

Battalion Editorials

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To Our College Station Subscribers...

To the people of College Station, we offer an explanation. We wish we could have saved them that mass confusion Wednesday morning. But, there's nothing we can do but explain.

The several papers that reached the mailboxes of College Station residents Wednesday morning carried two stories on the same subject. One contradicted the other. They were both about the mad dog situation.

Our edition of The Battalion, the Tuesday edition which reaches residents of College Station Wednesday morning carried a story headed "Mad Dog Rumor Said To Be False." A Bryan paper carried the contradicting news that a state of emergency had been called by Mayor Ernest Langford following a report by the State Health Department that a dog killed here January 1 was rabid.

In case anyone is still confused, the Bryan papers were correct. We were wrong. Here is our explanation.

Easy Lessons On How To Defeat a Purpose...

A group of Oklahoma University students in Norman Tuesday night were seeing red. Speaking just off the campus that night was the chairman of the Communist Party of Oklahoma.

This angry group demonstrated against the speaker by burning a 15-foot cross outside the building, by shouting and threatening to burn the building in which the Communist was speaking.

Three persons attacked a reporter for an Oklahoma City paper as he left the meeting place to telephone the story to his newspaper.

These actions, although they were against a member of a group with which we violently disagree, were just the type of actions the speaker needed.

"This is a symbol of the very thing I've been discussing," the party leader told his 40-odd audience. "It's mass hysteria, closed minds. Happening on a university campus it is an ominous sign. This is where ideas should be discussed with open minds."

Regardless of political philosophy, freedom of the speech still reigns in our country. Mob action such as this can do nothing to destroy Communism here, but only aids in defeating the fight against it.

Nothin' Like Texas Water in New York...

Texans, always great ones to slap each other on the back in their general and devoted agreement on the greatness of this state, have done it again.

Used to doing things in the "grand manner", Texans regard merit or worth by size. If it's the biggest, it's too often considered "the best" by Texans.

In New York recently Texans who have wondered to that far off city, were treated by drinks of Texas water trucked over 3,000 miles by several Texans who couldn't stand to hear about their fellow Texans in New York go thirsty because

All the news for the Tuesday edition of The Battalion, which reaches mail subscribers on Wednesday morning, is written Monday afternoon. The stories written this past Monday afternoon were sent to the print shop at 5 p.m. that day. Tuesday morning they were worked into the printing forms and by Tuesday afternoon they were off the press.

When our story on the mad dog rumor went to the print shop Monday is correct. That night, the Mayor declared the state of emergency. Since we find it advisable to be absent, occasionally, from our office so that we may study and attend a few classes, we did not receive word of the Health Department report or the state of emergency until the Tuesday edition was printed. Consequently, the confusion.

Thanks for following us in the long-winded explanation, but we felt we owed it to you.

A group such as this—the size of the mob is unknown, but we doubt if it represented much in the way of the university's students and their thought—can easily be swayed to actions they would not take under normal conditions.

They have thrown a blemish on the record of their school. People can easily forget the "good" things which happen, but the "bad" ones stick in their minds for a long time.

Demonstrating groups will go to any desperate length to pick up straws connecting attendants of speeches of this type with the political views of the speaker.

Such can be shown by the action against the newsmen, who was only carrying out an assignment, one not uncommon in the business. Still others attend these meetings only to satisfy their beliefs in the ridiculous or to further their knowledge of political science.

If such a speaker came to A&M, we would like to attend, if only out of sheer curiosity. Possibly, in the narrow minds of some, the audience would be branded as "filthy Communists."

We wonder what the reaction here would be.



Official Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 141
AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO ALLOW A DOG TO RUN AT LARGE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY; 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 A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE OCCURS 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.
Section 2. Any person responsible for the care of a dog who allows the same to run at large within the limits of the City shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
Section 3. Each instance that a violation of this ordinance occurs shall be considered a separate offense.
Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective from and after passage and publication.

Passed and approved the 9th day of January, 1950.
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Civil Secretary Sir James Robertson had to explain that to the Sudan Legislative Assembly the other day. The Assembly was studying a plan for government reform prepared by the British Marshall.

A rumor had started among the assemblymen that if they approved the Coventry city treasurer's plan, the Sudan would get U. S. Marshall aid.



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Groneman Book Tells of Tin Craft

Chris H. Groneman, head of the Industrial Education Department, is the author of a new project book, "Ornamental Tin Craft."

The book deals with the treatment of ornamental tin projects which can be fashioned from tin can stock. It is divided into three sections: information about materials and tools, fundamental processes and 35 typical projects within the scope of the amateur craftsman.

The illustrations on the processes were done by Mrs. Eleanor Nance, wife of Dr. Joseph Milton Nance of the History Department. "Ornamental Tin Craft" is Groneman's ninth book to be published since he came to A&M.

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