

# Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

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## Our Star-Studded Services

**I**F YOU intend to reach the rank of major general within the next year or so chances are you may not get the promotion.

A congressman from Missouri has indicated the Army's top brass is over stocked for the number of troops on duty now in the service.

With an Army of 1,600,000 men, we now have approximately 450 two-star generals, compared to 459 for seven million men during the war.

## Projector Trouble Of Dissatisfied?

**A**UDIO-VISUAL education is sweeping the country these days, even creeping into instruction of military science courses at A&M. Certain branches are noted for using this means of teaching courses, especially the Transportation Corps.

Some people must not realize when they are well off, because recently a student inquired about the possibility of transferring from one branch to another.

Formerly enrolled in Transportation Corps training, the student approached the registration table of another technical service.

"Sir, I'd like to enroll in your class this semester instead of the TC's," was his request.

The officer looked over his record and then inquired, "What's the matter, did your movie projector break down?"

The Navy also has an abundance of top officers. They report 295 admirals for a million-man fleet, compared to 287 for a four-million-man wartime force.

The congressmen are now faced with the problem of what to do with so many officers. Should they freeze promotions and hinder the career of junior officers?

Maybe we should take inventory of our present army and navy men with stars on their shoulders. Perhaps the answer would be to let some of the younger men move into those places of responsibility.

As long as the older, yet wiser we admit, officers remain in service, the promising junior officers must wait a chance to prove themselves. Why not let them move into the top jobs now and be ready if and when all-out war comes. That would be much easier than changing horses in the middle of the stream.

## Candy Rationing For Trim Figure

**Y**OUTHS of Great Britain took advantage of a long awaited opportunity today. With mouths drooling they went to the candy counter and purchased the sweets without first handing over a ration coupon.

Candy rationing in that country ended at mid-night Thursday.

How trim some figures might be in this country if the rationing were moved over here.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Needed: Vanity Fair Pictures

Editors, The Battalion:

We've always read your letters to the editors and it seemed that most of the letters were a means by which someone could blow off some steam. Well that's exactly what we'd like to do right now.

An article about Vanity Fair was placed in The Battalion way back on Dec. 16, 1952. Since that time, numerous articles have been published and announcements made about Vanity Fair.

The deadline for any senior to enter his girl's picture for Vanity Fair is Feb. 15. That's less than two weeks away. Up to this time, only two pictures have been entered.

What gives with this senior class of ours? There are about 750 seniors in A&M right now and only two of those 750 seniors have had the initiative to enter their girl's pictures. There were seniors up here this past semester with girls who were really queens. We can't understand why a senior with a good looking woman won't enter her in Vanity Fair. That just doesn't add up.

Last year, there were so few seniors who entered their girls' pictures for Vanity Fair, that the junior class was allowed to enter pictures also. Vanity Fair has in the past been strictly for seniors; that is with the exception of last year. This year we'd like to have every Vanity Fair winner and runner-up entered by a senior.

If the seniors would get behind us and help us, we could certainly do a much better job of the Vanity Fair section than was done last year. As it is at present, we're doing a worse job. We'd really like some help in the form of pictures. For a bigger and better Aggie-land '53.

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## What's Cooking

Monday

5 p. m.—Inter-Council Committee, Room 2A, MSC.

7:15 p. m.—"Y" Association, YMCA Chapel. Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant will speak.

7:30 p. m.—Port Arthur Club, Room 126, Academic Bldg., Plans for High School Day, Coffee will be served.

El Paso Club, Academic Bldg. Abilene Club, Room 201, Goodwin Hall, Important meeting.

Corpus Christi Club, Room 2D, MSC, Plans for Sports Day, Picture for Aggie-land will be discussed.

Flax Country Club, Room 206, Academic Bldg., will discuss plans for a party.

Tuesday

7:30 p. m.—Industrial Education Wives Club, Home of Mrs. Welcome Wright, 502 Jersey St., Bring some hobby.

## Keister to Speak To AIEE Monday

William Keister of the Bell Telephone Laboratories Inc., of New York City, will speak to the student branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers Monday, said N. F. Rode of the electrical engineering department.

The subject of Keister's speech will be "Can a Machine Think?" The talk will cover basic ideas in the design of digital control circuits such as telephone switching systems and computers. Emphasis will be placed on the operations in logic performed by the systems and several machines will be demonstrated, Rode said.

"All electrical engineering students and faculty members interested in computers are invited to the meeting," he said.

## The Battalion

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