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Let's Talk--About Weather

THE date: February 15, 1951. The lead story began as follows: "Dark homes, skidding cars, and the crash of ice laden tree limbs reminded College Stationites that Jack Frost was still around. "In the second big freeze of the year hundreds of trees snapped under the weight of ice collected after a day long drizzle and freeze." The story continued: "On the state-wide side of the weather news the vicious ice, snow and sleet storm numbed activity, broke communication wires,

County Health Unit Fading Away?

THE Brazos County Health Unit seems to be slowly fading away. A big slash in funds appropriated to the unit by the City of Bryan has caused the organization which is financed by Bryan, College Station, A&M College, Brazos County, and the State of Texas to switch to a possible part time basis.

Dr. David E. Brown, head of the local unit, submitted his resignation recently and will be seeking employment in another city with a very "substantial" increase in salary, he says.

Operating a city to meet the demands of its citizens is a big problem because no tax-operating group cares to raise taxes to meet new expenses.

We question this action taken by the city of Bryan, however, for the success and the fine work of Dr. Brown's unit is known throughout the county.

The unit's governing body meets today to negotiate terms with Dr. Brown for continuing in his present capacities and also for continuing operation of the unit with its limited funds appropriated by the supporting agencies.

Act wisely members of the governing board; your business negotiations could result in the illness or death of people of this county who have been served in years past by the health unit.

We know old men who remember the compliments that came to them as little boys.

Prof, Angry Aggie And Some Rules

AN AGGIE walked into the MSC recently with the idea of studying in its air conditioned splendor. He noted a sign placed in the lobby for people with just such intentions, however, and agreed with officials that such a place was not appropriate for studying.

As he was about to leave the plush main lounge of the Center, he saw a professor grading papers over to one corner of the room.

Angered by the teacher's paper-grading-in-the-MS-C, the student boldly walked up and told him:

"By golly if I can't study in here, you certainly can't grade our papers here."

The Battalion

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

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MAKES QUITE A DIFFERENCE



McCarthy Prepared to Give Names of Unloyal Employees

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—(AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) said last night he was prepared—conditionally—to make public today the names of 29 State Department employees who, he says, are under loyalty investigation. He said he would give out the names at his office on condition that the three press services, The Associated Press, United Press and International News Service, agree in advance to carry the names. A spokesman for the Associated Press said:

No Commitment
"The Associated Press will make no commitment of any kind to Senator McCarthy. The AP's responsibility is to report the news if and when it happens."

The United Press and INS also said they would make no commitment. Some time ago McCarthy asserted 29 employees were up for loyalty investigation by the State Department. He demanded that the department give assurances that the 29 are being kept away from state secrets.

Turning down McCarthy's demand, the department replied that some on McCarthy's list are not even in the department, that some have been cleared and the McCarthy demand was a "political stratagem."

McCarthy has been threatening to make the names public unless the department gave the assurances he demanded.

On TV Program
Tonight McCarthy appeared on the NBC television program "Meet the Press" sponsored by The Saturday Evening Post, and was questioned by members of the press. A reporter asked whether McCarthy was now prepared to make public the names.

"I'm going to make an offer to the three press services right now. I will be in my office tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock (8 a. m., CST). If anyone of the three major press services will come to my office and give me the assurance in writing of the head of their staff that they will make those names

"I'm afraid I have no other choice," McCarthy replied. "Are you prepared to do it now? Do you want to do it tonight?" a questioner asked.

The program moderator asked that "we reserve that question now."

Another question was then put to the Senator: "You've been accused of trying to hide behind Senate immunity; I'm asking you whether you're willing to waive that immunity and do it (make the names known) some other way."

(A Senator can not be sued for what he says on the Senate floor, but this immunity does not extend to what he says elsewhere.)

"Glad You Asked"
"That's why I'm glad you asked that question," responded McCarthy, "the left wing bleeding-heart element of the press and radio has been screaming that McCarthy is hiding behind congressional immunity."

"Now, I offered to make those names public on this show tonight. And the—I understand your sponsor said no, and I don't blame them. Because any of those who happen to be Communists have orders to start lawsuits. And even if your sponsor won the 29 law suits..."

