

# Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

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## 'Dull' Boys Occupy Time With Childish Stunts

IT WAS O'Shea who said, "Character development is the great, if not the sole, aim of education."

With recent events to guide our judgment, perhaps some students at A&M are missing this primary aim of education. News of vandalism and mischievous activities among students is flowing in almost daily—enough to last this college for many months, much less two and one-half weeks.

"Dull boys are more likely than others to get into difficulties," says E. H. Johnson, "largely because they want, and need, more work with their hands and less intellectual work, but do not get it."

If this be the case, some of our "dull" students who find they must spend their time shooting off charges in antiquated artillery pieces in front of ROTC headquarters, or throwing tear gas bombs in dormitory halls, could profit well with more things to keep them occupied.

*My concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God's side.*  
—Lincoln

## Free Elections Encourage Students

FREEDOM OF election encourages the individual.

Proof of this is shown by the students' response shown this year from all classes in filing for positions on the Student Senate, Student Life Committee and Election Commission.

About 253 persons have already filed. Only one office, the senior positions on Election Commission, has failed to receive a large number of candidates.

This year for the first time student elections at A&M will be by secret ballot. Students now can vote for their candidates knowing repercussion from others as to how they voted being impossible.

We feel the student turnout in the coming elections next week will justify the secret ballot system which will be used.

Although A&M won't have the 80 to 95 per cent vote cast in the past, the school will have a percentage of students who vote in a fair manner, unknown in the past.

This freedom of election also will help students in other ways.

1) It will make them think in choosing their candidate, something which was done in the past by others.

2) Voting at a central ballot box under conditions similar to most cities (about 50,000 population) will give students their first taste of exercising their democratic privilege.

3) More interest in their student government since the students now know they play a more active part.

Casting a free vote makes a free man in a free community.

They cry to profs when outside work is assigned, they complain they have no more time for extra-curricula activities, yet someone finds time to steal down to a railroad siding in the wee hours of the morning and paint newly arrived medium tanks for Armor instruction with blue and gold paint—colors of the Air Force.

Also is the case of several hundred students becoming involved in a water fight in the corps dormitory area recently. The water did not hurt many people, but when the buckets were thrown with the water, a few students had to be given first aid.

If this is the way we must spend our extra time perhaps we should go back to high school and get our fill of these childish amusements before enrolling in college and into a position which requires a certain amount of intelligence and sound reasoning before initiating such actions.

Good fun can go just so far, then material damage sets in. Who is there to stop these things when they go too far? The water fight progressed into a vicious bucket throwing battle, the rivalry between ground force and air force students caused several hundreds of dollars damage to government property.

If we must have this sort of fun to get an education, if we must carry on these childish pleasures to take up our idle time, then for heaven sakes won't somebody try and stop things before they go too far?

And what kind of character are we developing by these actions?

*All the problems in the world could be settled easily, if men were only willing to think.*—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler

## Presidential Race Confusing Issues

POLITICAL double talk:

Gen. Eisenhower, while still in Europe, said he believed the states should have control of the tidelands. Later, upon learning that the Supreme Court had held the tidelands were federal property, he said the decision of the court should be upheld.

Gov. Stevenson flatly told Texas' Gov. Shivers that he would uphold the authority of the federal government to the title of the offshore property, and that he would veto any congressional measure which would attempt to return the oil rich property to the states.

Sen. Sparkman, Stevenson's running mate, promptly backed up the Democratic presidential nominee's statement, but then turned himself completely around by saying he believed Texas had a special claim to their offshore lands.

If a voter just listens long enough, he can hear both sides of all issues promised to him. Sometimes it proves nothing but confusing.

## Six Den Mothers Head Cub Scouts

Only six den mothers have signed up to handle the 107 College Station Cub Scouts registered for the 1952-53 school year, said Lt. J. C. Brusse, newly appointed cub master.

There are still four dens that have not been assigned den mothers. Those already appointed are Mrs. J. H. Quisenberry, Mrs. James Fowler, Mrs. Rex Johnston, Mrs. David Terry, Mrs. J. H. Riggs, and Mrs. R. D. Daldaulauf.

