

# Battalion Editorials

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## The Fight at Southern Methodist University . . .

On today's front page we have published the story of a fight which occurred Tuesday night at Southern Methodist University. We knew of the scrap yesterday morning, but didn't report it until we could obtain all possible facts, for it isn't a story to be printed without a great deal of consideration.

Last night we talked with the men involved in the fight and we talked with persons who witnessed it. All the facts bear out this one thing—three non-military students from A&M were attacked without warning and without reason by a gang of SMU students, some of whom have been positively identified as lettermen on the Mustang football team. The details of the fight are in the front page story.

We have talked with the authorities here at A&M and they informed us that

an official protest has already been lodged with the administrators of Southern Methodist University. The Aggies involved in the fight, together with all of us in the student body are anxiously awaiting the results that protest will bring.

The time has come when incidents such as this must be stopped. The officials of this college have set the machinery in motion to see that they are stopped and we, together with the men involved in the fight are convinced that this is something that must be handled on an official level. On this point, the three Aggies said to The Battalion, "If we could talk to every man in the corps and to every non-reg we would say this—'Don't do anything that would in any way cast a bad reflection on A&M. What we want to do is erase any such reflection, not create one.'" All we can say is, "Amen."

## Waltham Watch's Last Hour . . .

In Waltham, Massachusetts last week 1,200 workers of the Waltham Watch Company were permanently dismissed and the plant shut down. Immediate reason: The federal government had refused Waltham another \$2 million loan to continue its operation.

The long range reason for Waltham's closure was its inability to compete further with imported Swiss-made watches. Americans could buy better watches made in Switzerland and at cheaper prices than Waltham could produce.

Officials of Waltham were, naturally, indignant over the government's refusal. They claimed the American watchmaking industry was being "sold down the river." They wanted the importation of foreign-made watches checked—to protect American watch manufacturers.

In the case of Waltham we have an opportunity to ask ourselves, "Should tariff advantages and subsidies be given American industries who cannot compete favorably with foreign producers of the goods?"

Without analyzing the watchmaking industry, a flat "yes" or "no" answer cannot be given. Swiss sources of fine watches, and other precision instruments the watchmaking industry make would be

closed to us in the event of another war. Yet, in peace time better and cheaper instruments can be bought from watch-makers in Switzerland than can be manufactured in this country.

Also, dollars poured into Switzerland for the finer, better products of her craftsmen, enable trade between these two countries to exist on a cash, not a strictly give-away basis.

Waltham Watch and other American companies suffer because our tariff laws do not give them privilege, while many other American companies (such as the liquor industry, the cosmetics industry are protected by high import taxes and can flourish even though their products are not as high grade as foreign produced ones.

If the government's refusal to Waltham Watch means a changed attitude to give manufacturers from other countries equal competitive advantage in this country (meaning better and cheaper products on the American market) we say, "good." If the government's refusal will be confined only to Waltham Watch and the policy of favor to certain other American manufacturers is continued, our support goes with Waltham Watch.

## Test Tube Football Viewed Over TV . . .

American Broadcasting Company's vice president Robert Saudek took a crystal ball view of football in the future and commented in TIME: "Sports would be turned over completely to television. Then we'll have silent football. It will be played indoors under perfect conditions. The weather will always be just right, the grass just the proper height, the ball will never be slippery. In this test tube football the players won't be bothered by the roar of the crowd, because the crowds will all be watching at home, and they'll be comfortable. There'll be no one at the game except the sponsor—and he'll be behind a glass cage."

Saudek obviously assumes that "television squint" and eye fatigue from watching the television screen will be corrected by engineers of future video sets. He assumes too, that sports fans will want to trade their splintered bench-type seats in the grandstand for comfortable living room chairs.

Perhaps the engineers can be counted on to iron-out television "bugs", but we don't want to take any bets that sports fans will make their part of the swap. There's something to being there that the TV screen will never capture.

## The Battalion

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## 'Hitler Youth' Gestapo Rebuilt by East Germans

By THOMAS A. REEDY

Berlin, Feb. 9—(AP)—Eastern Germany rolled the calendar back to 1933 tonight, creating a new red gestapo and drafting the young into a regimented organization like the old Hitler youth.

The Volkskammer (People's Chamber) enacted both laws without dissent. The bill for a new Ministry of State Security to direct a secret political force with unlimited authority to arrest and imprison is modeled after Russia's own secret police, the MVD.

It may embrace a vast network of informers as in the days of Hitler's gestapo. The Communist Press said the measure was necessary to direct "defensive espionage" in all walks of life because the East German state is endangered by "saboteurs of Anglo-American imperialism."

Henceforth, a boy or girl in the Soviet zone must be a member of the Free German Youth (FDJ) or will not be able to take part in sports, picnics, hikes, travels, certain school work and even in the choice of a profession.

By the language of the act, the youth also would be encouraged to become a gigantic internal spy ring, just as the Hitler Jugend was taught to tattle even on parents if they were anti-Nazi.

The law "authorizes Democratic youth to develop its initiative in the fight against bureaucracy, sabotage and the deficiencies of labor"—terms which the Communists employ in attacks on their political opposition.

Spade-bearded Walter Ulbricht, deputy prime minister, told the chamber the youth organization, now about 3,000,000 strong, would have as its "sacred duty" the deepening of Soviet-German friendship and anti-Americanism.

