# **Battalion** Editorials

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### No Education Squandered by Marriage . . .

TSCW's Daily Lass-O has made an interesting survey of why girls presently enrolled there chose TSCW to spend their college career. The results of this survey are significant, and an indication of what is going on in the minds of a sampling of Texas college girls.

The chief reason given for attending college is general and TSCW in particular was "preparation for marriage and family life."

Following in the order of importance the Tessies gave them are: Intelligence and wisdom necessary to live a full life; training for a particular occupation or profession; sharper, better trained minds in dealing with all sorts of problems; and learning to get along with every type of person.

Others given much importance are: a better appreciation of cultural entertainment such as literature, art, and music; development of good moral character; better chance to get ahead in the world; desire and ability to be more useful citizens; and broader knowledge of the world and world problems.

These are generalizations, but they are significantly valid. We expect college students to desire the above incentives of college training; we would be surprised and disappointed if they didn't seek them.

More significance, however, can be attached to the order of importance in which the girls listed their reasons. Number one, preparation for marriage and family life indicates that their choice is home and marriage rather than careers. A college education is not squandered

on the girl who marries and settles down to life as a housewife. Rather, college has trained her to be a better wife and mother than she possibly would have been without college. How empty are the rewards of a successful career if they are not shared with the wife, or husband, or children we love.

We are encouraged that the TSCW survey indicates family is the preference of students in that girls school. The American family as a potent institution in our lives shedding influence and guidance to growing generations is not on the decline so long as intelligent women prefer the home to a career.

## Charlerie Custom Takes Cake As Oddity . . .

Foreigners for many decades have ob- pre game kibitzing among birds. served American customs and in some cases have been highly amused. They owners and their posters, and bets are get a chuckle out of our rodeos, our turtle made. derbys, our corn husking races, our frog jumping contests of the past as immortalized by Mark Twain, and a thousand other terwards they make the biggest decision institutions peculiar to various sections of of all, the number of times their bird will

Then the official in charge lists the

Owners and friends get together in huddles and discuss their bird's form. Af-

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COMPLAINT

Editor, The Battalion: I, a married veteran, have just read the student Kyle Field seating assignment plan and am not pleased with what I read. I'm an ex-Aggie, an ardent football fan and relish not the idea of doing all my Kyle Field football watching this season from an assigned

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other than the editors.)

seat behind the end zone. Why couldn't the married students have the first eight rows east of the band from the 50 to the 30 yard lines? If someone might, with justification, claim that married students wouldn't pass up the yells, why not brush up the cadets on their hand signals?

> R. W. Clepper **Graduate** Student

#### TO THE ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, FIRST CLASS

each fall.

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## The Book Worm . . 'Alexandra' Proves Gladys

Alexandra by Gladys Schmitt

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## Schmitt Still In Fine Form By HERMAN C. GOLLOB

and Alexandra's best friend. A science as a novelist incites the story begins, Sophie is deep only the most fervent words of planation behind the sudden and praise. Her story is aglow with intensity and immaculately con-structed; it is greatly peopled with characters who are clearly defined and constant throughout; and the tragic death of the young and talented actress.

As a shy young girl in the fifth grade, Alexandra is taken in by classmate Sophie, who becomes her descriptive talent with its sensuous appeal which it displays is that of first real friend. Alexandra's natrue writer.

country's finer women writers. tural acting talents were evident first won acclaim with The Gates even then, when she "played dead" of Aulis, followed it with David mend Alexandra as one of the finest modern novels we have chanced upon in many a past trip to our extensive and scholso convincingly that she frightened the King, and now has applied her Sophie almost out of her wits. practiced creative style to Alex-

andra, the story of a highly emo-tional and impressionable a ct -In high school Alexndra stars as Juliet in Shakespeare's tragedy ress who, in the words of the auth- and wins admiration of neurotic or, was "cursed with too much wealthy Kenneth Ellery, a masfaith, too much desire for perfecterful actor whose career was cut too much devotion to the off at its height of glory by partruths, too much love." alysis, and who teaches Alexandra

all he knows in hopes that through her success he can once more attain glory, if only vicariously.

Alexandra does reach fame as a Broadway actress, but she finds that there is a dark side to fame and glory. Miss Schmitt's all-round excel-

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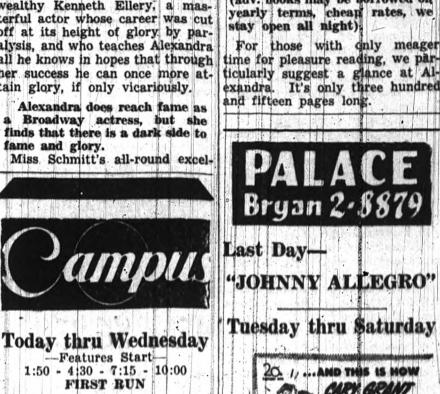
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helluva drastic change. This is the implication which we be-lieve Miss Schmitt has subtly lain behind the whole story, a poignant modern tragedy of life. Or I should say a life of nobility. "Alexandra" is told in the first person of Sophie Littman, warmhearted, practical Jewish houswife

Editor. The Battalion:

Undoubtedly the editors of the Aggieland are again having troubthis year getting the students to have their pictures made for the yearbook as they have had, to my knowledge, for the past several years. In the past this has thrown the editors late in getting the pictures to the printers and, hence, (after initial cost and overhead) late in getting the yearbook out

their pictures in the Aggieland and, human nature being what it is, it loses much of its value to them.

this apparent lack of interest in getting the pictures made is that

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our country.

