

Battalion Editorials

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Upon Last Evening's Yell Practice . . .

Last evening's yell practice could have been the most inspiring we have ever attended. It was—until a totally inappropriate joke destroyed the spirit of the yell practice so capably and so effectively inspired by the head yell leader and the band.

We regret that this unfortunate incident occurred. We regret something coming so nearly perfect be suddenly destroyed.

The yell practice was opened by the head yell leader giving a few announcements and remarks about the bonfire. Then he spoke of this being his last yell practice on the steps of Goodwin Hall. And the band softly played "The Spirit of Aggieland" while he recited the words. Everyone joined in to sing after he'd finished.

And there was not a single man present who was not moved by the emotion the occasion had stirred in his heart.

Then, at a time when no joke would

have been appropriate, a very crude one was told.

Our objection to last evening's joke is also an objection to other jokes told at yell practice—jokes that went beyond the bounds of propriety.

Tastes for jokes vary on a personal basis the same as tastes vary for different foods. But we feel that dirty jokes at a public gathering are generally distasteful.

Yell practices are attended by our wives, mothers, and girl friends. The yell practice is something we can be proud of, but what Aggie can retain this pride after bringing his mother, or wife, or fiancée to a yell practice where embarrassing jokes are told?

The first part of last evening's yell practice was what a yell practice should be. Had we given "fifteen for team, and "farmers fight" immediately after singing "The Spirit of Aggieland", we would have had the highest standard by which to judge future yell practices.

Not Wanted: Bookworms Minus Extracurricular . . .

Employers have been scrutinizing college graduates more closely recently, measuring them in old pre-war terms: academic record, extracurricular activities, and ability to get along with people, according to W. R. Hørsely, director of the A&M Placement Office.

The bookworm, if he's just a bookworm, won't be able to pick and choose the cream of his professional crop. Employers are searching for the "well rounded college graduate." Most companies want students with a "B" average or better, but they will take applicants who have made up the difference in outside activities, leadership, and personality.

There are some persons, found few and far between, who can steadily hold their grades to an "A" average and efficiently handle several extracurricular jobs. A better precedent for the average, aspiring student is participation in both fields, studies and student activities, without going to the extreme in either and, at the same time, letting the other die a slow death.

Up in the Air, or Down on the Ground? . . .

Our nation's capitol has taken steps to prevent military and municipal airports from operating too near each other. We only hope that this will start something of a chain reaction whereby every large city that faces the danger of air collisions will follow suit.

City officials of Houston, the largest city in Texas, have made several indications that perhaps that city will build a new municipal airport, which would not only move the traffic from Ellington, the local military field, but would also provide that city with a larger city airport, which has been needed for several years.

During the past months, air traffic over the United States and particularly around large cities has had a quite high fatality rate. Latest of these calamities was the regrettable crash last month near Washington, D. C.

