice

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Two new courses. Physics 225 and 226, will enable transfer students with less than 10 credits in physics to make up the de-ficiency between their enedit and the rericency between their creat and the re-quirements for Physics 203 and 204. Phy-sics 225 will be offered in the Fall semes-ter, and 226 in the Spring semester. Each is a two ordit course. As usual a section of Physics 223 (4-0), equivalent to Physics 225 and 226, will be offered in the Fall. Dr. J. G. Potter Head

#### ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS

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

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away their cows saying "There is no moo with a shmoo." And so the shmoos prospered. Friday, September 2, will be the hmoos' birthday. They will be one year old, and they are fatter and sassier than ever. Al Capp has grown to hate the shmoos though,

**Reading Course Offered** in Fall

because they haunt his dreams. We will close with his immortal

ords-"Shoo, shmoo

A new course designed to supplement the curricula of science and agriculture students will be offered this Fall by the English Department, according to Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the department.

The name of the course is Selected Reading, and the number English 320. Dr. Mayo pointed out that the

bject of the course is to broaden the reading and thinking powers technical students who, because of their full curricula, get little or no chance to do some fine read-

ing. In following a policy of general culture for all college students wherever possible, Dr. Mayo has outlined the course to include as many different types of literature as time will permit.

In general the course will consist four books which will be analysby the students in a panel scussion and lectured on by Dr. Mayo.

The four books will be divided into a great novel; selection of poems, old and new; a group of hort pieces dealing with modern problems, philosophy, politics and scientific thinking; and a book of plays, both old and new. 4

Dr. Mayo emphasizes the fact that there will be a maximum of reading and a minimum of writing. English 320 will be a one hour

course and it is to be offered in four-sections; Tuesday at 2, Wednesday at 8, Thursday at 11, and Friday at 10.

All four sections will be taught by Dr. Mayo.

#### Woman Has Four Kids In Less Than Year

Jasper, Tenn.,--(A)---Mrs. Raymond Hix of Whitewell, Tenn., has given birth to her fourth child in

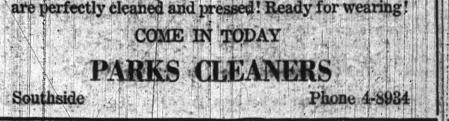
ess than a year. The stork made only two tripswins each time. A boy and a girl, both reported

doing fine, were born Sunday. The first set, also a boy and a girl, was born Sept. 10, 1948.









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