

Judging a Delicate Problem

JUDGES of the Texas Supreme Court have agreed to tackle a rather delicate problem—they have to decide whether or not a jeep is a pleasure car.

The question came up when a rural mail carrier brought suit for claims on an insurance policy. If the court upholds his contention that the jeep is a pleasure car, he can collect double indemnity.

Justices on the Dallas Court of Civil Appeals have already ruled on the case with a two to one vote against a trial jury decision that the vehicle falls in the pleasure class. Chief Justice Joel R. Bond turned to the U. S. Court of Claims for information on the jeep. In his minority opinion, he cited the following:

"The Army called it a truck, but that is not very persuasive since the Army called all wheeled vehicles trucks, including passenger cars, except sedans. It was greatly used in hauling light equipment, especially in combat areas.

"But it was used all over France, North Africa and India, both in combat and non-combat areas, by all soldiers, from private to general, as a passenger car. It was not a streamlined luxury creation but it was especially useful in rough terrain where sedans, motorcycles and other passenger cars could not go. We find that the wartime jeep, was primarily a passenger car."

Realizing that we could hardly hope to alter the conclusions of the learned magistrates, we feel impelled to pass on our opinion that the question is a very relative one.

As substituted for a multi-mile hike un-

der field pack, this mechanized product of World War II rides like a Cadillac. But the average hitchhiker would surely think a long time before accepting a 100-mile lift in a Jeep's rear seat.

Aggie Greeting Needs Strengthening

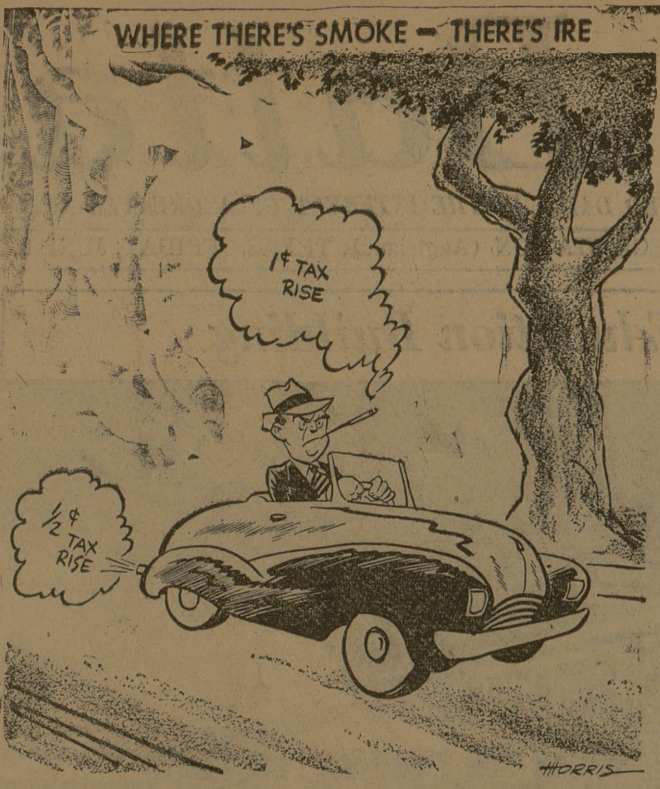
PROBABLY no other peculiarity of the A&M Campus excites so much comment from the uninitiated as the universal friendliness typified by the practice of always greeting fellow students, staff members and visitors with a cordial "Howdy."

The habit—or as it is better known, the tradition—is particularly noticeable during regular sessions when freshmen are early schooled to greet every living object. A consequence of this regimented habit of greeting, naturally, is a noticeable lack of sincerity and warmth in the greeting.

But that by no means brands the tradition as a false or worthless one. Instead it challenges truer application of a very worthy ideal.

The summer sessions can provide the ideal environment for the healthy growth of the practice. The heterogeneous aspect of the student-body removes, at least from the majority, the class system that has tended to undermine the practice.

A cheerful greeting coupled with a sincere smile costs little in time and energy. It's dividends in increased morale for you and others can be tremendous.



Forced Statewide Congressional Race

Bracewell-Led Fillibuster Ends After 17 Hour Debate

AUSTIN, June 8—(AP)—A rowdy all-night Senate fillibuster that ended shortly before noon yesterday, forced a statewide race for a new Texas congressman next year.

The prolonged "debate," by Senator Searcy Bracewell of Houston, dragged 17 hours before opponents finally surrendered to let through other legislation being squeezed to death in the legislature's waning hours.

They called the halt just one and a half hours before strict final adjournment rules shut off all but limited business. Afternoon yesterday only conference committee reports and concurrence in amendments could be considered.

Final adjournment comes at noon today by concurrent resolution of both Houses.

Bracewell fought for a new congressman for Harris County's more

than 800,000 population but without enough votes to pass that plan. His fillibuster blocked another plan that would have carved out a new district in South Texas. Blocking the pending legislation, he said, would give the next legislature a chance to pass a "good" redistricting bill two years hence. To take advantage of its new seat in congress, to which Texas became entitled by the 1950 federal census, the state will have to elect a congressman-at-large next year.

