

# Battalion Editorials

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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1950

## Food for Thought From Flying Saucers . . .

Continued reports from scattered parts of this country, and a few reports from other parts of the world, keep coming in about flying saucers.

This saucer-consciousness has been spurred by recent articles appearing in a national magazine. Even rumors have an effect on public thinking regarding flying saucers.

Air Force denials have been repeated over and over again. "There's no such thing, as a flying disc, or saucer, or whatever you want to call it," they announce.

Still people keep seeing them, or claiming to have seen them. Who is telling the truth?

Our first impulse is to reply to anyone who takes flying saucers seriously, "Impossible! The whole idea is ridiculous, fantastic, a hoax, an illusion!"

And after our outburst disclaiming any serious regard for flying saucers, we have a little talk with ourselves and say: "Now, of course the Air Force would deny saucers whether they existed or not. What governmental agency could suddenly announce to the public that we have captured flying machines operated by living creatures from another planet?"

What would the American public do? They'd be panic stricken. Remember the public consternation upon hearing Orson Well's radio program several years ago when a space-ship landed in New Jersey inhabited by men from Mars?

"Then how are we to know if flying saucers and 23 inch little men do exist?" we ask ourselves.

Our confusion is about the same as yours. Our frenzy would be certainly as much, maybe more than yours would be if the government were to confirm the wild rumors and stories about flying saucers that we've been hearing.

We're beginning to doubt the Air Force's claim that they know nothing about these beyond-the-world machines. But we don't want them to stop saying they don't exist.

## Coke on the Political Fires of Texas . . .

Calculatin' Coke Stevenson, currently serving as rancher and District Judge in Kimble County, got a splash in the papers earlier this week when he told reporters that the only elective position that he cares to run for is the position of United States Senator.

Coke was once or twice governor of this state, though we can't remember anything about his administration, if any.

At 62 years of age, Coke has two shots at the Senate. In 1952 he can run against Tom Connally, which would be a waste of campaign money. Or in 1954 he can take another crack at the seat Lyndon Johnson occupies. Johnson beat him in 1948 by an 87 vote margin out of close to a million ballots cast.

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If our memory serves us right Stevenson turned on Johnson after Johnson had beaten him in the runoff for a Democratic candidate and supported the Republican senatorial candidate.

In one party Texas—the Democratic Party—Coke gambled everything on a Republican victory, and lost.

Guess he'd be playing it smart to just sit back in his ranch house and calculate some more. Both Connally and Johnson are doing fine jobs.

## Americana 1950: Flying Saucers, Black Cats, Witches . . .

In the enlightened state of Delaware, 23-year-old Mrs. Helen Evans was charged with practicing the "art of witchcraft." Booked under a law that dates back to old England and 1603 when James I, son of Mary of Scotland, was King of England.

Should Mrs. Evans be found guilty of this heinous crime her penalty would be \$100 fine and one year in jail. Formerly

the punishment for witchcraft under the old English law was "public whipping and sale into slavery."

What contrasts of people this country possesses! Some see, or think they see, flying objects from another planet; others go back to the good old days and just see witches.

## In Passing . . .

This "shortie" from the AP wire tells us; The State Fair of Texas signed a contract today (Monday) to bring the Texas Prison System's famed "Huntsville Prisoners Rodeo" to Dallas June 4-11.

The spectacular Huntsville event, heretofore staged within the prison walls,

now goes to Dallas and probably the Cotton Bowl. Wonder if they'll take along a rooting section.

Any mistakes these prisoners make en route to and from prison to the rodeo will be inexcusable, which the Governor simply won't pardon.



## Lookin' Back

From the Battalion Files of 15 Years Ago

April 3, 1935—A Battalion editorial called upon the college to convert the pastures in front of the Administration Building into a huge parade ground.

