

Battalion Editorials

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All Rewards Are Not Physical . . .

Today's front page is covered with a story about The Battalion receiving a first place award and a respectable amount of cash for publishing the best Christmas Safety section among the daily papers of American colleges.

We are extremely proud, and we believe justifiably so, of this honor. We are extremely appreciative to the Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Insurance Company, sponsors of the contest, for the award.

We, the editors, can not give enough credit to our staff for this and their other achievements. We have come to expect prize-winning work of them. The safety award, along with the National Advertising Service's award, makes the second national first prize they have captured in a

year's time. Working always long hours and short handed, they have carved out for themselves local respects and off-the-campus prestige.

The prize-winning Christmas section is only a nationally recognized sample of the type work we know them to do consistently, every day.

On our tight financial schedule, Battalion staffers are rarely paid at all, never paid well enough. We hope that the satisfaction of this recognition is some small repayment for their labors.

We are sure that to them, as it is to us, the knowledge that through that work they may have saved the life of one Aggie, is all the reward required for any amount of extra effort.

Peacetime Military Preparedness and Make Work . . .

When this nation's acknowledged experts disagree over vital phases of our defense picture, the man-in-the-street becomes more confused than ever.

Most current manifestation of top-rung disagreement is that expressed by various experts on this nation's military strength. Secretary of Defense Lewis Johnson and others of his opinion have assured Congress and the American people that all is well, defense-wise. Our fighting strength is greater now than ever before in our peace-time history.

Countering this optimistic report are the gloomy statements of several military leaders. These men claim that this nation is woefully impotent in its military preparedness. We need more new planes (the Air Force says), more ships and carriers (the Navy says), and more ground troops (the Army says).

A government spokesman came out the other day with the startling claim that \$360 billion would be needed to buy complete security.

The diametrical opposition of these two poles of opinion catches us laymen

somewhere in the middle. And we don't know who is polticking, and who is speaking the truth.

Certainly the "all is well-ers" want us to believe that the present administration of government is doing a good job in handling this nation's defense. And we suspect the generals and admirals with wanting more machinery, men and power.

This nation has never sought to keep itself armed to the teeth to insure peace. We have, rather, kept ourselves reasonably well armed, strong enough to resist the first blows of war, re-group our forces, start our factories rolling, and then come back to knock out nations who called the fight.

Already the national budget's largest item of expense is for military preparedness. Still our military experts want more.

Perhaps our skepticism of the arguments of the militarists pinge from our long standing suspicion of nations who maintain tremendous standing armies and naval fleets who have nothing to do but make work and plot future wars.

How to Outsmart a Tornado . . .

Uncle Sam's weather eye, the United States Weather Bureau, has been on the lookout for so long that it can tell you most everything about the weather. Latest parcel of information issued by the Weather Bureau is directed to Texans, and it tells them how to outsmart tornadoes.

If you find a tornado headed your way, suggests the Weather Bureau: If the funnel is coming straight toward you—appearing to get bigger and bigger—run to the right. (Run to the right, if you are facing the oncoming funnel.) If you are somewhat to the left of it, lose no time in getting much farther to the left.

A gutter or depression is better than nothing, if you find yourself caught. If you are in a cellar, an excavation or any such size pit, get to the southwest corner. That holds true wherever you may be in the country; the wind in the funnel is moving from southwest to northeast.

Over the past 60 years, April is champion hurricane month in Texas. The 60-year average of tornadoes in Texas gives the following totals by months: January, 15; February, 11; March, 34; April, 77; May, 74; June, 35; July, 24; August, 17; September, 4; October, 12; November, 14; December, 11.

The Weather Bureau in their report for Texans hints there is a chance for everyone caught in a hurricane to be a hero and also make a great contribution to science. Only two people have lived to see up inside of a tornado funnel. One of these was an Oklahoma farmer who looked up into the funnel while standing in his storm cellar doorway. However, the farmer was so scared that he couldn't tell the Weather Bureau what he saw.

If our ambitions do not jell, we can always aspire to be the third man who ever looked up into a tornado funnel, and lived to describe it.

The Battalion

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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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'Saucers? Why No,' Says Navy

Washington, April 4 (AP)—The Navy said last night the nearest thing to a flying saucer it ever developed has not flown since 1947.

The Navy made the statement in commenting on an article in U. S. News and World Report. The magazine said engineers have concluded the reported saucers are jet-powered planes of revolutionary design developed by the Navy.

Its experiments along those lines don't account for the recently revived reports of saucers, the Navy replied.

It said one 3,000-pound model of a pancake-shaped plane designed for it by Charles H. Zimmerman of the Chance-Vought Aircraft Corp., was flown several times.

But it has not flown since 1947, the Navy said. A full scale experimental model never got off the ground and was scrapped in January, 1949, the Navy added.

It added that a one-third scale model was also built and is now being used in wind tunnel tests at Langley, Va., by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA).

