

Battalion Editorials

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In Favor of Numerous Aggiette Groups . . .

In Temple a group of young ladies have demonstrated their loyalty to the Maroon and White and their preference for the men from A&M by the formation of the Texas Aggiettes.

Thirteen fair damsels have banded together as charter members in this organization whose purpose is to "show a definite interest in Texas A&M College." This group, sanctioned by the Temple A&M Mothers' Club, wants Aggies interested in Temple. To further this interest the Aggiettes offer to provide "cute and nice dates" for Aggies visiting Temple.

This spontaneous action by the girls forming the Aggiettes is a wholesome gesture toward a relationship that bids fair to benefit everyone who participates.

What the thirteen girls have done in Temple, could be done in a multitude of Texas towns and cities. By both the girls and Aggies participating in the Aggiettes' endeavor in the spirit in which it is offered, more Aggies can see life in sections of the state they are now unfamiliar with, and gain this while in the company of a charming girl.

Never Say 'No' to Uncle Sam's Dollars . . .

Addressing Dallas' Knife and Fork Clubbers in Dallas earlier this week, Republican Senator Karl Mundt suggested that Texas, "as the most progressive southern state", should take the lead toward realignment of political parties in this country.

This realignment would follow along the lines of what people believed, not the hodge-podge of mixed political views we have now in both major political parties. Mundt cited himself as an example of a man in one political party quite often embarrassing the views of another.

"Time and time again I have walked down the aisle with Democrats to fight for free enterprise, human freedom and human rights against those who would

lead us to a planned economy in which the individual would be subservient to an all-powerful state," Mundt said.

These views of Mundt are what we feel the greater percent of our people believe, Americans all. Yet, Texas can not assume the leadership in this drive toward truer alignment of voters by ideals than parties until Texans find themselves politically. Traditionally we have been of a state's rights disposition, but the hand-outs from Washington are too good for our state to refuse. We, along with the rest of the nation, have defaulted to the national government most of the prerogatives that state governments formerly held.

While denouncing further federal controls, our hands are extended for more of the national government's services.

On Hellraising Visiting Congressmen . . .

"Characters, characters, never people." This might well have been the comment of most Europeans after recent visits in their various countries by Congressmen dropping in to see how our money is being spent.

Senator Elmer Thomas seems to have been the prize character of them all. In Sweden (he didn't remember if Sweden had a king or not) the Senator felt he was not shown the hospitality that a visiting United States Senator should receive. He told the press about it.

In France his committee toured Paris' night clubs and reported them favorably. Also a "tall, slim fellow" (Defense Minister Rene Pleven) showed our good Senator from Oklahoma Napoleon's mother's room. But Thomas couldn't remember his distinguished guide's name.

In Spain, Franco's hospitality was so graciously bestowed that Senator Thomas recommended a loan to Spain.

Time magazine, commenting on Thomas and other Congressmen who toured Europe recently (at governmental expense), said: "All in all, Europeans were given ample evidence that the U. S. Congressman is a man who 1) smokes cigars and seems to be searching subconsciously for a cuspidor, 2) is a ferociously accurate judge of whisky, but is incredibly naive

about the countries he visits, and 3) emits a regular flow of outrageous quotes timed at the voter back home."

With all but a few of the Congressmen home for Christmas fence building, they have left, the characters among them, a rather uncomplimentary record behind them. Two Congressmen had to be carried off ships in a state of intoxication, one threw all his luggage out a train window, and two lost their pants (in a Spanish train), and complained about it publicly.

The well meaning, serious Congressmen who made sincere efforts toward finding out useful information in Europe that would help them as American legislators didn't make headlines and didn't make asinine statements for the press.

Europeans, who are human enough to prefer to laugh at the bad in us than credit us for our good, had much to laugh at in the recent Congressional visits. Instead of being the great benefactor of European nations, unbehaving Congressmen have represented us as being a people impressed more by night clubs and fine whiskies than reconstruction and post war development.

Unfortunately, Senator Thomas is not alone in measuring the worth or culture of a nation directly proportional to the hospitality and luxurious display each country showed him.

Family Affair. In Leicester, England, interrupted by a passerby as he stabbed a woman in the back, Bertram Bishop quickly explained: "It's all right, it's only my wife."

Test Case. In Wetaskiwim, Alta., the board of trade explained why the city was short on publicity during fire-prevention week: all the literature had been destroyed in a warehouse fire.—Time.

The Battalion

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Letters To The Editor

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OKLAHOMA EDITORIAL

Editor, The Battalion:

The telegram sent to O. U. by the president of the Student Senate stating our regrets of their mistreatment and asking if there was anything we could do to help was a very good gesture on our part. However, I'm sure that it was not meant merely as a gesture to better relations between the two schools, but a sincere desire to help. This desire to help should never be degraded or marred by implying it as such. Since when do Aggies have to pat themselves on the back so vigorously for a good deed?