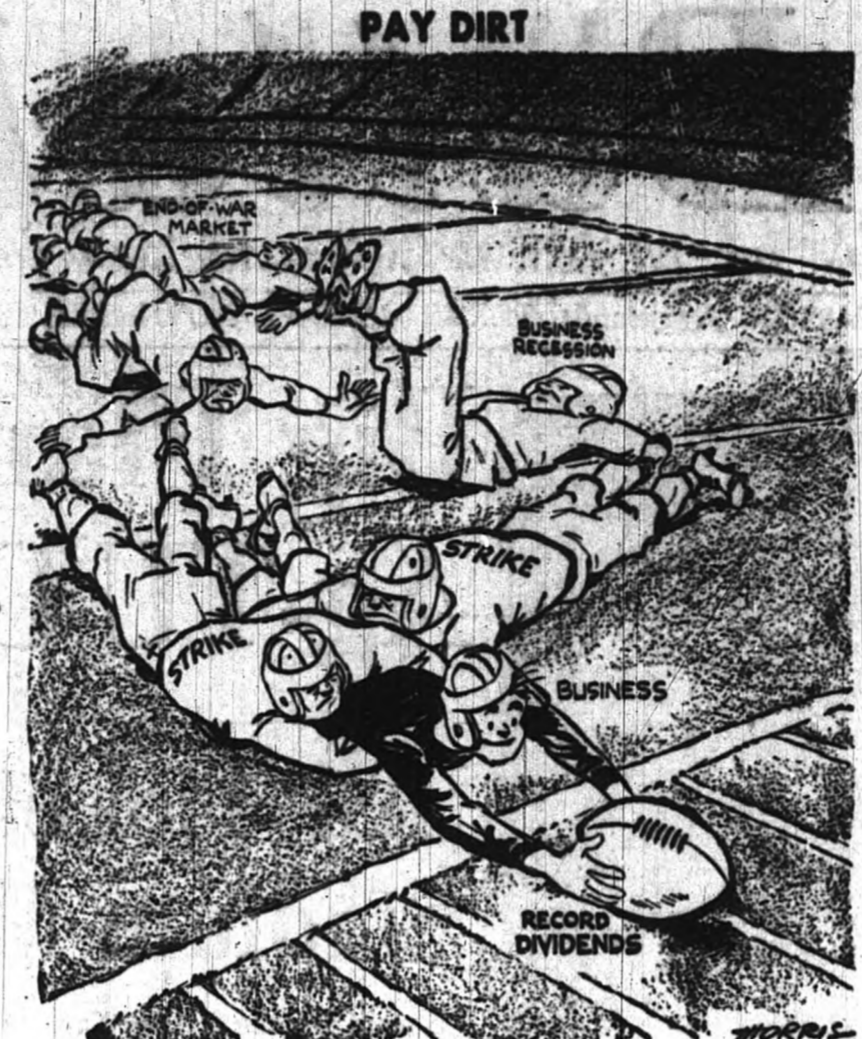
Since then, combat-type planes have been banned from the national airport

there, and steps toward closing two other military airfields located nearby will probably be taken.

Texas and its large cities have been extremely lucky, thus far, that no disastrous air crash has occurred. It has only been luck, however, for we have all the potentialities in several of our large cities of horrible crashes. Reasons for these possibilities lie solely behind these facts.

Many of the municipal airports—in fact, most of them—are handling traffic which is more than they are equipped to do. Not only has air traffic increased on the city airports, but military planes are landing and departing more often, with new and old fields being opened or reactivated just as often.

We sincerely hope that Texas and our large cities will not wait for a tragic accident to occur before they act to prevent them. The facts face us; we should realize their meaning and capitalize on them.



Personal Incomes Higher Than Ever

BY RADER WINGETT

New York, (AP)—Things are getting so complicated that it's almost necessary to have a statistical figure out how much money you really make in a week.

For instance, the average factory worker is making more money than he did even during the wartime boom—but his real earnings are less. That is, his week's work buys less goods.

Total personal income so far this year tops all previous years except the average for 1948, which was the all-time peak. But even in that year nearly one-third of the nation's individuals and families made less than \$2,000 a year in cash.

Letters

(All letters to the editor which are signed by a student or employee of the college and which do not contain obscene, libelous, or defamatory material will be published. Persons wishing to have their names withheld from publication may request such action and these names will not, without the consent of the writer, be divulged to any persons other than the editors.)

BOOTS GONE

Editor, The Battalion:
After reading a letter to you in The Battalion on Nov. 16 from Ben Templeton on the need of some spirit in the Fish, I am reminded that someone else should get the spirit again—if they ever had it.

I am referring to the certain party, whoever, he, or they may be, that stole a pair of senior boots from an Aggie buddy of mine named James Crescy. It happened this way: Sometime shortly before James was going to leave on the Ft. Worth corps trip, someone came to his door and told him (without opening it) that he had a phone call. When James left the room and returned, his boots were gone!!!

Seniors! What do your boots mean to you? They will mean a hell of a lot to me if I ever wear them and I am only a sophomore now. I know they mean a lot to James. How would feel if your boots were stolen?

I didn't know that we had anyone who would do a thing like that here at Aggieland, did you?
To the guilty party: If I were you, I would see (one way or other) that James gets his boots back.
Thank you.

Name withheld upon request.

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November 5, 1949
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Other Conference Schools Intend to Win Our Trophy

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a weekly series of news reports from the campuses of the Southwest Conference. It is prepared by the editors of the seven school newspapers.)

Why sportsmanship in the Southwest Conference?

