

# Battalion Editorials

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## What Do We Have to do Next?...

We would have to publish a hundred page edition to reprint all our editorial pleadings for air conditioning in the library. For as far back as any of us on the present staff can remember, we have suggested, cried and begged for something to alleviate the heat in the library during the summer months. True, some small fans stir the air within its confines. But they

are so small and their task is so hopeless that they aren't worthy of mention here or anywhere.

We have asked for air conditioning. We have suggested installation of exhaust fans until air conditioning can be installed, but all to no avail.

Gentlemen, we again lay ourselves at your feet. What do you say?

## Putting a 'Doctor in the House'...

The University of Texas may have the answer to one of the most pressing problems facing the nation today. Dr. T. S. Painter, president of TU, announced Sunday in Gainesville a plan being initiated by the University for alleviating the critical shortage of doctors in many parts of Texas.

The plan is basically simple. A statewide system of training centers for internes will be established. These centers will be located in parts of the state that have a doctor shortage. In this way, Dr. Painter explained, it is hoped that many of the young internes will settle in areas where they train. Such has been the tendency in the past. "We hope," Dr. Painter continued, "in this way the University

can contribute toward better apportionment of doctors, rather than having none in the country and too many in the cities."

He also encouraged small towns to help young doctors get the facilities they need to practice since most of these new MD's did not have the money to buy them for themselves.

We admire this kind of approach to a tough problem. It places in the hands of the people the opportunity to improve their communities by attracting new doctors to them while at the same time making the process of "getting started" easier for the medical man. We expect to see the University's plan pay big dividends in the future.

## The General Earns New Recruits...

Whether General Dwight D. Eisenhower likes it or not, it begins to look as though he'll be running in a very favorable position when the Republicans get together to choose their presidential candidate in 1952. Sunday, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York told reporters he believed Eisenhower would "make a fine president." Thus, the political leader of our most populous state lined up with thousands of others who would endorse the former Allied supreme commander for the highest office in the land.

Much has been written about General Eisenhower, both on his services to the nation as a soldier and on his frequent statements on national and world affairs since his retirement. The majority of these writings were favorable. In fact, it is hard to find fault with any of his statements for, in the main, they represent common sense logic beyond rebuke. Particularly encouraging, since he is considered a likely candidate for the presidency, are his remarks on government. They represent the kind of thinking which has been all too scarce in recent years. One question he posed to graduates of Columbia University is a good example—"How shall we preserve as the constitutional purpose of government the welfare of all our citizens without making those citizens, or any significant part of them, unnecessarily dependent on government subsidy or subject to regimentation?" His answer to this

and other questions of vital importance he asked of Columbia graduates deserves reproduction here.

"For none of these questions," the general said, "is there a pat and simple answer, even though the office seeker increasingly attempts to convince us that his own glib promises provide exceptions to this rule. The honest man must face the fact that panaceas offered us are more often characterized by surface appeal than by deep-seated logic."

Perhaps, you say, the general does not give us here his own solution to these problems facing the nation. No, perhaps he doesn't. But these and other statements which he has made in the past indicate a growing awareness that these problems must be faced and solved. They indicate his realization that we cannot continue the present trend toward increased centralization of government which robs the people of their rights and of their initiative. And this realization, this awareness, is sadly lacking in government circles today. Until it becomes evident we cannot hope for relief from an expanding bureaucratic government.

General Eisenhower has sounded a note that rings true in the minds and hearts of many people. And it is a note which may sound clear when the madhouse of the next presidential election is upon us. It is the kind of note to which more and more people are listening.

Classified in the Miami (Fla.) Herald: "Ann. Heart condition made me make a solemn promise to obey all of the commandments of God. I cannot see you again, Zeke."

Headline in the Somerset (Pa.) American: "Bridegroom Dies On Fried Egg Trying To Eat."

A revolving stage made it possible for Benny Goodman's Xavier Cu Gat's and Lombardo's orchestra to spell one another at 20-minute intervals.—Baltimore Sun. Which one spelled Cu Gat's? —New Yorker.

Maybe money once talked, but the best it can do nowadays is whisper.

# The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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## College Officials Speak At Ag Extension Meet

By Louise Jones  
Members of the A&M administrative staff addressed the annual Agricultural Extension Conference which ended here on Saturday. Theme of the three-day program was "Getting the Most of the Rural Neighborhood Progress Program."

Six hundred agricultural extension workers attended the conference sponsored in Texas and Oklahoma by the Farmer-Stockman magazine in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service of the two states.

College Officials Speak  
Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist, vice-chancellor for agriculture D. W. Williams, Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the Experiment Station, and C. N. Shephardson, dean of the School of Agriculture spoke to group Friday morning.

