

Battalion Editorials

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Hymn to The Sun . . .

The offerings of this column were written Thursday. The welcome to our invited military and civilian guests was still hours away. The same held true for the corps review. Final arrangements for the second and what we hope will be A&M's greatest Military Ball were not yet complete.

The central headquarters for this coming weekend's activities on Thursday night resembled a bride's home before a wedding. There was one main difference, however. In the case of the bride on the eve of her wedding, she, her mother, and her friends always hope against hope that nothing happens to the groom between the rehearsal and the ceremony. But, until the time she steps to the altar, the bride and her well-wishers just have

to wait and hope for the best.

We here at A&M certainly weren't waiting for a groom Thursday evening. Individually, perhaps, we may have been on the lookout for a bride, but collectively we were "sweating out" the appearance of one thing just as much as the bride "sweats out" the appearance of the groom.

The object of our concern was the sun. This column doesn't claim great accomplishments. There undoubtedly have been times when it has done more harm than good. But if there is any glimmer of persuasion in this dying gasp before the weekend, may we plead with all the powers that be to give us lots of sun unaccompanied by rain for our corps review and Military Ball.

The 'News' on Texanitis and College Surveys . . .

Legislative Budget Director Vernon A. McGee wonders "if any real plan exists for Texas colleges." President D. M. Wiggins of the College Presidents Council asks: "How many more institutions of higher learning can this state stand?" As a result of a consultation in Austin, it is agreed to go ahead with a survey of the whole situation relative to state-supported higher education in Texas.

Trouble with Texas development of higher education, principally, is that the faculties of these colleges, and the civic leaders in the towns in which they are located, all have typical Texanitis. They have got to be bigger and better.

McDougalville gets a bill through the Legislature establishing a junior college. Then comes the battle to make it a senior college. Then the fight for establishment of special schools which will put the insti-

tuition in position to blossom out eventually as a university. There are several variations of this development.

All this is highly commendable. Texanitis is highly commendable. And we need more and more, both of junior colleges and senior colleges as the state grows and a greater and greater percentage of its youth reach the level of higher education.

But the competition does create a situation that justifies Dr. Wiggins in wondering "just how many more institutions of higher learning this state can stand." Or, as a celluloid collared legislator with a waggish tongue once shouted in the midst of debate on founding a new institution: "Gentlemen, do you know that there are whole counties in Texas that do not have a single state teachers college."

Let the survey of colleges go forward. —THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS.

Money for Both Armies: The New and the Old . . .

Last month the Army research chief told a House appropriations committee about plans for American soldiers in the future.

No longer will heavy, pregnant turtle-like steel helmets give our troops headaches as shrapnel is buzzing around. Plastic helmets, of pressed nylon fibers no less, have been developed that are as hard as steel, and much lighter in weight.

To the economy minded appropriations committee, the research chief hinted that the new helmets would be cheaper than present steel models.

He also said that the Army is developing "body armor items that have increased ballistic protection and comfort, and yet are light in weight." This combination of desirable features seems a marked departure from the Army's way of doing things. Always before, GI's have complained that

their equipment gave them little ballistic protection, was uncomfortable and weighed only a few pounds short of a ton.

Other projects being pursued by the Army were hinted at by the chief. One of these projects is the experimentation being carried on with dyes which would make clothing invisible to sensitive infrared instruments that enable snipers to pick off men in the dark.

This interview with Congressmen was not entirely about the "new Army"; the "old Army" was included also. He indicated that the Army would like to have money enough to buy 800 homing pigeons, 97 mules, and 23-dogs.

The College Station pound could easily spare that many of its residents who have been caught vagrant on the streets without identification tags.

People are still chuckling over the report of a local wolf who was seen in a night club with the wife of one of his best friends.

"For heaven's sake," said a friend, "she is the wife of one of your brother lodge members!"
"I know," replied the playboy, "but he isn't in good standing."

