

# Battalion Editorials

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## Three Sixty Will Get You - One Ticket . . .

Among the many standard complaints at A&M there is one which we believe needs to be cleared up. Every two weeks or so each of us who has the good fortune of bringing a date to a home game or to an out-of-town Aggie clash must reach into the extremities of his pocketbook for \$3.60.

Being Aggies, this \$3.60 always hurts us where we are most vulnerable. Student tickets sell for only \$1.20, but to have a date for the weekend proves much more costly.

Here is the truth of the matter behind the price for date tickets:

The price of \$3.60 was established at a meeting of the Southwest Conference coaches, athletic directors, and business managers. Any person other than a student must pay this price, it was decided at the meeting.

A&M, of course, is the only non-coeducational college in the conference, and the students of our school were left hold-

ing the ancient bag. Students of T.U., S.M.U., Rice, and the other schools may, if they want a date, select one from their own student body. Not only do they not pay \$3.60, they pay nothing, since their date—if she is a student—will have her coupon book ticket.

Anyone who is not a student of the schools involved in any athletic contest must pay the full price for admission, just as any outsider would. There have been movements started to have the Tessies admitted to the northern corps trip games at student prices. When this was done, however, the A&M athletic department took a terrific loss, when the opposing school insisted upon a full-price share for the visiting girls, non-students to them. The athletic department had to pay the extra charges from their own fund.

This policy was not established by the A&M athletic office employees, by the athletic director, nor by the Athletic Council. It is purely a conference ruling and only the conference can change it.

## One Less Jewel in Dutch Crown Colonies . . .

Asiatic Communists received a rabbit punch as a new and independent nation was created last week by the flick of a pen.

After much unsuccessful mediation in the past, Dutch leaders reversed their international policy and converted their proudest colonial possession into a separate country with its own government. Its name is the United States of Indonesia.

Cause for past differences in this area was Communistic propaganda which voraciously dragged "Western imperialism" through the mud.

While the colonies were still under the heavy heel of Dutch rule, this propaganda made much headway with those who did not think what Russian Communism was really like.

Red sympathizers in Indonesia believed with blind faith promises that Russia would give them a "fair deal." Once again Red leaders had cloaked their own imperialist motives in the lily white guise of pure Marxism.

But now, propaganda from Moscow, needless to say, has lost much of its former luster to the newly free people.

Another gratifying situation produced by the agreement is that foreigners of all nations will be given equal trade rights in Indonesia's rich stores of tin, rubber, oil, sugar, and spices. These items have been denied to the people of the world during four years of sporadic warfare in the region.

Sometime in the near future trade markets over the world should feel the beneficial results.

Then it may be possible to buy pepper on the wholesale market closer to the four cents a pound of 15 years ago than the \$1.40 charged currently in New York wholesale markets.

And also by that time, we hope that the United States of Indonesia will be a fast-growing little international power—taking orders from no one and setting the precedent for other Asiatic powers, presently in dilemmas to follow.

## Triviality, Triviality Everywhere . . .

Since reading this AP short datelined Huntington, West Virginia, we've resolved to burn our Superman and Buck Rogers comic books, plug our ears when entering places that have juke boxes, and smash our radio tubes against the cold radiators in our roommate's room.

A college president feels that comic books, "anemic soap operas," and be-bop are helping make this "the age of triviality."

Dr. Stewart H. Smith, head of Marshall College, said that "most of us are using all kinds of childish escape mechanisms to avoid being serious about the things that really matter."

"Some people say we are living in the atomic age," he said in a speech last night at the West Virginia Education Association convention.

"It is really the age of triviality," he added.

This matter ceases to be funny: My friends are always short of money. I must deplore this lack with sorrow . . . Since I'm the one who wants to borrow.

In a race to grab The check for dinner The slower contestant Comes in the Winner.

The surest way to stop believing in dreams is to marry one.

Will Rogers: It's great to be great, but it's greater to be human.

# The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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## What's Cooking

ABILENE CLUB, Thursday, after yell practice, YMCA.  
AICHE, Friday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p. m., Hensel Park. Barbecue for all members.  
AUSTIN CHAPTER, Houston CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, after yell practice, Room 225, Academic Building.

BASTROP - LEE COUNTY CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p. m., Room 224, Academic Building. Discuss plans for Thanksgiving party.

BEAUMONT CLUB, Thursday, after yell practice, 106 Academic Building. Plans for the Christmas Dance will be discussed.

