

It's Ironical

LAST NIGHT, something strange happened at A&M. A senior class met and got something done—and they worked as a body and not as a group of individuals. From these indications, the Class of 1952 will go down in the history of A&M as one of the greatest classes.

This is, to our knowledge, the first class in a number of years the school authorities have felt capable of handling the discipline of the Corps.

The question of whether or not the seniors are mature enough to handle management of the corps is one that will be answered when the history of the class is written at the end of the year.

From what The Battalion has been able to learn, the men in the class went about handling a very delicate problem in a sensible manner. This is an ironic move from a body of students which is known more for its mob violence than mass thinking.

At this meeting last night there was only one thing that came up on the agenda that we feel was a throw back to the olden days of the traditional class meeting.

We hope the senior class will live up to the trust given it by the authorities. If it doesn't—Well it might be a long time before another class is given this same opportunity.

Being optimistic by nature, we take a football saying—"We're Built."

For Whom the Bells Toll

WE RECEIVED a letter to the editor in the office Sunday, but it had no name on it, so in keeping with our policy, we can not run it. But no where in our policy does it prohibit us from discussing the same thing the letter did.

Many of the people on the campus wonder just how and what the chimes in the MSC ring for. They start ringing at eight o'clock in the morning and ring until 11 at night.

On the even hours a person can just count the long steady and find out what time it is, this is of course assuming that the average person on the campus can count up to 12.

The other chimes indicate the quarter hour. This means, for those who need a complete explanation, every 15 minutes during the hour.

At the hour mark the chimes will play a chord through four times. Two times up the scale and two times down again. At the one quarter mark it rings one chord up the scale. At the half mark—up one chord and down another. The three quarter mark is more difficult; it goes up once, down once and back up. And again at the hour mark it goes up the scale once, down the scale once and then repeats the process.

In addition to this it also has a key board for "chimestone" to play tunes. In our recollection this has happened only once and the chimes seemed to us to be off key.

Any further discussion about the chimes should be directed to the agent of the class that donated them.

Kid's Curiosity Helped

AMONG THE attitudes people of the United States display is one which may cause the ruin of this nation. That attitude is indifference.

Indifference stems from laziness which is caused by ignorance. Ignorance is characterized by a lack of curiosity. Curiosity, fortunately, is a trait which can be acquired. The only condition is knowledge which prompts men to tackle problems and enables them to solve those problems.

The fight against a particular kind of indifference in this country was aided this week by a group of businessmen belonging to an organization called Kiwanis International.

In sponsoring a National Kids Day, designed to give high school students insight into the functioning of government, these men laid a cornerstone for future participation in government.

Yesterday's program at City Halls throughout the nation will do much to bring a renewed interest in governmental activities. An interest that has steadily declined as the years have passed.

In the last Presidential election, less than 52 percent of the qualified voters in the United States went to the polls. If this trend continues, the people of the United States face the possibility of being governed by representatives of a minority group.

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Seniors

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Historical committee. Harold Chandler will be chairman of the Film committee while Ted Stephens heads the Gift committee.

Bonfire Discussion
Each committee will be responsible to the president, Dalston. The president then reports to the class as a whole any action taken by the committees.

A controversial issue came before the class next and a long, heated discussion was held on determining which Cadet organization would have the right to fly the flag on top of the bonfire.

Dick Ingles argued that Armor units have always had the job of oiling the bonfire and therefore always flew their flag from its top.

Most of the class approved Ingles point, but a few disagreed. Finally it was decided, by vote, to table the motion and have the Traditions committee investigate the case.

The committee will report its findings at the next meeting and a vote of the class will be taken at that time.

After this discussion, the meeting adjourned.

A&M's First Friend

Gov. Coke Took Office in Storm

Governor Coke did not take over the governor's mansion with ease. At the time of his election there was a doubt in the State Supreme Court's mind whether or not the election was conducted as fairly as it should. Nevertheless the people of Texas rallied behind the "quiet fire-eating" governor and he was put into office. The people of the state lost patience with the court over the judicial bodies insistence in declaring a default because of a semi-colon that was misplaced. This story was written by R. Henderson Shuffler, Director of Information for the System.—The Editor

When the Legislature met on January 15th, in defiance of the Governor's orders, Coke stalked into the old Senate Chamber and told them: "I have been duly elected governor by the people of Texas, and by the eternal gods, I intend to become governor in obedience to the voice of the people, no matter what it may cost me or anybody else." That brought an end to indecision. On the 17th returns of the election were taken from the Secretary of State, under protest, laid before the Legislature and counted.

Richard Coke was declared elected Governor and R. B. Hubbard as Lieutenant Governor. Both were forthwith sworn in, and notice was served on ex-Governor Davis to vacate his office.

