

Reception of the Cowbell Caravan . . .

Just two years ago, a swarm of green and gold draped cars invaded the campus. Cowbells rang from the North Gate to the south end of Kyle Field. The Baylor Bears were coming into the land of the "sharecroppers" and were ready to take the plows from our hands.

Baylor had a winning football team in 1947. It was a good team and everyone but the die-hard brethren of College Station were firmly convinced that Waco and the roads leading to it would be the scene of wild rejoicing after Baylor had whipped the Aggies.

Well, a combination of circumstances that you all know about, or have heard about, put a damper on all the noise that filtered down here from around Pat Neff Hall. A spirited A&M team sparked by the coffin corner kicking of Stan Holmig defeated the Baylor squad. Ten minutes after the final gun there wasn't a cowbell in Brazos County. The green and gold clad automobiles and beautiful co-eds had deserted us. A strictly partisan crowd celebrated here.

Putty Can Take No Rigid Form . . .

After 289 days of wrangling and fumbling, the 81st Congress adjourned yesterday for 75 days before the January session. During these 75 days, Congressional representatives can get back home and check on their voters' and backers' dispositions. This vacation is similar to half-time in a football game; only in this political game everyone but one man in a Congressional district is a coach, and the Congressman, the only player.

The theoretically Democratic controlled 81st Congress showed little disposition to legislate platform promises made by the Democratic Party during campaigns last fall. Rather the 81st Congress, acting like a petulant child, resisted leadership and showed that it had a mind of its own. It bungled, and groped, and staggered through a maze of political, economic, and social reforms without significant actions one way or the other. The 81st Congress postponed instead of decided; it patched instead of rebuilt.

Foreign issues were settled more easily than diplomatic problems. Continuation of the Marshall Plan, the Atlantic Pact, and liberal reciprocal trade agreements were examples of positive Congressional action on international matters. The fight to repeal the Taft-Hartley law, the filibuster over civil rights, the botch made out of rent control—these are illustrations of befuddled actions taken either by minority groups, or coalitions, or compromises.

Satisfactory decisions were reached in only a few instances. One of these was the pay increase legislation which made substantial progress toward elevating governmental salaries to compare more favorably with similar jobs in industry.

Our criticism of the 81st Congress, however, must be tempered with the realization of the confused state of mind present in mid-twentieth century America. The foundation principles of this country are not in jeopardy; better means to implement these principles to serve our needs are being pondered by our people.

Until thought in this country takes more rigid shape, and our elected representatives can determine popular sentiment on basic social, economic, and political issues, we can expect nothing more from Congress than what the 81st has given us. Confusion throughout America has been mirrored by our Congress.

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 Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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Letters To The Editor

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PURPLE HEART ANSWER

Editor, The Battalion:
 I just finished reading the opinion of the fellow who saw the show, "Purple Heart," and who asked if we accomplished anything in the last war. Frankly it made me just a little sick. I wonder if he thinks that stopping the Japs and Krauts from robbing, raping, and pillaging our homes, is not an accomplishment, then I guess in his light I did not accomplish anything.

If keeping from happening here what happened in Nanking, Dachau, Buchenwald, and numerous and varied other places dominated by the late Axis powers is not an accomplishment of worthy acclaim, then I am sorry I was a part of it. I also met the Japs, saw his face to face and I hate to think what my life would have been like under his domination. I also met the Russian face to face and feel the same way about him even though at the time we were on friendly terms. If the fellow that wrote the letter has a solution to the problems of World Peace other than that of preparedness against armed aggression, let him come out with it. I am sure Stalin would get a good laugh. At least a big VETO.

I agree that we should not waste our resources fighting each other. But when one of the most powerful nations in the world insists on forcing her form of government and her rule on the rest of the world, peacefully or otherwise, then we are left with no alternative, unless the writer wishes that we lay down our arms and say "take us over, Brother Joe, do with us as you will, our lives mean more than our freedom to worship God, and cuss the government." Then

he may have a point. We would have peace but what a price we would pay. I don't think it's worth that price.

Many smarter men than any of us have been, and still are trying to solve the problems of world peace and come to agreeable terms with the Reds. I suggest that the writer of that letter let them do it their way.

Yours Sincerely,
 Pat Beck
 P. S. I still think we accomplished something.

