

# Battalion Editorials

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## The Great Alumnus...

AT A TIME when another graduating class is passing into the role of alumni, The Battalion pauses to point out the responsibilities of college graduates to their Alma Mater.

No finer statement in this connection has ever been written than that penned by Frank L. McVey, during his tenure as president of the University of Kentucky. To make his writing apply to A&M, simply substitute the word college for university.

McVey's statement follows:

The great alumnus is the one who rejoices in the advancement of his Alma Mater and does not mourn for the old days. He has a kindly memory for those days and looks back upon them as something to be cherished and as a happy part of his life. If he is a great alumnus, he knows his university cannot stand still. New faces must appear in the faculties, new buildings must be built on the campus, and changes must take place in the curriculum and in the procedure of his 'school.' His university must be a contributor to the life of his time as it was in previous generations. It is the spirit of the place that becomes dear to him. The spirit of learning, of work, of ideals is after all the true quality of a university. The great alumnus is ever ready to say a heartening word for his Alma Mater, to encourage it in the work it is doing, to believe in it, and to regard it as a force for the best things in the life of his country. The university not only needs the time and resources he may give to the solution of its problems, but also requires the faith he has in its work and its purposes.

Another semester has almost ended. It is over except for finals.

As the final tabulations are made and the scores are recorded, one always thinks of

what the grade might have been "if." Leaving "if's," one finally begins to think in terms of "What am I doing here?" "Am I accomplishing anything in college?"

One of the most interesting studies on the subject of "What I expect to get out of College," was conducted by John Gavit in the early thirties. Gavit found that ten different conceptions were held by people in regard to their expectations of college.

They ran like this:

"The idea that having 'been to college' will afford a running start in business; for fun and the making of 'desirable' contacts which may stand one in good stead later; for the perpetuation of dad's recollection of the college yell; for the continuance of a solicitous oversight and protection; for the certification of the elite; for learning a profession or trade; for the confirmation of home prejudices; for the training of experts and teachers; and lastly, the preparation in an atmosphere of intellectual freedom for effective participation as a responsible adult in the world in which he lives, in all ways as an intelligent active member in his community, his nation, and the fellowship of nations. For going on with the task of self-understanding, self government, and self-development in the life that now is, and for the life that is to come."

It seems to us that any person who sets as his goal any objective other than the last one mentioned by Gavit is wasting his time and the taxpayer's money.

This latter contribution any alumnus can make. If he knows his university, loves it, esteems it, has faith in it, the great alumnus will contribute mightily to the upbuilding of his Alma Mater.

Eight-column streamer in the Troy (Ala.) Herald: "City Grows Despite Slight Population Increase."

Honolulu (Hawaii) Star-Bulletin: "Anti-Hoarding Rules Invoked; Housewives May Feel Pinch Soon."

## Backward Glances

IN THE SEVENTEENTH century, a committee of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, appointed to investigate the agricultural possibilities of the country, reported that there was little cultivable land west of Newton, Mass. In a late century, Senator Benton, in an eloquent speech in Congress proved conclusively that there could never be any successful settlements beyond the Rocky Mountains.

Even our universities have failed to see their future large enough. They have plan-

ned and located each building as if they thought it would be the last one. In 1820, the regents of University of Indiana, having spent \$2400 on a building to house the entire university, apologized for their extravagance. "We are aware," they admitted, "that the plan proposed may be opposed on account of its magnitude." A generation ago, the regents of the University of Illinois in dedicating one of those monstrosities of the "Late General Grant" period of architecture, declared that it would meet all needs of the university for a century to come.

William T. Foster

If you race through traffic, you may limp through life. Don't rush—it's better to kill time than people.

Bad weather may excuse a delay, but never an accident.

Any community of individuals can get along if it has some unselfish leaders.

In the history of office-holders few have ever tried to save their country by resigning.

## The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions  
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## Reservists On Duty Entitled To Safeguards

Army reservists ordered to active service, either voluntarily or involuntarily, are entitled to protection from civil lawsuits, evictions as well as reemployment rights, under the provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Act, Colonel C. M. Culp, Chief of the Texas Military District, stated today.

While this new law has been in effect since 1940, and was extended and broadened by the Selective Service Extension Act of 1950, some reservists have been applying for delays and deferment from military service because of personal obligations which the act covers.

### No Repossession

In general the law provides that neither personal nor real property can be repossessed from an individual ordered to active military service without a court order. If court action is resorted to by the lender, the serviceman may be represented by a dependent if he is unable to attend the hearings or the court will appoint a qualified attorney to represent his interest. The court may stay proceedings if the serviceman's ability to make payments according to the original contract has been affected by his entry into military service. Also, foreclosures of mortgages and deeds of trust may be stayed by the court. This provision includes property purchased under the GI Bill of Rights as well as other mortgage loans. If court action is started by the lender involving the payment on loans, mortgages on real or personal property or other installment obligations, the court, if it seems fit, may lower the payments or declare them suspended until three months after honorable discharge.

