

Battalion Editorials

Page 2

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1949

Here's Your Report Card, Professor . . .

Things took a turn for the better yesterday, as the professors turned on their most charming smiles. The reason for these corrected countenances could be found in the thousands of forms being passed to every student in class at 9 yesterday morning.

For the second time in less than three years, the students had their chance to rate or berate their instructors. Prof-rating, now becoming popular in colleges over the nation, seems to be enjoyed here equally as much by our students.

Admittedly the student-prof relationship here leaves much to be desired. Although many methods have been presented in the past, we believe prof-rating to be perhaps the most effective procedure of boosting these relations.

Our profs were judged on many points, ranging from personal appearance to class attentiveness. Preparation and delivery of lectures, personal annoyances, coopera-

tion, and consideration of student opinions—all these were included in the rating sheets.

Both groups should gain much from reports made after tabulation of the "grades". The instructors will see before them a mirror, reflecting themselves as their students see them.

Students, by conscientious consideration of each individual question, are presented with an opportunity to express their views in such a manner that the results should seriously be taken to heart.

Momentous changes cannot be expected, but an overall improvement should become noticeable. Prof-rating is a method whereby both students and professors can gain knowledge conducive to their own welfare.

To those responsible for carrying out the rating plans, we give much praise. To those who participated justly and seriously—both students and instructors—we give even more.

Dallasites May Be Cruising Down the River . . .

The Dallas Chamber of Commerce was probably sporting a composite beamy smile this week; most likely, so were the Fort Worth C of C's. News had reached them that army engineers are studying the economic feasibility of making the Trinity River navigable from the Gulf to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Lt. Col. R. L. Jewett, speaking at a luncheon of the Trinity Improvement Association, Wednesday, said that making the river navigable to the Dallas-Fort Worth areas has long been considered as feasible as "paving a street."

Investigation of the possible project is part of the agency's over-all plan for Trinity River development, the Deputy Chief of Civil Works for Rivers and Harbors told the assembled group.

Some people imagine that the outlook, if Dallas and Fort Worth were to have this new medium, would be hardly con-

ceivable.

Dallas, which finally gave up a losing population race with Houston, would be nourished by this asset, to the point of outstripping Houston in population growth, and completely passing her up as an industrial center, they say. Perhaps Fort Worth feels it could pass them both up.

But the probable effects of the move would not be that drastic. Results would be measured more in terms of a good healthy competition between mediums of transportation in Dallas County and the inevitable media of barge transportation that would come with the project.

The fact that the Government has already appropriated money for a Trinity River navigation channel from the Gulf to Liberty, only 20 miles upstream may give added weight to the association's claims of possibility of the project.

Mosquitoes, Our Northern Guardians . . .

Should any nation attempt to attack the United States by way of the Arctic Circle, a formidable obstacle will be encountered—Alaskan mosquitoes. These mosquitoes, says Major Robert Traub, an Army scientist assigned to mosquito work, are the "hungriest, most numerous and most persistent swarm of creatures in the whole nasty family of mosquitoes."

And Traub should know about the Alaskan mosquito's family: he has been chasing mosquitos most of his life, and has spent a lot of time in the Malayan tropics where mosquitos are no pikers.

"Up in the Arctic there is little other food for them (mosquitoes), so they seek out humans," Traub observed to reporters. "You can hold out your hand for a couple of minutes and you'll have as many as 200

of them trying to bite you."

Since Taub's remarks, our desire to go north to the Yukon country has faded. We had visualized a great virgin land full of opportunity and riches. Taub and others instead tell of Alaska's mosquitoes.

Though it's not quite cricket for would-be attackers to be permitted to reconnoiter the Alaskan gateway to North America, we would suggest that nation's desiring this route of attack petition our government to study the Alaskan mosquito to menace before their offense is launched.

War is bad enough, but being eaten by mosquitoes is totally inhumane and a fate that we shouldn't even wish off on our enemies.

Americans are paying too much attention to Communism, says Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer. If a famed doctor would say, "Americans are paying

too much attention to cancer," we could classify the two statements together. If allowed to continue unchecked, both could destroy people.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

News contributions may be made by telephone (4-5444) or at the editorial office, Room 201, Goodwin Hall. Classified ads may be placed by telephone (4-5324) or at the Student Activities Office, Room 209, Goodwin Hall.

