

Battalion Editorials

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Sidelights on the Waco Invasion . . .

The sports pages have already carried the good news of the Baylor game Friday night, but all of them missed one particular item that needs a passing mention. We refer to the presence of some 200 Aggies in the Baylor gym.

This may not seem like much of a Brazos Bottom delegation, but look at the circumstances. Not a ticket was sent here from Waco. None were available at the box office. The game was 90 miles away and the weather kept the ducks grounded. Nevertheless, when the Aggies took to the court in Rena Mars McLean Gymnasium they were greeted with a yell that sounded ed like old home week at Kyle Field.

Up in the smoky rafters of the Baylor

stronghold were the travelers from A&M. By hook or by crook they had invaded the gym and infiltrated into what had been a strictly partisan crowd. The biggest part of the maroon and white delegation was seated, standing, or kneeling behind the Baylor band. But throughout the building were spotted others and it wasn't long after the yell leaders became active that everyone knew where they were.

We can't say for sure whether the support of the "Sixth Man" had much to do with the victory. We'll never be able to tell. But we do know this—A&M will be remembered for having brought a lot more than a basketball team with it Friday night when it invaded the land of the Bear.

The Dallas News on Unavoidable Taxes . . .

Our welfare staters to the contrary, anyone with the rudiments of common sense fact-finding in him knows that the bill for every type of government expenditure is paid by every man, woman and child within that government's jurisdiction. It is paid either directly in taxes or indirectly in the costs of goods and services that are themselves taxed. Every penny of government expenditure must come from the people.

That is the way the bill for the necessary rehabilitation of our mental care system must be paid. It is a cost that all Texas will share. But it is an essential expenditure. This bill is unavoidable.

Governor Allan Shivers is sound enough in asking Texans to tell him how they want the necessary taxes applied. He wants the public itself to answer three questions:

Should we spend the money? We can say no and go on as we are with an utterly inadequate program that must shame every Texan who understands even its bare outline.

Should we go into debt (deficit spending) or raise the money by higher taxation? To put the books in the red is only

to postpone the issue. So the real question is No. 3:

Who should pay the additional taxes? If you are prepared to advise the Governor, what is your thinking? Do you reason primarily that some means must be found of having the bill paid by every citizen except yourself? Or do you face this issue squarely and admit that this is a job for all Texas?

If the tax is saddled on a few industries, it must be paid by the customers of such industry. It is not only fair but economical to widen as far as possible the base of taxation to include the greatest number of Texans in the bill paying.

We face an immediate expenditure to make up for long neglect. Once this is paid, the annual burden will become lighter. But in all common sense we must assume that there will be an annual, continuing cost that should and must be met. It will probably pay for itself in reclaimed human values that can not be shown on the books. But, in any event, it is an expenditure from which we should not shrink.

This is not a stopgap program. This is a permanent undertaking.

— The Dallas Morning News

Titusville's Refineries: E Pluribus Unum . . .

The small Pennsylvania town of Titusville is faced with a problem today that many Texas cities and towns must solve in the not-too-distant future: What can we do after our oil plays out?

Titusville gave birth to the oil industry. There Col. Edwin L. Drake drilled the first commercial oil well in this country way back in 1859. Since then Titusville has been rich and prosperous. Oil wells dotted the lands around her. Refinery smoke blacked her houses. Abundant wealth flowed from her sub-surface resources, and Titusville had no worries.

Now, Titusville's oil is near gone. What may be said of her oil refineries e pluribus unum. Twenty-nine percent of her population is unemployed. Unless new and cheaper methods are found to lift oil that is left underground, Titusville must decline, and wither away.

Last week, bankers, businessmen, and leaders of Titusville met to discuss the town's future. Her lavish oil productive capacity gone, Titusville must turn to other sources of income, other industries, other means to employ her population.