Dr. Lewis pointed out that teaching, research and extension have a common objective that of improving rural life.  
Dean Shephardson reported on the plans of the college for graduate school study as it affects the professional improvement program of the Extension Service. He said that the demand for graduates in the field of agriculture exceeds the supply.

Chancellor Gilchrist noted the contribution that the Extension Service makes to the agricultural income of the state. Vice-chancellor Williams brought up the problem of agricultural production.

New Products Displayed  
The conference opened on Thursday afternoon with a talk by E. L. Teuton, head of the information division, Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry.

General Requests Aid for Formosa  
Tokyo, June 20 (AP)—General MacArthur was understood to have proposed increased American aid for Communist-threatened Formosa and southeast Asia in confidential talks today with Defense Secretary Johnson and Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The three high military figures conferred for three hours on America's defense position in the troubled Far East.

Johnson has said he is after facts which will be given to President Truman to be fitted into the overall defense policy.  
Last week in Manila, Johnson said America's far eastern policy is being reviewed because of the situation which has arisen in China.

Authoritative sources said the estimate of the situation at MacArthur's is that, "even though it is late," quick delivery of American equipment still could save Formosa.

### Summer Neatness

One crease in your trousers . . . . .  
All the pleats in your dresses.

## CAMPUS CLEANERS

"Over the Exchange Store"

Behind the Scenes . . .

## 'Damned Don't Cry' Brings Crawford, Brian Together

By FRED WALKER  
"The Damned Don't Cry"—Campus, now showing, starring Joan Crawford and David Brian.  
A study in Crawford and a close-up of syndicated crime can be seen in "The Damned Don't Cry."  
If you liked the last Crawford-

Brian picture, "Flamingo Road," you will enjoy this tale of four frustrated people who advertise the age old social problem of environment.

Joan Crawford has good opportunity to exhibit her versatility and dramatic qualities, as she portrays a woman who has nothing, yet wants everything.

To sketch briefly—  
Ethel Whitehead (Crawford) is the haggard wife of an oil field laborer. Her life offers nothing but hard work, a short paycheck, and the spectacle of her son being deprived of childhood pleasures.

When the child is killed, Ethel decides to seek everything that she has always wanted, and leaves her husband.

She gets a job modeling in a cheap wholesale house, and quickly learns the traits of the percentage girl. Vamping a simple-minded (PA named Marty Blackford (Kent Smith), is nothing, and under her capable guidance, he is quickly installed as chief accountant for a national bank and wire service.

The syndicate's boss, George Castleman, (David Brian) takes her into the organization also after finding out that with training and money she may be a great asset to the group.

After some artful transformations, the drab, scheming

Ethel Whitehead becomes the beautiful, mysterious socialite Lorna Hansen Forbes. Deemed ready for her part, Castleman sends her to the West Coast to spy on his representative there, who is reputed to be instigating an uprising against him.

Nick Prenter (Steve Cochran) turns out to be a hunk of a different color when he asks Lorna to marry him. Lorna (or Ethel) has the needed evidence to warrant Prenter's liquidation, but the fact that he asked her to marry him wipes it away. Castleman arrives from the East knowing all. Prenter is killed, Lorna escapes, and Blackford tells the police everything.

The last scene is back at the oil fields. Blackford still loves her and pleads escape. Castleman arrives, and he and Ethel are shot. (I never could find out what happened to Blackford after that.)

The parting remark is made by a reporter who asks what you would do in an environment like that.

Miss Crawford is one of the best dramatic actresses, but her directors have a tendency to allow her to become overly-dramatic. In this picture, however, there is little evidence of that. She does a fine job in showing the public just how complex a woman can be. Every phase of Ethel Whitehead's life was a different one, and Miss Crawford brought a rich distinctiveness into each part. A lesser actress would have made Ethel the same woman at all times.

Hollywood started late with David Brian, but nevertheless, started well. Brian is more the Bogart type, handsome in a rugged sort of way, a good actor in his own type. He appears as the very paragon of forcefulness. Any other individual that gathers force in the picture, seems to draw it from him. A little more experience and David Brian should be grade A.

Two men that should not be overlooked are Kent Smith and Steve Cochran; the first strong in his weakness, the latter weak in his strength. Always good supporting actors, the two never seem to draw much attention.

The beginning of the show might be slow for most, and too dramatic for others, but the nakedness of the picture should atone for some poor directing in spots.

The sheriff and his deputies might be wicker, but nothing like that can be said of Crawford's gaunt sex. She still has it, and Mr. Middle Aged Man still likes HER.

## Europe Vitality Seen as Newest Sign of Hope

By Associated Press

Offsetting the recent British display of economic isolationism, developments on the continent suggest revival of a European vitality not seen since the war.  
Truly historic in its significance is the Schumann plan conference which begins in Paris today, (Tuesday) with Germany and France sitting together in an effort to pool their great industrial resources for peace, instead of relying on the political modus vivendi which has failed three times in the last 120 years.