The Battalion, official newspaper of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the City of College Station, Texas, is published five times a week and circulated every Monday through Friday afternoon, except during holidays and examination periods. During the summer The Battalion is published tri-weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Subscription rate \$4.30 per school year. Advertising rates furnished on request.

The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in the paper and local news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights of republication of all other matter herein are also reserved.

Entered as second-class matter at Post Office at College Station, Texas, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

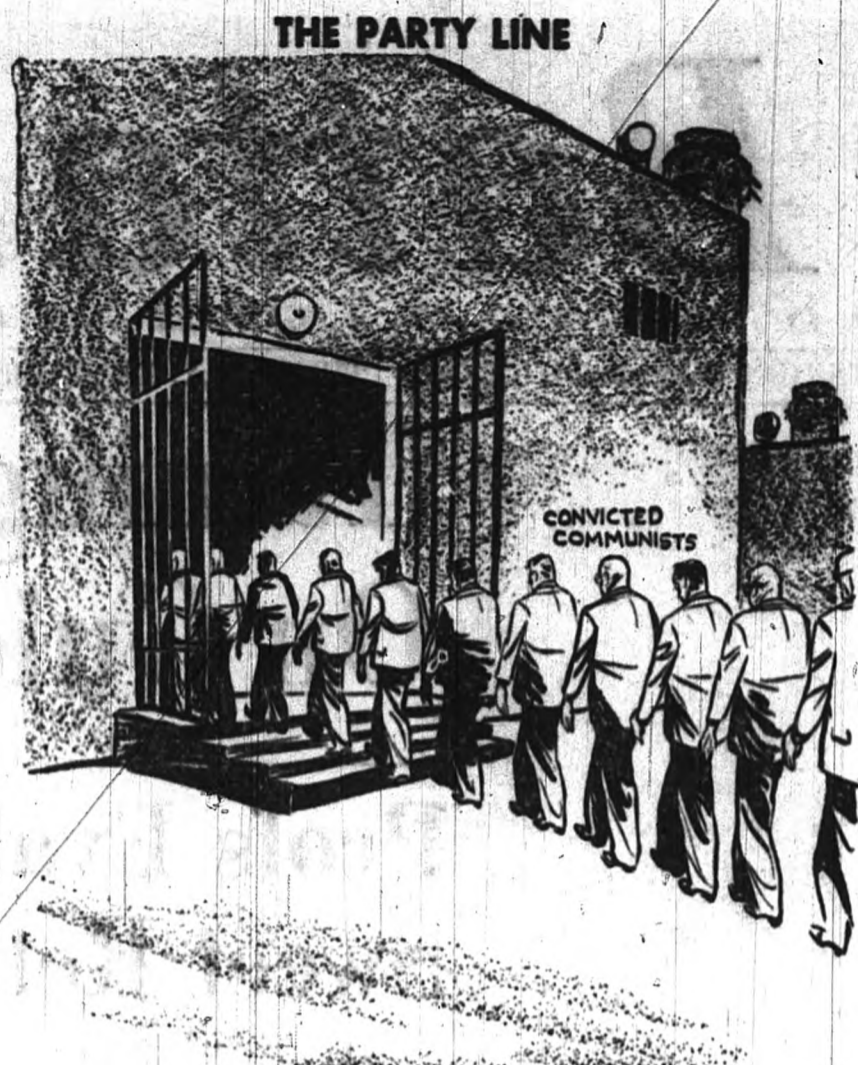
Member of The Associated Press

Represented nationally by National Advertising Service Inc. at New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

BILL BILLINGSLEY, C. C. MUNROE, Co-Editors

Clayton Selph, Lewis Burton, Managing Editors
John Whitmore, Acting Managing Editor
Charles Kirkham, Editorial Board Chairman
George Charlton, Dean Reed, Editorial Board
Clayton Selph, Editorial Board
Emil Burjes Jr., Dan Davis, Curtis Edwards, J. C. Falls, Herschel Pitts, Harry Lacour, D. F. Roland, Jerry Zuber, News Writers
Brad Holmes, Bill Hites, Harry Ross, Joe Trevino, Photo Engravers
Kenneth Marak, Emmott Traut, Jack Brandt, Cartoonsists
Jack Stansbury, Mosqua Manager
Jim Reed

