

# Battalion Editorials

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## Europe — Just a Semester Away . . .

Someone will receive around \$400 as a result of the Student Life Committee meeting early this week.

That is the approximate amount a selected student will receive to enable him to tour Europe this coming summer. Possibly more money will come from other sources in order to defray traveling expenses, which would probably amount to a few hundred dollars.

Requirements for application as a candidate for this award are few but essential. The person who receives the award must write at least one article a week for *The Battalion* during his tour, and also one article a month for the school year following his trip.

The winner must have enough grades to enable him to pass his next year's work, meanwhile fulfilling a light speaking-tour of campus clubs and organizations. A little journalistic talent is the last stipulation, aiding him to write an effective account of his trip.

Europe has always been the center-point of world affairs. There the wars start, the peace ends. There lies history

in the making, alongside history itself. Rome, with its Colosseum and the Vatican State; London and its House of Parliament, guiding the destiny of millions; Paris, its side-walk cafes, wonderful atmosphere, the Arch de Triumpe and the Eiffel Tower; the low countries, the high countries—all form what is probably the most fascinating continent of them all.

Only a meager few out of last year's student body took advantage of this opportunity to apply for the trip. Rumors had the trip canceled, but they proved false, and once more A&M students get an almost-free trip to Europe.

Since the college has gone to such expense to finance this project, it would justify its faith to select a man deserving of such a trip. And the best man may be omitted from the consideration, unless he signifies his desire to see Europe.

We would like to see a large number of candidates apply for this award (and honor), for only in that manner may the best possible representative from A&M go as an ambassador to Europe, and return as an European ambassador to A&M.

## To Gamble Or Not to Gamble? (Legally) . . .

There is dissension in the most populous state of them all, New York, between two men who are probably the most powerful in the state.

In one corner stands Republican Governor Thomas E. Dewey, perennial presidential candidate. Opposite him is New York City's Irish mayor, William O'Dwyer. Subject of discussion: the woes and sins of gambling (Dewey), versus the legalizing of gambling (O'Dwyer).

Not only does Dewey dislike the idea, he calls the mayor's proposal that the state legalize gambling on public sports events "shocking, immoral, and indecent."

Unalterably opposed to any measure of this type, Dewey proceeds: "The entire history of legalized gambling in this country and abroad shows that it has brought nothing but poverty, crime and corruption . . . and ultimately a lower living standard and misery for all the people."

O'Dwyer, claims Dewey, writes that the New York City police were unable to "eliminate scandals involving the participants in professional and amateur sports."

With next fall bringing a state election, the Republicans are doing all they can to keep the gambling issue alive and in the minds of the voters. O'Dwyer has been mentioned as a leading possibility for the Democratic nomination for Governor next Nov. 7. Dewey would probably like to retain the position or at least seat another Republican, since he has given up all presidential aspirations—he says.

Although the GOP seems to be using the issue as strictly a political move, they are quite correct in their beliefs that legalized gambling lowers ethical standards.

If O'Dwyer cannot cope with the gamblers, he should seek new methods and new men—not new laws.

## Greenstuff for the Shamrock's Sire . . .

Glenn McCarthy, supposedly wealthy oilman, hotel owner, and general big shot, may not be as wealthy as many people think.

The RFC (Reconstruction Finance Corporation) in Washington has an application from the great Irishman, made in December, for a loan of \$70 million.

Although McCarthy's office refuses to discuss the requested loan, it was learned that the application was filed on behalf of three McCarthy enterprises, including the Shamrock, his oil and gas corporation, and the chemical company.

No doubt some of McCarthy's rivals and probably some of his fair-weather

friends will smirk a little when they read the news item of the loan, recalling the grandiose opening of the Shamrock and other greenback projects.

The operation of his interests, however, must involve a huge amount of dollars—apparently more than he has on hand. McCarthy has done more than many wealthy Texans toward creating an interest in our state. His request should and probably will be dealt with just as fairly as requests from less colorful men of the nation.

Perhaps our enthusiasm for the Housatonic stems from his being a former student of the college and his recent interest in several A&M affairs.

★ Our nomination for a spot in the Desponded Dozen: the prof who told his students that, to him, Dead Week was just one Dead Day—this coming Friday. Bless his li'l ole heart.

★ NIGHT CLUB  
★ While the waiters are cool,  
★ The music is hot,  
★ The table's reserved,  
★ And the guests are not.