Wary senators rubbed sleep from their eyes when the fillibuster ended and rushed action until noon on other pet measures.

Local Or Minor Bills

Many were local or minor bills. Many also had enough opposition to block them from final passage.

One of the major bills killed was a proposed amendment that would have raised the pay of the lawmakers. Senators gave it a 14-to-13 drubbing, short seven favorable votes needed to send it to the polls.

The House sent to the governor with a 100-19 vote a Senate-approved bill to raise the pay of Texas' judges. The \$386,000 appropriation measure boosts district judges' salaries from \$6,000 to \$9,000 a year; court of civil appeals judges from \$10,000 to \$12,000; and court of criminal appeals and supreme court judges from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Also sent to the governor by the House was a measure to require drives to prove financial responsibility, through liability insurance

or otherwise, if they have an accident. They would have an ability to cover \$5,000 damages for death or bodily injury to one person, \$10,000 for two, and \$5,000 property damages. The approving House action was by approval of Senate amendments, 79-43.

Policy Racket Curbs

A bill to crack down on policy rackets also went to the governor with House approval of Senate changes.

A proposed amendment to authorize a retirement pension fund for county employees was also given final approval in the House after Senate changes.

The Senate adopted a conference report that would send to the polls another amendment to set up four-year terms for most state and county offices. House action was still pending.

The amendment would also raise the governor's salary from \$12,000 to a minimum of \$15,000 a year.

Teague Reports Compromise On UMT Draft Proposal

By OLIN E. TEAGUE Sixth District Representative

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8—After a month and a half of exhaustive discussion, a joint Senate-House Conference committee has arrived at a compromise Universal Military Training and Service Bill.

Both houses are now giving immediate consideration to this bill since the present draft law expires on July 9, 1951.

In essence, this bill would extend the life of the draft for another four years, as well as alter certain aspects of it. It would also set up the mechanics for a UMT program which would, at the same time, probably become operative when persons in the 18-year-old category are no longer needed for

active service with the regular armed forces under the present emergency.

The main draft provisions of the bill are as follows:

• The draft age would be reduced from the present 19-year-old lower limit to 18½ years. However, my amendment to the original House bill was retained by the conferees, so local draft boards must first exhaust the 19-26 year category in their area before touching those under 19 years of age.

On this basis, it is estimated that few, if any, young men below 19 will be drafted within the next year or two.

• The length of active service required under the draft, and for recalled reservists too, would be increased from 21 to 24 months.

It is possible however, that certain inactive reservists with one year of World War II service might be released within 17 months. Total services will be required for a period of eight years, counting both active duty and reserve duty.

Aided Reserve Service

This means that the average young man will have another six years reserve service to complete after his active service with the regular armed forces. No one with less than four months basic training would be assigned to overseas duty.

• Physical and mental standards of induction would be lowered to those of January 1945, making 150,000 more men available which have been, or would be, classified IV-F.

• High school students would be deferred until the age of 20; college students until the end of the current academic year. The President could continue to defer persons whose activities were found essential to the maintenance of national health, safety or interest.

35 Year Limit

However, all persons so deferred would continue to be liable for the draft or UMT training until they reach the age of 35.

The main provisions of the UMT portion of this bill are as follows:

• A national Security Training Commission, predominantly civilian would be appointed by the President. Within four months, it would submit the outline for a UMT program to Congress who would then approve, modify, or reject their specific recommendations.

Whatever program should be adopted by Congress would probably not begin operation until such time as persons below 19 years were no longer needed for active service with the regular

armed forces in the present emergency.

The Commission would, when the UMT program became effective, establish the policies and standards under which UMT would be conducted; however, the armed forces would conduct the military training.

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No official dispatches had been received concerning the disappearance of the two men, they said. There was no formal comment. Privately however, they expressed unwillingness to accept as true the speculation that the two men had Moscow as the destination. But if it should turn out to be correct, these results were immediately foreseen;

New Strain

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Interpreting The News

US Gaining Britain's Position

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. Associated Press News Analyst

AMERICANS used to refer to the British capacity for "muddling through."

One of the strongest impressions left with me by the MacArthur inquiry to date is that America, moving out into the complicated place in world affairs once held by Britain, shows signs of the same trait.

The picture includes some of these impressions:

American officials, except General Wedemeyer, failed to evaluate

properly the political situation of Korea, leaving a situation which produced a war which might have been avoided. Yet the war has important aspects for good.

War's Good Aspects

• It mobilized the peace-loving nations to fight aggression.

• It may have staved off the necessity for a far bigger fight for the same purpose.

• It vitalized the Atlantic Pact.

• It created an atmosphere under which allied rearmament would go forward toward establishment of "positions of strength" from which it may be possible (even if not probable) to negotiate our way out of world war.

If that fails, the Korean war has provided an invaluable proving ground for military concepts which might save our lives.

The discussion of postwar Chinese policy has renewed the lesson that you can't do business with the Russian Communist movement, Americans didn't realize that coalition governments were the chosen

stepladders for Russian domination in both Asia and Europe. It seems that General Marshall knew, but attempted to carry out his Chinese mission rather than buck the weight of opinion.