The program moderator then interjected that it was not only the sponsor, but the revelation would be against the policy of the TV program.

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Interpreting the News

Same Russia Line Noted in Message

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

ONE sentence in the letter from President Shvernik of Russia accurately sets forth Russia's terms for world peace.

Nothing Added
World diplomats were quick to recognize that on these topics the new communication adds nothing to a propaganda line which was established long ago. Russia likes to talk in broad general terms about peace settlements, disarmament and the atom. Then she hedges the approaches with such unacceptable demands that nothing can be accomplished.

But what Russia really looks forward to, in Shvernik's words, is a time when "the peoples take into their own hands preservation of peace and defend it to the end, unmasking the attempts of those forces which have interests in war and which are trying to draw the people into another war."

Sounds High-Toned
Sounds high-minded enough, doesn't it? Almost like Woodrow Wilson.

Peace After Revolutions
So, using the Communist lexicon for translation, Shvernik says peace will come when the Communists have staged their revolutions in the countries of the world.

The other things—arguments about peace settlements, arms and atoms—are merely part of the Russian tactical approach.

Moscow would like a five-power conference for the purpose of bringing another Communist voice—Red China's—into some world councils as a sort of backdoor recognition which Peiping cannot now obtain in the United Nations. Talk about disarmament and a ban on A-bombs is cheap.

College Station Boy Given Scholarship
Announcement of the award of 317 scholarships and 42 fellowships for the 1951-52 academic year at Stanford University was made today by President Wallace Sterling.

Charles Ross Orr of College Station received a University Honors Scholarship. Fourteen scholarships and fellowships have been awarded to students whose homes are in Canada, China, Egypt, England, India, Iran, Japan, and the Netherlands.

Rep. Teague Reports

Teague Supports Legislation Facilitating Child Employment

By OLIN E. TEAGUE
Sixth District Congressman

WASHINGTON, D. C.—As this newsletter is being written, I am appearing before the House Committee on Education and Labor to testify on a resolution which I introduced on April 18 to provide Federal legislation which prohibits the employment of children during certain hours shall not apply with respect to the harvesting of basic agricultural commodities.

Existing Law
Existing law under the provisions of the Farm Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, states in part that the section dealing with agriculture does not legally require them to attend school. This clause prohibits the employ-

ment of children during the school hours of the school districts in which they live while they are working, without regard to whether or not such children have met the school attendance requirements of the school districts in which their homes are situated.

My resolution would amend this provision to the extent that the provisions of the child-labor portion of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 would not apply in the cases of any employee employed in agriculture outside of school hours for the school district where such employee is living while he is so employed.

State Jurisdiction
I feel that this problem of working between school attendance and the prompt harvesting of agricultural commodities is best left to the jurisdiction of the States and in turn to the school districts. My resolution would in no way be discriminatory between rural and city children in their opportunities for an education.

There is something mandatory in my resolution which would prevent a child from attending school simply because he resided in a rural area, and the harvesting season was due. But, our migratory workers can no longer bring their families with them during the rush seasons because of the number of days the children are required to attend school.

A great number of these migratory workers are in the lower income bracket and these same children do not have the clothes and

supplies to attend school unless the State, through its welfare agencies provide them with same. Opening the door to them to gain employment on our small farms will provide them with the necessary money to ably take care of their school needs.

Deprives Money
Existing Federal laws, in my opinion, tend to retard rather than facilitate the education of many of these children, in that it deprives them of this opportunity to earn money during the cotton harvest.

By the same token, the numerous regulations and restrictions of the present law have worked to the detriment of many of our small farmers engaged in the independent production of sustaining himself and society simply because after a year of hard work in the planting and raising of his cotton crop, he is unable to procure enough labor to complete the successful harvesting and marketing of it.

Food Depends on Harvest
His entire year's income livelihood for his family depends on the successful harvest when the crop is ripe, and the failure to do so will most assuredly reduce educational opportunity and injure the health and well-being of the farm children.

Further, as you well know, the economic structure of the entire surrounding area is basically hinged on this one agricultural commodity, which as a rule highly seasonal and its success or failure dictates the future of the community.

