

# Beaumont Editor Discovers Glamour of A&M Traditions

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They don't have pep rallies at Texas A&M. They have yell practice. There's a difference.  
That's what I discovered one night this week when I stood in the center of the A&M campus and watched 2500 cadets stage an inspiring and awesome spectacle under a starry sky. I say "awesome" because come next Thursday I expect to be back at College Station

cheering for the University of Texas football team.  
Then how did I happen to be at this Aggie yell practice in the first place?  
All right, we'll go back to the beginning. I had been invited to speak before a group of the A&M journalism students that evening. Before the talk I had dinner in Aggie Inn with half a dozen instructors and editors of the college daily, "The Battalion." As we polished off the strawberry ice cream dessert, Cadet Lieut. Col. Clark Munroe said, "We have just about time to get in on the yell practice before our meeting. Ever see an Aggie yell practice?"

"No, I've never had that pleasure," I replied. I started to add that might be because I'm a former student of the University of Texas. Up to this point I hadn't mentioned my T. U. connection since arriving in College Station. Not afraid mind you. Just knew it would be of no particular interest at this time and place. I decided now that my first idea had been best and didn't enlarge on my brief comment.

"Then you'll have to see the one tonight!" Mr. Munroe went on enthusiastically.  
"Yes," interposed Bill Billingsley, co-editor, along with Munroe, of the Battalion, "you'll enjoy this one especially because our next game is with T. U. and the cadets are really out for blood on Thanksgiving day."

"Blood?" I inquired faintly.  
"U.?" Oh yes, yes, the university. "The school in Austin," I plunged in.  
"That's right," Mr. Munroe cut in heartily as he pushed back his chair. "Come on. We can make it in time for the first yell."

We hurried along a curving concrete walk toward the rally—parade—the yell practice, and Mr. Munroe took time to explain some of the traditions of this event:  
"We have yell practice—never call it pep rally—twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays." Usually

The decision, Kilday said, is up to Truman and Johnson.  
But, the Texan told newsmen, when congress boosted the pay of service personnel at its recent session, it took into consideration the fact that dependents have been receiving free or reduced-rate medical attention.

Except for this fact, he intimated, the pay raises might have been larger.  
Kilday said the Navy claims to have legal backing for free medical service for its personnel and it probably would take an act of congress to eliminate it.

As a matter of long practice, if not a law, he said, army personnel have, since the days of the Continental Army, been given the privilege of obtaining medical service in army hospitals for their dependents.

"This, in part, helps offset some of the disadvantages of being in the armed services," he said.  
Kilday said commissions and a number of committees which have made a full study of service compensation have based all their recommendations on the assumption that free medical service for dependents would continue.

"I'm Innocent" ...  
Theater Man Accused Of Self-Theft  
Aggies have always been known to be alert, but one cadet slightly overdid it Friday.

When this particular student passed a car parked on the campus, he noticed a speaker, apparently removed from a drive-in theater, lying on the seat of said car.

Just as the self-styled Sherlock was taking down a license number of the car, a silver-haired gentleman approached and was accosted by the student. The gentleman proved to be Jack Farr, owner of Skyway Theater, who had placed the broken speaker in the car himself for repairs.

The student, remembering that \$50 is offered for apprehension of a speaker-thief, could not be convinced of Farr's identity nor his innocence.

Until a passerby happened to call, "Hi, Jack," Farr was still under the utmost suspicion of the student. The cadet did not receive \$50, although he was rewarded with passes to the drive-in.  
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## Local Men Named Exposition Heads

Named as superintendents and assistant superintendents this week were four members of the Extension Service for the first annual San Antonio Livestock Exposition to be held at the new two million dollar Joe Freeman-Bexar County Coliseum, February 17-26.

V. G. Young was named superintendent of records. In this capacity, he will supervise filing and recording of all entries and awards in the livestock exhibition. This position is the first of its kind in any large livestock exposition.

Other College Station men include Uel D. Thompson as assistant superintendent in the short-horn class; E. M. Regenbrecht, superintendent in the swine class; and A. L. Smith, superintendent in all-steer class.

They will work with other volunteers to conduct operation of the exposition featuring \$45,000 in total premiums.

The ten-day major show will feature livestock exhibits and auction, Gene Autry World's Championship Rodeo, carnival midway, commercial farm machinery and appliance exhibits.

# Board Names J. P. Abbott Dean of Arts and Sciences

Dr. John Paul Abbott, assistant to the dean of the college and professor of English, was named Dean of the school of Arts and Sciences by the college board, in session here today. Dr. Abbott will assume his new post on September 1, 1950, succeeding Dean M. T. Harrington, who on that date will become President of the college.

The new dean is at present serving as administrative head of the freshman annex, Bryan Army Air Field, in which post he succeeded Dr. Harrington in 1947 as the latter was named Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Abbott, 45, is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1925 and took his Ph.D. at the State University of Iowa in 1929, later doing additional graduate work at Tulane University and the University of Wisconsin. He joined the faculty here as an instructor in English in 1926.

