

Battalion Editorials

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Pleeze, Not Onna Da Trees . . .

Yesterday afternoon we passed Grady Elms, one of the quieter inhabitants of the Student Activities office, which is just down the hall from our paper-littered salt pit. This time, Elms was even quieter than usual. He wore on his face a look of deep perplexity.

"Dr. Elms," we said, noting his concern, "what is your problem?" "It's the trees and walls," moaned Elms, his face growing longer. "Every year we have lovely student elections, and the campaign is red hot." He smiled weakly, and momentarily. "But then" his brow furrowed further and his lower lip extended, "all the candidates nail posters on all the trees with huge spikes, mangling the trees and making the Landscape Art people unhappy. Then they stick more signs all over the walls on the campus with scotch tape, ripping off all the plaster and running up the B&CU repair bill."

His voice rose to a wail, "And Spike is trying so hard to conserve money for his golf course!"

Thus shaken by seeing a strong man cry, we ran to the Club Legget for Dominic Serabino, the poet laureate of that distinguished domicile, to see if he could offer any aid toward saving Mr. Elm's elms.

When we had finished posing our prob-

lem, Dominic's face broke into a wide grin, he shouted "Shoots", and seized pen and paper. These words were forthcom-

ing: Thisa time eacha year, there'sa big commotion, Mucha shaka da hand, and a lotsa promotion. There'sa lotsa cigars, anna lotsa da smoke, Everyone slappa your back, an a' laugh at your joke. Ana da sign they make, willa knock out your eye, Bright as da rainbow, ana tall as da sky. But summa da boys, inna looking fora space, Get alla excited, and picka da wrong place. They taka da nail, anna go ona da spree, Drive da spike, ana they killa da tree. So lissena to me fellas, anna hear what I say, About placin' da signs, and where it's okay. Now onna da bulletins board, dat's okay for da words, But not onna da tree. thatsa for da birds!

'Great Affection' Prompts a Recommendation . . .

Jesse Jones caused a lot of turmoil in both private and government circles last week when he recommended a "decent burial, lock, stock, and barrel" for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Writing to Senator Fulbright, Democrat from Arkansas who is chairman of a senate banking committee investigating RFC policies, Jones listed four reasons for his recommendation.

"First," he said, "because none of the conditions which prompted creation of the RFC and the various amendments to its powers exist today; second, government lending in competition with private business is not a proper function under our free enterprise system; third, because it is being prostituted when making such loans as the Kaiser-Fraser, the Lustron, the Texmass and the Waltham Watch Company; and fourth, because there is ample credit for all legitimate and justifiable loans."

If Congress is not willing to disband the RFC, Jones suggested the agency should close its 32 branches and only make loans in cooperation with banks and other financial institutions on a limited

scale. The Houston financier, who was head of the RFC for 13 years, said he had "great affection" for the government agency, but is "saddened by the way it is now being misused."

It is more than just sadness for the misuse of the RFC which prompted Jones to make his recommendations, however. The four reasons he gave Fulbright tell the story for all to see. Their logic cannot be refuted.

We hope the administration will see the merits of Jones' recommendation. By following it a big step in the direction of reduced government spending will result.

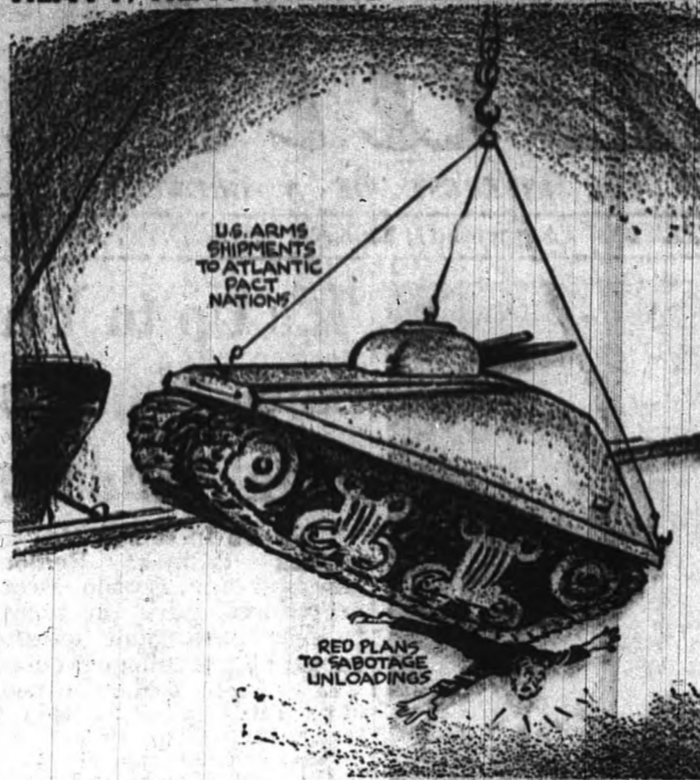
Cutting back such essential services as the Post Office Department may be one way to reduce federal expenditures. However, it is just a start. If the government is in earnest about its desire to bring our spending more in line with our income, it should follow Jones' advice on the RFC. And, if that is done, we imagine the Houstonian would be glad to offer more proposals for government economy if he is approached in the right way.

Notice where the Santa Clauses in Melbourne, Australia, held out for higher pay to compensate for wearing such heavy suits during the Christmas season, a warm part of the year on that continent. Hope none of the preachers start complaining about uncomfortable pulpits.