It is not the purpose of the act to make military service a refuge for anyone attempting to avoid legitimate obligations where the entry into the armed forces does not affect the ability of the person to properly discharge such obligations. Therefore, throughout the act, such expressions as, "such other disposition of the case as may be equitable to conserve the interest of all parties," "discretion of the court," "materially affected by reason of military service," appear repeatedly. Each case will be adjudged by the court according to the law and the circumstances surrounding that particular case. Each case must stand on its own merits and will be adjudged according to the circumstances and equities of all parties concerned.

### Reemployment Rights

In the recent ordering to active military service of company grade Army reserve officers, the announcement by the Department of Defense at Washington specifically pointed out the fact that officers volunteering for active service would have their reemployment rights protected under the reemployment provisions of the Soldier's and Sailors' Civil Relief Act as amended. This section of the act assures those entering active military service that their civilian jobs will be restored to them if reasonably possible and that they will return in the status and with all the benefits and advantages that would have accrued to them if such civilian work had not been interrupted by military service.

The law is long, and to the layman, complicated. Therefore, Army authorities recommend that either a qualified civilian attorney or a legal assistance officer be consulted for advice and assistance where the entry into active military service creates a hardship on the serviceman or his dependents.

## Ag Experimenters Receive Aid Fund

A grant-in-aid of \$6,500 and a \$1,000 fund have been made available to the Agricultural Experiment Station by three concerns according to Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the station.

The grant-in-aid will be used in evaluating several new and promising insecticides for the control of insects affecting cotton, vegetables and soil-improving crops, Dr. Lewis said.

Work under the grant will be carried on at College Station, Westlake, and Waco under the direction of station entomologists.

The \$1,000 fund will be used to determine the value of adding B vitamins to practical starting and growing rations for turkeys. Dr. J. R. Couch of the Poultry Husbandry and Biochemistry and Nutrition Department will make the investigation according to Dr. Lewis.

Julius Hyman and Company, Denver and the Shell Chemical Corp., New York made the grant-in-aid while Merck and Company, Inc., Rahway, N. J. made the \$1,000 fund available.

## Hooker Joins Life Insurance Firm

Harry R. Hooker of Bryan has joined the Central Texas Agency of the American General Life Insurance Company as a full-time representative. Formerly with the Bryan Motor Company, Hooker took over his new duties last week. A graduate of A&M, class of '36, he specializes in hospitalization and life insurance. He lives with his wife Lenora and daughter Mary Beth, at 1006 West 26th.

## Classes Held For Firemen's Training

H. R. Brayton, of College Station, director of the Firemen's Training School, is conducting a "local hazards" class for firemen in Denton. The class will last until February 1.

A. J. Fogaley is holding a training course for fire marshals in the Texas City area. He will be in Kingsville from January 31 until February 7 to train fire marshals there.

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The bovine produced 418 pounds of butterfat in 13,699 pounds of milk, in a test lasting 305 days. She was milked twice a day. Age of the animal is four years.

Her production during the test has been recorded by the Advanced

ed Registry-Department of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Drive carefully and fare well; drive carefully and fare well.

Drive carefully—it is easier to handle a clutch than a crutch.

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YOU!!

MY LITTLE DADDY, THE BULL OF THE BALKANS, SAYS GLUTZ IS NOT THE TYPE OF RASSLER HE WISHES ME TO MARRY. HE SAYS YOU ARE!!

HAVE TITCH HER AVENTIN' A GOOD WIFE SHOULD KNOW—THE TOE HOLD, THE STRANGLE-HOLD, THE SPINE TWIST, AN THE RABBIT PUNCH. IF YOU GAT TIRED OF ALL THAT, MAYBE SHE CAN ALSO LEARN TO COOK!!

**By Al Capp**

**L'L ABNER** Don't Kill the Novelty

MY DAWTER STRONG ENUFF TO SNAP YOU SPINE, WITH TWO FINGERS, SO SHELL MAKE YOU A FINE SPORT!!

GUPP-GLUTZ IS REVIVIN'!! N-OW HE KNOWS THET AH IS TH' RAT WHUT STOLE HIS GAL!! HE'S GONNA GOUGE MAH PORE EYES OUT!! AH BETTER GIT OUTA HERE!!

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**L'LOOK!!** AN-HE'S TRYIN' T' TRIP ME!! FELLER!! KICKIN' HIMSELF!!

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**L'L ABNER** One Is All and All Is One

AT LAST I'VE GOT A REAL RASSLIN' NOVELTY—THE OCTOPUS!! MEER-ER!! MEAN THEY—NO—I MEAN—IT'S READY T' MEET ANY BOY IN YOUR STABLE!!

BUT, THAT 'SPURD-OCTOPUS HAS FOUR ARMS, AN FOUR LEGS!!—I REFUSE TO RISK ANY ONE O' MY BOYS AGAINST TWO O' YOURS!!

HE'S JUST ONE!! I SAY HE'S TWO!! THE COMMISSIONER'LL SETTLE HOW MANY GUYS HE IS!!

AHEM!! SINCE THE TWO PARTIES CANNOT BE SEPARATED, THEY MUST BE REGARDED AS ONE INDIVIDUAL RASSLER!!

THAT OCTOPUS WILL WRECK TH' CLEAN SPORT O' RASSLIN'!! HE'S GOT TO BE GOT RID O'!!

**By Al Capp**