

First Impressions Are Important

FIRST IMPRESSIONS usually have one or two effects on an individual. They will either make the person eager to know more about another person or subject, or they will tend to destroy the person's confidence in the topic with which he has been confronted.

Fortunately, high school seniors visiting on the campus last weekend were favorably impressed with what they saw of A&M. And, because of that first impression, a good many will probably enroll here next year.

What made the weekend a success for these high school visitors? Probably the biggest single factor was the friendly attitude displayed by A&M students.

Without that display of friendly interest and a desire on the part of the students to be helpful, the weekend could have been a miserable disappointment for the guests.

But, Aggies did their part. They treated the high school boys royally. Visitors actually saw how an A&M student lives. The boys slept in the dormitories, ate in the mess halls, took part in bull sessions and generally fitted in very well with the scheme of things at A&M.

Most of the high school boys were undoubtedly a little apprehensive when they arrived on the campus. For many, it was their first trip here. But, after a few hours, they were acting as if they had been living at A&M several years.

The treatment they were shown was needed to make them want to come back. And, a large percentage do want to return.

To the student body, faculty and others responsible, thanks for a fine job in keeping with the best of Aggie traditions.

Commie Peace Negotiators Propose 4 Plan Changes

Munsan, Korea, March 18—(P)—Communist negotiators proposed four changes today in truce-time ports of entry into Korea and said they could not answer seven Allied questions about exchanging prisoners.

The United Nations command rejected the proposed port changes and said it would wait for the Reds to figure out the prisoner answers. Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, U.N. command spokesman said he did not believe the port of entry problem would take long to solve. He seemed optimistic over the prisoner situation; said the Reds appeared to be really "studying the questions."

Communist staff officers tried to change two of the five entry ports the Allies had proposed for each side.

Question of Entry Port

They balked at Pyongyang, North Korean capital, as an entry point. They wanted to substitute Sinauju, about midway between Pyongyang and the Manchurian border. On the east coast they wanted to replace Hamhung with its port city of Hungnam.

The Reds tried to remove Seoul from the Allied list and substitute its port, Inchon. They also objected to Taegu, an aerial entry spot in southeast Korea. Instead they proposed Suwon, another air center situated on a rail and highway junction. But it is in West Korea, about 20 miles south of Seoul.

Allied staff officers argued that Seoul and Inchon should be considered a single port of entry in the armistice agreement. They also

tried to get Pusan and Masan identified as a single port. Pusan, in southeast Korea, is the major U.N. seaport in Korea. Masan is another port 30 miles to the west.

Reds Object

The Reds objected to both ideas. The Allies said the Communists were attempting to unduly restrict movement of neutral inspection teams which are to supervise men and supplies coming into Korea during an armistice.

Tuesday's two hour and 16 minute session did bring Communist agreement on the three other ports the U.N. nominated for each side.

In North Korea these are Sinsu and Mampolin on the Yalu River boundary with Manchuria; and Chongjin, on the east coast about 70 miles from Soviet Russia. In South Korea: Kangnung in the east, Kunsan in the west, and Pusan.

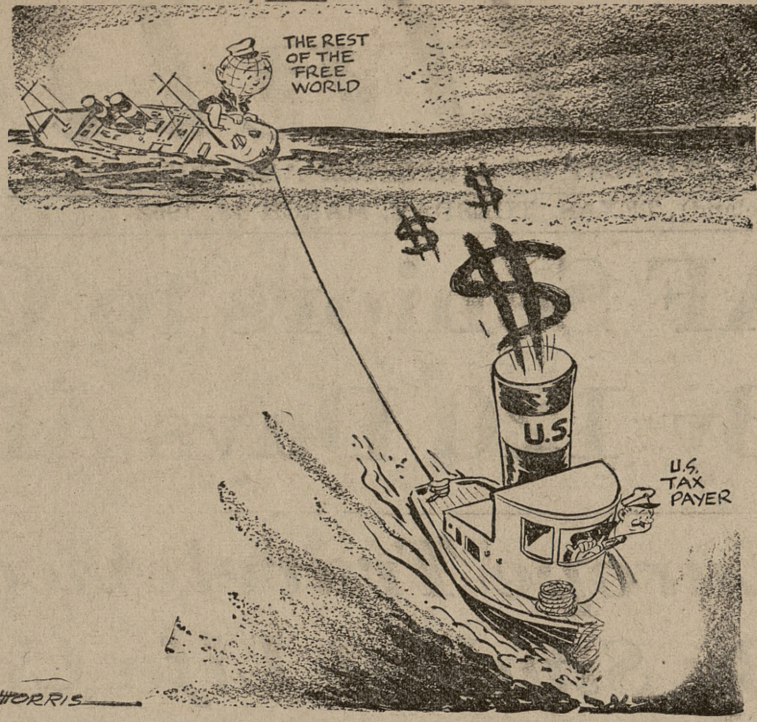
The committee session on exchanging prisoners lasted only 22 minutes. Chinese Col. Tsai Cheng-Wen said the Communist did not feel ready to answer seven ques-

ASME Sr. Lounge To Be Redecorated

The ASME senior lounge in the M. E. Building is being redecorated and renovated at a cost of about \$350.

