

Battalion Editorials

First Win More Than A Game

THE Texas Aggies returned to Easterwood Airport and the A&M campus yesterday with the first victory of their 1951 ten-game schedule. It was not just an ordinary win. We had a new man directing the team's fortunes at his old home stadium in Los Angeles.

We were glad to see the coaching staff's efforts had not been in vain in preparing the team for an opponent's tight defense for our heralded ground game. An unheard-of Cadet passing attack broke loose when the Uclans' defensive line proved too stout for the A&M backs.

We are sure Coach George was a happy man as he met his former teammates and coaches on the West coast after the game. He had won his first contest as a head coach and started what most Aggies hope to be the first of many victories for the 1951 season.

But as George warned long before the A&M-UCLA clash, "Let's don't win them before they are played."

Texas Tech is next and then mighty Oklahoma invades Aggiland. Let's play the teams one at a time and make our plans for the Cotton Bowl after we are sure the Aggies have topped the conference.

A&M's Booster

Governor Coke Started Into State Politics Slowly

(This is the third of a series of the story of Governor Richard Coke and telling how he influenced the founding of A&M College and a little more about his life as a colorful governor in Texas history.)

When young Dick Coke rode into Waco Village in the Spring of 1850 and unsacked his law books to begin his practice, he found that he was the Village's second barrister. Already established in the profession was N. W. Battle, another graduate of Williams and Mary, who had come to Waco earlier in the same year.

Coke started slowly, not being a young man who made acquaintances easily, but in time he impressed the people of the community with his sober and studious attitude and his serious attention to business. He became known as a particularly good man to clear up land titles, the most frequent and lucrative form of law business in the settlement.

In 1865, Coke was appointed District Judge under the provisional government of Governor Hamilton. Two years later he was elected to the State Supreme Court, only to be removed from office by General Sheridan as "an impediment to Reconstruction."

His summary dismissal by the hated military representatives of the federal government did much to increase Coke's popularity with the Democrats of Texas. He was widely known as a scholarly man of unimpeachable integrity who was absolutely fearless in pursuing whatever course he determined to be right.

George Clark, another Waco lawyer, who was one of the most adept political managers of the time, saw in Richard Coke the ideal candidate for the Democratic party

in an all-out attempt to break up the carpet-bagger rule which had controlled Texas since the end of the Civil War.

"Early in the Spring of 1872," Clark wrote in his memoirs, "I was boarding at the same house with Judge Coke and his family. Knowing him as I did and his somewhat remarkable capabilities, I began to solicit him to stand the ensuing year for Governor."

Nomination Won

Coke was inexperienced politically and very slow to agree to making the race, but finally the clever Clark sold him on the idea and launched the campaign for his nomination. The State Democratic convention in Austin in July of 1872 was actually a statewide demonstration in protest against the long and ruinous years of carpet-bagger rule.

A call had been sent out to "all good men, regardless of their past political preferences," to unite in removing the radicals from power. The people of the State were thoroughly aroused. The convention was well attended, ably led and thoroughly determined. It nominated Richard Coke for Governor and chose for his running-mate the 413-pound orator, R. B. Hubbard.

The campaign that followed was one of the bitterest and most violent ever waged in Texas. In the election nearly 100,000 votes were cast and Richard Coke defeated the Republican Governor Davis by more than two to one. The party of the carpetbaggers and scalawags (as Texans who joined the intruders for their own gain were called) would not, however, give up so easily the control of a State which they had ruled with an iron hand throughout Reconstruction.

Double Vote

The first Republican maneuver was the filing of a suit in Houston, charging a lone Mexican named Rodriguez with illegal voting on behalf of the Democrats. In his Latin enthusiasm, Senator Rodriguez was alleged to have voted



Curvesome Rhonda Delights Audience

By FRANK DAVIS BATTALION STAFF WRITER

Although Hollywood is to be congratulated on its trend toward realism which has been noticed in such movies as "Ace in the Hole", there still remains the movie for entertainment only.

"On the Riviera" is perhaps the best recent example of the latter. "Little Egypt", Universal International's production showing at the Palace Theater is another movie which falls into the same category.