Genuine Palm Beach suits were advertised for \$15.75 Arrow shirts retailed at the Exchange Store for \$2, and Ben Bernie, then the top-flight band, was playing at the State Fair in Dallas, Tariff for the big dance was 55 cents.

Dr. T. F. Mayo, in a column "Lots of Books and a Few Ideas," said, "Are Aggies cultured? Yes, I think they are." That was November, 1934.

## Truman Places NY Engineer on AEC

Key West, Fla., March 23—(AP)—President Truman is appointing Thomas E. Murray, New York engineer, as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The White House announced the signing yesterday afternoon of the nomination of the 35-year-old Murray to the vacancy on the commission created by the resignation of Chairman David E. Lilienthal.

At the same time, Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross disclosed that Sumner T. Pike, a Republican, will continue as acting chairman of the five member commission.

A chairman will be appointed when the presidency fills the vacancy to be created when Lewis Straus steps out April 15.

Murray's nomination will be flown to Washington for submission to the senate.

His appointment was announced along with that of Dillon S. Myer of Ohio, former director of the War Relocation Authority, as commissioner of Indian Affairs.

## Official Notice

NOTICE TO VETERINARY MEDICINE SCHOOL APPLICANTS

All currently enrolled pre-veterinary medicine students who expect to qualify as applicants for admission into the School of Veterinary Medicine in September, 1950, should file their application in the Registrar's Office not later than April 1.

Form to be used in making application for admission to the School of Veterinary Medicine are available at the information desk in the Registrar's Office.

H. L. HEATON Registrar

SEAWAY SHOWS AT 8:45 - 8:45 DRIVE-IN THEATRE

BETTER HOMES FOR BETTER RECORDS

Hits for the week of MARCH 20, 1950

Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy Music! Music! Music! Rag Mop I Said My Pajamas The Cry of the Wild Goose The Old Master Painter Black Lace Bamboo Johnson Rag Babbidi - Bobbidi Boo

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

Today's Issue News Editor Frank E. Shuman, Jr. Acting Copy Editor Sid Abernathy

## Fish & Game Hears Conservation Talk

"The actual thought behind conservation is not saving but intelligent use," said E. T. Dawson, Director of Wildlife Conservation Education of the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission, at a recent meeting of the Fish and Game Club.

Dawson emphasized that the primary purpose of his work is to educate the general public in the need for conservation of our wildlife resources. Legislation will result from proper education, he said.

Pointing out the rapid depletion of our five natural resources—soil, water, native vegetation, minerals and wildlife—Dawson stated that serious conditions could result from this interruption of the balance of nature.

As yet a program for conservation education for the state has not been developed, because of the lack of adequately trained personnel to carry on the work, according to Dawson.

Educational subject matter on conservation is available without cost to anyone interested, however, and a consultant will be sent whenever possible to assist in the work, he said.

## Seed Course Added By Agronomy Dept

A new course in seed technology, Agronomy 319, will be offered for the first time next fall, according to Dr. J. E. Adams, head of the Agronomy Department.

The course is designed primarily for students interested in the production of planting commercial-rum and certified seed.

A two hour course, it will consist of one hour of theory and three hours of laboratory work per week.

The only prerequisite for the course is Agronomy 105, Fundamentals of Crop Production.

F. G. Collard, who is in charge of the technical phase of the seed testing laboratory at the Experiment Station and coach of the crops judging team, will be the instructor.