The pack planning committee, headed by Dr. Robert Jacobs and Gordon Gay, met recently to make tentative plans for the cub pack. Assisting on the committee were C. G. (Spike) White, Charles Byrd and Ed Gardner. Dates for the den mothers planning meeting and the monthly pack meetings were set for the third Tuesday and the fourth Thursday of the month.

Plans have been made to hold a den mothers training workshop under the direction of Lt. Brusse in the near future. Also discussed Thursday night were the spring activities which will include the annual kite flying contest and track meet.

## College Days, Come and Go

# ★ Once Upon A Time ★

From The Miami Hurricane:

### I Met A Man Once Who Said:

I missed out on my college days: You see, I didn't enter into it quite all the way. I never really got acquainted with a professor. Or even a textbook. Not seriously. I never learned the thrill of digging fossils on a mountain side. Or working till dark over a test-tube.

Or getting on the trail of something in the library and searching it down feverishly for hours. I told myself that people who did that sort of thing are queer. And I said that professors were dull and I complained about the classes.

I could learn more out of school, I said. I slid through some way without even letting my mind grow curious. And, it's funny, but do you know I feel kind of regretful now when I talk to a scholar. Or go to a library. Or wander through a museum.

I missed out on all of that. And I find myself wishing I could go back to college and live those days over again.

### I Met A Man Once Who Said:

I missed out on my college days. You see, I didn't enter into it quite all the way. Working my way through school took all my time, or I told myself it did. The fellows my way used to go bumbling around at night and sometimes they'd ask me to go along, but I had to study.

It seemed to me a lot of foolishness, the way

they used to hang around the college drug store, or loiter on the library steps, or go to snake dances or rallies. I even missed the football games.

Froth, I called it. Wasted time; I was in school to study. And, it's funny, but you know I turned away now every time I see a group of college men gathered in a drug store or on a corner of the campus.

And every time I see two old college chums slap each other on the back and say, "Remember the time that we . . ." I gulp a little because I missed out on all that, and I find myself wishing I could go back to college and live those days over again.

### I Met A Man Once Who Said:

I missed out on my college days. You see, I didn't enter into it quite all the way. I was afraid, I guess. I wanted to try for a part on the school play once, but I didn't; I intended to.

I went up to the room the night they were reading the parts, but I didn't go in. There were so many there who were better than I, and I turned away and went down the hall. I wanted to try for the football team, too, but I told myself I was light and turned away from the practice field.

And it's funny, but do you know that I can't go to see a football game now, because I see myself out on the field or on the stage as I might have been if I hadn't been afraid. And I find myself wishing I could go back to college to live those days over again.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Editors, The Battalion:

It is a genuine pleasure to address this letter to you and salute my very dear Aggie (and the many good friends I left there in January 1943) through your edition of The Battalion.

Many times, since I left College Station, I have dreamed being back on the campus, but a w a k e n i n g, f o u n d myself with the sad reality of being geographically very far from there, although my heart and my profound Aggie

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spirit was right there.

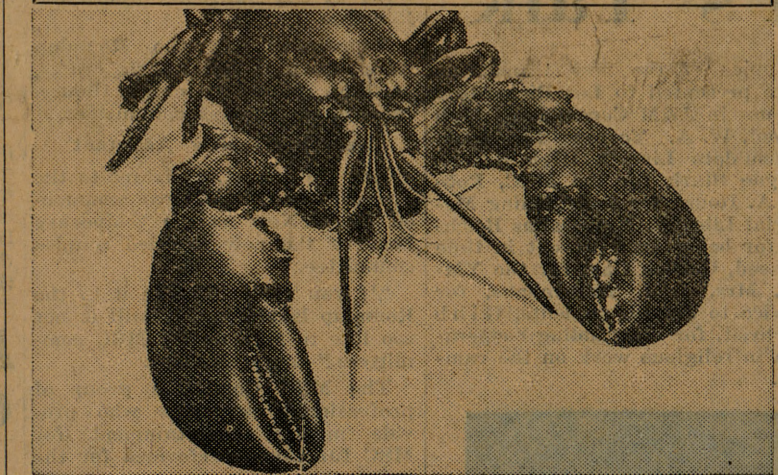
Next year, we of the 1943 class, will celebrate our 10th anniversary with a reunion and would like to know the exact dates, to make the duly arrangements to be there.