Congratulations to Keith for expressing the feelings of all of us.

Buzzy Roots '50

A CHEERY CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Editor, The Battalion:

We feel that we express the opinion of all out-of-state students and of the larger percentage of students from this state when we say that we have been done a great injustice. You've guessed it—we're referring to the short Christmas holidays.

We take our hats off to our competent planners—a two year old child couldn't have fouled things up anymore. Just why wasn't some thought given to the students for a change instead of the planning board's own personal

Official Notice

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All second and third year students in the School of Veterinary Medicine are required to attend the meeting on "The Bureau of Animal Industry Training Program" from 8 A. M. to 9 A. M. on Tuesday, December 12th, in the amphitheatre of the Veterinary Hospital.

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of diamond coring tools, but not until the past few weeks has there been a serious effort to combine the knowledge of these two industries in developing a more economic method of wildcatting.

At this time it is thought that such equipment can be produced for approximately one-third the most of the present day rig." Edward F. Kelly of Houston said that "the success of sand consolidation depends to a very large extent upon proper preparation of the subject well as, for example, by pulling old screens or liners, squeezing for zone isolation, etc.

Sand Consolidation
 "Sand consolidation," Kelly said, using "Use of Sand Consolidating Plastic," as his subject, "is not a cheap service, itself and should not be attempted unless the operator is willing to go to the extra expense of properly conditioning the well, thereby giving maximum assurance of the success of the job."

Thomas S. West of San Antonio, W. D. Owsley of Duncan, Okla., Bruce Barkis of Houston, R. E. Bush of Odessa, and H. T. Kennedy of A&M also delivered talks.

A paper on "Important Factors Contributing to Corrosion Fatigue of Drill Pipe," by Riley V. Carlton, senior petroleum engineering student at Texas Tech, won first place in the student paper contest. Papers were entered by students from the University of Texas A&M and the Tech winner.

(LETTERS, CONTINUED)

feared generally prevalent at any school, you enter the last phase of your letter in which you pledge vengeance next year. We indeed hope that you will be trying to win in 1950.

Your final paragraph, consisting of two words, is intended, I presume, to provide a dramatic and forceful impact to the close of the letter.

It doesn't. It is my opinion that the officious are quite able to officiate at football games without the assistance of your editorial writer, who possibly has room for improvement in the field of journalism. Respectfully yours, Sloan Blair, Jr., University of Texas

(Editors' Note—We are stirred by Blair's confidence in the officials and his modestly-stated pride in the University team. Will all men who offered us tickets to Austin please exchange them for another city?)

A WORD OF THANKS

Editor, The Battalion:

In this day of many gripes about the college and its ways of doing things, I would like to change the tempo a bit and pass on to the student body a complimentary note on one of the departments that has had lots of criticism to contend with.

I am speaking of the College Hospital and all its staff. At the recent Aggie Intercollegiate Rodeo, several of the men were hurt, two of them pretty badly. The college ambulance, which was at all three performances, took these injured men to the hospital where they were quickly given the best of treatment.

Dr. Marsh did an excellent job of surgery on one man who almost lost an ear. The man's parents were very pleased with the treatment given their son. Another man whose arm was dislocated had it cared for, too.

The Texas Aggie Rodeo Association wishes to express its sincere thanks to every member of the hospital staff for their help. Fifteen colleges were represented at the rodeo and all the men who participated commented favorably on the cooperation of the college hospital. They expressed



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Telegram to the Corps

Congratulations to the Corps of Cadets and all others at Texas A&M for the splendid conditions disclosed at the recent informal inspection by headquarters Texas Military District. Apart from the fact that storage space for military equipment is not entirely adequate resulting in some problems of maintenance, there were no deficiencies of any consequence observed.

Texas A&M is a name which I have heard praised throughout the Army of the United States, both at home and overseas, especially in those places where the going was toughest. It is a name of which every Texan can be justly proud. There is a spirit of manliness and fortitude at Texas A&M which can be felt as soon as anyone steps on the campus.

Morale and esprit de corps are extremely high. Discipline, which is not imposed from without, but which springs from within the individual cadet, is both spontaneous and superb. Military courtesies and civilian courtesies are observed in a manner which reflects self-respect together with fidelity to the ideals for which Texas A&M stands.

The manner in which the cadets of Texas A&M are acquiring in their character the elements of mental and moral fitness, the trait of helpfulness and inspiration to their fellowmen, indicate that they will be leaders of any future emergency as they were in our last mobilization.

Signed: Col. Oscar Abbott Commanding Officer Headquarters Texas Military District Austin, Texas

doubt whether the hospitals at their own schools would have done as good a job.

We hope next year when we hold our rodeo that we will have a less cramped and dangerous arena. If we do, maybe we won't have as many injuries as we had this last time.

Thanks again. Charlie Rankin, Texas Aggie Rodeo Association

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