

Battalion Editorials

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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."

and made streets and roads nearly impassable over more than half of the state."

Now take a look at the weather situation in College Station on page one today. The intense heat wave has swept the state and the death toll from the weather in Dallas alone was 12 by Tuesday afternoon. Old man weather seems to believe that either we Texans are highly deserving of punishment dished out in tablespoonful measurements or he knows the "hardened" Texan can stand his wrath, regardless of the extreme.

But every individual will have to thank him for one gift. There's rarely a conversation now that will not include a statement like, "How do ya like this hot weather?" It is a constant source of conversation material and many barbers and sidewalk businessmen would be at loss without Mr. Weather's presence.

Three Strikes And You're Out?

ARE intercollegiate athletics on the way out? During the past year, three strikes have been stacked up against college athletics. This indicates that a "change" is in order.

Strike one was the rejecting of the Sanity Code by a majority of the colleges at the last NCAA meeting which was held in Dallas earlier this year. Although the Sanity Code was a flop, it was a failure because of a lack of enforcement.

The second strike against college sports was the basketball scandal which to date has shown how 19 players helped fix 25 games, some of which were in major tournaments.

"Cribbing" at West Point, which brings 44 probable football players into the picture, forms the third big strike against sports.

The big question: Did the catcher drop the ball on the last strike or are college athletics on the way out?

Commercialising College Athletics

COLLEGE athletics were originally started to promote better relations between the competing schools and for the benefit of the participants.

Today, some people claim that "commercialism" has stepped in. We wonder? In the Southwest Conference, four of the seven schools have enlarged the seating capacity of their stadiums, although a decrease in enrollment has occurred.

Across the country, a poll of 43 colleges and universities shows that football fans paid over \$63,000,000 to see regular scheduled games. Over \$1,800,000 was paid by the public to witness the playing of the annual New Year's Day games.

Basketball gross receipts jumped up all over the country, and plans are being made to have more tournaments. Crowds love double headers.

But whether or not college athletics are going on the "commercial" side is unknown. After all, there's quite an overhead when one considers the college's viewpoint.

The Battalion

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

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McCarty 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.

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.

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.

L/L ABNER She Made Him What He Is Today

"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.)

"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.

McCarthy said: "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

public without my having named them in the Senate floor, they can have those names tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock."

"I may say that if they don't do it, I won't blame them too much, because we've had experience on that in the past, when the press generally refused to make information like this public, unless it first had been used on the Senate floor."

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 favored 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

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.

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 able to 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 power pact.

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."

Greater Audience

This is a far greater audience than was informed of the Morrison statement. Though printed in Pravda and reprinted in Izvestia, Truth 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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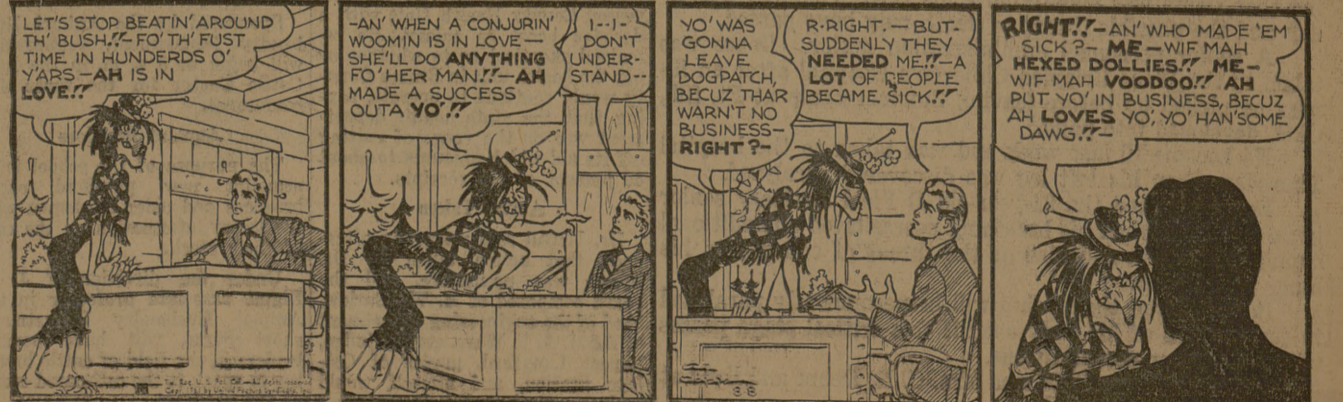
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