

Car Sized Ruts

ONE ITEM will come before the Board of Directors Thursday that seems to be stopping up a small hole while the dike breaks, is the question of paving roads around the agriculture centers west of the campus.

While we admit the need of roads in this area, it seems as if we need new roads much more right here on the campus. Now we are not saying that they should not pave these road areas west of the campus, but we do think they should consider the condition we have allowed our campus streets to get into.

A drive down some of the streets, for example the one on the east side of the new area, is enough to loosen every nut and bolt in any car. If this street does not suit your fancy, try going down the road besides the shacks.

Some of the chuck-holes are five inches deep—and that was just a quick check—many looked deeper.

If the condition of your car and your own comfort do not appeal to you—think about this.

A&M boasts to the nation it is one of the leading engineering training schools in the nation.

Our civil engineers have built roads over mountains and across deserts—yet they can't improve the streets on the campus.

It isn't a very good recommendation of a school when a visitor has to jolt over our surly sized roads.

Board, why don't you just extend the allotment to cover the reconditioning of the existing roads?

Thinking Gift?

WITH CHRISTMAS just around the corner there is something that should be considered at this time. Just what is the senior class going to give the school this year?

In the past the classes have left this decision until the last possible minute. As a result many of the classes have not left a gift with the college that is a real tribute.

The gift left by last year's class—a mail box for Sbis Hall—was not a planned gift. It was a gift thought up at the last minute and by the very nature of it, represents a last minute selection.

It would be a good project for the class of '52 to plan ahead now and really pick a gift that will be of service to the college.

The purpose of the gift is to provide a lasting remembrance for the school. This can be a remembrance of a thinking class or a non-thinking class—which will it be?

Out of Place

MOST OF the hooting and hollering of the football season is over and there is very little time to change any of the customs we observe during the season.

However it does seem to be out of place to see and hear freshmen saying "Beat the Hell Outa TU" while they are in the MSC.

We take our hats off in the center to pay homage to the dead of the World Wars. Yet at the same time we go through the halls hollering beat the hell outa TU.

Why can't the senior class this year establish a custom by which the freshmen, or for that matter any classman, will not use any loud words that might be offensive. We do not attempt to argue the degree of profanity of the word hell here.

This we feel has not been a malicious disrespect to our dead, but it has been an oversight that should be corrected.

The payment of taxes is the price that the citizen must pay for the inherited blessings of civilization.

The Battalion

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

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The Last Corps Trip

By P. H. DUVAL

It was judgment day in Aggie land
And tenseness filled the air;
All knew there was a trip at hand,
But not a soul knew where.

Assembled on the drill field
Was the world renowned Twelfth Man.
The entire fighting Aggie Team
And the famous Aggie Band.

And out in front with Royal Guard
The reviewing party stood;
St. Peter and his angel staff
Were choosing bad from good.

First he surveyed the Aggie Team
And in terms of an angel swore;
"By Jove, I do believe I've seen
This gallant group before."

"I've seen them play since way back when
And they've always had the grit;
I've seen 'em lose and I've seen 'em win
But I've never seen 'em quit.

No need for us to tarry here
Deciding upon their fates;
'Tis as plain as the halo on my head
That they've opened Heaven's gates.

And when the Twelfth Man heard this
They let out a mighty yell;
That echoed clear to Heaven
And shook the gates of Hell.

"And what group is this upon the side?"
St. Peter asked his aide,
"That swelled as if to burst with pride
When we our judgment made."

"Why sir, that's the cadet corps,
That's known both far and wide,
For backing up their fighting team
Whether they won or lost or tied.

Well then, said St. Peter
It's very plain to me
That within the realms of Heaven
They should spend eternity.

"And have the Texas Aggie Band
At once commence to play
For their fates too, we must decide
Upon this crucial day."

And the drum major so hearing
Slowly raised his hand
And said, "Boys let's play 'The Spirit'
For the last time in Aggie land."

And the band poured forth the Anthem
In notes both bright and clear
And ten thousand Aggie voices
Sung the song they hold so dear

And when the band had finished
St. Peter wiped his eyes
And said "It's not so hard to see
They're meant for Paradise.

And the colonel of the cadet corps said
As he stiffly took his stand
"It's just another Corps Trip, boys,
We'll march in behind the band."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks

Editor, The Battalion:

On behalf of the 1952 Bonfire I wish to express the appreciation of the refreshment committee for the fine cooperation we received from John G. Peniston and William P. Yeager of the Dining Hall department for their aid in obtaining free coffee and cookies for the "troops" while engaged in working in the woods and on the main drill field and while guarding the bonfire these cold wet nights.

Although our coffee didn't always go quite as far as we sometimes had hoped, the refreshment committee is really grateful for the time and trouble there two men went to provide us with all the "dope" they could possibly let us have, especially during the evenings.

To Student Activities and the A&M Creamery go our thanks for the use of the trucks and milk

cans which we used in hauling water.

Although we realize the refreshments were a small part of the best bonfire we have ever built, it is only fair to give this note of thanks to these departments for the good they did in helping us.

Jim Lehmann '52
Chairman Refreshment Committee

SAVE MONEY ON
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Dairyman Retires

**After 33 Years
1,682,000 Quarts**

By PHILIP GOUGLER
Battalion Staff Writer

Milking A&M's cows for 33 years has been a long pull for Ernest L. Dillen, college dairy barn employee.