CE Students Visit Houston Projects

Seventy-one senior civil engineering students will go to Houston April 5 and 6 on the spring inspection trip. The group will visit engineering projects under construction and now in operation in the Houston area.

George H. Laey, chief civil engineer of the Gulf Oil Corporation is in charge of all arrangements for the student's tour.

The group will visit the Washburn Tunnel, Sheffield Steel Company, the Gulf Freeway, and several other important engineering projects now under way in and around Houston.

Professors Fred J. Benson and James E. Baty of the Department of Civil Engineering will accompany students on this tour.

Official Notice

Thursday, April 20, is the deadline for payment of the final installment of fees for the Spring semester. The final installment including room, rent, board and laundry is \$72.25.

W. H. Holzmann, Comptroller

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Kings Ranch Site Of AH Field Trip

Sixty AH 413 students visited the Kings Ranch Saturday on a field trip under the supervision of William Warren, of the Animal Husbandry Department.

Saturday morning the students were shown the ranch's racing stock, quarter horses, and Santa Gertrudis cattle while the head veterinarian explained how the stock were cared for.

Dr. Monte Moncrief, assistant veterinarian on the ranch, took the group Saturday afternoon and showed them breeding facilities used on the ranch.

Later they were shown the dairy barn and the methods used by the ranch in combating and eradicating mesquite trees.

The students returned to college Sunday.

Ag Engineer Seniors On South Texas Study

Sixty Agricultural Engineering Seniors left Sunday April 2, on a five day inspection trip through South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley. R. C. Garrett and F. R. Jones, of the Agricultural Engineering Department, are in charge of the party.

Bible Verse

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

—John 3: 36.

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Story by LUDWIG FELDMAN and ROSE FENICHEL

L'L ABNER Love in Bloom



See The Screen All Time Greats . . .

Movie Society Poll Taken

By GEORGE CHARLTON

We received response to our A&M Film Society Poll last week. For it was last Tuesday that The Battalion carried a story concerning the possibilities of establishing an A&M Film Society on the campus either during the latter part of this Spring or the beginning of next Fall. Purpose of organization would be to bring back Hollywood revivals, including the best and most famous reissues.

Readers of Tuesday's story were asked, if interested in the project, to fill out a blank included on the page and to write in suggestions. The response, if not overwhelming, was definitely pertinent.

One person suggested that "Anna Karina," "Becky Sharp," "Juarez," "Madame Bovary," "The Informer," and "Ecstasy" be brought back.

Another reader of Tuesday's story from Bryan suggested that foreign films be shown too. The prospects of showing any type of film other than American products depends entirely upon the demand. So far, only two blanks have been submitted in favor of foreign movies.

A member of the White Band says he prefers such shows as "Birth of a Nation." He goes on to explain, "I would like to see Will Rogers and Charlie Chaplin at their best."

"Let's see W. C. Fields, the Marx Brothers, Rudolph Valentino, and some of the comedies of the '30's, such as "Three Men On A Horse," is another Aggie's comment.

A fish out at the Annex puts his two cents worth in with a suggestion for the showing of "Two Black Crows" and "Ben Hur."

Hur."

Another reader suggests that a complete showing of "We've Never Been Licked" be included, minus the recent deletions. He also mentions "The Light That Failed," and "The Rain Came."

"All Quiet on the Western Front" is a corps company commander's special choice.

Some of these and others could be included in the program that would be incorporated in the form of a club or society. Members would pay a low fee for a "season ticket" to all performances. Dues would be used in paying rental charges for showing movies. The organization would be operated on a non profit basis.

A possible program would be a semester-long history of the motion picture industry. Hollywood's early products up to recent classics would be included and shown on the average of once every two weeks. Among these movies, if interest is shown in that direction, would be "The Great Train Robbery," "The New York Hat," "Intolerance," "Male and Female," "Sunrise," "All Quiet On The Western Front," "Morocco," "Trouble In Paradise," "Mutiny On The Bounty," and "The Good Earth."

On the other hand, a series suggested by a film company for new movie societies features memorable American films. Such a program includes "The Covered Wagon," "Wild Bill Hickock," "Destry Rides Again," "The Cat and the Canary," "David Harum," "Ruggles of Red Gap," "Lives of a Bengal Lancer," "Camille," "Captains Courageous," and "Bombshell." The last production is one of Jean Harlow's more outstanding pictures.

The motion picture industry does not at present (with a few exceptions) make it possible to see notable films of earlier production years in regular movie theaters. Nor is it possible to discuss films in the theatre before or after showings. And perhaps, Texas critics or state executives in theatre management could be contacted to speak at special meetings.

Again we repeat—there it is. If you want it, say so. We need more of your suggestions. If this program is to be followed, the approximate number of people interested in joining and what they would like to see must be known. Cut out the blank below this story, fill it out, and turn it in to The Battalion office, second floor, Goodwin Hall.

If enough interest is shown, it will probably be possible to select and announce next year's program this spring.

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By Al Capp