Dave Coslett, Sports Editor
Chuck Cabanis, Bill Potts, Sports Co-Editors
Serman Goholl, Amusements Editor
W. K. Collins, Roger Cozzetti, Bob Price, John Taylor, John Whitmore, Feature Writers
Bob Allen, Harold Gann, Frank Manitzas, Frank Shamen, Sports Writers
Peg Brittain, Advertising Manager
A. W. Fredrick, Don Garrett, Herbert Gibbs, Russell Hagens, Advertising Representatives
"Arvo" Oliver, Promotion Manager
Jim Hay, Paul Hoover, Bob Laswell, Bill Matsh, Howard Pletsch, John Stantz, Circulation Assistants



Letters To The Editor

MORE HOLIDAY VERSIONS

Editor, The Battalion:

These are the findings of a self-appointed, impartial group who carry the best interest of the student body at heart. After a great deal of ponderance we submit the findings of the survey with hopes that it may solve the present holiday dilemma.

We have found that there are some among our number that agree with the policy set forth by the administration, yet it has been discovered that an overwhelming majority of the students still feel that we are being deprived of our rightful study time and that the tax payers of Texas are being cheated because of our exceptionally long Christmas recess. So, we herewith propose a holiday schedule we feel sure will be acceptable to all concerned.

1. That the official Christmas recess shall begin with the termination of classes at noon Saturday, December 24th. This will afford each student an opportunity to meet all of his classes prior to Christmas day. However, due to the fact that some students reside a great distance from this center of culture, we feel that those students whose residence is more than 1,008 miles distant should be excused from classes at 11:17 a. m. Saturday, December 24th. We submit this figure, feeling sure that this will allow each student sufficient travel time to

reach his home by Christmas morning.

2. Of course, classes will be resumed at 8 a. m. Monday, December 26th.

3. Concerning New Year's Day we feel that some brief ceremony can be held in Duncan Hall at noon in conjunction with the noon meal. This will not interfere with any student's study time. However, week-end passes will be available to all students in good standing provided they have at least a 2.90 grade point ratio.

We think that this schedule will not only provide ample holiday time for every student, but will certainly meet the standards of any association of colleges.

There may be some radical students who will disagree with this schedule, but the repeat the phrase we've heard so often while here, "We came here to learn."

We are happy to sign our names since we are sure this schedule will be met with such overwhelming approval.

Lowell Rawn '50
John Zerr '50
John L. Taylor '50
Red Duke '50

P. S. There is also a chance that pop quizzes will be found on many Christmas trees this year.

(Editor's Note — We understand Duke and Taylor also need a field manual on tank gunnery.)

Guion Hall
Thursday & Friday

THE ENTERPRISE STUDIOS present
FOUR FACES WEST
starring JOEL MCCREA, FRANCES DEE, CHARLES BICKFORD
with JOSEPH CALLEN, WILLIAM CONRAD
Directed by ALFRED GREEN
Released thru UNITED ARTISTS

TAXI SERVICE

When you're weary from all-day shopping . . . Phone us for speedy taxi service.
• 2-1400

SAFE-T-WAY TAXI

Keepsake
DIAMOND RING



Never a Ring is Cherished
The diamond ring of her heart's desire . . . a genuine registered Keepsake. Look for the name "Keepsake" in the ring, and the nationally established price on the tag. Be sure you get the Keepsake Certificate of Guarantees and Registration. Choose with confidence . . . of this store.
LADY DIANA Set \$350.00
Engagement Ring \$225.00
Also \$350 and 500
All rings illustrated available in white or well as natural gold. Rings enlarged to show details. Prices include Federal tax.

SANKEY PARK JEWELER
111 N. Main Bryan
AUTHORIZED KEEPSAKE DEALER

We pay the highest prices for Used Books—
We maintain wholesale and retail lists the year round.
GET OUR PRICES BEFORE SELLING
THE EXCHANGE STORE
"Serving Texas Aggies"

Boyle Bemoans Tie Terror Of Approaching Christmas

BY HAL BOYLE

New York, (AP)—There ought to be a society to prevent the presentation of neckties as Christmas gifts.

But there isn't. So again this year some 50,000,000 or more writhing American males will be showered with an unwelcome collection of tonsil muffers.

