

To Prohibit Prohibition . . .

BACK TO SPEAKEASIES, bootlegging, and a large loss of potential state revenue. That seems to be what Legislator Milton Wilkinson, state representative of Patroon, is advocating.

Of course Wilkinson, the WCTU, and the United Texas Drys claim prohibition would be a God-send for Texas, and we'd all be better off.

To quote a famous general, "Nuts!" Wilkinson has filed the proposed constitutional amendment for prohibition of sales of all whiskey, beer, wine, or ale—except that which for medical purposes.

We expect an influx of ailments needing liquor for cures.

The proposed amendment calls for a statewide election in November, 1952. At that time we will have paid our first poll tax (we've got an exemption this year) and will gladly vote—against any form of total prohibition.

Let's look around us to see the effects of prohibition. We don't have to look far—just one state to the North, Oklahoma.

Oklahoma's tax burden could be easily be decreased if liquor trade was legal and taxed. As a "dry" state, our neighbor is just as "wet" as any we've seen. Last year Oklahoma City schools were threatened with a premature closing date. Why? Because the State was unable to appropriate sufficient funds for operation.

The people of Texas are broad-minded, and we don't believe they can be led to prohibition. The drys might term us "corrupted, misguided," or just "heathenish," but we prefer to think we're broadminded.

Come the Fall of 1952 and we believe a

sufficient number of other Texans will join us in defeating an antiquated, platitudinous campaign for prohibition.

Save Your Vision It May Save Life

THE American Optometric Association has designated March 4-10 as "Save-Your-Vision Week." The aim or goal is to stress eye care by reference to its importance in three general fields—industrial, school, and highway safety fields.

The main industrial problem is eye care and protection on some of the newer and more complex jobs.

In regard to education, emphasis is placed on the indirect effects of faulty vision. Poor school work, inability to read properly, truancy, rebellion, and even juvenile delinquency are traceable to faulty eyesight.

It is known that the vision requirements for automobile licenses are in general much too low. That this is a major cause of accidents is a matter of record. Indeed, this fault ranks with excessive speed and drunkenness as the "big three" causes. Uniform standards for the 48 states is one of the goals.

The Better Vision Institute points out that Americans have access to the best eye care in the world at a cost that is relatively small in relation to its importance.

We endorse this program in the hope that dissemination of these facts will prevent injuries, accidents, and vision failures caused by ignorance and neglect.

From the City Desk

Do You Qualify As Full-Time Citizen?

... By Joel Austin



WE HEARD a speech by a member of the Brazos County Bar Association not long ago at a local civic club meeting. The speaker, in his efforts to point out the duties that go unobserved by citizens every year, passed out a questionnaire for the audience to answer.

We think this list of questions might be helpful to many of our readers. You may find, to your surprise, that you could have been a better citizen in 1950.

These questions were prepared by the American Citizenship Committee of the State Bar of Texas for you to test yourself and find out if you were a "Full-Time Citizen in 1950."

Consider only the questions which are applicable to you. The highest possible score is 130. You may type your citizenship according to the following scores: 110-130, superior; 95-109, good; 70-49 average; 50-69, fair; and below 49, poor.

Were You a Full-Time Citizen

- 1. Did you pay your Poll Tax in 1950? (5 points)
2. Did you vote
a. In the July Primary? (5 points)
b. In the August Primary? (5 points)
c. In the General Election (10 points)
d. In your City Election? (5 points)
e. In your School Election? (5 points)
3. Did you make a conscientious effort to find out something about all the candidates on the ballot each time you voted? (10 points)
4. Did you attend:
a. The precinct or County Convention of the party of your choice? (5 points)
b. A meeting of you City Council during the year? (8 points)
c. A meeting of your school board during the year? (3 points)
d. A meeting of your Commissioner's Court? (2 points)
5. Did you do any work in your party in 1950? (5 points)
6. Did you serve on a jury in 1950? (7 points)
7. Do you know?
a. Who the two U. S. Senators from Texas are? (1 point each)
b. Who your U. S. Congressman is (2 points)
c. Who your State Representative and Senator are? (1 point each)
d. Who the State Governor is? (1 point)
e. Who the Speaker of the State House is? (1 point)
f. How your U. S. Congressman voted on any major bill during the last session of the Legislature? (5 points)
g. How your State Representative or Senator voted on any major bill during the last session of the Legislature? (5 points)
8. Did you write to your Federal or State Representative or Senator on any issue during 1950? (10 points)
9. Are you active in a civic group such as the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Jaycees, American Legion, VFW, study or business club, P-TA, League of Women Voters? (5 points for each with a maximum of 10 points)
10. Do you keep well informed on current public issues? (5 points)
11. Can you list the Bill of Rights? (1 point for each)
12. Did you contribute to a worthwhile charity during the year? (2 points)

A&M Archives Display Opens

A permanent display of important relics of A&M will be erected in the Recreation Room of the MSC and will be ready to be viewed Saturday morning, D. B. Cofer of the College Archives department.

Old documents, diplomas and various large pictures of the development of the college will be included in the exhibit.

A photostatic copy of the first Bachelor of Scientific Agriculture degree given by this college to Walter Wipprecht, '85 will be shown.

A photostatic copy of the only degree ever given by A&M to a girl graduate will also be displayed.

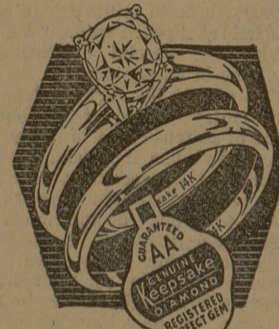
Uniforms dating from 1876 to the present, which have been worn by A&M cadets will also be on display. One of these uniforms, belonging to Walter D. Adams of Forney, Texas, was worn on the day that Governor Ross was inaugurated as president of A&M in the Fall of 1891.

