

# Battalion Editorials

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## To the Voters, to the Candidates . . .

In keeping with the greater awakening of interest in class elections and campaigning. The Battalion is attempting a larger-than-usual public service campaign to acquaint voters with their would-be class officers.

If space permits, we will run a small picture of each candidate for what we consider the most important officerships in the two ranking classes for next year. In this way their classmates may see who each candidate is, see what grounds he proposes to help run class affairs on, and then, we hope, vote intelligently on the men of their choice.

We wish we could run all candidates for every position on the slate, but with the large fields entered this year, that would require about twice our number of pages.

We were prompted to try this more complete method of acquainting voters

## For All That Texas Has

Like old time prize fighters who snap on guard then they hear a bell sounded, Texans leap to defense of their superiority and good name whenever and wherever it is challenged.

Pollster George Gallup's recent survey across the country has provided Texans an occasion to stand up in defense of their state. When asked "If you had to move away from this state, to what state would you MOST like to go?" Texas placed a weak third. What is even more humiliating, California and Florida ranked above us.

California gained approximately twice as many mentions as the next state, Florida.

What Texans can do about this regrettable ignorance on the part of the people encountered by the pollsters is not readily apparent. We can't convert them overnight. But they are people who need our help.

For generations Texans have been telling the world (and Americans in particular) about the glorious superiorities

with candidates this year by several requests from our better-financed candidates to run up to quarter-page ads on behalf of their candidacy. Holding, as we do, to the time-honored theory that A&M is a poor boy's college where no one is denied any more opportunities than necessary because of economic shortages, we are refusing all such ads, thus giving everybody an even start in The Battalion. This way we feel every class will come nearer to getting its best possible leadership.

To the candidates we say, "Check today's front page and get your pictures and platforms in before deadline."

To the voters, our charge is this, "Look over the office-seekers when they appear in our columns. Pick the men you think will be the most valuable to you, your class, and the A&M College of Texas, and then vote for them. If you do that, you've done your best for A&M's future."

## Given, Third Place . . .

of Texas.

The history of this nation is recounted in the names and deeds of Texans.

The economy of this nation is built up on materials, goods and services provided by Texas.

Songwriters find more to sing about in Texas than in any other state.

Now why should Texas be so affronted by relegation to third place?

California ballyhoo has hornawaggled Americans to believe that the pretty girls from Texas who make their movies interesting are Californians. And, as Texans consume the choice citrus fruits this state produces and ships out its culls, Americans have been deceived into believing that Florida grapefruits taste good.

Here it is, Texas is supplying more than half this nation's oil and gas, about 85% of the world's sulfur, most of the nation's wool, its helium, its carbon black, and 100% of the Texans. All these fine things, and we get third!

Oh, what can we (Texans) do when they (Americans) listen, and won't believe?

## From Disc Jockeys, Small

talk and Drivel . . .

and here's another letter from today's mail, listeners. It reads, 'Dear Disc Jockey' . . . hmmm, the person doesn't know my name . . . I listen to your program regularly and like it very much.' That's good. I just wanted you to know I get all my friends to listen, too.

Like snakes, flies, lizards, and spiders, disc jockeys seem to be with us, and with

## us to stay.

They gloat about their mail which sounds like the product of frustrated two-year-olds.

But like heads of states, their proclamations must be heard, and we listeners are dupes enough to hang on to hear a record we like.

Instead of mixing chit-chat with good music, and some disc jockey programs don't even have good music, why not special musicless disc jockey programs scheduled so the few who write in their simple cards may get them read over the air and the disc jockey can make his stupid small talk? Then full music programs with straight announcements and a few commercials could be presented for the majority of radio listeners.

We can't imagine anything less interesting than disc jockey small talk.