# The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

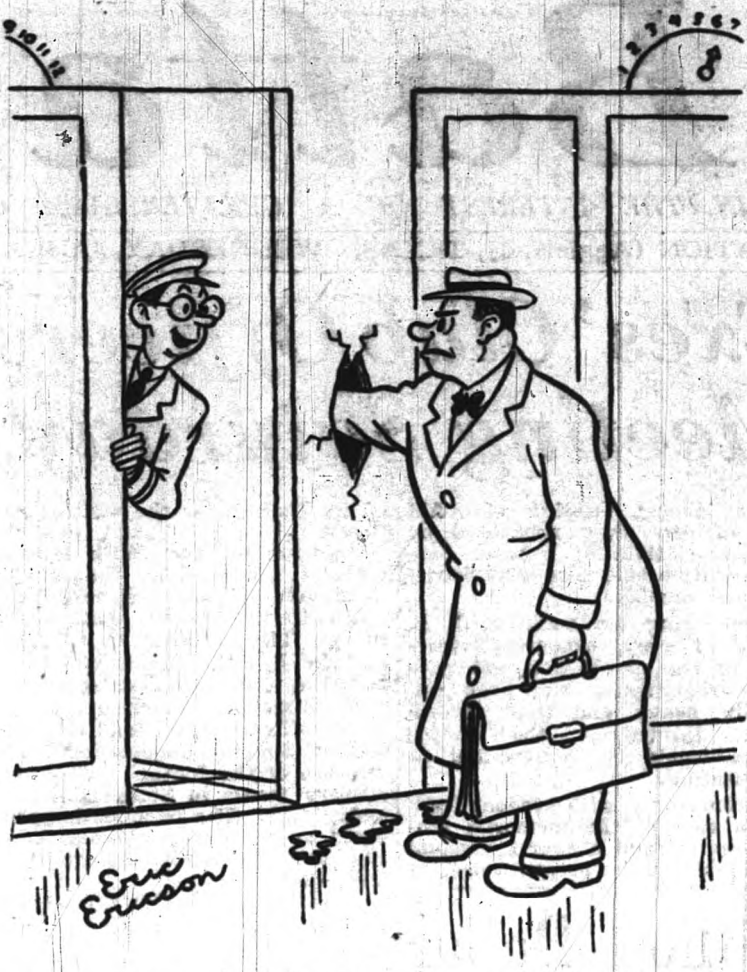
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"Did you ring, Sir?"

## Letters To The Editor

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### EXEMPTION TROUBLES

Editor, The Battalion:  
Gentlemen:

Now that the time of finals comes around, as it does every semester about this time, there comes the sweating and waiting for your name to be called on the exemption list, if you are one of the lucky ones to deserve an exemption. I have a couple of pet gripes to put in front of you and the whole student body plus the heads of the departments: Subject-exemptions.

If a fellow has an "A" average in a course at the end of the semester, no matter how many "A's" there are in all his sections, I think he should exempt the course. I may be wrong in my belief, but it seems to me that if a guy worked that hard all year and got his "A", he should deserve to get out of the final. The way it runs now, they could push the exemption minimum to a 99.8 and exempt perhaps a certain quota of the class, but a poor devil with a 98.5 would have to take the final. I ask you, IS THAT RIGHT?

It also seems to run true to course here that a number of graduates, seniors, etc. wait till their last year to take some of the rougher sophomore and junior courses because they are automatically exempt from the finals. They may not know it, but they knock some soph or junior out of a well deserved exemption. I can well see their point—"Get out of all the work you can while you can"—but I ask you IS THAT RIGHT?? If they are exempt from finals, they should not be in the quota for exemptions for the ones who are required to take finals.

Since I still hope to get a degree from here, I request that my name be withheld from publication.  
Name Withheld by Request

### Official Notice

Journalism 209, Beginning News Reporting, will be scheduled at 9 Tuesday and Thursday, with practice from 1 to 3 on Friday, rather than the hour shown in the printed schedule of classes.  
D. D. Burchard  
Head of Department

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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 hereof.  
Passed and approved the 9th day of January, 1950.  
APPROVED:  
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N. M. McGinnis  
City Secretary

Graduate Record Examinations will be given here February 3 and 4. Application for permission to take the examinations must be received at the Princeton office before January 21. Application blanks may be obtained directly from the Educational Testing Service, P. O. Box 558, Princeton, N. J., or from Dr. W. A. Vayvel, Department of Education and Psychology, Room 209, Professor of Psychology, Walter A. Vayvel.

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Bring Us Five of Your Old Books You Don't Need  
Pick Up Four Good Books You Do Need  
LOUPOU'S TRADING POST  
You Know "LOU"  
He's for "YOU"

## The Book Worm . . .

# Two Play Anthologies Now Offered by Modern Library

By HERMAN C. GOLLOB  
Sixteen Famous American Plays (Modern Library, \$3) and Six Plays by Kaufman & Hart (Modern Library, \$1.25)

The Modern Library—that boon to book lovers on a tight budget—this time offers the ardent but financially embarrassed devourer of good literature two anthologies of noteworthy American stage plays of the twentieth century, one a pot pourri of the sixteen best comedies, tragedies, and romances on Broadway between 1924-1939, the other a collection of five comedies and one serious attempt by the greatest duo of wits on the Great White Way—Kaufman and Hart.