Dillen who has coaxed an estimated 1,682,000 quarts of milk from school bossies, will retire at the end of this month.

Milking cows may seem a dull career, but with Dillen it's been different.

"I like it as well or better than anything else I've ever done. Besides, I've seen a lot happen and many changes around here," he said.

Arriving at A&M in 1918, Dillen remembers the area in back of the present dairy barn as mostly brush and post oak trees.

"It was right smart a job to get those cows back to the barn at milking time," he recalled.

Hand milking was the method used when he started work. Machines were tried at different times, but Dillen usually returned to the old fashioned method. Improved milking machines finally won out, though, and the dairy

barn uses these labor savers almost exclusively.

The college is presently building a new dairy barn system with the latest labor saving innovations. Among these are a built up floor for the cows, which enables the milker to stand up during the entire milking process. Also, the milk goes through pipes directly from cow to cooler.

"After 33 years of stooping and squatting, they would put in this new system just as I'm retiring," he said jokingly.

Asked about amusing incidents during milking routines, Dillen said, "I have seen student labor boys get kicked plumb across the barn learning to use these milking machines.

"I can remember a lot of other funny things, too, but most of them won't do print," he laughingly recalled.

The standard Dillen uniform consists of rubber overshoes, white coveralls, and a good humor face. A slouchy army fatigue hat tops the ensemble.

Dillen has seen six dairy department heads come and go. During that time he has worked with many students. Those students and employees working with him hold him in high esteem.

"I've always got along with these boys because I look for their good points instead of their faults," he said.

Dillen is now living in College Station. After retirement he will move to Bryan.



Ernest L. Dillen

**Vinson Expects
Early Approval
Of UMT Policy**

Washington, Nov. 27 — (AP) Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee today predicted early congressional approval of legislation to put universal military training into operation.

Back from a trip to Georgia, Vinson announced that hearings on the legislation will start before his committee on Jan. 9.

When Congress reconvenes on Jan. 8, he told newsmen, he will introduce a bill embodying the recommendations of the National Security Training Commission created this year by Congress to draft a UMT program.

While Congress already has approved the principle of UMT, with six months of training for 18-year-olds, it must enact another law before a program can become effective. Without another law, no youth can be inducted for UMT.

One of the lead-off witnesses for the congressional hearing Vinson said, will be James W. Wadsworth of New York, chairman of the National Security Training Commission and a former senator and representative.

Vinson predicted that both his committee and the House would approve the implementing legislation quickly.

He conceded, however, that there may be some major revisions in the legislation suggested by the commission.

Some influential committee members favor a provision that would let inductees take their six months of training in two periods of three months each, presumably during the summer months when schools are closed.

Others want assurance that youths who automatically go into the reserves after their six months of training cannot be recalled to active duty without an emergency declaration by Congress.

**Dairy Short Course
Here Dec. 6-7**

Dairymen, plant field men, and county agents of Texas will be on the campus Dec. 6-7 for a Dairyman's Short Course.

The short course is designed for dairymen who don't have the time for more extensive training in dairying or refresher work in this field.

Every phase of dairying, including care of young animals, milking, milk processing, and selling dairy products will be discussed. Several demonstrations of dehoring, tattooing, and milking machinery are scheduled. Feeds, feeding, and mineral supplement uses from the dairymen's standpoint will close the program.

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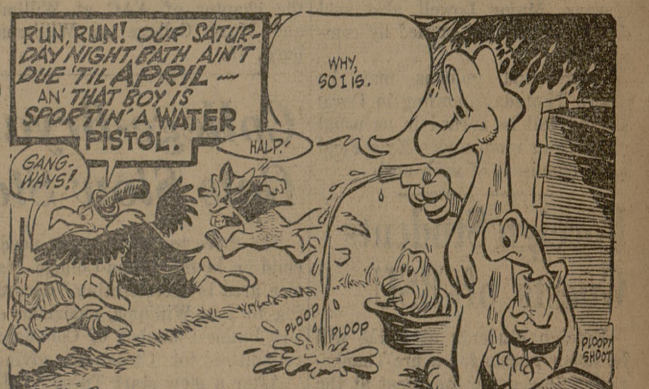
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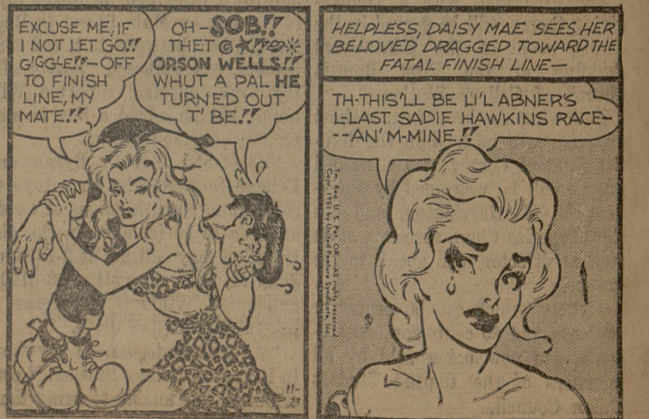
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