Recommended to the group was a plan to attract industries outside the oil industry, industries that would employ women. In Titusville only the men work.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association of Titusville are embarking on a fund raising campaign and the money will be spent in attracting new enterprises to the town. Titusville will discover in the next ten years either that she will continue to hold her own, or that she is becoming a ghost town where riches once flowed, and memories only linger to haunt.

The Battalion

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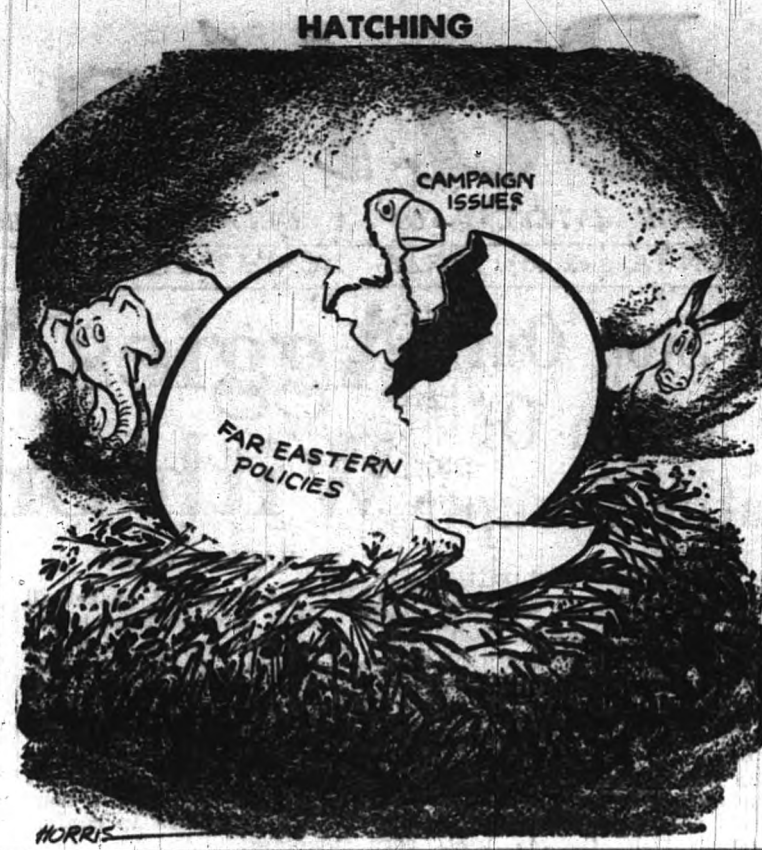
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The College Station Address

By DEAN REED and CHUCK CABANISS (With Apologies to Abe Lincoln)

One score and seven years ago, our forefathers brought forth, upon this campus, a basketball championship, conceived by Coach D. X. Bible, and dedicated to the proposition that other SWC teams are inferior.

Now we are engaged in a great conference struggle, testing whether our team, or some other team, so conceived, and so dedicated, shall emerge victorious.

Tuesday night we will meet SMU on a great battlefield of this war, Perkins Gymnasium in Dallas. We will go to dedicate a portion of it as a final resting place for those Mustangs who will give up their hopes that A&M's hopes might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should bear them.

But in a larger sense we cannot deviate—we must concentrate—we cannot lose this ground.

The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but can never forget what the Cadets will do there. It is for us, the team and its supporters, to dedicate ourselves to the unfinished work which the team has, thus far, so nobly carried on.

We here highly resolve that this team shall not fight in vain; that this school shall have a new birth of victory; and that this achievement of the Aggies, by the Aggies, for the Aggies, shall not perish from this campus.

What's Cooking

A&M COLLEGIATE CHAPTER Monday, February 6, 7:15 p.m., Ag. Eng. Lecture Room.
AGRONOMY SOCIETY, Wednesday, February 8, 7:15 p.m. A&I Lecture Room. Election of Officers, Cotton King and Court.
CREATIVE WRITING CLUB, 7:15, Tuesday, Room 328, Academic Building.