The lounge was established by Jack W. Clark, '39, senior class president. Clark and his classmates raised the funds by storing trunks and luggage of other students.

WELL, HE'S STILL TUGGING



Chemical Corps Display in MSC

As a part of a three month tour of college ROTC units, the Army's Chemical Corps Exhibit is on display and will be in the MSC until March 22.

Consisting of 20 panels, each illustrating one phase of Chemical Corps activity, the exhibit is one of the largest of its type in the world. The display panels feature colored slides showing equipment in operation while the actual equipment is displayed beneath.

Many of the displays are in motion, allowing spectators to view equipment in operation. A flame thrower which visitors may operate is a featured part of the exhibit.

Threefold Mission

Chemical Corps activities include offensive and defensive action in case of gas or biological warfare and all radiological defense measures.

The mobile exhibit is designed to show all of the equipment available in carrying out the Chemical Corps mission.

The main panel displays a continuous motion picture of the Chemical Corps' activities. Also included are a miniature tank-mounted flame thrower, an impregnating plant, a display of the parts of the protective mask, and a continuously running gas detector.

Guides On Duty

Covering over 2,000 square feet of floor space when set up in the MSC, the display unit is accompanied by a special detachment of two officers and six enlisted men. Each of the men is a specialist in one phase of chemical warfare and will explain the exhibit's 20 panels to visitors or answer questions.

On tour the exhibit travels in three truck-trailers units, many of the people of Texas saw the unit on display at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas last year.

In addition to visiting A&M, the unit will be on display at Purdue, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, University of Delaware, Canisius College, MIT, St. Peter's College and Ohio State.

Backward Glances

Memories of Past Years From the Files of The Battalion

20 Years Ago Today

If you think that 6:45 is too early for first call, this is the way it was 20 years ago. The Commandant's office released the following schedule:

First call, daily except Sunday and holidays 6:15 a. m., Reveille 6:25, Assembly 6:30, Recall from reveille 6:35, Mess call 6:55, Assembly 7.

The order also said "the change in schedule, usually made earlier in the spring, was late this year because of unusual weather."

10 Years Ago Today

The QMC was being organized for the first time at the A&M. Instructions from Col. E. A. Keyes said cadets were to start immediate training.

Lieut. M. E. Speer had temporarily been assigned as acting tactical officer until an officer from the Quartermaster Corps arrived to take charge. He would choose men from those available for the new branch.

Contract seniors were given pre-

400 SHARE Books Are Committed

John M. Olson, president of the Inter-Faith Council, has received commitments for 400 used books to be shipped to foreign countries in conjunction with SHARE, the non-profit book organization.

The books, to be collected and shipped soon, will be stamped "Donated by Students of Texas A&M College."

Olson has undertaken the work as a project of the Henry Cohen Fellowship.

SHARE collects used books and ships them to countries that have acute book shortages.

Devildog Pilot Orders 'Jump,' Rides Plane Out of City

Dallas, March 17—(P)—A nervy Marine pilot ordered 20 servicemen out of a burning transport yesterday, then stuck with the plane until it passed over a residential area in southeast Dallas.

Two of the men were killed in parachute accidents. A third was missing. None of the others suffered injuries.

The known dead were identified as Lt. Cmdr. Lewis Joseph Garfield, Downey, Calif., and Marine

Cpl. Carl L. Ductor of Cherry Point, N.C.

The navy planned a search party today to look for the missing man.

The blazing two-engine R5C crashed and exploded into thousands of pieces of junk. It hit in an open field about one fourth of a mile from a residential area.

The left engine burned itself out of the plane and smashed into a field about two miles from the crash.

The R5C is designated by the Air Force as a C-46. It is known as a Curtis Commando.

Capt. R. C. Wesley, Pensacola, Fla., was the pilot. He parachuted to safety from about 500 feet while the plane was in a screaming dive.

"I stayed with the plane because I wanted to make sure it missed those houses," Wesley said. "I sure hope that falling engine didn't hurt anyone."

Pilot Praised

Mrs. S. Sikorsky, who lives about one mile from the crash scene said, "that pilot was wonderful. The plane might have killed a lot of people if it had struck the houses."

Mrs. Sikorsky said she was in the house when it suddenly started shaking. "I looked out the window," she said, "and there was just one big ball of fire with someone coming down in a parachute. It must have been the pilot."

The body of Lt. Cmdr. Garfield was found near the wreckage of the plane. He apparently was dragged to death by strong surface winds that reached 28 miles an hour in gusts. Cpl. Ductor's body was found in an open field with his parachute open.