About a month ago I was promoted to manager of the Foreign Relations Department of the Banco Popular Del Peru, at its main office here in Lima, Peru. Our bank is the largest in Peru, and Bolivia, with 81 branches through the two countries and have correspondents all over the world.

I take this opportunity to send you my very best wishes hoping to be of service to you and every Aggie that needs me in any respect. I beg to remain.

Javier Hernandez '43  
Lima, Peru

## J. Paul Sheedy\* Switched to Wildroot Cream-Oil Because He Flunked The Finger-Nail Test



HERE'S a sad Lobster tale. Sheedy was really in hot water. His girl kept saying, "The Maine thing I don't like about you is the way you got your hair! Haven't you read about Wildroot Cream-Boil Hair Tonic? Non-alcoholic. Relieves annoying dryness. Removes loose, ugly dandruff. Helps you pass the Finger-Nail Test. Perfect for you 'claws you need Lanolin on that water-soaked hair." Paul got Wildroot Cream-Oil and now he shore looks slick. In fact, he's in salad with every girl on campus. So if you're ner-ded about your messy hair, butter shell out 29¢ at any toilet goods counter for a bottle or tube of Wildroot Cream-Oil, "Your Hair's Best Friend." Ask for it at your barber's, antenna to one you'll be tickled pink!

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## Court of Honor Awards Life Rank 862 at Consolidated

Albert Stevens of Explorer Post 411 of College Station will be given his life Scout Award at a Court of Honor Oct. 5, according to Marion Pugh, advisor of the post.

Life Scout is the second highest rank in Scouting. Stevens will also receive merit badges in Metal Work, Basketry, Personal Health, Public Health, First Aid, and Athletics at the Court.

Post 411 is sponsored by the Bryan-College Station Rotary Club.

Total A&M Consolidated School enrollment for this year as of yesterday is 862, according to Les Richardson, superintendent. Last year's enrollment was 760.

The breakdown of enrollment by grades is as follows: First, 138; second, 117; third, 103; fourth, 101; fifth, 64; sixth, 90; seventh, 47; eighth, 51; ninth, 49; tenth, 41; eleventh, 35; and twelfth, 28.

Lincoln High School for Negroes has an enrollment of 265, compared to 284 last year.



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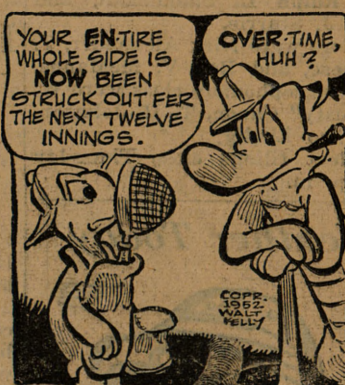
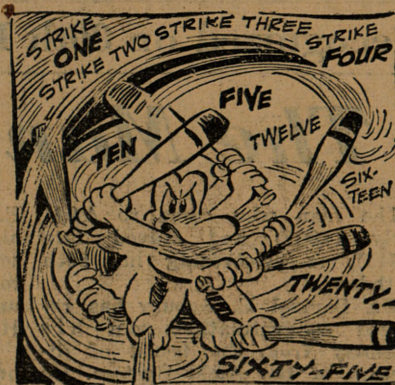
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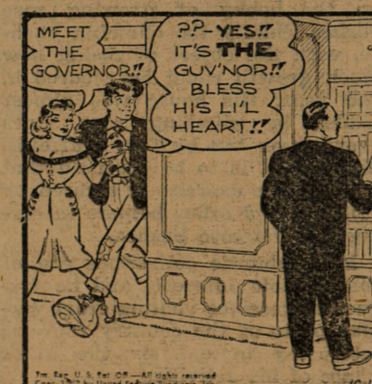
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