With a ridiculous plot, "Little Egypt" combines the elements of beauty, romance, and conflict to make a movie the critic would tear apart, but many movie goers would acclaim.

Rhonda Fleming is the most luscious creature audiences have been privileged to see since Hedy Lamarr emerged from the Vienna Forests.

The person who compares the performance of Rhonda in "Little Egypt" with Yvonne De Carlo in an older movie entitled "Salome Where She Danced" will conclude that people are becoming more broadminded.

The authentic movements of the Egyptian dancing girl have been described as an intricate display of stomach, hip, and breast movements which made the old feel young and the young feel mature. However short Miss Fleming falls from authenticity, the performance is nevertheless the greatest yet seen on the American screen.

Notes From Grad School

The normal load of academic work in the programs of the various schools, including the Graduate School, is set up as full time work. When a student takes a complete normal load, he is expected to devote his entire time to the pursuit of his academic work.

Where a graduate student is doing work as a graduate assistant he is required to correspondingly reduce his academic load.

Normally the graduate assistant, whether he is doing research or teaching work in that capacity, is required to reduce his academic load to a maximum of 12 credit hours. This is a liberal allowance in view of approximately half-time employment on something other than his graduate program.

An apparent exception to the above statement would be that a student working on a research assistantship whose research work was fully approved for complete use for his thesis or dissertation. In that case he is not restricted to 12 hours of academic work.

Any type of employment outside of a graduate assistantship should have the same relative effect on the academic load. That is, any graduate student who has to work to help maintain himself here in school should discuss this fact and the amount of work he finds it necessary to do with his major professor and the Graduate office and arrive at the amount of time he has to devote to graduate work so that his academic work can be adjusted accordingly.

It is hoped that the student will realize that if he is heavily overloaded with a combination of academic work and employment of any kind it will inevitably affect the quality of his work. This will not help him accomplish the most effective graduate work, according to Ide P. Trotter, dean.

Church Women's Program Reset

Mrs. Dallas Belcher, General chairman of the College Station Council of Church Women's radio program, announced today that the program, usually heard at 9:45 each Thursday morning over W T A W will be presented at 9:15 each Thursday morning. The weekly message was initiated several years ago by Mrs. F. L. Thomas.

The message is unusual in Texas, and it compares favorably with programs throughout the nation. Each church of College Station is represented on the air, and a chairman from each church is in charge of the program for one month's running. Mrs. D. W. Williams, wife of the Vice-Chancellor of A&M system, will represent the A&M Presbyterian Church for the month of September.

Mrs. Belcher will soon resign her post of general chairman. Her successor has not yet been announced.

Young Politicians To Face Complexities of Government

If it is the duty of politicians to support their constituents, the new mayor and city council may find rough sledding today when they take over the city offices.

Elected by their classmates, seven A&M Consolidated High School students will occupy the top city positions from 1 p. m. until 5 p. m.

What's the scoop? It's part of the Kiwanis International's National Kids Day program designed to teach youngsters something about government.

There is an example of how mixed up things could become. Suppose the city marshal picks up the mayor's father for speeding. Since the marshal is responsible to the mayor and council who appointed him, he releases the speeder, fearing the wrath of the mayor.

The voters get wind of what has happened and scream, corruption. So the mayor's father is fined for speeding, and the fine, of course, is taken out of the mayor's allowance.

US Army Prepares For Korea Winter

(Editor's note: Last Winter, Associated Press Writer Don Whitehead broke the story in Korea that American fighting men were suffering in sub-zero weather because of a breakdown in the distribution of warm clothing. Here is a story of what the Army is doing today to prepare for another Winter campaign—and to make certain the troops are warmly clothed.)

Washington, Sept. 24.—The Army has begun moving almost 100,000 fresh combat troops into Korea to make certain that battle-worn veterans who fought through the bitter campaign last Winter will not have to suffer through a second one.

But for those who must stay, the Army has stockpiled enough Winter gear in Korea to provide every soldier and Marine with warm clothing when Winter settles over that unhappy land.