Russian Radios Broadcast Truman Letters Month Late

MOSCOW, Aug. 8—(AP)—Soviet radio stations broadcast last night, a month late, all of President Truman's letter telling the Russian people "there will be no war" if they are informed of America's friendship.

The announcers also read the text of the friendship resolution of the United States Congress, which President Truman transmitted with his letter July 7 to Soviet President Nikolai Shvernik, along with these, they read Shvernik's answer Monday proposing a big five peace pact.

Documents Published
All three documents, it was announced, will be published in the Soviet press today.

Thus for the second time in a week the Russian people were informed of an important western statement of peaceful aims.

On Aug. 1 Pravda, the most important newspaper in Russia, printed in full a 1,500-word statement of British Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison, along with Pravda's 2,500-word rebuttal.

Morrison told the Russians they had no freedom of speech, that British broadcasts to the Soviet Union were being jammed, that they were being incorrectly informed that the west is "preparing for war" and that this ignorance was creating "fear and suspicion."

In holding up publication of the Truman letter until Shvernik's answer could be circulated simultaneously, Russia thus used the same technique as in handling the Morrison statement.

Letter to Shvernik
President Truman's letter was to Shvernik, chairman of the presidium of the supreme Soviet, a small group authorized to act for the Soviet parliament when it is not in session.

The letter accompanied a congressional resolution fathered by Senator Brian McMahon and Representative Abraham A. Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrats, and adopted last June. This resolution requested the Soviet government to tell the Russian people that Americans "desire to live in friendship with all peoples," do not want war and welcome all honorable efforts

to solve differences with Russia, though determined to defend their freedom.

The American President added his own message, declaring both peoples "abhor the thought of future conflict, which they know would be waged by means of the most hideous weapons in the history of mankind."

Remove Suspicion
"We shall never be able to remove suspicion and fear as potential causes of war until communication is permitted to flow, free and open, across international boundaries," he declared, adding: "I believe that if we can acquaint the Soviet people with the peace aims of the American people and government, there will be no war."

Tonight's broadcast started at 7 p. m., when millions of families in European Russia are gathered about their dinner tables.

It was virtually assured that nearly every adult in this nation of 200,000,000 will have a chance to acquaint himself, either from a radio broadcast or newspaper, with President Truman's message pleading for a removal of artificial barriers separating the American and Russian people.

Greater Audience
This is a far greater audience than was informed of the Morrison statement. Though printed in Pravda and reprinted in Izvestia, Trud and Red Star, it probably reached no more than 10,000,000 persons.

(A State Department spokesman in Washington said Tuesday the proposal was a "propaganda trap." The attitude of spokesmen in Washington, London and Paris was that a peace pact already exists in the United Nations charter, and that the problem is to live up to the U. N. charter rather than to sign new pacts.)

Rodeo Prizes Won by Aggie Cowboys

Two members of the Texas Aggie Rodeo Association won prizes at the Giddings rodeo Sunday night.

Martin Manuel of Hamshire placed first in the bareback bronc riding event by making a qualified ride on Cowboy's Joy, and Clyde Martin of Port Arthur placed second in the same event by making a qualified ride on Moon River.

Other Aggies who participated in the rodeo were Steve Stewart, Jim Watson, Art Laetsch, and Don Walling.

J. P. Wagner of Roundtop was the only cowboy to make a qualified ride in the wild bull riding. Art Laetsch and Don Walling are new members of the rodeo association, but they are getting much valuable experience necessary for the making of a rodeo hand.

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AN' WHEN A CONJURIN' WOMIN IS IN LOVE—SHE'LL DO ANYTHIN' FO' HER MAN!!—AH MADE A SUCCESS OUTA YO'!!

I-I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND--

YO' WAS GONNA LEAVE DOGPATCH BECUZ THAR WAZN'T NO BUSINESS-- RIGHT?--

R-RIGHT-- BUT SUDDENL' THEY NEEDED ME!!-- A LOT O' PEOPLE BECAME SICK!!

RIGHT?-- AN' WHO MADE 'EM SICK?-- ME-- WIF MAH HEXED 'EM!!-- ME-- WIF MAH PUT YO' IN BUSINESS, BECUZ AH LOVES YO', YO' HAN SOME DAWG!!