Hard-to-Handle Genius

General MacArthur was treated by his superiors as a hard-to-handle genius instead of an equal on a team working for the country's best interests, and so war at

least partly led into his position by a lack of firm policy statements to which he would otherwise have conformed. The impression that he was a great military man has been clouded by his failure to properly evaluate intelligence reports about Korea before June by his miss on Chinese Communist intentions; by his pessimism over the military situation after the Chinese intervention and how that military situation was cleaned up after the arrival of General Ridgway.

The Formosa paper put out by the State Department when it feared the Island would be lost to the Communist raises a serious

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Familiar With Treaty

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Meat Retailers Must Display Sales Prices

Meat retailers in the 39 Southeast Texas counties comprising the Houston District Office of Price Stabilization have until June 18 to post official OPS retail beef ceiling price lists. Charles H. Winerich, Jr., district OPS director, announced.

Because of delays in printing the official lists, the OPS extended the posting requirement for two weeks from June 4. Retail ceiling prices above which retailers can not charge for beef went into effect May 14 and posting of the official ceilings had been scheduled to begin within 20 days.

The extension does not apply to the ceiling price list for kosher beef sold at retail. The kosher lists will be available in ample quantity by June 11, the date for their posting.

Bible Verse

WHOSOEVER therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.—Mark 8:38.

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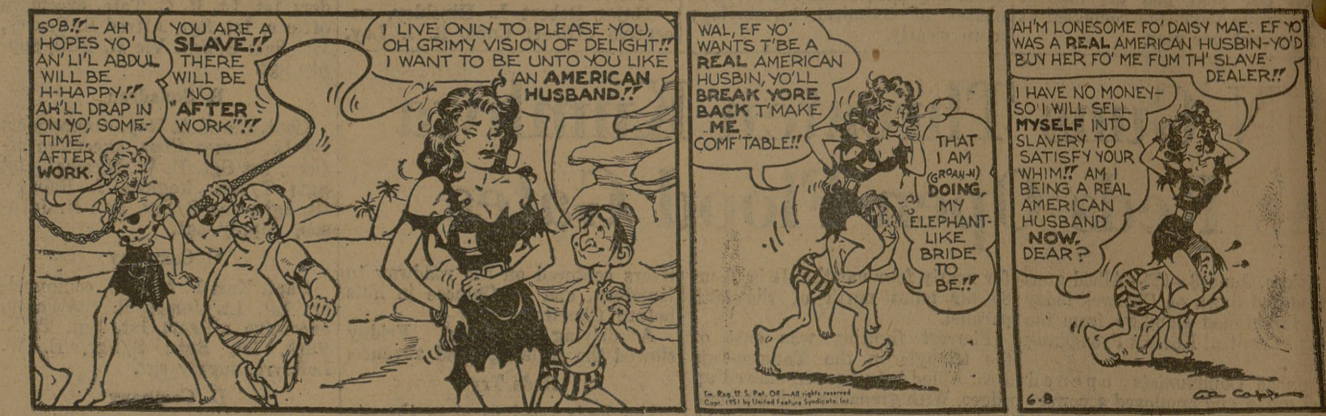
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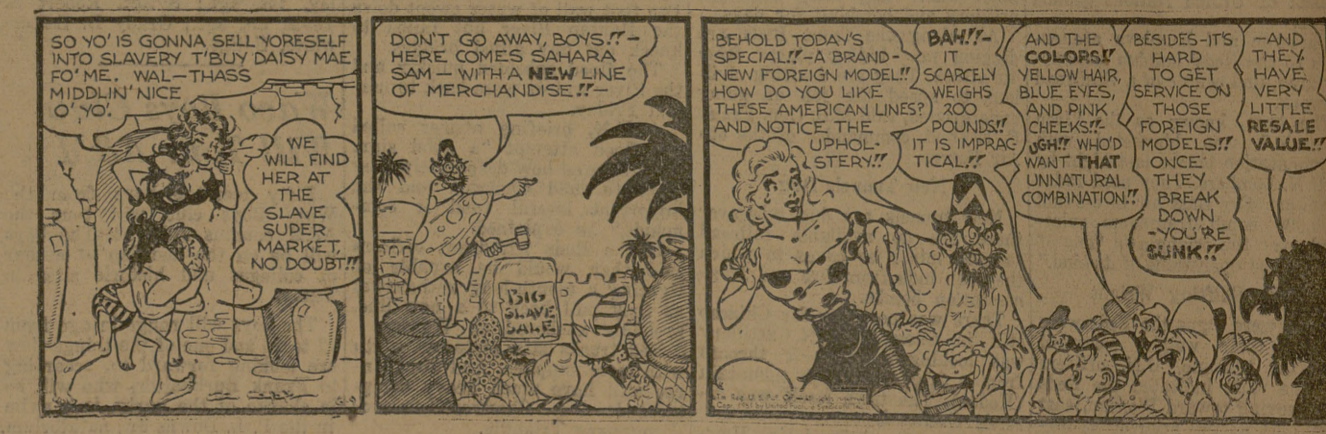
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