Two Governors
Davis, in the meantime, had not been idle. He played his last card when he wired President U. S. Grant and requested federal troops to assist him in holding the office. Texas, at this point, had two full sets of Governors and Lieutenant Governors, one headquarters in the old Senate Chamber on the second floor of the capitol building, and the other holding tenaciously to the traditional governor's suite on the floor below.

Further complicating the picture, a company of volunteers from the supporters of Coke surrounded the capitol, cancelling out, in effect, the threats of the Davis cohorts who milled in the lower halls. As one old-timer described this tense situation later, "If one dang fool had thrown up his hat and hollered about then, almighty Hell would of broke loose in a hurry." Fortunately, nobody "hollered."

DeShields, in his "They Sat in High Places," does report that at this juncture W. P. "Old Gotch" Hardeman of the Coke forces sent Governor Davis this word: "Let one Negro trooper fire a gun and the next shot will be aimed directly at your heart." This may have restrained the Governor's cohorts somewhat.

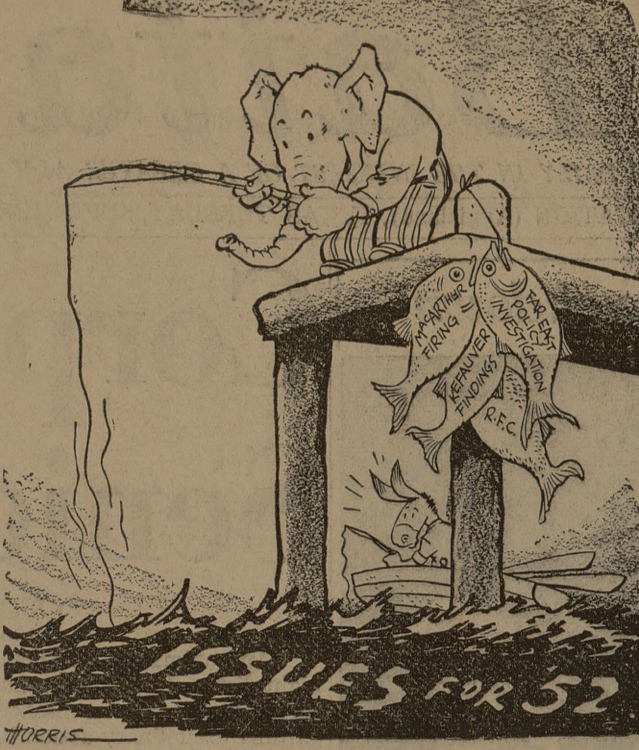
While the two armed forces, each supporting its own governor, stalked stiff-legged around each other with hackles raised, an unexpected relief to the tension came in the form of a telegram from the President of the United States to Governor Davis, which somehow leaked, as those things will, to become general knowledge. President Grant refused to intervene in the Texas crisis. This turned the tide.

Ousts Davis
On January 18th, Davis sent word that he would vacate the governor's office. He did not say when or how. That was on Sunday. By 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, the mighty Coke's slow burn was breaking into flame. Brandishing his heavy walking stick, he roared to his friends in the Senate Chamber that he was tired of waiting for Davis to vacate and was preparing to go downstairs and run him out.

To prevent a complete breach of the gubernatorial dignity, George Clark, Senator J. E. Dillard and General J. B. Roberts decided to go downstairs first and investigate the situation. They, themselves, were none to calm. In his memoirs, Clark tells of their brief but historic journey down the Capitol stairways:

"We went down to the governor's office, the doors of which were still locked, and there was a man placed there, evidently to deliver

HARDLY TIME TO BAIT HIS HOOK



Boyle Investigation Termed 'Scratch'

Washington, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Two Republican senators said today the RFC influence investigation has only scratched the surface of what they called corruption in government.

Senators Nixon (R-Calif) and McCarthy (R-Wis) said the inquiry should be extended to follow up leads already uncovered in public hearings on the relations between American Lithofold Corp. and Democratic National Chairman William M. Boyle, Jr.

Nixon also said, without mentioning name, that he has evidence some "prominent administration supporters" have received large fees in connection with cases pending before the alien property custodian.

Nixon and McCarthy gave their views to reporters before the Senate Investigations Subcommittee called James B. E. Olson back (9 a.m. EST) for more questioning about the \$750-a-month services he performed for American Lithofold

while on the federal payroll as a tax collector.

The hearings were started to look into charges that Boyle used political influence to help American Lithofold, a St. Louis printing firm, get \$565,000 in loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC). He has said he did not—that he drew \$1,250 from the firm for other legal work. Boyle is due to testify Thursday.

Subcommittee Inquiry

The subcommittee has also announced plans to inquire into the relations with RFC of Boyle's Republican counterpart, Guy G. Gabrielson. Gabrielson has said he has been negotiating with the big lending agency for revision of the terms of repayment of \$18,500,000 of loans to a firm he heads. Gabrielson heatedly denied any wrongdoing, but some GOP senators have said he should resign or be fired as national chairman.