Photostatic pictures of the campus will show the growth and development of A&M from its early stages to the present.

Anyone who would be willing to donate or has information concerning new items for the exhibit are requested to see Wayne Stark, MSC director or Bill Parse, 7-302.

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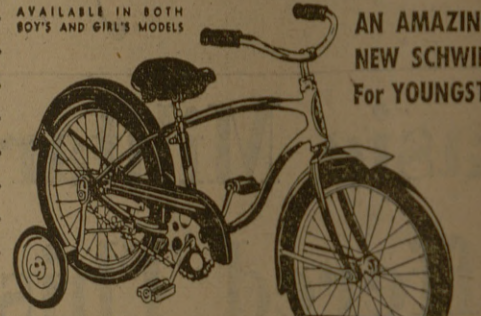
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Advertisement for B. F. Goodrich tires, featuring the slogan 'FIRST IN RUBBER' and listing the address 123 E. 25th St. and phone number 2-1316.

Without Bargain Basements

Re-Arming U.S. Like Female Buying Spree

This is the third of a four-part series surveying the U.S. mobilization scene—The Editor.

By RELMAN MORIN AP Special Correspondent

The hardest part of rearming America is a job that only a housewife could love.

It is a problem of plain shopping, not for the big machines and weapons—only a relatively few plants can make those—but for an immense number of small articles, parts and gadgets, each a tiny segment in the vast mosaic of the defense picture.

Suppose, madame, that you had to equip every home in a city of three million people with everything from a door knob to a bathtub, plus food and clothing for the family and spare parts for the family car.

You've Got To Be Good!

Suppose, futher, that your instructions were to get the best article, at the cheapest price, and at the shortest rate of delivery. Lady, you would have to know your way around!

And that, roughly, is the great problem for the thousands of procurement officers and buyers, who have been charged with the task of getting all the equipment necessary to supply the armed forces this country is building.

They have to know, or quickly discover, where to look for an article, which plant makes what, or could make it, and how fast and well. For example, 1,116 factories are supplying different parts and units for a certain type of tank today. They are not big, nationally-known firms. On the contrary, 80 per cent of them employ fewer than 100 people.

They have "Sources"

These are the "sources" for the tank builder. Every big industry in the country has its own sourcefiles—and, procurement officers say, these files are jealously guarded.

You get a closeup of the problem at the tank-automotive ordnance center in Detroit.

There some 500 men are buying or trying to buy the parts for everything on wheels that the armed forces need—generators,

steering assemblies, fly wheels, hydraulic hoist assemblies, pistons and even fire extinguishers. Each is an expert in his particular article.

\$3 Billion in Contracts

They have let out contracts for more than \$3 billion in the past six months. And in the last three months more than 11,000 manufacturers' representatives have been in to see them.

Some were summoned, told about the army's needs, and asked if they could help.

Others came in looking for defense contracts, either because their normal civilian work has been curtailed for lack of vital materials, or because they are afraid it would be.

"Good Connections"

Still others are strictly promoters. The buyers say this is a typical scene:

"Four or five of us have gone into business. Now what do you need?"

"What do you make?"

"Well, we don't make anything yet, but—"

"Where's your plant?"

"We haven't got a plant yet. But we've got good connections in Washington, and we'll get the money to build a plant. All we need is some contracts."

File Increases

Out of these thousands of interviews, the automotive center is rapidly building up a file of sources (and non-sources). But the problem doesn't end there.

Not all firms want to go into defense production. Their objections are that it costs money to convert a plant, production for customer orders is reduced, and "there's too much red tape attached to a primary contract. I'd rather wait for a sub-contract."

Another factor has appeared, complicating the problem for the government buyer—the location of a factory. Most military men believe that, in another war, the United States will be bombed, either by airplanes or guided missiles. Therefore, the master plan is to keep production dispersed through widely-separated factories so that a single big raid would not knock out the whole chain of contributors to a given weapon.

WW II Vintage

That process began in World War II. Plans were moved from the coasts into the mid-west.

As a result, some states in middle America have become, to an increasing degree, a happy-hunting-ground for buyers and procurement officers. Scores of industries have moved to Iowa, for example.

I asked an engineer at the solar aircraft plant in Des Moines if he had any manpower problems, (See MIDWEST, Page 4)

Survey Taken To Determine Powerline Cost

A survey is being taken in the College Hills area of College Station to determine the cost of building auxiliary electrical power lines for that section of the city.

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday, March 12, the results of the survey will be placed before the council.

Should the outcome of the survey be favorable, the City would gain control of the electrical utility. To do this, the city will purchase the power lines presently owned by the City of Bryan and the Rural Electrification Association.

The REA, furnishing electricity for the southern part of the country, consented to the sale of the lines only if the city would build new lines, leaving the REA lines the only ones remaining on the poles.

Major Adams Sent To German Post

Major B. J. Adams '41, has been assigned to the plans and training section, S-3 of the Seventh Army Headquarters, Stuttgart, Germany.

Adams got his commission at A&M in the Field Artillery in 1941. He played three years on the Aggie basketball squad from '37 to '40.

Going overseas with the 414th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 20th Armored Division, he spent six months in the European Theater, returning to the states with that command.

His wife, Irene and their two children, Jack Lynn and Patricia are in Germany and will reside in the American community in Stuttgart.

Bible Verse

COME unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. —Matthew 11: 28.

Advertisement for FLAMINGO LOUNGE, featuring military ball weekend reservations and a list of menu items like DELICIOUS STEAK, CHICKEN and SHRIMP.

Comic strip featuring L'L ABNER and his adventures, including 'The Honeymoon Is Over', 'Face The Music', and 'By Al Capp'.

The Battalion

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

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