

# Battalion Editorials

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MONDAY, MAY 8, 1950

## We'll Buy the Convocation . . .

As a result of dealing with it every day, we are more pointedly aware of publicity than the average man in the street. For that reason we mentally applauded upon hearing of the Awards and Merits Convocation to be held in Guion Hall next Sunday afternoon.

For those unacquainted with the ceremony, this is the picture as we understand it. That afternoon a presentation will be made, or some recognition given, of all major scholastic awards won by students during the school year. Since this is the first time the program has been tried, many of the awards will be re-issued to students who have already received them in the past. Henceforth, however, the college fathers intend to make the affair an annual event, and will withhold awards to present at that time rather than hand

them out sporadically during the year. The new plan has several merits. First, it will enable recipients of the awards to have their families down for the presentations; something that was often impossible in the past when the awards were given privately and on quick notice.

Also the publicity we spoke of earlier will be better concentrated and less apt to be inadequate or inconsistent.

Generally, we believe, the concentration of the awards into one day of issuance will make them more valuable to both the college and the student recipients.

The establishment of the Awards and Merits Convocation is another forward step by the college. Maybe they should get an award on the 14th for developing the idea.

## Many More Years Than Five Have Passed . . .

It seems many more years than five have passed since the day victory in Europe was achieved ending World War II in that theater of operations.

On that date, May 8, 1945, General Eisenhower, acting as supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe issued this announcement: "The Allied forces which invaded Europe on June 6, 1944, with our great ally, Soviet Russia, have utterly defeated the German forces on land, sea, and in the air."

In London King George VII proclaimed this date as occasion for "thanksgiving"; the victory, "a great deliverance."

Less-than-a-month President Harry Truman called this day "a glorious hour." He "wished that Franklin D. Roosevelt were still alive." He gave "thanks to Providence" for seeing the Allies "through the dark days of adversity."

On this day five years ago children in a West Coast school sang the anthem to the Soviet national song.

But Moscow was quiet. There were no great parades in Red Square. No joyous announcements from the Kremlin.

Victory in Europe meant that the full mobilization and production of Allied nations could be turned against Nippon. Scientists at Los Alamos were preparing to detonate their first atomic bomb.

Five years ago peoples of the Allied nations offered prayers and thanksgiving. Bars in Paris were opened giving free drinks to soldiers. Some GI's knew they would soon return home; their part of the war had been fought. Other GI's knew their rifles would be needed in the Pacific; they knew they would be with their rifles on Pacific battlefields.

Americans flocked to national monuments and churches. The carolers at Valley Forge rang out "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Germans waited for occupation forces to move in and occupation armies to crowd their streets, and reconstruction to begin. Germany's bid for world domination failed and she lay prostrate, totally destroyed economically, politically, and spiritually.

A reporter told the American people, "The initial shock of peace was too much for most of them men to understand. The GI's just sat around their tanks and trucks, and talked to German kids. Other GI's gathered in little groups talking about their last action, and their friends—some of them dead. They acted like men in a dream. All of us wanted to lie down and sleep for a long time."

Reviewing the past five years we can track the disintegration of friendly relations between the western allies and Russia. Comrades in arms now stand enemies in peace.

Thought is focusing itself more and more sharply on the date—regarded by alarming numbers as inevitable—when American GI's will again take their jeeps and funny books and M-1 rifles and canteens to European soil; when again crosses will mark foreign acres with names of American dead.

Wreckage, both human and material, will be strewn on foreign battlefields and American men not old enough to vote will be called upon to die.

V-E Day in Europe was gained May 8, 1945. It seems many more years ago than five.

With swift, decided strokes the artist painted in the colored clouds of the lovely sunset.

Presently he noticed an old man gazing somberly at the results of his labors.

"Ah," said the painter, "perhaps you,

too, love the sky pictures, my friend? Perhaps you have seen the lambent flame of dawn leaping across the livid East, the red-stained sulphurous islets floating in a lake of fire?"

"No," replied the old man, "I haven't—not since I laid off the stuff!"