Women insist on giving men ties, and they pick them on one or two principles:

1. As if they were buying draperies, or
 2. As if they were selecting a lining for their husband's coffin.
- What can be done about this annual misery?
Well, the cowardly way out is

to go ahead and wear the things. But there are bolder ways out for men who still pride themselves on rugged individualism. A simple exit for the problem is merely to stuff the ties down the nearest incinerator. Or bribe the janitor to take them.

These techniques, however, show little imagination. A little surgery I made disclosed several more original methods of dealing with this plague.

"I am saving mine up until I have enough to hang Santa Claus," one angry gentleman reported.

Another man said he had found it easy to cure his wife of giving

his neckties. "I just started wearing them with my tuxedo," he said. "She didn't talk to me for a week (is that bad?) But she hasn't given me a tie since."

A bachelor of my acquaintance, on the other hand, stoutly insists he wouldn't give up the pleasure of Christmas neckties for anything.

"I use the drab ones to line my closets," he said, "and I frame the bright ones and hang them up as pictures. You should see them—nudes, landscapes, hunting scenes. You have no idea what fine art is put on those ties."

PALACE
Bryan 2-8879

TODAY — SATURDAY

ERROL FLYNN HOLDS GREER GARSON IN HIS ARMS!
M-N presents GREER GARSON WALTER PIDEON
THAT FORSYTE WOMAN
Based on the book by JOHN GALSWORTHY'S "THE FORSYTE SAGA"
JANET LEIGH
M-N's BIG NEW TECHNICOLOR PRODUCTION!
with HARRY DAVENPORT
Screen play by Jan Lustig, Ivan Tors and James B. Williams
Additional Dialogues by Arthur Winters
Directed by COMPTON BENNETT
Produced by LEON GORDON
A Major-Release-Mayer Picture

Reckless Moment
with JAMES MASON
and JEAN BENNETT
PLUS: CARTOON—NEWS

PIRATES OF CAPRI
SAT. PREVUE 11 P. M.
"THE STORY OF SEA BISCUIT"

UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL presents
Robert CUMMINGS Ann BETH with Percy KILBRIDE
FREE FOR ALL
RAY COLLINS - MIKHAIL RASUMNY
PLUS: CARTOON

Campus

TODAY thru SAT.

FIRST RUN
—Features Start—
1:25 - 3:10 - 4:55 - 6:30 - 8:15
10:00

Reckless Moment
with JAMES MASON
and JEAN BENNETT
PLUS: CARTOON—NEWS

PREVUE FRI 11 P. M.
FIRST RUN

UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL presents
Robert CUMMINGS Ann BETH with Percy KILBRIDE
FREE FOR ALL
RAY COLLINS - MIKHAIL RASUMNY
PLUS: CARTOON

Prompt Radio Service
—Call—
Soslil's Radio Service
712 S. Main St.
Ph. 2-1941 Bryan

Santa Says:
make it
✓pretty
✓practical
✓perfect

give her gifts by Fabergé in her favorite fragrance . . .
WOODHUE . . . APHRODISIA
TIGRESS . . . STRAW HAT

FABERGE

The one-and-only Fabergette perfume in exclusive TOUCH CONTROL applicator, leather purse pouch, gift boxed 2.50

Ensemble of Fabergette with matching cologne 3.50
*Pat. pending

FABERGE

Parfum Extraordinaire in square-cut crystal flacons 5, 8, 15, to 50.

Cologne Extraordinaire with luxurious decorative caps 2, 3.50 5.

FREE

Cologne Duette—two fragrances in golden gift box, 2.50 the set

Cologne Quartette—set of Fabergé's four beloved fragrances, 5.00
Prices plus tax

Ask for BETTY ONLY, our Aggie Consultant to help you with your gift selections. Your packages will be beautifully packaged, free of charge.

Lester's Smart Shop

Oswald Jacoby
LECTURE ON
Canasta
BRYAN COUNTRY CLUB
Admission: \$1.00
DECEMBER 16 -- 8 P. M.

WHY NOT GIVE YOUR CAR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT
—Bring It To—
Aggieland Service Station
LUBRICATION WASH GREASE
FRIENDLY SERVICE
AGGIELAND SERVICE STATION
—Mobiloil— —Mobilgas—
East Gate John Bravenec—Owner