

Correcting a False Impression About Guion...

An open letter in the form of a paid advertisement in yesterday's Battalion announced to "students and others who are interested in the operation of Guion Hall as a movie theater" that Guion Hall should charge an admission price of ten cents.

This letter also quoted a few random operating costs, made several false and misleading statements, and, intentionally or unintentionally, implied that there might be something rotten in Denmark with the operation of Guion Hall as a theater.

We feel that it is our duty to set the record straight. To do this, we obtained all the facts and figures of Guion's operation.

The writer of the letter said "This theater (Guion) has a low operating cost, utilities, building, maintenance and etc., are furnished by the State of Texas—only the managers salary, operators salary and a few incidentals come out of the profit from the theatre operation and concession business."

This is a false statement. The State of Texas does not pay any of these expenses. The light, water and heat expenses are paid from the profits of Guion as a theater. The expense of building upkeep is prorated among the different activities which make use of the building.

The letter was partially correct in its statement regarding salaries of the manager and the operators. There are other salaries paid, by the Guion Hall theater but not mentioned in the open letter.

There are other things regarding the operation of Guion Hall as a movie house which should be called to the attention of the writer of the open letter.

Attendance at the Guion theater fluctuates wildly because of student activities

In Passing...

In a rough and tumble football game staged by two teams composed of jads between the ages of 8 and 12 years, a great many penalties had been called by the sole official of the game, a lad not much older than the youngest player.

such as corps parades, sports events, and similar happenings. When students are on vacation, Guion Hall is closed. Any good businessman knows that fixed expenses continue whether a business is operating or not.

The claim that Guion Hall theater could, while continuing to show the same type of movies now obtained under identical terms, make more money with a ten cent admission than it now does with a thirty cent admission is false.

We have had an opportunity to inspect the financial records of Guion Hall, records which are prepared and audited by the Fiscal Office of the college. There is not the slightest doubt in our minds that these records present a true and accurate picture of the financial operations of Guion Hall.

There are many other aspects of the service rendered by Guion Hall which could be presented here. However, we believe such presentation to be unnecessary. Let it suffice to say that from our pursuit of the operating records and reports of Guion Hall, we are convinced that the impression given in the open letter in yesterday's Battalion is completely false.

We suspect that the true objective of the open letter was not directed toward obtaining a fair deal for the students of A&M, but rather toward starting a movement which would eventually cause the motion picture service offered in Guion Hall to degenerate to such a degree that it would be of no value or pleasure to the students.

the members of the team penalized that he wrathfully pushed his face against that of the youthful official and said to him in no uncertain terms, "You Stink!" Whereupon the surprised and highly outraged official stepped off 15 more yards, turned around to his accuser, and belligerently inquired, "How do I smell from here?"

Man's New Year's resolutions live A brief and fleeting life. The only ones he keeps for long Are those made by his wife!

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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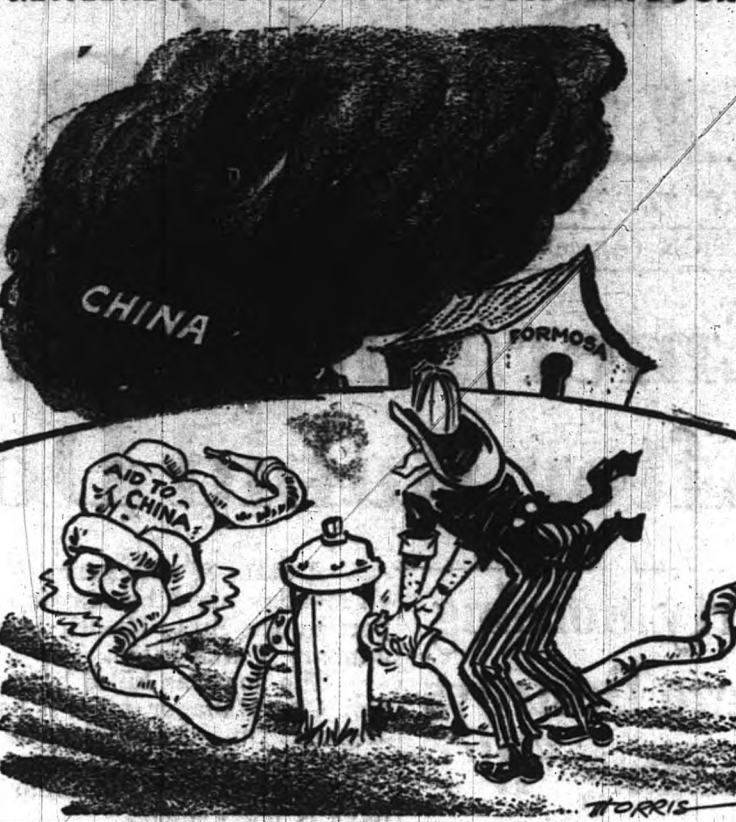
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MAYBE HE CAN STILL SAVE THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR



President's "Improved" Budget Confusing More Than Before

By JAMES MARLOW Washington (AP)—I wanted to write something simple that went like this: "The President figures it will cost about \$42.4 billion to run the government another year. Of that amount, \$... will be paid in salaries to... people working for the government."

