

No Rain Needed for Cotton

MORE fingers are probably crossed on the campus today than any other time this year. Once again the colorful Cotton Pageant and Ball is ready to be staged, and once again the weather threatens.

Mother Nature is one-up on the Agronomy Society, since last year's Pageant was slightly dampened and the Ball had to be moved inside.

No other Spring social event draws more interest, more fervor, nor more hard work than the Cotton Pageant and Ball. Dozens of duchesses, attractive models, elaborate decorations, and the presentation of the Cotton Court produce a magic formula for a successful weekend.

Is Belief in 'Blind Faith' Wisest? . . .

SENATOR Capehart (R-Ind) has offered a resolution which is designed to put our Korean policy on an "all or nothing basis." This resolution would give President Truman the power to withdraw all American forces from Korea within 30 days unless the other U. N. members supplied reinforcements.

In his speech to the Senate, he said that he was convinced that India, Britain, France and other U. N. allies have "no stomach" for victory in Korea, and that they brought the pressure to bear that caused MacArthur's dismissal.

This type of thinking can easily result from the facts that are now available. The Truman administration still has not explained

The social aspect of the occasion tends to make us forget what it is honoring—King Cotton, that product for which the South is famed. The product and its producers should feel quite honored, however, that such an elaborate display is given.

For just one campus organization to be able to produce such a show is a tribute to the hard work and endeavor of the Agronomy Society. Through the years, its annual Cotton Pageant and Ball has been a highlight of the social season.

With the cooperation of the unpredictable weather, this 1951 Cotton Pageant and Ball should be one of the society's most successful. Keep the fingers crossed.

ed clearly any justifiable reason for the Korean situation as it now stands. It is logical to say that we should either fight a war or get out.

Time, however, may show that our stand in Korea is just a sideshow to cancel Russian plans somewhere else. In the present confusion, however, it is difficult to have blind faith that someone knows what the real score is, and that our present course of action is the best possible solution.

Any Russian action means a two-front war that they had not originally planned. While they consider the implications, we can build up for a major contest that appears to be inevitable. This, if correct, might justify the present state of affairs.

'Old Soldier' Fighting Hardest Against Senate

Washington, May 4—(AP)—Old Soldier Douglas MacArthur fought doggedly yesterday for a decisive move to end the Korean war if he said is costing a million casualties a year.

Arrayed against the five-star General of the Army was a coterie of Democratic senators battling just as vigorously for President Truman's contention that a new world war may be averted by limiting the fighting in Korea.

Mr. Truman himself professed confidence in the outcome of the inquiry. When all the facts are in, he told a news conference yesterday, they will show that he was right in firing MacArthur.

With 55,000 words of questions and answers behind him, MacArthur returns today to a closed meeting of the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees (10:50 a.m. CST).

He was ready to parry or meet bluntly again probing inquiries into the policy differences which led President Truman to relieve him as Pacific commander.

As a dramatic parting shot, MacArthur left with senators to mull

over night an assertion that the United States would be inviting—rather than avoiding—a third world war if it lets the fighting go on indefinitely in Korea.

Earlier in his day-long testimony MacArthur had made these major points:

There are three possible courses to follow in Korea: "Either to pursue it to victory; to surrender to the enemy and end it on his terms; or, what I think is the worst of all choices—to go on infinitely and indefinitely, neither to win or lose, in that stalemate."

If the other United Nations are unwilling to go along in direct attacks at Red China, "then we had better go it alone."

Mr. Truman "jeopardized" the nation's security in his summary dismissal of the General. MacArthur said, however, there was no question that the President had the right to fire him.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff prepared a study last January containing the same Korean war plans which he advocated, and which led to his dismissal. The General said he "assumes" Mr. Truman or Secretary of Defense Marshall vetoed them.

Wants More Aggression MacArthur, whose testimony drew most of the Senate to closed doors sessions in the ornate Senate caucus room, stuck to his contention that the Joint Chiefs of Staff support his views for a more aggressive war against Red China.

Briefly, these include tightening of the economic blockade against China, blockading of its coasts, air operations over Manchuria and use of Chinese Nationalist troops from Formosa.

The five-star General insisted such a program could bring Red China to its knees and need "not necessarily" provoke Russia into the fight. He said there was a risk of Russia's entry no matter what was done.

Joint Chiefs Plan Chairman Russell (D-Ga) announced the committee had been furnished with a copy of a Jan. 12 recommendation of the Joint Chiefs—heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force and their chairman, Gen. Omar Bradley—to Secretary Marshall.

If, as MacArthur thought, Mr. Truman or Marshall vetoed this war plan, Democratic senators insisted it was done for overriding world policy reasons.

There was still an argument pending in the Senate, fanned by Republicans, over opening the hearings to the public.

Democrats staved off a decision until after the General begins his testimony today and the procedure of handing out copies of the testimony—censored for security by State and Defense Department representatives—seemed likely to continue for a while at least.