JOHNSON COUNTY CLUB, Thursday, February 9, 7:30 p.m. Room 227 Academic Building. Party to be planned.

NON-VETERANS, NON-CORPS AREA ROTC STUDENTS, Tuesday, February 7, 5 p.m. Assembly Hall.

PANHANDLE CLUB, 7:15 p.m., Thursday, Lounge Dorm Nine.

KREAM AND KOW K LUB, Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 p.m., Room 203 Ag. Building. Club to reorganize, refreshments will be served.

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB, Tuesday, February 7, 7:15 p.m. A&I Lecture Room. (See WHAT'S COOKING, Page 4)

Official Notice

Tuesday, February 7 is the last day for making changes in Registration. Courses dropped after this date will be dropped with grades of F.
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Sixty-three Enroll In New Department

Classes have started in the first courses in oceanography ever offered at A&M, with an enrollment exceeding expectations.

Dale F. Leipper, head of the oceanography department, has announced that enrollment in the two courses offered during the spring semester totals 63. In the geological oceanography course 21 have registered and in the introductory course there are 42.

Largest Class in U. S.
Dr. Leipper believes the 42 students in the introductory class may constitute the largest class in oceanography in the United States.

The subject is offered at A&M only at senior and graduate levels. Since oceanography deals with all sciences that affect, or are affected by, the ocean, Dr. Leipper pointed out, that the study is of great importance to the Gulf Coast area.

About half the enrollment in the introductory course is made up of students in geology or petroleum engineering. There are a number of biology students in the class, but a large portion of the group is composed of students in such seemingly unrelated fields as mechanical engineering, civil engineering, pre-medicine and architecture.

Survey of Students
Dr. Leipper conducted a survey to ascertain what prompted his students' interest in the sub-

ject. Many, he found, served in the Navy during World War II and are seeking the answers to the mystery of the sea. Others were interested because of the various marine industries along the Gulf coast.

But one student, a civil engineer, confessed to be taking the course solely because it was the first opportunity he had found to take a course with his roommate, a biology student. Furthermore, he asked that he and his roommate be seated next to each other in the classroom.

Members of the class plan to enter a wide range of vocations, from off-shore drilling to that of a salesman.

Department to Expand
While only two courses in oceanography are being offered this spring, plans call for offering 14 courses for seniors and graduate students during the 1950-51 school year. The staff, now consisting solely of Dr. Leipper and Dr. W. A. Armstrong, will be increased to five by next September.

Dr. Leipper was mildly concerned for the future of the oceanography department during registration this week when a student approached his desk and asked to enroll in a course in water polo. His concern was alleviated, however, by the fact that students were being enrolled in physical education classes at the desk adjoining.

VA Plans Refund Of Overdue Cuts

Veterans who receive National Service Life Insurance dividend checks from which previous overpayments by the VA have been deducted, were advised by Dr. George T. McMahan, manager of the Waco Veterans Administration Center, that the Finance division of the regional office under whose jurisdiction the veteran's account is maintained, would refund any overdue deduction.

In a few cases, cash payments made by the veteran and deductions previously made by the Veterans Administration, plus the amount deducted from the dividend, exceed the indebtedness of the veteran to the Government.

The refund of these overdeductions will be made automatically as soon as advice regarding the amounts deducted from each such individual dividend check is received by the local regional office from Washington, D. C. In view of the necessity for full information being supplied to the regional activity by Washington, veterans are urged not to contact the local Veterans Administration office, since the accounts will be justified automatically as soon as the information is received.

Photography to Be Used by AH Men

A photographic library has been set up in the Animal Husbandry Department.

A camera and all attachments were given the department by Roy A. Brewer of San Antonio, an animal husbandry graduate.

Detailed pictures of animals, carcasses, will be taken and the pictures used in classroom work. F. I. Dahlberg of the department, says.



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