This time the Army doesn't intend to be caught short on Winter equipment as it has in past Winter campaigns in North Africa, Italy, Europe and Korea. And it is trying to give first consideration to the men who endured last Winter's campaign.

More than 30,000 troops are being poured into Korea each month as replacements for killed, wounded, missing—and the veterans who went all the way through the Winter fighting. The Marines also are bringing their veterans back as rapidly as possible.

This increase in replacements does not mean everybody who fought in a Winter battle will be eligible to come home. One officer explained it this way: "We hope to bring back the men who fought through the Winter in Korea. As much as we would like to, we can't bring back some of the men who were only in the latter stages of the Winter fighting. They will have to wait a little longer off rotation."

Neither will it mean that rear area service troops—those behind the fighting front—will be able to return before another Winter begins.

This year, the Eighth Army placed its Winter clothing order in May. The Pentagon says all the clothing is now in Korea—including clothing for the Marines, South Korean troops and other United Nations units. The only hitch in getting the clothing to the

Transcontinental TV For Freedom Crusade

New York, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Red satellite countries in Eastern Europe, and similar radio stations proposed to fight Communism in Asia.

Viewers throughout the country were asked to telephone, telegraph or mail their pledges and contributions.

The program, running a total of four-and-a-half hours regionally, made video history with a number of "firsts."

It marked the initial transcontinental transmissions in two directions in the same day. However, simultaneous transmission of two programs in opposite directions must await the start of regular commercial cross-country TV on Friday.

Yesterday's show also was the opening east-to-west telecast, giving western viewers their first "live" video look at New York and Washington.

For the TV audience in the East, it provided the initial "live" glimpse of Hollywood. The previous transcontinental telecasts of the Japanese peace treaty conference earlier this month had come from San Francisco.

The Columbia Broadcasting System handled the transmission on a pooled basis over the American Telephone and Telegraph Company's new \$40,000,000 microwave radio relay system. Other television networks picked up portions of the show.

As in the previous east-to-west conference telecast, there were general reports of excellent reception on both coasts.

The program was a nation-wide appeal for the Crusade for Freedom, a private organization, which seeks to raise \$3,500,000 for its anti-Communist activities.

Chief beneficiaries of the Crusade campaign will be its radio Free Europe, which is beamed to

Wire and Telephone

CBS said that \$150,000 was pledged in the New York area alone. The network said it also received wired and telephoned pledges from other parts of the country, including West Coast cities.

Final totals, CBS said, would not be available until mail pledges are received and figures for other cities are tabulated.

A number of public officials, entertainers, actors and other dignitaries participated in the show.

Plea From Ike

Pleas for contributions to the fund came in a message from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in Europe and in another message, read by Harold E. Etassen, from President Truman. Stassen, University of Pennsylvania president, is a crusade official.

Vice President Alben W. Barkley, former president Herbert Hoover, Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett and a number of other notables also appeared during the program and made their appeals for the crusade.

Four-Hour Stint

The program started with a four-hour stint from New York and Washington to the West Coast. Then the transcontinental hookup broke off to allow for local and regional shows. Late in the evening, Hollywood came on with a 30-minute show for the East.

When regularly-scheduled commercial TV starts its cross-country broadcasts Friday, channels will be available in both directions.

King George Reported OK After Surgery

London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—King George VI was reported in good spirits today and confident of recovery from a major lung operation.

A Palace spokesman said Queen Elizabeth spent the morning with her husband, but that no other members of the Royal family have been permitted to see him.

The spokesman was much more cheery than an earlier medical bulletin which merely reported that the King's condition was "as satisfactory as can be expected."

He told a reporter: "The King is in good spirits, as far as one can be after an operation like this. He seems confident of his recovery."

"The Queen has been with him this morning."

A morning medical bulletin said, "The King has had a restful night. His Majesty's condition this morning continues to be as satisfactory as can be expected."

It came after a Buckingham Palace source had reported that the King "made it safely" through the first crucial night after his operation yesterday morning.

Anxious Britons, who had prayed for the safety of their beloved Monarch, got no indication of the King's exact condition in his battle against the after-effects of the surgery.

The announcement was signed by five doctors who had spent the night at the King's bedside.

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