That didn't seem like much work. All I had to do was turn a few pages in the budget and get the answers, I thought. The president's budget and budget message—together they're as thick as a city telephone directory—went to Congress yesterday.

But I'd heard this was a big improvement—in organization and clarity—over any previous message by any president. In other years, when I wanted to dip into the budget, I always approached on tiptoe with a magnifying glass and two detectives.

But this year, after all the improvements I had heard about in the last budget, I just walked right up to it by myself. All I had to do, I thought, was just open it and presto! soon I'd find what I was looking for.

It was a bad move. I just wanted to find out how many people worked regularly for the government and how much dough they got. Under the defense department I read: "In the Army's estimate for 1951, 630,000 man-years are estimated for officers and enlisted personnel..."

Quick, I put a call to a man I knew at the defense department and he said "630,000 man-years means the Army will have an average of 630,000 men in uniform in 1951."

Official Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 141 AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO ALLOW A DOG TO RUN AT LARGE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, PROVIDING THAT A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF A DOG WHO ALLOWS THE SAME TO RUN AT LARGE SHALL BE FINED, AND SPECIFYING THAT EACH INSTANCE OF VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SEPARATE OFFENSE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS: Section 1. It shall be unlawful to allow a dog to run at large within the limits of the City.

APPROVED: Ernest Langford Mayor ATTEST: J. N. McGinnis City Secretary An examination for credit in C. E. 2008 will be given in the C. E. Lecture Room at 1 P. M., Saturday, January 14, 1950. Only those students authorized by the Executive Committee may take the exam.

Graduate Record Examinations will be given here February 3 and 4. Applications for permission to take the examination must be received at the Princeton office before January 21. Application blanks may be obtained directly from the Educational Testing Service, P. O. Box 592, Princeton, N. J., or from Dr. W. A. Varvel, Department of Education and Psychology, Room 300, Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station, Texas.

GUION HALL—Thurs., Jan. 19—6:45 P.M. & 9:15 P.M. With the City Slickers in the 1950 EDITION of His Musical Depreciation Key. NUMBERS! NEW LAUGHS! DOODLES WEAVER, HELEN GRAYCO, THE CITY SLICKERS and 14—EXPLOSIVE VOD-VIL ACTS—14! SEATS NOW! Tickets on sale at Student Activities Office A. & M. COLLEGE. MAIL ORDERS ACCEPTED! Send check and self addressed, stamped envelope to Student Activities Office, A. & M. College of Texas, College Station. BE SURE TO INDICATE WHICH SHOW TIME IS DESIRED. Prices: \$2.50, \$1.80, and \$1.25 (Tax included). "For The Love of Mike — Don't Miss Spike"

Boyle's Column

1949 Resolutions Collapse As Hal Boyle Grows Fatter

BY HAL BOYLE New York (AP)—Frances shook me awake this morning and said: "All right, Rover, you don't have to try to hide from life today, I've got an idea for you to write about. It's a nice easy idea, too." "What's your big idea, dear?" I asked. "Isn't it about this time of year that people like you write one of those so-called funny pieces about New Year resolutions?" she said. "Well, it's a week or two late for that," I said. "And besides I haven't any material yet along that line."

"I'll save you a trip to the public library," said Frances. "I think I have all the material you need." She was thumbing a small notebook in which, from time to time she chronicles the hits, runs and errors (all mine) of our marital life. "Take your head out of the blankets," she said. "Let's look at the record, Rover." She opened the notebook. "On last Jan. 1st—it says here—you promised to get home for dinner on time every night in 1949. Do you know how many times you've been late?" "Maybe 25 times?" "No, 138 times?" The farther she got in her memory book the deeper I got in

the doghouse. "And you promised to eat and drink less, and—" "Didn't I go on the wagon six times?" "Didn't you fall off seven times?" "Didn't I go on a diet four times?" "Yes. You lost a total of 35 pounds in four times—and gained 40. At that rate you'll weigh 296 pounds by the end of 1949." She closed the book, and handed it to me and said: "I won't even mention the fur coat you've been promising me every year since 1937." I put the catalogue of broken vows in my pocket after breakfast. "I don't know just how to end your story on New Year resolutions," I told Frances as I left for the office. "Just say something cute," she said. She playfully pinched my cheek, taking out only a small hunk. Wives aren't a profitable source of ideas on some days.