# The Battalion

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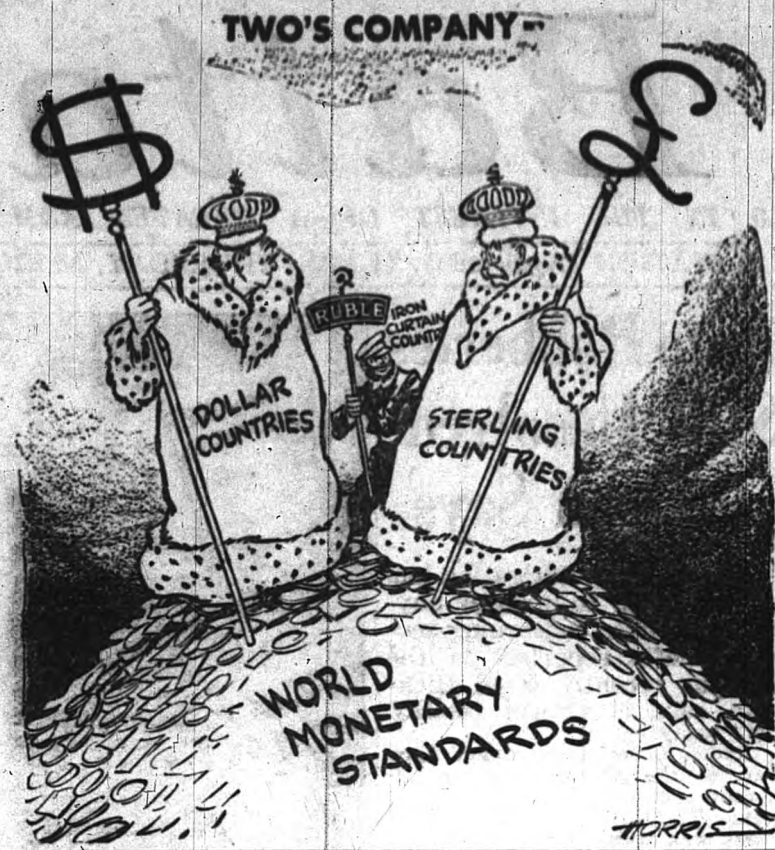
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## Lookin' Back

From the Battalion Files of 15 Years Ago

A snuff-dipping contest was held on the campus in February 1935 between two infantrymen from A Company. To eliminate any chance of handicaps, the two men dipped from the same can.

The Aggieband Orchestra furnished musical entertainment in the spring of 1935 when Dr. and Mrs. T. O. Walton formally received at their home members of the Senior Class. Introducing at the reception were Fritz Welner, president of the class, Joe McHaney, cadet colonel, and Ed Mears, captain, H. Co. Infantry.

The three cadets had, the same day, been among five men elected the most popular on the campus.

The largest headlines ever used in The Battalion were run March 11, 1935. In an Extra, The Batt urged students to request their parents to petition the legislature to defeat a bill which would raise fees to \$150 per student.

The bill was defeated in committee within the next two weeks.

## Bible Verse

Fellow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Hebrews 12: 14

## Official Notice

A special examination for students in C.E. 3008 will be given Saturday, May 6, 1950, for all students who have authorization to take the examination. J. A. Orr, Civil Engineering Dept.

DRIVE-IN Theatre. Tonight - Audie Murphy "THE KID FROM TEXAS". Sun - "Canadian Pacific".

PALACE Bryan 2-8879. NOW SHOWING. DOROTHY McGUIRE, WILLIAM LUNDIGAN. "Mother DIDN'T TELL ME".

PREVUE FRIDAY 11 P.M. MARVELOUSLY TENDER AND HUMAN STORY! William HOLDEN, Colleen GREY. "FATHER IS A BACHELOR".

PREVUE SAT. 11 P.M. Red SKELTON. "THE YELLOW CAB MAN".

QUEEN. NOW PLAYING - "Dancing in the Dark".

FRIDAY - SATURDAY. Richard Arlen, Andy Devine. "RAIDERS OF THE DESERT".

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## Health Service Studies Waste

A committee on industrial waste known as the National Technical Task Committee on Industrial Waste is being organized by the United States Public Health Service as a part of the pollution abatement program it administers.