# The Battalion

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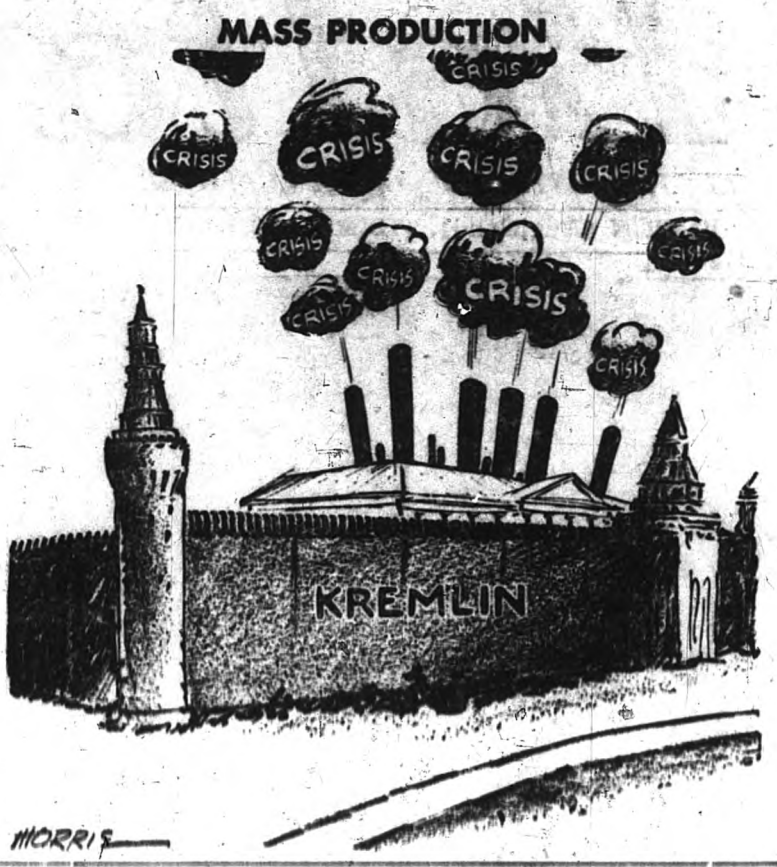
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**HENNY STRONG**  
Editor, The Battalion:

After reading the "Batt" we have decided to write and protest the selection of Benny Strong playing for our Ring Dance. It seems that we have been waiting four years to have a good "DANCE" orchestra for our most important dance. Although we do not know the list of orchestras from which this GREAT aggregation was selected we not only feel but we know that any other choice than this fugitive from the '20's would have been more satisfactory (including Bruce Thompson and his obnoxious, no reflection on Bruce's playing.)

It doesn't seem to us that a maximum effort was made at an early date to secure an orchestra that plays danceable music. We know ourselves that there are a number of bands in Texas which would have been much more suitable and also less expensive. For instance: Curley's Broyles, The NTSC Aces, Stephen F. Austin's great Buddy Ryland and Orchestra, and we all would prefer our own Aggieband to this monstrosity that has been selected.

It is a known fact that all Seniors will go to the dance regardless of the band chosen and the price charged. The price being paid to the band, the admission price to the dance for this caliber of orchestra is ridiculous.

Is it too late to remedy this error in judgment? If it is, this will, undoubtedly be the poorest excuse for the Senior Ring Dance Band in the history of A&M.

- Buddy Dealy
- Lu Tolson
- Ace Jordan
- Herb Frede
- George Dieck
- Taimadge Harris
- Archi Manes
- Mule Clark
- Jack England '49
- Clay Scott
- Byron Dooley
- Jack Williamson
- Stan White
- Lamar Walker
- John Barron
- Sherrill Wylie
- J. B. Miller

## Official Notice

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE  
Some of our students are making plans to attend the 1950 Summer Session in some other college or university. Such students should check with the Registrar's Office to make sure that work completed elsewhere is acceptable in transfer to A&M.  
Courses will not be accepted in transfer for degree credit unless they are (a) substantially equivalent in character and extent; (b) normally offered at the same level; and (c) with essentially the same prerequisites as similar courses offered at this college.  
Students who fail a course in any subject and subsequently take such course or subsequent courses in the same subjects at another college may be required to pass validating examinations in such course or courses before they will be accepted for transfer toward degree requirements.  
H. L. Heaton,  
Registrar

SUNDAY, MAY 14



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## SALES POSITIONS:

1. Ware Laboratories, Inc., manufacturers of aluminum windows, are interested in men to train for sales engineering work. After training they will be attached to either the home office in Miami or one of the branch offices in New York, Chicago or Houston.