State Board Gives Praise to Langford

Praise has been given Ernest Langford, head of the Architecture Department, by the State Board of Architectural Examiners. The board held its December examinations were Bartlett Cocke of San Antonio, chairman, wrote Langford that "the State Board of Architectural Examiners wishes to express to you its thanks for the facilities of the Department of Architecture which were made available to us for our December examinations. We think you and the members of your very efficient staff for the help in connection with the examination. Your department is always most hospitable and we feel very much at home and we always look forward to conducting board meetings and examinations at A&M."

Sutherland Arrives To Help Veterans

M. R. Sutherland, regional insurance officer and contact representative from the VA, arrived here today, Taylor Wilkins, Veterans Advisor, said today. Sutherland will be in his office, 260 Bizzell Hall, from 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Thursday, January 12, to be of assistance to any veterans. Veterans with any VA problems are advised to see this representative, whether or not any previous action has been taken, Wilkins concluded.

Can Opener Divorce

Hollywood (AP)—"Divorce," says a Hollywood chef, "begins in the kitchen." Miss Lucie, a cook for 46 years, says "more marriages start heading for trouble when the wife reaches for a can opener than you would suspect. Home-making, especially cooking, is ultimately the most important part of marriage. Yet young girls are being trained for everything but that."

Bath May Cost Florida Resident 890 Smackers

Daytona Beach, Fla., (AP)—A hot bath may cost Fred Disselkoan \$890. He hid \$890 in an envelope in the water heater at his home while he went fishing. Back from the fishing trip, he lit the heater to take a bath. A few minutes later, he recalled hiding the money, he opened the heater and found only charred remains of the currency.

Guion Hall

Guion Hall LAST DAY GET OUT OF HIS WAR... OR GET HURT! RICHARD WIDMARK and DARNELL LAKE SHERY'S HURRICANE COMING: Thursday & Friday Traveno DECARLO Dan DURVEA Red CAMERON Helene CARTER COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

Range Research Head To Speak To R&F Club, Interview Grads

W. R. Chapline, chief, Division of Range Research of the U. S. Forest Service, will visit the Range and Forestry Department of A&M, January 13 and 14, according to Dr. V. A. Young, head of the department. Certain policies that determine management of ranges, the duties of range men in the Forest Service, and problems arising on a ranger's district will be discussed by Chapline, Young said.

Experiment Station Gets 10-Acre Trace

A 10-acre tract of land at Yoakum has been made available to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which will be used for research purposes. The land was made available to the Yoakum plant disease laboratory by the Chamber of Commerce of which R. J. Etlinger is president. "This land is needed," Dr. R. D. Lewis director of the TAES, said. "The chamber has leased it from the owner and expects to do so for a five year period." "All the crops produced on the land are to be the property of the Experiment Station and any proceeds from the sale of such crops shall be used for the benefit of the plant disease laboratory at Yoakum," Dr. Lewis said.

Vet's Wives Bridge Club Meets Jan. 12

The Veteran's Wives Bridge Club will hold their weekly meeting January 12 in the YMCA at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Jackie Trolinger, reporter, said today. Officers elected for the spring semester are Mrs. Gwenn Burns, president; Mrs. Ann Wilson, vice-president; Mrs. Jo Norris, secretary; Mrs. Jackie Trolinger, reporter; Mrs. Billie Lipscomb, historian; and Mrs. Jan Ryman, parliamentarian.

PALACE Bryan 2-8879 TODAY thru SATURDAY NOW! The true-to-life best seller blazes screenward! MRS. WILKIN FRIDAY PREVUE 11 P.M. Red Light GEORGE RAFT VIRGINIA MAYO QUEEN TODAY thru SATURDAY HILARIOUS! The happiest year picture in 1950! HOPE FLEMING in "The Great Lover" with ROLAND ROLAND RICHARD GARY YOUNG-CULVER LYON-GRAY

THIEVES and KILLERS ARE MY CLIENTS! George RAFT Ella RAINES Pat O'BRIEN DANGEROUS PROFESSION with BILL WILLIAMS Plus—Pictures of the Orange, Cotton, Sugar and Rose Bowl Games —Plus— BUGS BUNNY CARTOON NEWS