

# Battalion Editorials

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## She Was the Cadet Corps' Canine General . . .

On January 19 exactly five years ago the funeral of an individual on this campus made international news. Newspapers and radio news broadcasts carried announcements of her passing. Letters, telegrams, and flowers poured in from across the nation. This was not the death of some beloved statesman, famous general, or great benefactor. This was the death of a little black and white female mongrel who in her time had symbolized A&M to hundreds of thousands of students, faculty members, former students, and admirers of the College. They called her Reveille.

For more than a decade, she had been official mascot—long, happy years for A&M and Reveille. Her name was linked with a school that produced the number one football of the nation in 1939, championship teams in other sports, and well trained fighters and technicians for the war effort.

During her long reign she had been dubbed Queen of Aggieland and named General in the K-9 Corps division of the Wags.

The first game of the 1931 football

season initiated her long acquaintanceship with the student body and also evoked somewhat of a furor. When the green-serged band came on the field at halftime, Reveille came on too. In fact, Reveille came on first, capering along in front of the drum major, acting under the obvious contention that the show had been staged for her special benefit. A roaring wildcat followed her exit from the field, and from then on, it was merely a matter of time until she was to be adopted as mascot.

Soon she had the run of the campus. She was always provided a specially reserved double seat when she traveled on the train to corps trips. And when she chose to sleep in a cadet's bed, he was left, according to tradition, with only two prerogatives—to find another bunk or to sleep on the floor.

She was truly a significant character in A&M's past and more than anything else represented to everyone the true spirit of friendliness.

The little dog's untimely death left a void that never has been filled and probably will never be.

## The Slum Blot Can Be Removed . . .

Houstonians last Sunday read, or could read, a full-page statement in the newspapers by W. L. Clayton, cotton buyer and national political figure on slum clearance. Clayton's remarks, first delivered to the Houston City Council, were in support of the city's participation in the national drive to reduce slums in America's large cities. Reduction of slums would be accomplished by public sponsored, government financed low-rent housing.

The stand of Clayton was in opposition of real estate interests' attempts in that city to block public slum clearance branding it "socialistic." Said Clayton's statement, "If free enterprise would provide it (low cost housing) for these low income people, why hasn't it been done? You're told about the many houses that have been built in Houston. Why haven't the people moved out of these hovels (cited earlier in his statement as places without inside plumbing); out of these breeding places of disease and crime in our city? Why haven't they moved out of there into

these nice homes that private enterprise would provide for them?"

The only way to get people out of Houston's hovels is for the federal government to "subsidize the provision of decent houses for them to live in."

Slum clearance is the responsibility of the community. It is far more important "to blot out these breeding places of disease and crime" by federal building grants to cities, than for the cities to allow the slum areas to continue.

Clayton's cotton business is as controlled by government interference as any in this country. Yet, he has not lost sight of the great public good that can be gained from federally sponsored elimination of slums and the undesirable and undemocratic ideals that they breed.

Disregarding the tag "socialistic", we feel that public financed low-rent housing should be accepted by Houston and other cities if they are unable to eliminate these slums themselves.

## \$100-a-month, Politics, and Bedfellows . . .

Politics sometimes produces strange bedfellows. Right now in Washington both labor and management interests are working together to push through Congress expanded social security legislation. Labor has been plugging broadened coverage of social security and higher payments for many years; management, until recently, has bucked these labor inspired efforts with signal success.

The turning point came not long ago when the United Automobile Workers (CIO) wrangled \$100-a-month pensions from auto manufacturers. This pension, paid by funds provided entirely by the companies, guaranteed workers upon reaching retirement age a monthly check of \$100. The companies add to the social security payments enough to complete the \$100.

Recently Philip Murray's steelworkers got a similar deal from the steel companies.

Leaders in those industries, as well as others who see the \$100-a-month pension demand hovering over them, figure that the higher social security payments, the less they, as employers, will have to ante-up.

With both labor and management selfishly showing their lobby weight around in favor of expanded social security, there can be little doubt of its final passage in this session of Congress.

Broadened and better planned and administered social security is due in the United States. Our only wish is that its strongest supporters were not so selfishly interested.

# The Battalion

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Head of Department

### 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.  
APPROVED:  
Ernest Langford  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
N. M. McGinnis  
City Secretary

**Campus**

TODAY thru SATURDAY  
FIRST RUN  
—Features Start Today—  
1:40 - 3:20 - 5:00 - 6:40 - 8:15  
10:00  
—Features Start Friday—  
1:00 - 2:45 - 4:25 - 6:00 - 7:45  
9:25

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**FLYNN SMITH MONTANA**

Plus: Bugs Bunny Cartoon "RABBIT HOOD"  
News

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FRIDAY — 11:00 P. M.  
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## Three Dams to Be Built on Brazos

Washington, Jan. 19 (AP)—Brazos River Conservation and reclamation district, a Texas state agency, notified the power commission Wednesday it plans to build three dams on the Brazos River in Palo Pinto and Hood Counties, Texas.

The district said the three projects, to be known as Turkey Creek Dam, Inspiration Point Dam and De Cordova Bend Dam, will be operated solely for power purposes. The power will be sold entirely within Texas.

Turkey Creek Dam, in Palo Pinto County six miles northwest of Mineral Wells, will be 79 feet high and 1,253 feet long. It will have one 21,256 kilovolt-ampere generator, and will create a 4,700-acre lake 31 1/2 miles long.

Inspiration Point Dam, also in Palo Pinto County about 18 miles south of Mineral Wells, will be 82 feet high and 1,528 feet long, will have a 25,000 kilovolt-ampere generator, and will create a 6,350-acre lake 39 miles long.

The De Cordova Bend Dam in Hood County 7 1/2 miles southeast of Granbury, will be 83 feet high, 2,211 feet long, will have a 43,478 kilovolt-ampere generator, and will form a 7,730-acre lake 4 1/2 miles long.

The district asked the commission to rule that the Brazos River in that area is not a navigable water under the terms of a federal power act, and that construction and operation of the three dams will not affect the interests of interstate or foreign commerce.

**Guion Hall**

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Course 310—Later Old Testament History. (2-0)—Fowler. 500K MW9  
Course 312—The Gospel of John. (1-0)—Fowler. 500R Th10  
Course 313—Survey of New Testament. (2-0) 2—Smith 500L TThS WFS  
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Course 323—The Life of Jesus. (3-0) 500V MWF11—Smith MWFS—Sneed  
501V TTh9  
Course 324—The Major Prophets. (3-0) 3—Sneed. 500W MWF9