

Battalion Editorials

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Waste Paper On the Harpoons . . .

Ever watch the men on the campus who do nothing but pick up papers and trash we drop?

That's their job—just picking up trash that's dropped. It doesn't take much skill, almost no education. It's a job that doesn't and couldn't carry much prestige or glory.

Imagine telling people that your job is to pick up the litter dropped by unthinking people. How proud would you be of such a job?

We've not quizzed one of these men to find out how many pounds of papers they pick up every day, but we'd guess it was considerable.

Why should there even be such a job

on this campus where we've all either college students or professors or college employees? Surely, you might ask, aren't these people thinking humans who know better than to clutter up the campus with trash?

Well, we concede that people around here know better, but they don't think when they drop a newspaper or letter on the ground when a waste basket is nearby.

The next time you see these little men picking up papers, think about their jobs. If we were doing what we should, they'd be working at something else—something surely more constructive than spearing waste papers.

Political Barometer in Florida . . .

Florida voters will have an opportunity to serve as a barometer of Democratic opinion of President Truman's "Fair Deal" program when they go to the polls May 2.

Two candidates, Senator Claude Pepper and Representative George Smathers, are fighting a hot senatorial campaign on issues which have divided the Democrats of a national scale. Pepper, long a left wing Democrat, is stumping for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, increased old age pensions, compulsory health insurance, and further welfare measures despite an already unbalanced budget. Smathers opposes Pepper on all these issues and is saying so, all over the state. The CIO Political Action Committee is pouring money and door-bell ringers into Pepper's campaign, and Pepper charges that North-east industrialists are financing Smathers.

Pepper has lined up support of only two Florida daily newspapers while

Smathers enjoys a string of 38 daily supporters. The White House is keeping hands off, although, according to U. S. News and World Report, a weekly news magazine, behind-the-scenes party support for Pepper is being encouraged in Washington.

All this means that Florida voters will, when they cast their ballots, give Truman some indication of the feeling of Southern Democrats for the program he is trying to get through Congress. If Pepper wins, Truman will have a significant vote of confidence plus continued support from Pepper, something he needs in the Senate. If Smathers wins, the president will not only have lost Pepper's help and influence, but he will be forced to review his "Fair Deal" program with an eye to the voter's support in 1952.

No one is making any predictions. The campaign is hot, the voting will probably be heavy. The result will be interesting.

Poor Taxpayers and Fat Pork Barrels . . .

Spending money when it is yours is an easy enough task, but when it belongs to someone else the task becomes almost a pleasure.

By that standard, this session of Congress is having a hilarious time.

Rather than practice promised economy, legislators in Washington are finding things easier to leave appropriations bills as they are, or to increase them. They are finding it much easier to promise economy than grant it. They also realize that increased expenditures on the part of the federal government offer little hope for tax reductions.

Where are the increases? They are in padded and overstuffed "pork barrel" bills such as the \$1.5 billion rivers and harbors

authorization bill. On a "I'll vote for your project if you'll vote for mine" basis, congressmen see the rivers and harbors measure a quick way to look good for the folks back home. They can see dredged harbors some of which cost more to dredge than their returns. Veterans hospitals is another way to impress voters, give the people what they want, get votes comes re-election time. But nowhere economy.

While everyone cries "Economy" the legislative mill grinds out more debt. What this country needs is either to admit that we must raise taxes to meet increased expenditures or to start paring down governmental services to a balance between receipts and expenditures.

eat it if caught short of rations or burn it to provide light."

If the GI's were asked what they wanted, they'd probably choose cognac, or some other potent drink designed to give internal warmth, light, and some soldiers may even use it for a food.

The Battalion

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

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Letters To The Editor

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"RIGHTS DENIED"

Editor, The Battalion:
After carefully following the heated campaign for class officers, we find that our democratic right, privilege, and duty to vote has been thwarted by neglect of duty on the part of the Student Senate, our senator, or the responsible party involved.

Since we do not know the facts concerning whose duty it is to distribute ballots, we cannot point out the individual or individuals responsible, but regardless of the cause, we didn't have an opportunity to vote for the candidate of our choice.

There probably wouldn't have been enough votes in Walton to change the final selection of officers, but it still stands that we didn't have a chance to elect our representatives (and we aren't even negroes!).

Dan Scott '52
Jim Watson '52
Paul Cardielhae '52

(Editors' Note: As far as we can determine, the ballots WERE in Walton but they were never distributed to the sophomore voters. The Walton student senator is in California.)

(Actually, the student senators are not required to pass out class ballots, but do so on request. The senator's absence was not foreseen by the election committee, so circumstances took their course.)

(Our suggestion—he sure that someone is responsible for passing out all ballots for the run-off election Thursday night and any other time the senator is unavailable to do this.)

