

Battalion Editorials

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Phones, Fires, and Volunteer Firemen . . .

College Station's Fire Department answered a call last night—a chimney fire at the home of D. B. Cofer in South Oakwood. No damage was done.

Had the fire been bad, however, many of the volunteer firemen might have arrived too late to do anyone much good. Why?—simply because a few curious citizens of College Station monopolized the fire station phone and prevented firemen from finding the location of the fire.

Fire reports at night in College Station are received in the college power plant where the siren is set off. Volunteer firemen report to the fire station and pick up

the phone to find where the fire is. The man on duty in the power plant tells them—when citizens are co-operative enough to leave the phone line open.

If a curious citizen gets on the line, the firemen have no chance to get the information they need. At least one fireman last night failed to get to the fire for this reason.

Next time you hear the siren, stop and think. Then help the men whose job it is to protect you. Denying your curiosity may save your neighbor's property—or perhaps his life.

Death and Taxes -- Half Realized Today . . .

Tomorrow is one day in the year that our parents can consider us assets instead of liabilities—for that day is the last one for filing last year's income tax reports.

All through the year our letters home, our telephoned pleas for "just five bucks more," our various subtle and pointed requests for money are received with a grimace. But on their income tax forms, fathers proudly mark down as deductions the money their sons at A&M cost them.

On March 15, we may feel justly proud that we have contributed in a way to our parents' pleasure.

The two inescapables—death and taxes—are half realized each March 15. Though death is not attained on that day, taxes must be faced—and be paid.

Expenditures of the federal government are financed 80% by the revenue gained from income taxes. The vast governmental programs of good and waste

are carried on because income and other obvious taxes are charged.

Patriotically, we should all feel proud to pay income taxes to help the federal government of the United States of America. Actually, our selfish tendencies goad us into deducting everything we can, and evading every dime's taxes we think we can get away with.

Wars take billions of dollars, and hold income taxes at high levels. The present trend in government with its many additional services heretofore regarded as responsibilities of the individual costs us billions more.

Whatever attitude we take—whether to deduct all we can or to pay all we can—the income tax form has that sort of "gimme" look.

And our high phrased moralizing on the privilege of paying taxes fades into bloated figures in the "deductions" column.

Too Much Power for SEC Hands . . .

The Frear bill (S.2408) reached the Senate with an approving pat from the Securities Exchange Commission, which with less than complete frankness, defined it as "a proposal to safeguard investors in unregistered securities." Snorted Syrus Eaton, "They ought to title it a 'proposal to increase the business of the New York Stock Exchange and to expand the hamstringing operations of the SEC.'"

Under the terms of a bill that is about what Eaton says of it, any issuer engaged in interstate commerce or in business affecting interstate commerce or the securities of which are regularly traded by use of the mails or by any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce must file the burdensome reports with the SEC. This routine has already practically killed off, because of high cost, a large part of the listed securities business. The proposed regulations would now strike the over-the-counter market, which is financing the greater part of American industrial expansion today.

Frear bill comes from the commission itself, reaching out for more power. The objectionable character in that is that it is power that small enterprise would have to pay for without compensating return. There is no noticeable investor demand. The American investor is adequately protected under existing laws against almost everything except the strangling capacity of regulation itself.

It is small business that will be most affected by passage of the Frear bill. The National Security Traders Association is convinced that a crippling blow would be dealt the over-the-counter industry. Life insurance and cotton companies only favor the bill if they are excluded from its operations. The expenses in legal and accounting requirements would be out of proportion to almost all small enterprise ability to pay. In case of material recession, the effects of the bill could be disastrous.

SEC, having dried up one form of security business, is reaching out for more and too much power.—Dallas Morning News.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"
Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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Job Calls

The college Placement Office announces the following interviews and job opportunities. Men interested in any of these positions listed below should contact the Placement Office in the Administration Building.

INTERVIEWS:
(1) March 15 — International Business Machines, Houston, Texas, will interview electrical, mechanical, and management engineers, and business and accounting graduates.
(2) March 16-17—Bell Telephone System representatives will interview electrical, mechanical, civil, and architectural engineers and business and accounting graduates.

ENGINEERING:
(1) The Anon G. Carter Foundation, Fort Worth, is interested in employing a geologist for well-testing and structural geologic mapping in New Mexico. (Will consider petroleum-geologist, and geological engineers also.)
(2) There is an opening with the Galveston Picky, Inc., for a mechanical engineer interested in Warehousing work.

(3) The Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association is instituting a training program to selected graduate chemical engineers. The objective is to train men for technical positions in the raw sugar factories in Hawaiian industries.
(4) Moody Compress & Warehouse Company in Galveston is interested in mechanical or electrical engineers who would like to enter the field of cotton handling.

Examinations Now In Civil Service
Examinations for the positions of Student Aid Trainee and Junior Topographic Engineer in the Civil Service may be applied for at the post office before March 23. Starting salaries range from \$2,650 to \$3,825. Further details may be obtained from the civil service secretary at the College Station post office.

Official Notice
All Physical Education Majors including Freshmen are requested to check with the department secretary before Saturday, March 18.
C. W. Landis
Physical Education Department
Notice to food Technology majors, please contact A. V. Moore, Dairy Department, phone 4-5324, before Thursday noon, March 16.

Bible Verse
Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
—Matthews 24: 35

SKYWAY SHOWS 6:45 - 8:30
DRIVE-IN THEATRE
Tonight: "Lucky License Nite"
Greer Garson in "DESIRE ME"
THURS. - FRIDAY - "AMBUSH"

Quion Hall
TUESDAY & WED.

Now! The true-to-life best seller screen-ward!
MRS. MIKE
Released thru United Artists

NO MOVIE TONIGHT
TOWN HALL — 8:00 P. M.