That is the question student leaders at the Southwest's leading schools have asked.
The answer: This year Southern Methodist University will play before approximately 475,000 fans. Baylor University is building a 40,000 seat stadium; Rice Institute has announced plans to build a stadium seating 50,000. Southwest athletics is bigger business than ever. And as stockholders, students have a bigger stake in these athletics.

To keep pace with the growth of athletics, student representatives met in Houston this month to work out the growing pains the Southwest Conference sportsmanship program has endured. As a subsidiary part of that meeting Southwest editors endorsed this news service. Its purpose is to inform on the growth of campus activities, as well as sportsmanship throughout the conference.

Season Closing
As the Southwest Conference football season draws to a close, all eyes turn bowl-wards.

At Baylor, students polled before the Wyoming game were sure Bears would get a spot in the Cotton Bowl. Seven out of 10 students had visions of a New Year's Day in Dallas.

As a clue to the way Baylor might get there, the Baylor Lariat discovered that twenty Baylor football players belonged to Air Force ROTC units.

But first place Rice keeps on going. Last week the Owls defeated A&M, in score at least. The Battalion called the Aggies weekend corp trip to Houston the "most successful" in years. The usual Aggie yell practice was canceled in Houston because of a fear of disturbance and damage.

It was A&M which instituted the

Sportsmanship trophy. A picture of the trophy appeared last week in the TCU Skiff, which hopes to encourage students to follow the code throughout the year, on past football season.

"Rather apathetic" was the way TCU editor Larry Denton described the response to date. The general feeling seems to be that it is a "pretty good thing" and should be continued.

Food Problems
But between weekends, the Southwest found times to be concerned about the basic life: food.

On the SMU campus, the first of three inspections of eating places was opened by "Trade Track" inspectors. "Trade Track" is an award made by the student association to those cafes which observe health standards. Establishments that pass inspections will be awarded a placard, which also serves to guide students to these cafes which have passed.

The idea was first used in the Southwest at the University of Texas. "Steer Here" was the name given the Texas plan. Last week "Steer Here" was out bragging again. When city health officials fined a local cafe owner for failing to sterilize glassware, the Texan bannered the action; the cafe was one of two which had not received "Steer Here" approval. Fifty-three have. The plan was also used to lower the cost of haircuts from \$1 to 85 cents.

If Texas schools were holding the economic line, Arkansas students were not faring so well.

The Arkansas Traveler reported that coffee at campus haunts had jumped to 10 cents.

Calmly the Traveler explained the cause: "backpassing." The rise in coffee could be traced from retailer, to wholesaler, to importer, to exporter, to coffee planter, and finally to the native worker who can make more money jumping after quarters tossed in the ocean by tourists.

At the same time the first issue of this Traveler off the new University Press was being distributed. The issue eliminated a 15 year fight by students and faculty to have a school printing plant.

Poultry Judges To Practice in Waco

The Senior Poultry Judging team will practice their judging in Waco Saturday, November 19, E. D. Parnell, Professor of Poultry Husbandry and team coach, said today.

The team will judge dressed market roasters at Swift's Packing Plant Saturday morning and in the afternoon will go to Antone Mazzone's farm to judge heavy-breed production.

The men are working in preparation for the National Intercollegiate Poultry Judging Contest in Chicago on November 29, Parnell said.

Ford Elected Prexy of Williamson Club

W. G. Ford, from Taylor, was elected president of the Williamson County A&M Club Tuesday night, November 15.

Other officers elected in the organizational meeting were James Cavanaugh from Granger, vice-president; Sam Brady of Georgetown, secretary-treasurer; and M. W. McNeese of Roundrock, reporter.

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Rice was also pushing campus developments. A \$1,150,000 gymnasium got the approval of the Board of Trustees. It will contain a swimming pool, four handball and two squash courts, recreation, boxing, fencing, modern dance, and locker rooms.

Academically Arkansas seniors took a new step. Meeting with the university president, the seniors proposed that a senior day be instituted and that the giving of final examinations to graduating seniors be left up to the discretion of instructors.

But the man-woman ratio was still news. One female student at Rice raised this question—in poetry:

FIVE MEN TO A GAL
The odds at Rice are hard to beat
This five to one is just my meat
I've no complaint—but man alive!
Do I draw my own or do they deal me five?

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