Even with the safeguards which had been set up, Russell said Bradley had expressed concern that some material involving secret U.S. codes had gotten into the record. MacArthur delivered what some senators called his most telling blows against the Truman program of limiting the Korean war by demanding to know how the fighting there ever would be ended.

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From the City Desk

School Bond Vote Slated Tomorrow

... By Joel Austin



THERE'S ANOTHER bond election coming up for College Station people, this time in the form of \$150,000 for school improvements.

The school board has been waiting to see just how much of the surrounding area would be included in the A&M Consolidated School District due to recent annexation by Bryan and College Station.

Some territory taken by Bryan cut away from the former school district area, which caused a loss in taxes for every acre annexed to Bryan. With all questions as to who will own what land apparently settled, the board is going ahead with its building program.

Superintendent Les Richardson told us yesterday the board is planning only A-1 construction for the new buildings, which should last for many years to come. Several of the present buildings composing the facilities of A&M Consolidated Schools are only temporary structures and will have to be replaced before very many semesters are completed.

With enrollment increases anticipated and depreciation of present facilities insured, the school is planning this building program to compensate for the depreciation and to meet the demands of a growing list of scholastics.

Big List of Improvements

Included in the proposed construction is a cafeteria, classrooms, and a girls' dressing room for A&M Consolidated Elementary School and a science room and shop for Lincoln High School.

Richardson says there will not be any increase in taxes if the bond issue is approved by local voters at the Saturday election. Present tax schedules should finance the bonds, he said.

The superintendent bases this statement on the fact that new buildings in the school district have increased in valuation since 1948 and sufficient tax funds will be available next year and thereafter to pay off the proposed bond issue.

The vote will be held in the A&M Consolidated High School Music Room from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m. Saturday, J. E. Mosley has been designated as election judge for the balloting.

Let's Have More Than 28 Votes

Why not stop by the school and help the total votes to better the very weak tabulation of 28 ballots cast in a recent school board election?

As Richardson said, in explanation of the school board election, "either people don't care much about the success of their schools, or they are so satisfied they don't care to go to the trouble of voting."

All you have to do is answer yes or no to the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds. Then mark a yes or no answer to the question, "Should the district assume all bonds which have previously been issued." And lastly, signify whether or not you are in favor of revoting the present \$1.50 per \$1,000 value of property taxable for the schools.

Don't forget, Music Room of A&M Consolidated High School, Saturday from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.

Should College Station and Bryan be Merged?

Why does College Station offer such a limited number of openings for new business concerns? What are future annexation plans of the two cities? Could Bryan and College Station effectively operate under one governing body and thus save unnecessary costs duplicated by a government in both towns? How would a merger of the two cities affect tax rates, insurance rates, fire protection?

Could the people of both cities be brought together as one city and live happily? What would a combined municipality of Bryan and College Station be called? Would the Bryanites approve the name College Station or the people from this city accept the name of Bryan?

Yes, these are just a few of the questions you would want answered before considering a merger of the two cities. We have heard several people talk about the possibilities of such a union, but we must admit the strongest support to this idea has come from Bryan residents.

Our Contributions—Ideas Needed We are now gathering information for a series of articles on possibilities of combining the two cities. If you have some ideas concerning any of the above questions or possibly another controversial point that would help, why not send them to us?

Address your letters to us in care of the City Desk, The Battalion, and drop them in the campus mail at the Academic Building—postage free.

We want to hear from you before work on these articles begins. We will not have an opportunity to talk to everyone who has some ideas concerning a merger of College Station and Bryan.

M. Y. Swatzell Wins Veterinary Award

Monty Y. Swatzell, Senior Vet Med student has been named winner of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association prize.

The prize, \$25, goes to the graduating senior who has done the most good for the School of Veterinary Medicine, on the campus at large.

Swatzell, who has a grade point ratio of 2.26, is a member of the tumbling team, and was selected for Who's Who. He is from Cleburne and will graduate in June.

The prizes will be given to the winner at the Awards and Merits Day ceremonies May 13.

Bible Verse

EVEN A FOOL, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

—Proverbs 18:28.

For Open House

A&M Been Here 75 Years, So What--Follies Planners

By GEORGE CHARLTON

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A&M students had to live in tents because of crowded housing conditions.

Douglass Hearn is in charge of Act III. His first scene is one of the college socials in the "roaring twenties," the days of hip flasks, flappers, the Charleston, and all the other tripe people keep digging up these days. Scene II takes place on or near the gridiron of one of the 1939 championship team football games.

What's to be included in the finale has not yet been disclosed. Hearn confidentially says "mum's the word."

Beautiful imported dancing "girls," members of the Tumbling Team, the Brazos Bottom Boogie Busters, and numerous other variety entertainers will be sandwiched into the general scheme of things.