While a member of the staff here, Dr. Abbott has had two texts published in his field, "A Supplement of Essays in Liberal Thought" and "A Manual for College English." The latter was published in collaboration with Dr. George Summey, Jr.

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## Turkey Day Dances

PORT ARTHUR CLUB, Dance at the American Legion Hall, Friday, 8 p. m., Tickets to the \$1.50 stag or drag. Aggies and friends of Aggies are invited.

SAN ANTONIO CLUB, Aggie Park, Friday, 7 p. m., \$2.00 stag or drag.

BASTROP-LEE COUNTY A&M CLUB, dance at the Legion Hall, Bastrop, 8 p. m., Friday, Nov. 25. Admission \$2.50 per couple; refreshments included. Club members are entitled to bring out guest couple.

BELL COUNTY A&M CLUB, Weiner roast, Armstrong crossing (ten miles south of Belton), 6 p. m., Saturday, Nov. 26. Drinks will be furnished but everyone bring their own weiners and buns. Admission, \$1.25.

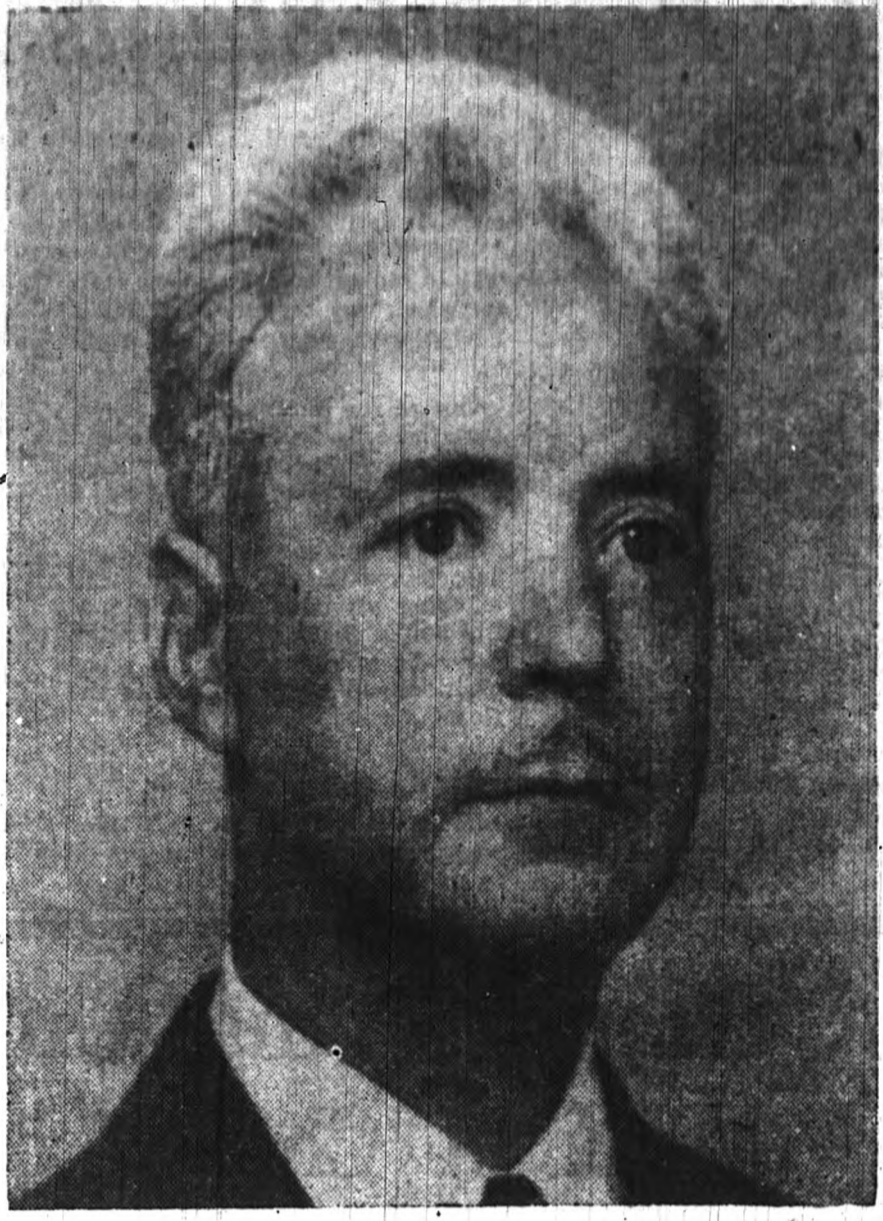
EAST TEXAS A&M CLUB, dance at the Pine Crest Country Club, Longview, 8 p. m., Friday, Nov. 25. Open to all Aggies or Aggie-exes. Admission, \$2, stag or drag.