Middle-Road

In Germany, most populous state, North Rhine-Westphalia, the voters have shown a determined middle of the road temperament. Six million Germans, including the residents of the hivelike coal and steel districts of the Ruhr, slapped down both the Communists and the extreme rightists.

Although there was some confusion over the adoption of a new state constitution calling for socialization of industry by what was a generally conservative vote, this was explained by the local interest in a much closer-to-home provision for local option regarding church versus state operation of schools. Local option won on the church matter, and there may be further developments regarding socialization, involving, perhaps, federal intervention.

As a whole, however, the vote, insofar as it affects national and international affairs, seems to be a strong endorsement of the Adenauer regime which is seeking a cooperative place for Germany in a unified western Europe.

## McDonald Case Worries County Demo Groups

By Associated Press

County Democratic committees worried Monday over what to do about putting J. E. McDonald's name on the July primary ballot.

Some listed it tentatively in drawing for places on the ballot. Harrison county (Marshall) voted to print it.

The state democratic executive committee last week voted unanimously to bar the agriculture commissioner's name from the July 22 party ballot, on charges of party infidelity. He denied the charges.

McDonald asked the supreme court for a mandamus to force printing of his name. He also asked the court for an injunction to halt preparation of the ballot by county committees pending a decision of the mandamus case.

The court hears arguments Tuesday in the mandamus suit. McDonald's lawyers said they wanted the injunction, if granted, to be made effective by Monday June 26. That is the date when sub-committees of the county committees meet to finally make up the July 22 ballot. The ballots must be ready by July 2 for absentee voting.

Meanwhile, the law provides for the county committee meetings Monday June 19 to decide the order in which names of candidates would go on the ballot.

The Travis county committee (Austin) provided for McDonald's name tentatively in its drawing. If the court rules that his name be printed, it will be No. 2 on the ballot. There are four candidates for commissioner of agriculture, including McDonald.

In Harrison county the drawing gave McDonald fourth listing.

In Harris county (Houston) the committee tentatively listed McDonald, pending the supreme court's decision.

Rep. Jack Cox of Brackenridge released a prepared statement in Austin promising that the party pledge fight would be dealt with by the 62nd legislature.

"I intend to introduce a bill at the next session of the legislature to repeal the requirement of a party pledge on a primary ballot and to prohibit any political party from demanding a pledge of candidates in the primary that they will support the nominees of the party," he said.

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### LFL ABNER His Master's Voice

YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF ELDERBERRY EGGSING YOUR FUTURE PRESIDENT?  
AH IS HAPPY TO MEET ANY FUTURE PRESIDENT COOL DAY HAIN'T IT?  
DON'T ANSWER THAT ELDERBERRY! DON'T EXPRESS AN OPINION. OPINIONS GET CANDIDATES INTO TROUBLE!  
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT TO ANSWER THAT!  
WELL, YES.  
EASY THERE, ELDERBERRY! THAT'S A TRICKY QUESTION.  
WARRS A HIGH SUIT YO GOT TWO BERRS & WANTS?  
YOU CAN ANSWER MY QUESTION.  
THESE MENUS! HOW CAN HE ANSWER IT?  
BERRY MENUS! HE'S GOT TO BECOME PRESIDENT!

### LFL ABNER You're Among Friends

IT'S SO ED-BOO-CAY-SHUNAL TALKING TO A FUTURE PRESIDENT. DUNT AN AXED YO QUESTIONS ABOUT TAXES, FURN AFFAIRS, AN HOUR'S-TURN YO GIVE ME STRAIGHT ANSWERS TO ALL OF 'EM.  
IN FRICK-THY SAME ANSWER NAME-FRO COMMENT. YOU'LL NEVAH GET INTO TROUBLE GIVIN ANSWERS LIKE THEY WILL YO EGGSING?  
NO COMMENT.  
WELL, SON-HEW THAT YOU'VE HAD A FRANK TALK WITH EGGSING, ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE FOR HIM?  
NOT TO BE CRAZY. NOT TO BUT AN GOTTA AX HIM ONE MORE QUESTION ABOUT TH' FEAR-LESS POSSESSOR.  
DUNN BE ABSURD! IT'D RUIN HIM IF THE PUBLIC THOUGHT HE READ THAT TRASH-UP-FR-TRASH. DO YOU DON'T DO YOU ELDERBERRY?  
N-NO COMMENT! HEY!! MORE O' THAT STUFF WITH US? WE'RE NOT THE PUBLIC!

### Campus

LAST DAY  
First Run  
"THE DAMNED DON'T CRY"  
WED. - THRU. - SAT.  
First Run  
Starts: 1:30, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50, 10:00.  
CAGED! (Starring Eleanor Parker)  
Plus Cartoon — News