Bound from El Toro, Calif., to Cherry Point, N.C., on a regular transport trip, the plane had landed to refuel at the Dallas Naval Air Station.

Ag Wildlife Students Go To Florida

Fourteen Aggies left last week to attend the North American Wildlife Conference in Miami.

The conference is a meeting of mammalogists, herpetologists, ornithologists, and ichthyologists from all over the continent.

Don Shutt, Tom Grelen, Bob Downing, Richard Bittner, Carl Bergland, Richard Blume, Robert Drawe, and Sonny Dittman, are the undergraduates representatives from A&M.

John Scoggins, Richard Davis, John Wood, Paul Parmalee, and Jack Inglis are the graduates who went.

Dr. Leonard W. Wing, ornithologist in the wildlife department, accompanied the group.

Dr. W. B. Davis, head of the wildlife department, is an official in the organization. He left Tuesday afternoon to make preparations for the meeting.

Lions Club Hears Report by Brown

At the meeting of the College Station Lion's Club Monday, the Reverend L. L. Brown, rector of St. Thomas Church at College Station, gave a report on the discussions at the "Family Life Institute" workshop last Saturday.

Reverend Brown also talked briefly on the need for service clubs in a community.

Bob Wood, chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee, gave a summary of the requirements for sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop. The club met all the requirements. The Board of Directors has already voted to start a Scout troop. The work of organizing one will probably begin this summer, according to Dr. Al Price, president.

Birdwell' Article In 'College Store'

"Share Your Books With The World" is the title of an article by Carl M. Birdwell, manager of the A&M Exchange Store, featured in the spring edition of The College Store, official magazine of The National Association of College Stores.

The article concerns SHARE, a non-profit book-sharing organization and the unselfish efforts of its founder H. A. Dunn in shipping more than 325,000 books to countries whose book supply was destroyed in the last war.

Birdwell believes the SHARE plan is an example of democracy in action and that it should do much toward creating pro-American feelings in the countries served by it.

Baptist Student Center Adds Books

The library of the Baptist Student Center has been increased to 1300 volumes with the recent addition of 350 new books, according to Cliff Harris, director of Baptist student work.

Books may be checked out from 8:45 to 11 a. m. on weekdays and also on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Librarians on duty for these periods will be from the local Baptist churches.

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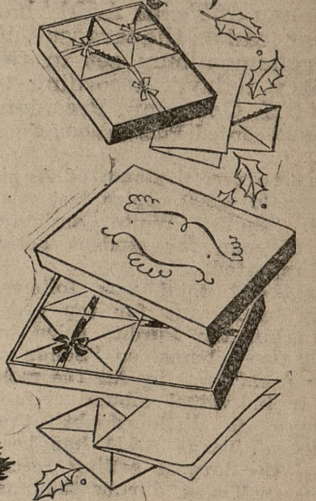
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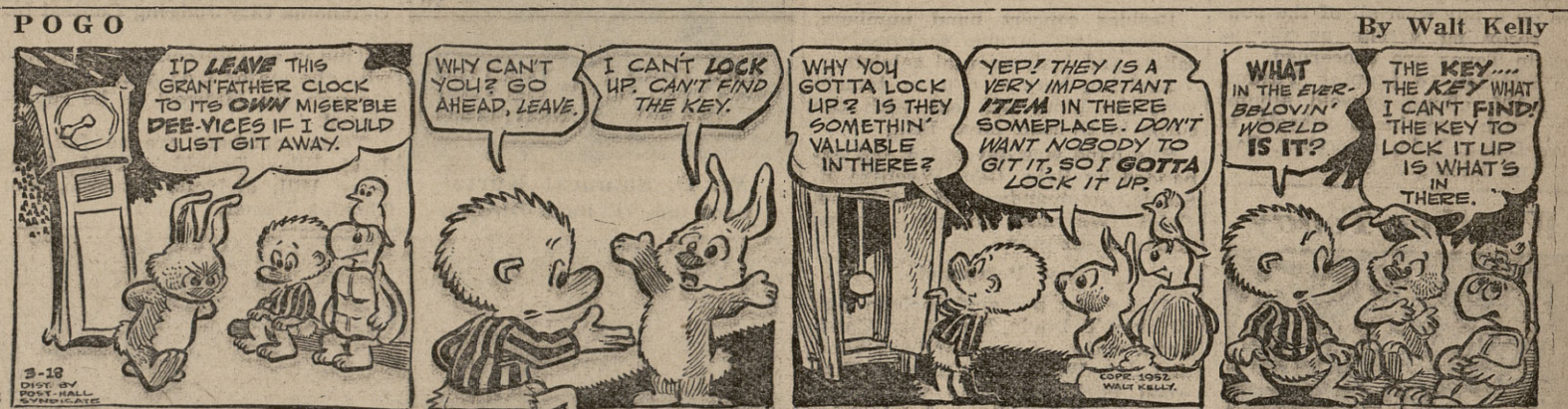
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