EASTLAND AND STEPHENS COUNTIES A&M CLUB, dance at the Ranger Country Club, Friday night, Nov. 25.

FORT WORTH A&M CLUB, dance at "Two Buck" (one mile from Hemphill Street on Waco-Fort Worth highway), 8:30 p. m., Friday, Nov. 25. Informal.

HOUSTON A&M CLUB, annual Turkey Day Strut at the "Hi Hat Club", 8 p. m., Friday, Nov. 25. Admission 60 cents per person, informal. Floor show.

SAN ANTONIO A&M CLUB, annual party at Aggie Park, 7 p. m. Friday, Nov. 25. Tickets may be obtained from club members.



DR. J. P. ABBOTT

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the trench mouth and athlete's foot as our hallowed mascot Bevo, but they have gone so far as to insinuate that the fallacious folderol their staffers have regurgitated is the undistorted truth.

Crafty Colville, reportedly the illegitimate grand-stepson of Loupot, notorious Aggie merchandiser, fires ironic verbal missiles, at our Greek letter societies, which we all know are renowned repositories of the just, the tolerant, and the humble.

Our impassioned cheer practices, designed to set afire the blood and quicken the pulse, are snidely dissected by Charlton. I have reason to believe that Charlton is the same Georgie-Porgie Charlton who was defeated for cheerleader here several years back.

Not content with Colville's disparagement of the frat, John Fuller adds his two-cents worth to the furthering of its complete humiliation. He would have done better by investing in a couple of post cards.

However, it is Emmet Trant, the wry cartoonist, who has piqued us beyond all limits of endurance with his two-page cartoon depicting life at the University as a mad orgy, complete with perverted love, unbridled love, wild debauchery, and subversive activities. If ever brought to bay, artist Trant will be im-

prisoned in the Tower, where he will be compelled to do nothing except make silhouettes.

I was shocked to discover that Gregory Rasputin, a wealthy lad whose father made a killing on the pumpnickle market, had sold the story of his experiences with a communistic roommate to the disreputable rag under discussion. Rumor has it that Gregory is no longer with us.

So there you have it, fellow imbibers of orange pekoe. A glaring mockery of our way of life. But this should give us added incentive to beat those uncouth sons of the soil Thanksgiving day on their own Kyle Field.

Battle vigorously and valiantly, gallant football squad! Stream feebly, spirited student body! Defeat A&M!

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tion for a cause termed "incompetency." The facts underlying this incident are similar to two previous actions, in which two of the most capable leaders of the present Senior class were dismissed for the same "cause," this so-called "incompetency."

The facts, as possibly everyone knows by now, are that a report of hazing in my outfit was turned in, and one of those infamous "inspections" was made on our underclassmen. A bruise on one—of seventeen—of the underclassmen's posterior was deemed sufficient evidence that hazing had occurred.

Consequently, my CO was forced to take one of two alternatives—either to admit that hazing had occurred and reveal the names of persons involved, or to be relieved of his position for "incompetency."

In the first case, the persons involved would be dropped from the rolls of the college; in the second case, the CO would admit nothing and be reduced in rank from a Captain to a Private and be removed from the outfit which honored and was honored by his presence as its leader.

Hazing has been the chief cause for controversy on this campus for many years—especially during the past few—and it seems that someone is determined to "stamp it out" this year—regardless of the personalities involved and the individual suffering inflicted. Whether or not hazing is the "big, black evil" so depicted is not to be determined by this letter; rather the methods being used to eliminate it.

A Senior at Texas A & M has journeyed through three years of study and numerous activities to reach that position. That, alone, is sufficient reason for him to be regarded by his classmates, by Aggie-exes, and by the people of his state as an outstanding personality, a trained leader, and above

all—a Man!  
More so with a Company Commander—through those same three years he has garnered the respect and admiration of the men with whom he has lived. He was chosen above all others in his outfit because he displayed the characteristics which proved him an "Aggie" a term only Aggies can understand. My CO is no exception.

All of a sudden—through no fault of his own—the position for which he had so earnestly strived for was taken away from him for a cause, again termed "incompetency."

"He had a choice!" NO, he did not! The very grounds on which he stood as the representative of the men in his outfit gave him but one choice, and that stand he took. And for remaining loyal to an Aggie creed of "All for one, one for all," he was dismissed as being "incompetent."

Is there any justice?  
From now until the day he dies, my CO will have on his permanent record (201 file) the single word "incompetency" to explain to his prospective employers and others the reason for his release as commander of half a hundred men. What can he say in defense of his action?

"My wish is that any man in his outfit (and it will always be "his" outfit) could be called upon to explain "incompetency"—as defined by the authorities responsible for his dismissal. Such devotion and loyalty is expressive not of just a leader, but a great leader, a man with something called "grits"—an Aggie!

This is not meant to be an epitaph, nor a ratification or denunciation of "hazing," nor a censure of anyone in my outfit; it expresses simply the feelings of fifty-some odd wronged men—wronged

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