Phi Eta Sigma Sets Initiation Monday in MSC

Three honorary members and 66 undergraduates initiates will be taken into Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary fraternity, Monday night in the MSC.

Initiation of the honorary members, Col. Hayden B. Boatner, commandant, Dr. L. B. Boughton, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, and Walter L. Penberthy, dean of men, and the other 66 new members will be held at 5 p.m. in the MSC Birch Room.

Phi Eta Sigma membership is based on grades attained as a freshman. A 2.5 grade point ratio at the end of either semester of the Freshman year automatically makes a person eligible.

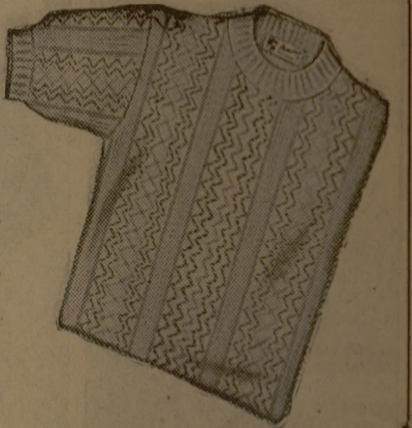
Assisting in the initiation will be fraternity officers Lyle Wolf-skill, president; Joe B. Mattei, vice-president; John C. Ciebel, treasurer; Jimmy E. Curtis, historian and treasurer; Barry Williams, usher; and Willie Crabtree, assistant usher.

Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and faculty advisor, will also assist in the initiation.

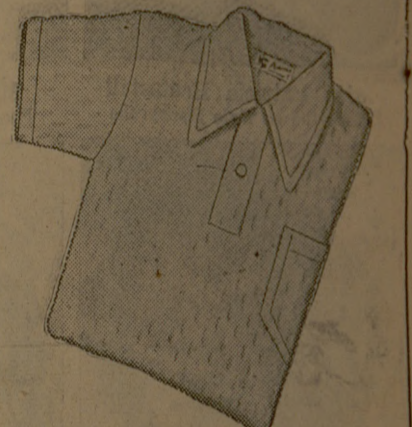
A banquet will be held in the Ballroom of the MSC at 7 p. m. Col. Boatner will give the main address of the evening and Dr. Abbott will make the closing remarks.

Spring Time Is 'T' Time

The time when all smart men turn to Puritan "T" fashions in sportswear. In warmer weather when you want to look your casual best, you'll find that Puritan sportswear will help you cut a trimmer, taller, more tapered figure — a Mr. "T" figure— approved by leading fashion experts.



And Puritan gives you a lot more than a dashing figure. In sports shirts, T-shirts, sweaters or beachwear, every Puritan item is made for really relaxable comfort and it's expertly constructed of light weight material of the finest quality.



Yessir, get Puritan sportswear — the choice of all Americans — at your Exchange Store and you get leisure wear designed for ease and good looks at very attractive prices.



Choose from our wide variety of exciting colors and handsome patterns. Remember, it's Puritan "T" styles at your Exchange Store.

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Comic strip by Al Capp. Characters: L'il Abner, Hazzan, Say, Wal, Ah Cant. Dialogue includes: 'AH DON'T WANTA SEEM NOSY, BUT MAY AH AX WHO IT IS DAISY MAE IS MARRYIN?', 'HASSAN, THE UNSPOILED MAHARAJAH OF HYUNDERABAD!', 'I AM HIS AMERICAN EXPORT AGENT WHEN I SEE SOMETHING THAT MIGHT AMUSE HIM, I BUY IT ON SPECULATION AND SHIP IT OVER.', 'SAY! HOW MANY WIVES HAS THIS UNSPOILED CRITTER GOT?', 'OH, NOT MANY. PROBABLY NOT MORE THAN A THOUSAND. IT'S PERFECTLY LEGAL THERE, YOU KNOW.', 'WAL, THEN— THAT'S AWRIGHT! AS LONG AS A THING IS LEGAL, IT DON'T MATTER HOW CROOKED IT IS!', 'AH CANT EAT NO MORE GRANNY. AH IS STUFFED!', 'WE PAY BY THE POUND, YOU KNOW. YEAH, BET AH KNOW!', 'LIL ABNER Sold, American!!', 'AH IS SO UPSET STUFFED AH KIN HARDLY B-BREATHE.', '-PSST! DON'T WIGGLE, OR THEM HOSS-SHOES WILL DRAP OUT AN GIVE HIM TH IMPRESSION WE HAS WATERED TH STOCK!!', 'WE PAY BY THE POUND, YOU KNOW. AH HAS 255 POUNDS!! AND YET— SHE LOOKS SO SLIM.', 'HERE ARE THE TICKETS TO HYUNDERABAD. HASSAN, THE UNSPOILED, WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU THERE. BUT— A MAHARAJAH'S BRIDE SHOULDN'T TRAVEL ALONE.', 'AH IS CHEAP.'