"We are convinced that the tanks and guns the Americans bring to Western Germany will be turned against them some day, just as it was in the case of China," he said.

Adoption of the measures coincided with reports from West Berlin sources that the Communists had heightened a purge of minority party members who observe nominal cooperation with the Communist.

## Official Notice

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
In order to permit students and faculty to attend services in Quion Hall and in the Annex Chapel during the annual Religious Emphasis week, Classes will be suspended on the main campus according to the following schedule:  
Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 13 & 14—10 to 11 a.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday, Feb. 15 & 16—11 to 12 a.m.  
Friday, Feb. 17—9 to 10 a.m.  
Classes will be dismissed at the annex according to the following schedule:  
Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 13 & 14—9 to 10 a.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday, Feb. 15 & 16—10 to 11 a.m.  
Friday, Feb. 17—11 to 12 a.m.  
M. T. HARRINGTON  
Dean of the College

## NOTICE

**PREMEDICAL - PREEDENTAL STUDENTS**  
The Bulletin of Information and Application forms for the Medical College Admission Test to be given May 13, 1950, are now available at the office of Dr. George E. Potter, Premedical-Preedental Advisor, Room 13, Science Hall. All pre-medical-preedental students who expect to apply for admission to the professional schools in 1951 are required to take this test or the follow-up test to be given November 13, 1950. Applications for the May 13 test must be in Princeton, New Jersey before April 29.  
G. E. POTTER

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES IN JUNE, 1950**  
All candidates for graduate degree in June, 1950, must be registered in the Graduate School this semester. It is the student's responsibility to both register and check with the Graduate School to see that his record is clear for graduation, both scholastically and in every other way. This includes filing out a request for admission to candidacy for the degree in June. The faculty is requested to assist their students in meeting all these requirements promptly.  
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## Purdue Alumni To Meet February 24

All Purdue alumni and their friends are invited to attend the reception for Dr. Frank C. Hockema and Mr. Eth Baugh from Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, Dean H. W. Barlow announced today.

The reception will be held on February 24 at 8 p. m., at the Shamrock Hotel. Reservations should be made with Mr. R. A. Stapleton, 2603 Tangleway, Houston.



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## Letters

(All letters to the editor which are signed by a student or employee of the college and which do not contain obscene or libelous material will be published. Persons wishing to have their names withheld from publication may request such action and show names will not, without the consent of the writer, be divulged to any persons other than the editors.)

Editor, The Battalion:

There is definitely a parking problem in College View, especially on "A" Avenue, but we are of the opinion it can be remedied by making the people who live in this area parking conscious.

At noon and after five p. m. we often see people drive into the middle of a space where two cars could easily be parked. By parking CLOSE to a car that is already parked we can conserve space and help our neighbor. When a fellow comes in late on a cold rainy night and has to park about two blocks from his apartment, just because somebody used more space than is rightfully his, it makes a person feel that some of his neighbors are not very neighborly.

So Drivers of College View, let us become PARKING CONSCIOUS and respect the rights of our neighbors by parking our cars CLOSE to each other. If we do this there will be plenty of parking space for everyone.

Yours truly,  
Claude J. Gabrysch '49  
Lennie Boern '50  
Kenneth Burns '46  
Roy Saunders '45

## Agronomists Earn Doctor's Degrees

Richard C. Potts and Ethan C. Holt, members of the forage/crops section of the A&M Agronomy Department have received Doctor of Philosophy degrees according to J. E. Adams, head of the Agronomy Department.

Potts, who is head of the forage crops section, received a doctorate January 28, from the University of Nebraska. His major was in agronomy, with a minor in botany.

Holt received a doctorate February 5, from Purdue University. His major was in plant breeding, with a minor in plant physiology and pathology.

## Organist to Hold Recital Sunday

A recital of sacred organ music will be offered at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Bryan at 7:30 p. m. Sunday by Mrs. C. H. Moore, the Rev. Vern Swartzfager, rector, announced today.

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## Soil Service Job

## Discussion Monday

Junior and senior agriculture students will discuss the forthcoming examination for trainee positions, as well as other job opportunities with the Soil Conservation Service at a meeting in the Chemistry lecture room at 7 p. m. Monday, Feb. 13, Dean Sheppardson announced today.

Juniors and sophomores majoring in Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Husbandry, Range Management, and Agricultural Education are especially urged to attend, even though they have made plans to attend summer military camp, Sheppardson said.

## Doyle Peters Chooses Norma Rider as Bride

Doyle B. Peters, agronomy graduate student from Houston, and Miss Norma Faye Rider, a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State College, were married in the First Baptist Church of Rusk, Texas, Saturday, Feb. 4.

The newlyweds will live in Project House Apartment 6-D.



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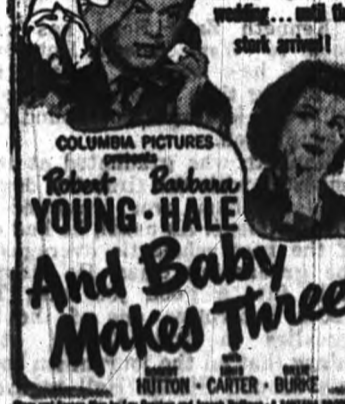
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