But according to the Associated Press. we shouldn't feel any regret for eccentric American customs, providing we ever did. The AP wire told us a few days ago about one of the strangest pastimes yet - in Charlerie, Belgium.

is a cock crowing competition.

Before dawn each Sunday morning, miners of the area flock to the town meetunder their arm.

not see each other," so as to prevent any will.

### The Passing Parade . . .

Two ladies who had not seen each other for a long time, met on the street. "Oh! Mary," Blanch excitedly exclaimed, "I've had a lot happen to me since I saw you last. I had my teeth out and an electric stove and a refrigerator put in!"

Tommy: "What's the matter, has your the River Dart through the town's sewer girl turned you down?"

Billy: "Yes, I haven't heard from her for a week."

Tommy:- "I thought she said she would write every day." Billy: "Yes, but she didn't say to whom."

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crow in a half hour trial.

For days the twon yodelers have been under constant observation by owners taking notes on their average number of crows per half hour.

Winner of the contest is the bird who crows nearest his owners estimate. Chan-This pastime, Belgium's oldest sport, ticleers who fail to follow past performance will be ushered back to the barnyard and thence to the dinner table,

This sport is pretty close to the limit. ing place with their favorite bird tucked But thank goodness we Americans are much too practical for that sort of thing. Once inside the meeting house, roost- We'll stick to our turtle derbys, midget ers are placed in cages "where they can- auto races, and cow milking contests, we

Chaps in several of Dartmouth, Eng-

land's pubs blinked their eyes and rapped

their heads when they looked out into the

street the other day and saw fish swim-

ming in the gutters. "Blimey, gov'nor,"

one must have commented, "I thought I

saw everything when the Yanks was here,

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turesome fish to swim in Dartmouth's

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but fish in the streets?"

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Editor, The Battalion:

I am an inmate of a girl's boarding school and I am also a consistent reader of the "Batt". I don't mind being 650 miles from College Station and 710 miles from home, but there's one thing wrong-I will always wonder what is printed in the FRIDAY "Batt". I have never even seen a FRIDAY "Batt".

I even enjoy reading Monday's news on Wednesday, Tuesday's new on Thursday and etc.; but by the time Monday's issue gets way over here, I have forgotten what happened to "Little Abner" on Thursday and the episode I miss leaves a visionary, immaterial, spectral, ethereal, imponderable, tenuous, eviscerated, inane void in my mind and soul-

And why—Because I never get a FRIDAY "Batt." Can something be done about it?

Frances Morgan

main. Whitworth College Brookhaven, Miss,

#### **Thomas Elected Club** President

Franklin Thomas was named president of the Weatherford Club at its initial meeting of the year.

Other officers elected were Bill Stewart. vice-president; William Strain, secretary-treasurer; Jack Grimes, program chairman; and John D. Shoemaker, reporter.

Plans were made to incorporate Palo Pinto and Hood counties into membership with Parker County. The meeting night was tentatively changed from the first and third Thursday nights of each month to the first and third Monday nights. All students from Palo Pinto, Parker and Hood counties are invited to the meetings.

#### **Parker Pencil Found**

the registration desk of the Dean tration on August 27.

Anyone who lost such a pencil during registration is requested to report to Dean Barlow's office.

#### **Official** Notice

Those students who want their ring fo Christmas must get their order in to the Registrar's Office before November first. Any student who lacks not more than eight hours of having completed the num-ber of hours required through the Junior year of his curriculum and who has earned an equal number of grade points may purchase the A. and M. ring. All rings must be paid for in full when placing the order. The ring window is open only from 8

a.m. to 12:00 noon, daily except on Sun-H. L. Heaton.

yearbook I think that a large majority of the student body would be very much interested in seeing Student Activities set up a studio of its own to take care of these pictures

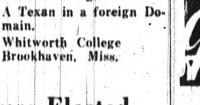
could also process other pictures of school activities for the yearbook and other campus publications. Even if a reasonable profit were made we would at least know that benefits from these profits would eventually come back to the students in one form or anoth-

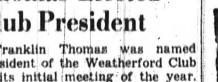
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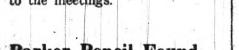
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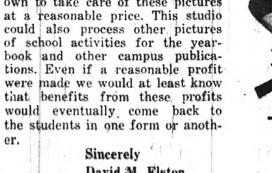


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David M. Elston

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