

# Battalion Editorials

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## Lindbergh Again Shows the Way . . .

We recently read a report of one of the rare public speeches given by Charles A. Lindbergh. Speaking at a dinner of the Aero Club of Washington at which he received the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy for high public service to aviation, the "Lone Eagle" spoke out against what he termed our separation from "the balanced quality of life."

He referred to our tendency to let "science hypnotize us into believing that simply by sitting in front of desks and drawing boards and instruments all day, we are contributing to the character of man." He maintained that modern man has neglected the "other qualities of life, qualities of body and spirit as well as those of mind—qualities he can not develop when he lets mechanics and luxury insulate him too greatly from the earth to which he was born." He said we should balance these other qualities with science if we are to survive.

Lindbergh has had the type of background which should cause us to give much weight to his statements. Within little more than two decades he has had the opportunity to judge the ways of man while he, himself, endured in quick succession international fame, deep personal

tragedy, public scorn, and the horrors of war which he voluntarily faced many times, flying dozens of combat missions as a civilian fighter pilot. As a result of his observations, he says it is time for us to reevaluate and readjust our lives.

And, he gives us a method by which man can achieve a life that balances "success with modesty: science with simplicity."

"I believe it can be done only through a reorientation of our standards," he said, "only by placing the character of man above the value of his products. If we are to be finally successful, we must measure scientific accomplishments by their effect on man himself."

Lindbergh, again, has struck out alone. The first time he did it the people of the world applauded and took his example not as a goal in itself, but as a starting place for progress in the field of aviation.

This time we hope the people of the world again will look on and applaud. And we hope they will take his words and use them as they did his first deed—as a starting place for progress. This time, however, the progress will be in a greater field—the field of the human spirit.

## What A Little Gumption Can Do . . .

The people of Jefferson County have already made one New Year's resolution—to wage total war on all Dipteras. Furthermore, the Jeffersonians have given fair warning to the Dipteras that their domains will be invaded January 1, 1950.

Death to the Dipteras until only a few billion are left is the battlecry down on the bayous.

In case you're not from Jefferson County, Dipteras are small mosquitoes that have been plaguing that section of the country for years.

Leading the county's invasion against the dive bombing pests will be a mosquito-fighting specialist from New Jersey. He'll throw everything into the fray from five mobile units for inspection, spraying, and dusting to airplanes laying down hot fog for areas otherwise inaccessible. And he has a war budget of \$91,794.14.

Tired of smelling citronella, slapping

mosquitoes, and suffering from bites as numerous as measles specks, the people of Jefferson County began a campaign to soothe the situation. They got their state legislators to introduce a bill allowing counties along the Gulf Coast to set up mosquito control districts. The bill passed and allowed them to levy a small tax to raise funds for the battle.

Their insignificant campaign at one time was most likely only the figment of one tired, harried, scratched-out mosquito sufferer's imagination. But realizing that the annoying predicament would continue just the same as it had for many years in the past, he decided, with the aid of a little gumption, to do something about it. He did, and the results after January 1 may be most gratifying to the residents of Jefferson County.

Simple as it sounds, he realized that miracles just don't happen.

Too many people don't.

## Just Make Mine Union Music . . .

There will be no music unless it's union music in Madison Square Garden, if James C. "Little Caesar" Petrillo has his way.

The strong-willed, frustrated trumpeter has again come out in defense of his music-makers, straining all resources to keep his men in valve oil. This time he has tossed a ban on college musical organizations playing in the Garden.

Actually, Petrillo stands on firm ground in the edict, since the Garden is a private enterprise. His action is legally justified, officials of the Garden being in business for more than observing basketball games.

New York colleges are planning to fight the order, afraid that their football

games and other sport activities will be endangered if such a ban is enacted.

Meanwhile, the Garden officials are staying as neutral as possible. Petrillo realizes that they are over the well-known barrel, since he could keep all musicians from playing for any other activity in Gotham's largest show place.

If the musician's union continues exploiting every possibility for employment, the situation may someday involve our local community. We fear that such a strong union might so invade the music world that the Brazos Chapter, Amalgamated Association of Fox Hunters, must hire a union man to sound their "call to the hunt."

## THE PLUSH CARPET IS OUT



## Letters To The Editor

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

### THANKS FOR THE SPIRIT

Editor, he Battalion:  
This is a letter to tell the boys, who ever they may be, who have been singing Christmas carols in College View the last few nights how much we have enjoyed them. It has given us quite a bit of that good old spirit which we were a little slow in getting this year. Among many other wonderful things which we will remember about A&M this will be one of the most pleasant ones you may be sure.