2. Mack International Motor Truck Corporation is again interested in employing men for sales work. Future advancement will lead to junior executive positions.

3. The First Life Insurance Company of Fort Worth, Texas, is expanding at the present time and is interested in securing additional salesmen.

4. Dunbar Kapple, Inc., manufacturers of farm implements, in Geneva, Illinois, have opportunities open for sales work in the State of Texas. Considerable travel will be involved.

5. There are openings for men interested in sales of oil field supplies and equipment with Bethlehem Supply Company.

## GENERAL ENGINEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Von Frellek, Inc., construction engineers, are interested in two or three architectural graduates.

2. The Draper Construction Company in Houston is interested in employing an architectural engineer for construction work. This

# Job Calls

company is just starting a 35 unit project at the present time.  
3. The Perforating Guns Atlas Corporation will soon be needing engineers for oil field service work.  
4. Swift and Company Oil Mills are interested in employing one or two young men who would like to learn the oil mill operations.

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

1. The Affice Bank & Trust Company has an opening for a young man to start out as a bookkeeper and he will be advanced as fast as his ability will permit.

## TEACHING:

1. Grand Saline Public Schools has an opening for a teacher of vocational agriculture.

2. The U. S. Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi will be able to use one aeronautical engineer, two industrial engineers, and one statistician during the summer months.

## GOVERNMENT JOBS:

1. The Civil Aeronautics Administration in Austin, Texas, has an opening for an airport engineer (civil). This position involves 40% travel in East Texas.

2. The Department of the Air Force has several openings for sanitary engineers to serve as technical advisors and consultants at the various Air Force Commands, units and stations.

## INTERVIEWS:

1. Temple Gas Equipment Company will interview on May 8 for men interested in retail sales and store management.

2. A representative of U. S. Gypsum Company will interview on May 8. He is interested in mechanical or chemical engineers for

production work in the plant.  
3. The Ludlow Manufacturing Sales Company will interview business, economics, agricultural economics, industrial education and agronomy majors who are interested in sales work on Monday, May 8.

4. Firestone Tire & Rubber Company will be interested in interviewing men for sales, merchandising and business management positions on May 9.

5. A representative of the Professional Guidance Bureau will be on the campus May 10 to interview men interested in teaching positions in Texas.

**Guion Hall**

LAST DAY

**MUMPHREY BOGART** **ELEANOR PARKER**

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TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

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ALFRED L. WENNER

## Extension Service Given Scholarships

Two undergraduate research assistantships have been made available to the Experiment Station at A&M.

Frank Goldthwaite of the Goldthwaite's Texas Toro Company in Fort Worth is making available to the TAES \$540 for a nine-month period. Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the station, announced today.

These shall be known as turf assistantships and shall be administered by the Forage and Pasture Section of the Department of Agronomy, Lewis said.

The Agricultural Experiment Station has received the initial payment for the period of time covering the remainder of the 1950 spring semester, April 1, 1950 through May 31, 1950. Thereafter payments shall be made on September 1, he concluded.

## Magazine Publishes Instructor's Article

Dallas L. Belcher, instructor in industrial supervision for the Industrial Extension Service, is the author of an article appearing in a recent issue of the Personnel Journal.

The article, entitled "Supervisory Acceptance of Job-Evaluation," deals with the need of selling supervisors on job evaluation practices.

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FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, BE REASONABLE! I'VE DEVOTED MY LIFE TO MY COLLECTION—I'M AN OLD MAN!

MAYBE YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE DEAD, BUT I CAN'T—I NEED YOUR SKULL—NOW!

SO DO AH?

BUT YOU FOOL, I'VE PERFECTED MY METHOD OF EXTRACTING THE SKULL, WITHOUT HARMING THE HEAD!—YOU'LL LOOK JUST THE SAME, EXCEPT YOU CAN'T WEAR A TIGHT HAT!

AND YOU MUST KEEP AWAY FROM ELECTRIC FANS! I'VE COME TO MY LABORATORY IT WON'T TAKE LONG—

IT WON'T?

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