AGAINST POSTERS

Editor, The Battalion:
And at this time we were under the impression that this was a poor boy's school. The man who is best qualified should get an office, and not the one who is financially able to conduct a full scale campaign, cluttering up the campus with posters, pictures, etc.

For an ordinary school this type of campaigning might be O. K. but A&M a qualified individual should know enough men in his class to get elected without it.

We see nothing wrong with personal contact as a means of campaigning; that is, whipping out and meeting people.

The Battalion seems willing to

Bible Verse

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
Col. 3:16.



THURS. — FRI. — SAT.
FIRST RUN

Love! Disgrace! Murder!



PLUS: CARTOON—NEWS

Berlin Situation Told

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson predicted confidently yesterday that after next month's threatened Communist demonstration in Berlin the Western Allies will still be there.

He also disclosed a new counter-blow—this time against Romania—in the continuing two-way struggle with the Soviet Bloc countries. Romania was requested yesterday to close down within two weeks an "unauthorized" consulate in New York City, the secretary announced.

Retaliation

The action apparently was in retaliation for Romania's closing of the U. S. Information Service office in Bucharest, ordered on March 2 amid a flurry of charges that American employees were involved in anti-communist plotting.

Acheson took advantage of his weekly news conference to state the firm determination of the U. S. and the other western powers to keep their hold in Berlin under any pressure. Communists

in the Russian sector of Berlin have announced their intention of staging a monster demonstration in the western sectors the last weekend of May.

A reporter asked whether there would be a formal warning to Russia in advance along with a notice to the United Nations Security Council. Acheson replied that it has been made quite clear in this country, Britain and France that the western powers intend to remain very firm indeed.

All possible steps to deal with the demonstration have been given the most thorough consideration, he said, adding: when the commotion clears away we will still be in Berlin.



THURSDAY & FRIDAY

TRULY A GREAT MOTION PICTURE!



Civic Clubs to Hear Speech Students

Thirty men have been chosen by the English Department to give public speeches at various civic clubs in the State, announced O. C. Spriggs, English instructor.

There will be 15 trips made between April 15 and May 15. The students will make the trip together, Spriggs said.

All students taking part in the tour are taking English public speaking courses.

INTEREST PRAISED

Editor, The Battalion:
Instead of criticism, lets praise all concerned for widespread interest in student elections. It is a good indication of democracy at work.

It is our job to select those candidates worthy of the challenge the student offers present. It is hoped that the old corps block voting is broken because of the numerous qualified candidates entered in the race.

John D. Shoemaker '49

Angelo to Sponsor Spring Barbecue

Saturday afternoon at 3 at the Bryan American Legion hall, which is on the Madisonville highway, the San Angelo Club will sponsor its annual spring barbecue.

Refreshments will be continually served throughout the afternoon and music will be available for all wanting to dance, said George Hughes, president of the club.

Barbecue will be served at 5, and admission for the fete is only one dollar per person, Hughes concluded.



STARTS TODAY



SPECIAL PREVIEW FRIDAY 11 P.M.



L'L ABNER

He's A-comin' Round th' Cactus

By Al Capp



Shivers Sets Holidays

Austin, Tex.—(AP)—May 20 will be Armed Forces Day and May 13-20 National Defense Week in Texas. Gov. Allan Shivers designated the two occasions in official memorandums yesterday.

GOOD FOOD

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We carry your tray

HOTARD'S Cafeteria

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QUART BOTTLE CHURCH'S Grape Juice	39c	DENTLER MAID Salad Dressing Pint . 23c Qt. . 48c	
46 OZ. CAN DELMONTE Pineapple Juice	39c	★ Market ★	
3 POUND CAN Crisco	73c	TALL CORN SLICED Bacon lb. 38c	
2-No. 2 1/2 CANS HUNT'S Peach Halves	45c	WISCONSIN AGED—BLACK RIND Cheese lb. 54c	
2-No. 2 1/2 CANS HUNT'S Pear Halves	63c	TENDER VEAL Loin Steak lb. 69c	
2-14 OZ. BOTTLES HUNT'S Catsup	35c	TENDER SQUARE CUT Shoulder Roast . . lb. 59c	
1 POUND MAXWELL HOUSE Coffee	74c	★ Produce ★	
2-12 OZ. CANS KOUNTRY KIST Whole Kernel Corn . .	27c	TENDER WHITE BABY Squash 2 lbs. 15c	
LARGE PACKAGE Tide or Dreft	25c	FRESH BLACK EYE Peas lb. 10c	
2-NO. 2 CANS KIMBELL'S Whole Beans	43c	FIRM Tomatoes Carton 18c	
5 POUND BAG PILLSBURY'S Flour	43c	150 SIZE CALIFORNIA Oranges Dozen 45c	
2-NO. 2 CANS MONARCH Spinach	35c		
3-300 CANS DIAMOND Pork & Beans	25c		

Specials for Friday & Saturday, April 28 - 29

Charlie's Food Market

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