The Battalion

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

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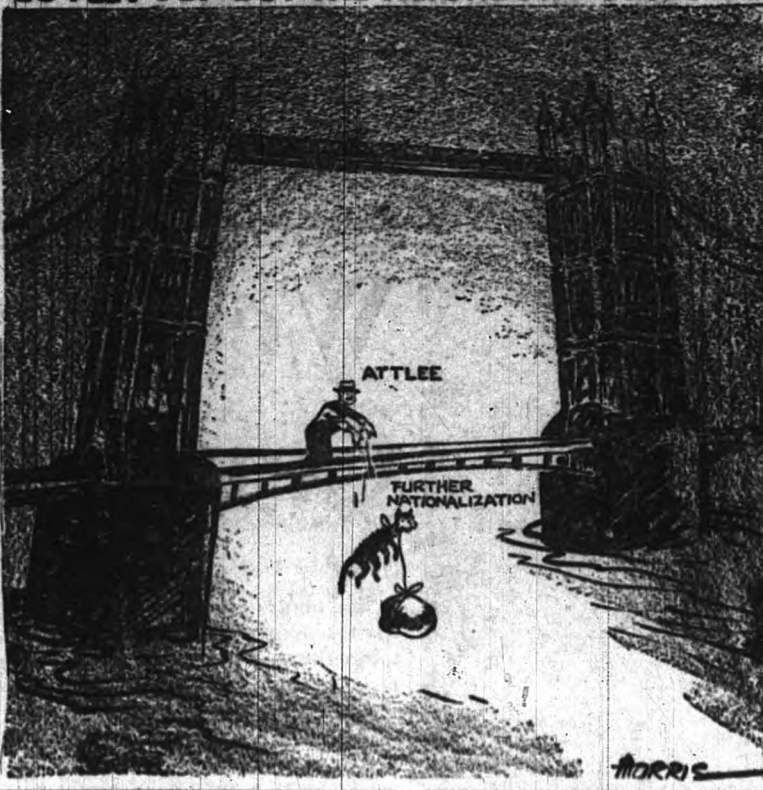
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LOVELY PET-BUT THE NEIGHBORS OBJECTED



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THE LINE IS BUSY

Editor, The Battalion:
I believe that one of our advertisers is guilty of withholding the truth by not completing his advertisement.

"Phone rates are the same as they were in 1921" but judging by the instruments that don't work at times, the rain-shorter-out lines, and the wrong numbers I get with correct dialing, the additional statement might clear up the situation: "You get your money's worth because we still have the same cable, instruments, and (I presume) staff to man the service and repair departments."
R. H. Fletcher
ME Department

Newman Club Selects Cotton Ball Duchess

Miss Martha Jane Konecny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve J. Konecny of Bryan will represent the Newman Club as their duchess to the Cotton Pageant and Ball on April 28. Her escort will be Charles F. Drapala Jr., senior Vet Medicine student and president of the Newman Club.

Official Notice

All Physical Education Majors including Freshmen are requested to check with the department secretary before Saturday, March 18.
C. W. Landiss
Physical Education Department
NOTICE TO AGRICULTURAL FRESHMEN

Any agricultural freshman student planning to major in Dairy Husbandry has an opportunity for a \$250 annual training scholarship offered by the American Guernsey Cattle Club. Any student interested should call Prof. A. L. Darnell, Office Phone 4-5024 or residence phone (in evenings) 4-4364 for appointment and additional information.

The third installment of fees of \$56 are now payable at the Fiscal Department. These fees must be paid before March 20 to avoid penalty.
W. H. Holzmann,
Comptroller

Quion Hall
LAST DAY

HUNT STROMBERG
LIZABETH SCOTT
DON DE PORE
DAN DURYEA

From the short-packed
pages of *Play Magazine*
Serial story that electrified
millions of readers!
Directed by ED DUBOIS
TOO LATE FOR TEARS

SATURDAY ONLY
A GLEN HECARTHY production
THE GREEN PROMISE
Released by RKO RADIO Pictures

ON THE STAGE
—In Person—
Duke Ellington
One Show — 6:30 P.M.

PREVUE SATURDAY
10:30 P.M.
—also—
Sunday & Monday

M-G-M's virile romantic drama!
CLARK GABLE ALEXIS SMITH
Any Number Can Play

Vets Advised In Course Change

Taylor Wilkins, veterans adviser, has received information concerning changes of courses from the Veterans Administration in Waco.

A veteran who has not previously changed his course may recommend a change of course within the institution he is attending for the following reasons:

1. The veteran is not making satisfactory progress in his present course and the failure is not due to his own misconduct, his own neglect or his own lack of application.
2. The course to which the student desires to change is more in keeping with his aptitude, previous education training or other such pertinent facts.

This change will be accepted provided the veteran and the institution properly complete and forward to the Regional Office, Veterans Administration Form 7-1905e, prior to the date of commencement of the new course.

Not more than one change of course may be made by any veteran. In case of a veteran's request for an additional change, his request should be sent to the Regional Office for consideration in accordance with instruction 1-b.

Bible Verse

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
—1 Peter 4: 10

DRIVE-IN THEATRE
Tonight—Last Night
Robert Taylor in
"Ambush"
SUNDAY — "BAGDAD"

PALACE
Bryan 2-8879
PREVUE TONITE 11 P.M.

Mickey Rooney
in
"Quicksand"

NOW SHOWING
George Montgomery
Ellen Drew

"Davey Crockett
Indian Scout"
PREVUE SAT. 11 P.M.