READERS ON CAMPUS ACCIDENTS

Editor, The Battalion:
 We have recently witnessed or have been informed about one more of the stupid, needless stunts of our hospital.

Friday afternoon (October 14), a little boy was struck by an auto in the new area. Whether the boy was seriously injured or not, we don't know. Nevertheless, the accident scared him very badly, and he was suffering from shock.

The college ambulance was called which shows little thinking on someone's part, since a man on crutches could negotiate the distance much faster—and the services of the ambulance and hospital were refused since the boy was not a student!

We would like to put the finger on someone for this act, but that is probably an impossibility. So, dear person, whoever you are, please take the next patient in a case like this, and we will be glad to pay for the ambulance and emergency treatment.

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Editor's Note—We refer you to yesterday's lead editorial in which we urged immediate modification of any regulations restricting the use of the college ambulance or hospital to non-students in cases of this type.

Boyle's Column . . .

Fire Making Business Is Frustrating But Lucrative

BY HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—In a world of free matches Americans are forking out \$50,000,000 annually for gadgets to light their cigarettes. The first World War popularized the wrist watch. And what that war did for the wrist watch the second World War has done for the cigar lighter.

"Now the flint business alone is bigger than the entire lighter industry 15 years ago," said Alfred R. Nathan, vice president of the Ronson Art Metal Works, Inc. The Ronson Company—the equivalent of General Motors in its field—soon will market its 35,000,000th lighter.

It was founded 56 years ago by the Louis V. Aronson, a metallurgical engineer who put the voice in the mama doll. Aronson, who died in 1940, was a pink-cheeked man with a passion for maroon—he even wore maroon shirts.

He had lighters from one end of the yacht to the other," said Nathan. "Even had one in his bathroom."

One of Nathan's present vice presidential duties is the assembling of a museum of mechanical lighters. "In the early years they put lighters in everything from sword canes to baby shoes cases. In bronze," he said.

This Rococo period is dying out. The Ronson Company, for example, has cut down its number of models from 1,000 to about 100.

The industry hasn't yet caught up with postwar demand.

"We have barely scratched the surface," said Nathan. The industry goal is to get a pencil lighter—it lights at one end, writes at the other—in every man's vest, a combination cigarette case and lighter in every woman's purse, and a table lighter in every room. How about a lifetime lighter that will never need refueling? Nathan looked cautious.

"Maybe one will come along that will last a year without refueling," he said, "but not a lifetime—in our lifetime."

Fayette Club Holds Officer Elections

The Fayette County Club held its first meeting Tuesday night in room 129, Academic Building. New officers elected were Herb Frede Jr., president, senior from LaGrange; Raymond Kunze, vice-president, junior from LaGrange; L. O. Tiedt, secretary-treasurer, sophomore from LaGrange; Morgan McColgan, social chairman, sophomore from LaGrange; and Elmer Jackson, reporter, senior from Muldoon.

Plans were discussed concerning the Aggie dance to be held in LaGrange November 25, and committees were appointed to make the final preparations for the dance.

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A&M Consolidated To Sponsor Fair

Saturday and Sunday the Campus Study Club of the A&M Consolidated High School will sponsor a library fair, Mrs. Owen Lee, Librarian of the high school said today.

Posters have been made by the Library Club and the Future Homemakers Club. They will be displayed in the windows of stores in the College Station area, Mrs. Lee said.

The purpose of the fair is to raise funds for the high school library. The Campus Study Club and the Future Homemakers Clubs will serve at a silver tea and also manage the concession stands at the fair.

Free movies will be shown to the children whose parents are visiting the fair.

The fair will start Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and last till eight that night. Sunday the fair will open at 3 p. m. and last until 6 p. m.

Cokesberry Book Store of Dallas will send two hundred books to the fair.

Official Notice

Those students who want their ring for 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 number of hours reserved 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 Sundays.

H. L. Heaton, Registrar.

Several vacancies have developed in the staff of student laboratory assistants of the Physics Department. Men who have completed sophomore physics courses with superior records are wanted to assist with instruction, grading and the handling of apparatus in the laboratories. The scale of compensation is \$0.60 per hour for new assistants and \$0.70 per hour for experienced assistants. Assistant are needed at various periods distributed throughout the college week. Applications are invited to register at the office of the department at their earliest convenience.

J. G. POTTER, Head, Department of Physics

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