Everybody is so interested in predicting where the present generation is heading, they fail to investigate from whence it came.

Newspaper work is so much fun. Where else could a man be so constantly wrong and get paid for it.

HEAVY, HEAVY HANGS OVER THY HEAD



Behind the Barricades . . .

Our Class Officers Can't be Figureheads

By CLAYTON L. SELPH

One of our friends told us the other day that he thought class officers were nothing more than honorary positions. He said he intended to vote for someone he liked, whether he had any particular qualifications or not.

So very pleased have we been with the interest shown in this year's elections, that his statement sort of knocked the wind out of us. But our friend is not right. Class officers are not figureheads. They are figureheads only if they sit on their posteriors during their term of office and make no effort to accomplish anything.

A class officer makes or breaks his office through his own efforts. If he displays wise judgment he is often looked to for advice—by important people, policymakers. Poor judgment makes a class officer a figurehead because no one wants to hear his opinion.

It is a fact, without question, that those students who think and work as class officers influence mightily what goes on in student affairs. Their suggestions are heard with interest and given every consideration by college officials whose job it is to determine student opinion. Not so with the non-thinker; he's left out. He's the figurehead.

Next year, we will face problems that will influence student life for years to come. Freshmen will be back on the campus for the first time since 1946. Their presence will introduce problems that will require the best in student thinking if handled properly.

Of course, there will be more than just class officers dealing with these problems. Cadet Corps officers, Student Life Committeemen, student senators, yell leaders—all these will be vitally concerned.

Both the junior and senior class presidents are members of the Student Life Committee. The vice-presidents are members of the Senate. Even if these men do only enough work to retain their self respect, they're going to be more than figureheads.

And we can't afford to have any figureheads next year. Every officer has got to be a go-getter if we are to be successful in meeting and solving the problems that will confront us.

No, we can't agree with our friend. Class officers are not figureheads. We can't let them be.

The challenge to do a good job is too great. We can't risk electing men on their popularity or pleasing personality alone. Experience, level-headedness, and industry is what we need.

Men who are anxious to hold class office because of the challenge and the chance to get in and do some real work are the ones we want, not those who just want another honor to tack by their name.

The sophomores must decide tonight. The juniors have two more days. The outcome of these elections will indicate whether we are looking to next year with serious minds bent on doing something, or with careless minds void of purpose.

Agronomy Dept. Aids Seed Course

Agronomy 319, Seed Technology, will be offered for the first time beginning with the Fall semester. Dr. J. E. Adams, Head of the Agronomy Department, has announced.

The course has been designed for students interested in the production of planting seed, both commercial run and certified seed.

It will carry two hours credit consisting of one hour theory and three hours laboratory per week. Agronomy 105 is the only prerequisite.

Official Notice

All campus housed cadets will be excused from classes from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 27. All cadets will be excused from classes at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 27. All cadets at the annex will be excused from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Friday, April 28.

M. T. Harrington, Dean of the College

The oral preliminary examination of Mr. E. L. Harrington for his Ph.D. degree in civil engineering will be held on Friday, April 28th at 3 p.m. in the Academic Council Room, 208 Academic Building.

All interested members of the Faculty are invited to attend. H. J. Miles, Chairman.

DRIVE-IN

Tyrone Power - D. Lamour

"JOHNNY APOLLO"

Letters

(All letters to the editor which are changing by a student or employee of the college and which do not contain obscene or libelous material will be published. Persons wishing to have their names withheld from publication may request such action and these names will not be divulged to the student or the writer, be divulged to any persons other than the editors.)

DECENCY OR HONESTY?

Editor, The Battalion: I have read an editorial and two letters on the pros and cons of admitting Negro students to the TISA.

In Wednesday's Batt, you answered the only logical objection—finding a place for them to stay. If the Student Senate still doesn't want to be decent about the situation they could at least be honest. Why don't they suggest changing the name to "Texas White Interscholastic Student's Association?"

W. R. Wilson (Editor's Note: At the TISA convention this past weekend, the motion which would allow Negro colleges to enter TISA was tabled. This means the motion will come up before the group in their 1951 meeting scheduled for this campus. Those who favor allowing entrance of Negro colleges may be able to influence the vote enough to get the motion passed by next year. We refer you to the editorial in the Monday, April 24 Battalion for our opinions on the matter.)

DECISION DISAPPOINTING

Editor, The Battalion:

We, the members of the Baptist Student Union Council, wish to express our disappointment in the decision reached by the Student Senate in the meeting of April 13 in which the Senate voted in opposition of Negro college admittance into the Texas Interscholastic Student's Association. Since Negroes are entitled to equal educational opportunities, they should have the privilege of belonging to the TISA where student problems are discussed and solutions from other student bodies considered.

We believe that Negro colleges should be admitted to the TISA now. "Gradualism is a false god," according to a federal judge of South Carolina. "If a man is entitled to civil rights now, then he shouldn't have to wait forever to get them."

Baptist Student Union Council (Twelve Signatures)

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TODAY & WED.

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1:20 - 3:35 - 5:40 - 7:55 - 10:00



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THURS. - FRI. - SAT.

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Love! Disgrace! Murder!



The WOMAN on PIER 13

Loretta Robert JOHN ADAR

PLUS: CARTOON-NEWS

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Git Along, Little Dopey ! !

By Al Capp