McCarthy contended that testimony showing Olson and other government tax officials worked for Lithofold and other companies "on the side" has become "as important, if not more important, than the Boyle case."

"This practice is of tremendous importance and must be run down," the Wisconsin senator said. "It is highly improper for someone to receive money from a corporation over whose tax returns he has jurisdiction."

"Pilot Case"

Nixon called the American Lithofold disclosures "nothing but a pilot case" for what he termed a "nationwide pattern of corruption and shakedown."

Olson testified yesterday that he put American Lithofold salesmen in touch with officials of two firms, the Ruppert Brewery and the Austin Nichols Liquor Wholesale Company in New York, in 1949 while both were under his tax jurisdiction.

In both cases, Olson said, Lithofold made the sale. Olson at that time was supervisor of the Federal alcohol tax unit in New York. He has since resigned.

The subcommittee planned to hear several witnesses in addition to Olson today, and then to call Max Siskind, Boyle's former law partner, tomorrow.

Investigate Tax

Nixon said efforts will be made to examine the income tax returns of both Boyle and Siskind to determine whether Boyle actually sold his interest in their law firm to Siskind for a reported \$150,000 upon becoming Democratic National Chairman.

The Californian said he hopes Boyle and Siskind would agree to let the subcommittee see their tax returns with the understanding that the information would not be made public.

Chairman Hoey (D-NC) and other committee members expressed doubt that the group can force Boyle and Siskind to produce their tax returns against their will.

Aggie Grad Named To Assist Indians

Malcolm Orchard, A&M graduate and former A&M instructor, has been appointed to assist the Indian Government in publishing "Indian Farming," a national magazine in India.

Orchard, a native of South Texas, received his M. S. degree from A&M and was associate professor in agricultural education from 1936-1945.

He is the first agricultural information officer to receive an appointment under the U. S. Government's Point Four program of sharing technical abilities with other countries.

Notes From Grad School

Students may enter the Graduate School under four different types of admission. These need to be clearly understood by both students and faculty, Dean Ide P. Trotter said.

• Tentative admission. Such an admission is granted merely to make it possible to start taking work at the graduate level before the student's records are complete and ready for final consideration. One such student may be an undergraduate who is taking a graduate course under "double registration" during his last semester.

He is granted tentative admission until he submits to the Graduate School a transcript showing that he has successfully completed his Bachelor's degree. The more common case is the student who has not applied for admission to the Graduate School in time to have his records cleared and is granted tentative admission for registration purposes until all his records are cleared and other terms of admission are established.

• Provisional admission. When an admission's records are cleared but he does not have a 2.0 grade point average (or a B average) he is only granted provisional admission. This means that he is on trial and the character of his work here in the Graduate School will be watched more closely to make sure it is of graduate quality.

When the student has completed the first 16 hours of his graduate program together with any prerequisite work required of him with an average grade of B or above and no grade below C his provisional admission can be changed to full admission.

• Full admission. A student whose undergraduate record shows a 2.0 or better grade point average is granted full admission immediately upon entrance in the Graduate School.

• Special graduate student. A few students, many of them members of the staff of the A&M College of Texas, are granted special graduate student status without seeking a graduate degree at this institution. When such special-student status is granted the student is responsible for having the prerequisites to each particular graduate course he seeks to enroll for. No complete program is worked out.

Any graduate credit for the work he takes here will be for transfer to some institution where he may later ask to be a candidate for a graduate degree.

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L'L ABNER Pawns of Fate

By Al Capp

Panel 1: AH KNOWS YO' IS HONGRY, BUT I'L ABNER WILL SHORELY SEND TH' DOGPATCH HAM T' TH' RES-KEW-K!

Panel 2: WE EATS AGIN! HERE COME OLD, RELIABLE, NEVER-FAIL YOUNG EDDIE M'SKONK!!

Panel 3: AH HAIN'T DEE-LIVERIN' NO GOODS! I'L ABNER LOST YORE DOGPATCH HAM!! —ER, EXCOOZE ME, FOLKS. AH GOT A TENDER HEART AH HATES WATCHIN' MAM FRIENDS STARVE T' DEATH—

Panel 4: SO—GOO'BYE!!—AH IS GOIN' HOME T' DINNER. THANK HEVENS WE HAIN'T LOST OUR DOGPATCH HAM!! IT'S MAM'S BEST FRIEND!

A&M Staff Man Writes Best Seller

An A&M graduate and now a staff member, is author of a best seller, "Farm Management in the South."

R. L. (Bob) Hunt of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, the author, has just received word from the publishers that sales of the book have passed the 50,000 mark.

Since its publication in 1942 the book has taken its place among the most widely used school texts in the southern states.