Beth and Joe Denman C-9-X  
Betty and Al Welling C-9-D

### ABOUT TEMPLE TANTALIZERS

Editor, The Battalion:  
In regards to the letter written by one of the local belles—all I can say is, if there are any that are as luscious as the beauties from Temple (unattached that is), I haven't run across them. If any local "pretty and nice" girls think they can meet the standards and qualifications of the Temple tantalizers, please have them contact Joe Straus, Box 1882, College Station.

Sincerely,  
Joe Straus

## Scientists Answer New Atom Problem

BY ELTON C. FAY

Washington, Dec. 20 (AP)—United States scientists are finding answers to one of the most difficult and terrifying problems of atomic warfare.

For three years they have sought a safeguard against the lingering and lethal radioactive poison created in some types of A-bomb explosions. The search has gone on since the underwater explosion of an atomic bomb in the Bikini tests of 1946.

The results of those tests started military and atomic energy commission (AEC) scientists looking for ways to prevent contamination of people and objects or to cleanse areas and objects of the poison.

A new publication of the AEC on "handling radioactive wastes" and a summary of studies written by an Army engineer show the problem is not quite as hopeless as was once believed.

The AEC report mentions that its Oak Ridge, Tenn., laboratories have been seeking better methods for decontaminating buildings, equipment and general areas. Then it comments:

"This work will be useful not only in the atomic energy program but also to the armed forces in developing means of decontaminating equipment in combat zones."

"Progress is reported on the development of stripable films which can be used to cover contaminated apparatus and, if necessary, placed by remote control."

At Bikini, various experimental efforts were made to cleanse ships of the radioactive contamination. Lt. Col. Richard D. Wolfe, army engineer, in an article appearing in the current editions of two unofficial magazines, the *Antiaircraft Journal* and *Military Engineer*, describes three general methods tried.

"The first," he writes, "consists of surface removal methods.

### Official Notice

An open house for members of the College Station community will be held in the City Hall, Thursday, beginning at 10 a. m. and ending at 5 a. m.

E. E. Jones  
Animal Husbandry Department

## Boyle's Column

# 'Put Brakes on Father Time' Columnist Asks Santa Claus

HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—There isn't a darn thing Santa Claus can throw my way this Christmas.

For all I care the old boy can get stuck in the chimney in Des Moines. I'm not bothering to hang up my sock.

The one thing I'd like even

## Stronger Policies Urged by Editors

Fort Worth, Tex. (AP)—A strong editorial policy as a distinctive trademark for a newspaper was urged recently at the opening session of the Texas Editorial Association's annual meeting.

Lon Boynton of the Lamar County Echo at Paris said the editorial page is the means by which a newspaper can gain distinction over a competitor.

"The editorial is still the newspaper—too many are neglecting that field," added John A. Price of Littlefield, the Association's president.

Lynn A. Landrum, Dallas News columnist, made his talk a "personal declaration of independence from the unworthy leadership in Washington."

Making clear that he spoke for himself, not his newspaper, Landrum said "from now on I am voting for my country" and "my hand henceforth is against Harry Truman."

Santa Claus can't give. I want him to make time stand still and keep a girl I know from growing older—and from going away.

The girl is half past two, her name is Nina, and everything about her is wholly wonderful.

I can brag about her with a clear conscience because she isn't mine, except to borrow on an hour's lend-lease arrangement with her parents two or three times a week. That is my privilege as godfather.

When first I saw her she was just a moist, bald-headed ball of protoplasm that smelled of milk and made small noises like a puppy. Now she is a flax-haired, sturdy-legged child with a mind and vocabulary of her own.

All this year as Nina has grown older I have been growing younger. And it has been a happy, happy year—too good to go on, I guess.

## Baylor's Bear Ready to Bear

Waco, Tex., Dec. 20 (AP)—The mystery of why Baylor University's Bear mascot, Josephine, has been irritable and sluggish was solved today.

Veterinarians say it will be twins or maybe even triplets, and that they will arrive about Christmas time.

The other weekend her father and mother, a young newspaper couple, got an assignment to go to Italy. They will be gone for three years.

I took her on a farewell visit to the Central Park Zoo. She said goodbye to monkeys, wanted to climb in and pet the tigers, jeered at the "lazy seal" that wouldn't go into the water. But most of all she loved the pigeons because they came and pecked peanuts from her hand.

Then we bought a balloon and hailed a cab home. On the way she turned to me with a luminous smile and said:

"Hal, I sleepy."  
And she stretched out comfortably on the seat, put her feet in my lap, and dozed off. All the rest of the way I kept thinking, "Lord, Lord, can't you let it stay this way for a long time?"

Three days after Christmas she'll be gone, leaving me a godfather in Absentia. When I see her again she'll be almost six and greet me with a polite "Buon Giorno" in stead of "Hi, Hal!"

How can I believe in Santa Claus—this year?

IT WILL SOON BE TOO LATE TO SAY: "SHOP EARLY!"

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