Quien Hall THURSDAY & FRIDAY It's a Great Warner Bros. Musical!!! MORGAN DAY-CARSON It's a Great Feeling

LIL ABNER She Wears a Yellow Ribbon

## Boyle's Column . . .

# Meek May Inherit the Earth But the Women Will Run It

By HAL BOYLE New York, March 23—(AP)—This is a woman's world, and for a good reason. Women are better adapted to live in it. Let us take a simple case. George Washington's father finds one of his favorite fruit trees freshly axed. "Did you cut down my cherry tree?" he asks son George. Taxed directly in this way, the young father-to-be of his country says: "Yes, I did it with my little hatchet." But suppose George had wanted to brazen it out, and

said, "no sir!" His face would have flushed red, his eyes have turned shifty—and he'd instantly have given himself away. And Pappy Washington would have put the cane to his pantaloons. Suppose, however, the same incident had happened to Martha Washington when she was a girl. "Did you chop down my cherry tree?" demands her father. "My, did someone chop down your nice tree, daddykins?" says she. "What'll happen around here next?" "What I want to know is—did you cut it down with your little red hatchet?" asks father crossly. "Oh Daddykins, you know I painted my little hatchet green last week." "Well, never mind that. Did . . ."

"Why Daddykins!" exclaims Martha. "Look, there's a button off your new waistcoat." "Is there?" "Yes. Now you come into the mansion right this minute, and I'll sew another on. I don't know what would happen, Daddykins, if I weren't here to take care of you." And helpless Daddykins would be led by Martha from the scene of the crime and forget all about it. He would know in his heart that she had cut down the tree, but he would never bring up the matter again.

## Nag Meat Case Labeled 'Fraud'

Fort Worth, March 23—(AP)—Officers of the Quality Meat and Provision Company charged with "unlawful possession of horse meat for human consumption," claimed yesterday they were the "victims of fraud, deception and swindle."

I. B. Chapman who with O. T. Morris and E. E. Bagley was named in the complaint filed yesterday morning in Criminal District Court No. 2 and signed by District Attorney Stewart Hellman and City Health Director Dr. W. V. Bradshaw, declared "we were simply victimized."

Morris, in another statement, struck back at the charges, stating: "The complaint is completely unfounded. The city health officer and other officials have publicly stated there was no indication of bad faith in any way on our part."

"The price we paid for the meat through a reputable Dallas broker was the standard price for beef—97 cents per pound," Morris continued.

The law provides penalties of a maximum of \$1,000 fine or 30 days to two years in jail, or both.

The complaint accuses the firm of receiving 66 boxes of 100 pounds each of horse flesh. Under the law the firm cannot be charged, only individuals.

Warrants for the arrest of Morris, Chapman and Bagley were issued this afternoon but were not served. The sheriff's office reported that Richard D. Walker, attorney had called to say the three men would appear at the courthouse at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

## A&M Officers Attending Army Training Course

Lt. Col. Walter H. Badgett of the Physical Plants Department and Major Donald M. Vestal, Jr., Research Foundation, are attending a special course at the Command and General Staff College.

The course is being held at Camp Hood and will continue until April 1.

Eighteen Organized Reserve Corps officers of Texas are attending the two weeks course and are receiving instruction in war lessons and modern developments.

Who - Whooooo HAS THE BEST FOOD IN TOWN? WHO?? TILLIE'S CREAMLAND North Gate

## 1950 Auto License Sales Lagging

Sale of 1950 automobile license plates is moving along slowly, County Tax Collector Mit Weedon said yesterday. Sales are about 500 less than at this time last year.

Only about 3,100 tags have been bought thus far, while last year a total of 10,000 went out to Brazos County motor vehicle owners.

Weedon asked car owners to buy their license now or be faced with a long wait to obtain them the last day or two of the month.

Additional clerks are now helping at the collectors office, which is open through noon every day and all day Saturday.

## PALACE Bryan 2-8879

STARTS TODAY Mickey Rooney Jeanne Cagney

## "Quicksand"

## PREVUE FRIDAY 11 P.M. The Heiress

## PREVUE SAT. 11 P.M. Blue Grass of Kentucky

## QUEEN LAST DAY

## FRIDAY - SATURDAY

## RAW AND RUGGED! SCOTT NEVADAN

## FRIDAY PREVUE 11:00 P.M.

## LOADED PISTOLS

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Campus DOUBLE FEATURE

Feature No. 1

Feature No. 2

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