BELL COUNTY, Thursday, after yell practice, 128 Academic Building. Special meeting.

BRAZORIA COUNTY CLUB meets Thursday Nov. 17, 7:30 p. m. in Room 224 of the Academic Building to discuss plans for Thanksgiving party.

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION A&M CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p. m., room 308, Academic Building. Election of officers and plans for Thanksgiving party.

BRUSH COUNTY CLUB meeting Thursday, Nov. 17 after Yell Practice in Room 305, Academic Building.

COLLIN COUNTY CLUB, Thursday, after yell practice, Room 308 Academic Building.

Official Notice

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING  
November 5, 1949  
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EAST TEXAS CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p. m., YMCA reading room.  
ELLIS COUNTY, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Nov. 17, room 307 Academic Building. Plans for a Christmas party will be completed.  
El Paso Club, Thursday, after yell practice, 3rd floor Academic Building. Election of officers.

FANNIN COUNTY A&M CLUB, Thursday, November 17, after yell practice, Room 129 Academic Building. Thanksgiving party plans will be made.  
FOOD GROUP A&M SOCIAL CLUB, Friday, 1:15 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Ray Oden, 100 Montclair.

FT. WORTH CLUB, Thursday, after yell practice, Room 32, Science Hall.

HEART O' TEXAS CLUB, Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Room 305, Academic Building.

LUFKIN A&M CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p. m., room 204, Academic Building. Final plans for Thanksgiving dance.

NAVARRO COUNTY A&M CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p. m., Room 228, Academic Building to complete plans for Thanksgiving party. Refreshments will be served.

PANHANDLE CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7 p. m., Lounge of Dorm 1. Discuss final plans for Aggie-Tessie party.

PASADENA CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p. m., room 105, Academic Building.

P. E. CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p. m. in DeWare Fieldhouse. W. R. Horsley will speak on obtaining employment after graduation.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p. m. YMCA Chapel.

SAN ANGELO CLUB, Thursday after yell practice, 203 Agriculture Building.

SAN ANTONIO CLUB meeting, Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 Room 203, Academic Building. Tickets on sale for Thanksgiving party.

SAN JACINTO CHAPTER, HOUSTON, CLUB, Thursday, Nov. 17, after yell practice, Room 223, Academic Building.

SAN MARCOS CLUB meets Thursday night, Nov. 17, at 7:30 in Room 105, Academic Building. Reorganizational meeting.

## Boyle's Column . . .

# Bear-Like Man Gains Fame As Holder of Unique Hands

BY HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Oswald Jacoby is a big, bear-like man who has won fame by holding hands.

Not lady hands—card hands. Right now Ossie is looking for somebody to give \$5,000 to. Anybody, that is, anybody who can beat him at the new pastebord epidemic—Canasta.

Some nine months ago he spent a dozen hours playing this pastime and decided he knew enough about it to write a book. He did. And his "How To Win a Canasta" has sold over 300,000 copies.

But a number of other people also wrote books on canasta. After reading their books—and re-reading his book—Jacoby decided he was the best canasta player in the world.

"I'm willing to pay \$5,000 to anyone who can beat me," he announced. "There may be a couple of unknown guys in Oshkosh who can do it, but I doubt it. And I'm sure there is no other canasta author able to not if they play the way they write."

He has reason for self-confidence. This 46-year-old, grizzled, 6-foot-two-inch Texan is a fine mathematician. He began playing bridge at the age of 7. Since 1930 he has won the Vanderbilt Cup, the Kentucky Derby of tournament bridge, six times.

Preecoty runs in his tribe. "My father entered college at 14, I entered at 15 and my son at 16," he said, smiling. "I guess the family is pattering out."

Jacoby says there is no card game that can be played perfectly, and that if someone invented a machine that could—"A good player could beat it because he could predict what the machine would do."

His tip to amateurs: To play any card game well you have to avoid patterns.

Why is he so good? "There are card players with better memories than mine, but none is as good a mathematician. I also have a fast mind, I'm unreadable—so far at least—and I can outguess other people."

Jacoby feels that canasta isn't a brief craze like mah-jongg but

will stay popular a long time. "It has already hit the sale of bridge supplies," he said. "It is much easier to play than bridge, but harder to play well. It has more psychology, fewer rules and more common sense."

What is the best of all card games? "Poker!" said Ossie positively. "There is no doubt of it—Poker."

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