The committee will act as a coordinating agency for a number of major industrial groups. Under its auspices, 150 to 200 of the best technical minds in the country will be brought to bear on the problems of industrial pollution and abatement.

In the meantime, House Resolution 5089 proposing an income tax cut for companies constructing waste treatment plants, is pending in the House Ways and Means Committee. This proposal would give industry an incentive to construct treatment plants for pollution abatement.

An incentive for municipalities to clean up "running sores" is contained in Senate Bill 2823, introduced by Senator Herbert Lehman (D., N. Y.), this bill seeks to implement the Water Pollution Act by doubling the amount of money appropriated in the original law. This would increase the funds of waste treatment plants in municipalities from \$22 million to \$50 million.

Quion Hall. THURSDAY & FRIDAY.

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## 'Marshall Plan at Last Appears to be Working'

By SIGRID ARNE

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst. For the first time since American taxpayers began putting out money for the Marshall Plan it begins to look as though it may work.

This is half way of the program. The U. S. has helped its western European nations for about two years and proposes to help them for another two years. Roughly, America sent Europe \$5,000,000,000 the first year and \$4,000,000,000 the second. This coming year it will be \$3,000,000,000.

Two Motives. The U. S. had two motives: (1) to help Europe defeat its communists and (2) to get European nations back on their feet so they could again swap their goods evenly enough to pay their bills. But when the Marshall Plan started out every nation in the world wanted American goods and had too little of what was wanted here.

In 1947 the U. S. shipped out \$11,000,000,000 worth of goods over what it bought. American world trade experts believe that U. S. dollars can't win their battle abroad until the U. S. buys about the same amount that it sells.

For many, many months now the U. S. has been shipping out goods worth about \$5,000,000,000 more than it wanted to buy. This was called the "dollar gap."

Cut Gap to Zero. What American economists want to do is to cut that gap down to

zero. Now the National City Bank of New York reports that the gap has dropped suddenly. In the last three months of 1949 it fell to \$3,500,000,000.

Largely this was because the Europeans cheapened their money last September. Their goods now cost Americans less, so they're buying more.

The bank also reports other healthy signs. It says several nations—outside Europe—are actually earning more here than they are spending. Says the bank: "This is especially true of our transactions with Latin America, which as a whole is earning a small dollar surplus in direct trade with the United States for the first time since the end of the war."

## Poultrymen Place Third at Memphis

The Texas A&M Poultry Judging Team placed third in the Southern Collegiate Poultry Judging Contest in Memphis, Tenn. April 15.

Second high individual in the contest was Karl F. Feyers, agriculture major from Canyon, and third man in the contest was Dick Taylor, poultry major from Muleshoe.

Members of the team making the trip were James Y. Penix, Taylor, Meyers, and alternate, Jack J. Elwell. They were accompanied by team coach Cecil B. Ryan.

THE BEST and nothing but THE BEST AT LOWER PRICES.

Table listing various food items and prices. Items include Hominy (25c), Queen Olives (Qt. 69c), Miracle Whip, Salad Dressing, Pint Jar (31c), Tuna (37c), Wrigley's Chewing Gum (3 pkgs. 10c), Golden Corn (31c), Green Beans (29c), Chocolate Syrup (31c), Plum Jelly (31c), Coffee (74c), Treet (42c), Green Limas (45c), Peach Halves (49c), Fruit Cocktail (35c), Apricots (39c), Crisco (73c), Market (Velveeta Cheese 73c, Sliced Bacon lb. 38c, Loin Steak lb. 73c, Shoulder Roast lb. 59c), Produce (Onions 2 lbs. 5c, Peas lb. 15c, Carrots Bunch 5c, Lemons Dozen 20c).

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY - APRIL 21ST & 22ND. Charlie's Food Market. North Gate. College Station.

Man of Mystery. LIL' ABNER. Man of Mystery. By Al Capp. Includes comic strip panels with dialogue like 'FAT CHANCE THEATRE DOUBLE FEATURE TONIGHT!' and 'WISH AH KNEW WHUT KINDA CHAP THREE-GUN CARSON IS'.