Come on EVERYBODY!
lets all go ON THE TOWN!
On The Town
IN TECHNICOLOR
GENE KELLY
FRANK SINATRA
BETTY HARRETT
ANN MILLER
JULES MUNSIE
VERA-ELLEN

QUEEN
FRIDAY-SATURDAY

THINGS ARE REALLY BOOMING FOR THE BOYS!
LED GORCEY and THE BOWERY BOYS
BLONDE DYNAMITE
RIVITZ HALL
ADOLE JERRERS - GABRIEL BEEB - BARRY LEWIS

Behind the Barricades . . .

In Defense of 'Fools Names, Fools Faces'

By CLAYTON L. SELPH

There was a time when we didn't believe in predestination, but all that has changed. Our life was obviously planned long ago to include participation in every controversy we could possibly come in contact with.

This time, it's The Battalion Amusement Editor's latest brainchild, "Fool's Names, Fool's Faces," that has fanned the smoldering ember of criticism into flame. But this time we have it a little easier than usual. We don't have to argue, because the final decision will be up to you. We want to tell you why The Battalion ever started "Fool's Names . . ."

Same Complaint For a Long Time
Ever since the day we banged our first typewriter for The Batt, we have heard the same complaint. Though phrased in a thousand different ways, and from as many people, it has always been the same. "The Batt just doesn't say enough about the troops." And since that same day, we have been turning that problem over in our minds. We've asked ourselves, how can the Batt continue giving a wide variety of news coverage and yet report those everyday happenings in the daily lives of the student body?

Somewhere in a journalism class once, we learned that there were only three kinds of stories that people really liked to read, those about dogs, about the weather, and even better, those about themselves. That was it; the solution to our problem. We needed something in the paper devoted to telling those things that happen to students during their everyday routine of going to classes, marching to mess, and even going home on the weekends.

There was one more limitation. Everybody doesn't make the rounds on the weekend, and our goal was to get everybody into the column at sometime or another. We suggested that he enlarge his "beat" to include anything that happened to anybody, anytime. He agreed, but that was too late to change his first one, which included only stuff that he had picked up about weekend troopers. We didn't have a change to get out a second column before one of our readers countered with the following.

Gollob Comes Up With Answer

We decided that what we needed was a names column. But it wasn't until Gollob came up with his "Fool's Names" that we thought we had a satisfactory way to handle it. Our first question was, "How are you going to get information on such a large number of students? How are you going to find out what the guys you don't know are doing?" He had that one solved. He was going to develop a "staff of informers" who would keep an eye out for anything going on.

DINE IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF OLD MEXICO
We Specialize In Exquisite And Exotic Mexican Dishes
CHAPULTEPEC
1313 COLLEGE ROAD
We Invite Special Parties

"Cheap!
Why in 1921 Prices were as Low as Telephone Rates In Bryan and College Station!"
NANCY GOES TO RIO
Ann SOTHERN
Carmen MIRANDA
Jane POWELL
Barry SULLIVAN
TECHNICOLOR
PLUS: CARTOON-NEWS

EVERS-FUR STORAGE MATTERS
AMERICAN
2-1555
College Station Representative — Loupot's Trading Post

Tyler's Wild Well Still on Rampage

Tyler, Tex., March 17.—A wild oil well near here refused to be tamed and continued spewing oil and gas for the third straight day today.

However, troubleshooters thought they had a way mapped for controlling it.

They intend to put a valve head with three outlets on the well—one outlet to be vertical and two horizontal. The vertical valve will be used to bleed off the gas. From the valves a flow line will take the gas a distance of 50 feet to the side.

Crews put two caps on the well yesterday only to discover the valves couldn't stand the pressure. Once a falling piece of equipment struck a spark, there was a sudden flash of fire that disappeared as quickly as it came. No one was hurt.

Officers continued to blockade all roads in the area and keep spectators out of a mile square area around the well.

Campus
TODAY — SATURDAY
—Features Start—
1:55 - 3:45 - 5:40 - 7:30 - 9:20
A GREAT STAR — A GREAT STORY!
WILL
ROGERS
STEAMBOAT
ROUND THE BEND
PLUS: CARTOON-NEWS

PREVUE TONIGHT
11:00 P.M.
—Feature 11:30 P.M.—
WAKE ISLAND
The 14 Days America Will Never Forget!
with BRIAN DONLEVY
Macdonald Carey - Robert Preston
and Albert Dekker - William Bendit - Walter Abel
Directed by John Cromwell
W. E. Barnette and Frank Butler
A PARAMOUNT PRESENTATION
RECOUNT BACK BY FORTY-SEVEN YEARS
PLUS: CARTOON-NEWS

SATURDAY PREVUE
11:00 P.M.
—Feature 11:30 P.M.—
SUNDAY thru TUESDAY
—Features Start—
1:50 - 3:55 - 5:55 - 7:55 - 10:00

9 GREAT HIT SONGS!
Ann SOTHERN
Carmen MIRANDA
Jane POWELL
Barry SULLIVAN
NANCY GOES TO RIO
TECHNICOLOR
PLUS: CARTOON-NEWS