British Labor Wins Second Do-or-Die Vote

London, March 14 — (AP)—The Labor government won its second straight do-or-die confidence vote in the new House of Commons last night.

By a margin of 314 to 289, Prime Minister Attlee's cabinet beat down a Conservative motion of censure on its housing policy. If the motion had carried, the Labor government would have been obliged to resign.

In the long debate before the vote, Winston Churchill's Conservatives blasted health minister Aneurin Bevan from all sides.

Bevan replied: "If I go down to history as nothing else, I will go down as the barrier between the people of great Britain and the speculative builder."

The Conservatives had claimed that Britain is short 6,000,000 homes, described Labor's whole housing policy as a flop, and demanded that Attlee resign.

Bevan and other Labor party members retorted that the Conservatives, if they had their way, would turn the "speculative" builders loose on housing for private sale, while the poor went homeless.

Rural Sociology Job Series Begins

The Job Opportunity Series sponsored by the Rural Sociology Club starts Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in Room 208 of the Agriculture Building.

John E. Case, Harris County probation officer, will be first of the speakers for the series. He is a graduate of A&M, class of '45, with a major in rural sociology.

Case will give an informal talk on the duties of a probation officer and outline job opportunities in such work.

The Opportunity Series has been arranged to familiarize students of sociology with the variety of work that sociologists do. Bill Adkins, social chairman of the Rural Sociology Club, said. In addition, Job openings will be sought and job contacts made.

Anyone interested in the field of sociology is invited to attend, according to Adkins. Refreshments will be served.

Mayo Speaks at Hillel Meeting Wednesday

Dr. Thomas F. Mayo, Head of the English Department, will address an open meeting of the Hillel Club on Wednesday evening, March 15, at 7:15 p. m. in the YMCA Cabinet Room.

Dr. Mayo's subject will be "Why I am a Liberal". Josh Trieman, president of the club, said today.

PALACE
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TODAY - WEDNESDAY

QUEEN
LAST DAY
THERE'S A GIRL IN MY HEART
WED. - THURS.

AMBUSH
ROBERT TAYLOR
THE BIGGEST WESTERN IN 10 YEARS!

LIL' ABNER
Aardvark Ankle Away
By Al Capp

ANGLES
YOU'RE SPOSED TO GET MY NEW 'FEARLESS' POSITIVE COMIC BOOK? DID YOU COME BACK? 'EM!

HEY! AARDVARK!
DID YOU SAY AARDVARK?
STOP! STOP! IN TH' NAME O' TH' LAW!

Mrs. Bill Turner Directing Cotton Pageant Style Show

By RAY WILLIAMS

Trying to tell mother's what to have their daughters wear is always a problem. But try telling 100 of them what to wear.

Mrs. Bill Turner, director of the 16th annual Cotton Ball and Pageant Style Show, has this very difficult job along with being in charge of the style show and arranging the program for the big event.

Hailing from McKinney, Texas, she is the wife of Bill Turner, director of the Aggieband Orchestra and the Singing Cadets. She is a graduate of North Texas State College in Denton, where she was

A&M Wildlife Men Attend Conference

"Are We Wrong About Conservation?" was the main topic of the 15th Annual North American Wildlife Conference held last week in San Francisco.

Delegates from A&M who left March 8 and returned March 12, were Dr. W. B. Davis, head of the Wildlife Management Department, Dr. George A. Petrides, leader of the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Unit, Wendell Swank, sponsor of the Fish and Game Club, and 11 wildlife management majors.

This year's discussion on waterfowl was held on March 8 by Howard Dodgen, Executive Secretary of the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission.

SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE
LAST DAY
Features Start
1:10 - 3:25 - 5:40 - 7:55 - 10:00
FIRST RUN

TONITE
Shows — 6:45 - 8:45
Absentee Nite
Sign the Book for
Wednesday's Lucky License

\$500
(Less Tax)
TWO LICENSES WILL BE SELECTED FOR

\$250
EACH (Less Tax)

If neither of the two licenses selected are present — and have not signed the absentee book —

THEN A THIRD LICENSE WILL BE SELECTED FOR

\$500
(Less Tax)
— Screen Hit —
Greer Garson
— in —
"Desire Me"

THURSDAY PREVUE
11:00 P.M.
—Feature 11:30 P.M.—
FRIDAY & SATURDAY

ROGERS STEAMBOAT ROUND THE BEND
A GREAT STAR A GREAT STORY! WITH
Plus: CARTOON — NEWS

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We maintain wholesale and retail lists the year round.
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THE EXCHANGE STORE
"Serving Texas Aggies"

a Business Administration major. Mrs. Turner, is a past president of the Newman Club, a member of the Garden Club, an active worker of the First Methodist Church, and a member of several other civic organizations.

Her work on the pageant and style show began in January and will not be completed until after the Ball.

Included in this mountain of work is arranging the sets and details of the Style show, which is being worked out with Sanger Bros. Department store of Dallas.

The theme being used for the program is to include participation of other schools in the A&M system. Participating will be groups from Arlington State, Prairie View and TSCW.

Working in conjunction with Mrs. Turner for the presentation of the show is Professor E. L. Whiteley, faculty supervisor; David Rives, social secretary, assistant Tommy Duffy, and the Cotton Committee. This committee is made up of Frank Zabick, Ray Kunz, Earl Smith, and Jack Runkles.

Campus

Young Man With a Horn

WEDNESDAY & THURS.
—Features Start—
1:50 - 4:35 - 7:15 - 10:00

This exciting story depicts the adventure, courage and love of the nurses trapped on Corregidor at the beginning of the war.

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Plus Two Cartoons —
"MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE"
"GOOFY GYMNASICS"
LATEST NEWS

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