We consider "The Front Page," "The Green Pastures," "The Petrified Forest," "Our

Town," "The Little Foxes," and "The Time of Your Life," as the best of the lot included in the first compendium.

In their bustling and racy comedy-drama of the newspaper business, "The Front Page," Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur erected one of the greatest monuments to journalism. At no other time has the audacious exuberance of this noble profession been caught with such authority and wit. Unfortunately, a Hollywood take-off on the play has detracted from its glowing reputation.

Marc Connelly's "Green Pastures," adapted from a series of Roark Bradford's Negro stories, showed Heaven as seen through the eyes of a Negro Sunday School teacher. Amusing without being irreverent, it ran for a year and a half on Broadway.

It was in Robert E. Sherwood's "The Petrified Forest" that Humphrey Bogart first gained the recognition that led to his subsequent success in Hollywood. As Duke Mantee, the vicious gangster, Bogart held his own with the late Leslie Howard, a polished and impeccable performer who made memorable the role of Alan Squier, the educated and philosophical hobnob. As far as we're concerned, Bogart is still at his best as a rat; he looks the part, as well as he can act.

## Critical Drought Plaguing Plains

Austin, Tex. (AP)—Northwest Texas and the high plains are still "critically dry," the U. S. Department of Agriculture said today.

Field work was restricted and feeding of livestock increased during the week ending Jan. 9, because of cold weather. Rain and sleet improved the moisture situation over much of the state but rain is needed in the northwest.

Wheat was frozen to the ground in the high plains where the cold was most intense, the USDA said, but it does not appear to have been seriously damaged. Winter grains and cover crops in northern and central areas were not hurt by the freeze.

Work in commercial vegetable areas was resumed about the middle of the week after the misty spell. The south Texas onion crop continued to be in good condition. Grapefruit continued to move actively.

Livestock were showing some shrinkage but remained in "fair to good" condition. Green winter feed was responding to the added moisture.

## Man Loses Rock, Finds In Store

Newport Beach, Calif., Jan. 18 (AP)—This story is mildly reminiscent of the man who cut open the fish and found the diamond ring he had dropped overboard the year before.

Twelve years ago, Fred L. Kennedy was standing on a wharf on Petosky Bay, Mich., when he spied a large and colorful agate, lying on the bottom. Into seven feet of water he dove, came up with it.

But a few weeks later, a burglar stole the polished stone from his Petosky home.

The other day, visiting a gem shop near here, he spotted it again. This time he had to buy it.

PALACE  
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LAST DAY  
"MR. SOFT TOUCH"  
—with—  
Evelyn Keys  
Glenn Ford  
LUCKY LICENSE NITE

PREVIEW FRIDAY 11 P. M.  
South Sea SINNER  
SHELLEY WINTERS-CAREY  
HELENA CARTER  
A UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL PICTURE

QUEEN  
TODAY & THURSDAY  
Humphrey BOGART  
Tokyo JOE

COMING TO QUEEN  
JOLSON SINGS AGAIN  
LARRY PARKS SINGERS UNIT

SKYWAY  
DRIVE-IN

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
UNIVERSAL-INTERNATIONAL presents  
William Shelley  
POWELL-WINTERS  
TAKE ONE FALSE STEP

Campus

TODAY thru SATURDAY  
FIRST RUN  
—Features Start—  
1:40 - 3:20 - 5:00 - 6:40 - 8:15  
10:00

FRROL ALEXIS  
FLYNN SMITH  
MONTANA  
—Plus—  
Bugs Bunny Cartoon  
"RABBIT HOOD"  
News

SO BIG IT WILL BE PREVIEWED TWICE —  
Thursday — 11:00 P. M.  
Friday — 11:00 P. M.  
Feature 11:30 P. M.  
FIRST RUN

LUSTRY SAGA OF THE MARINES!  
SANDS OF IWO JIMA  
Starring JOHN WAYNE  
John AGAR • Aida MORA • FAYE TUCKER  
Plus: Cartoon

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO AGGIES

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IN BRAZOS COUNTY:  
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—Offers—  
Lay Away Plan — Nothing Down — Pay Later

Leave Your Spring Book Lists With Shaffer's  
and Insure Your Needs for All Courses

SHAFFER'S BOOK STORE—North Gate

By the Way—Don't Wait 'til the Last Minute:  
Leave Your Book Lists Now