

# Battalion Editorials

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## His 'Last' Thoughts Were 'What a Futile Way to Die'

A man was making a speech on the values of life the other day when he recalled an incident of long ago which might easily happen to any one.

He was speeding down the road when it was raining. He had no reason to drive fast except that he was "in a hurry" as usual.

The right side of the car slipped off on the

shoulder of the road and the car turned end over end on down the highway.

The man said, "I had no right to live from that accident. By every reason I should have died."

He told the audience that one thing flashed across his mind after time while the car was rolling over. He "knew" he was going to die, and he kept thinking "What a useless end. What a futile end."

This is one of the few accounts which we hear from people who come so close to death. Perhaps it is an indication of what some of the thousands of people think in the last seconds of life who die each year on the highways of the nation.

His thought keeps echoing through our minds each day as we pick up the reports on how many "died in traffic accidents" the night before. The figures are staggering. But the most staggering factor of all is the thought which this man had when he was at the door of death.

"Useless. Futile." Don't get into a situation this weekend which will have you echoing the man's words. Slow down. That football game in Dallas should be a good one. Don't miss it because your foot got a little heavy on the accelerator.

## Dallas' Dark Streets Are 'Off Limits'

Stay off Dallas' dark streets this weekend if you don't want a suspicious husband's or father's shotgun leveled at you.

Big "D" is plagued by a series of attacks on its women, and gun sales are soaring. Rewards are out and the police are working frantically to nab the attackers who "murdered and ravished" Mrs. H. C. Parker of Dallas.

It might be a good idea to keep on the well-lighted streets, and report immediately any suspicious-looking prowlers.

## News Briefs

### Former Batt Editor Wins News Award

DAVE COSTETT '51, former editor of The Battalion, won recently the \$100 third place award in the 1953 Texas newspaper competition sponsored by the Texas Manufacturers association. Costett works for the San Angelo Standard-Times.

THE REV. ROBERT L. DARWALL, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal chapel here, spoke last night at a bishop's supper in Longview. He will return to College Station Saturday.

THE AMERICAN Album of Familiar Music will be the next Town Hall presentation. Starring Gustave Haenschen as musical director and conductor, the show will be here Nov. 17.

T. F. MAYO, English department will discuss his recent trip to Europe at 3 p. m. Tuesday in room 3B of the MSC. Part of the talk will be devoted to an analysis of the change taking place in European literature and philosophy. The meeting is open to the public.

### Math Club to Meet For Organization

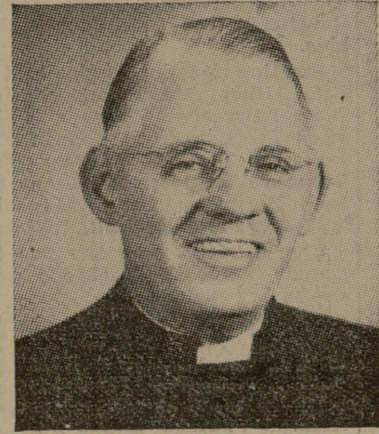
An organizational meeting for the Mathematics club has been called in room 225, Academic building at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Oct. 6. Dr. E. R. Keown, mathematics department, announced that all students, including freshmen, who are interested in mathematics, are invited.

Plans for the first meeting include a discussion on purposes and plans of the club.

## St. Thomas To Sponsor Bishop's Supper Here

Thirty-five A&M students have made plans to attend the Bishop's Supper, sponsored by St. Thomas Episcopal chapel.

The supper, an annual affair honoring visiting bishops, will be held at 7 p. m. next Tuesday in



The Rt. Rev. James Wilson Hunter Speaks Here Tuesday

## Methodist Women To Meet Monday

The Women's Society of Christian Service will hold its regular meeting 7:45 p. m. Monday in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Bailey, 1006 Dexter.

Speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Dan Russell of the agricultural economics and sociology department who has just recently returned from Germany. While there, he accompanied a shipload of food donated by Texans. He will speak on "Feeding the Modern Multitudes".

Dr. Russell will show slides of his tour and report on conditions as he found them there.

## The Battalion

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TO BE HERE SOON—but only in moving pictures. Donna Reed will appear in the movie version of James Jones' best-selling "From Here to Eternity." The film is a story of the army in the pre-World War II days in Hawaii.

## Experiment Station Worker Plagued by Number Three

BY JOE HIPP  
Battalion Staff Writer

One of the three top men in the Agriculture Experiment station offices is finding himself plagued by the number three.

Dr. Rex Johnston, assistant director of the experiment station, is the father of three children, has three secretaries in the outer office, is starting his third year as assistant director, has worked for the experiment station in three locations, and has three major hobbies.

Sharing duties three ways in the experiment station with Dr. R. D. Lewis and Dr. R. E. Patterson, Dr. Johnston has worked for the agriculture experiment stations since 1941 when he did graduate work in Iowa state college, Temple and College Station.

The three secretaries work for all three offices, but they are all located adjacent to his office.

## What's Cooking

MONDAY

7:30 p. m.—Society of American Military Engineers, 2C, MSC. Organizational meeting.

TUESDAY

7:30 p. m.—AIEE meeting, room 207, New Engineering building. Student speakers.

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## At Other Colleges

## NT Students Tires Of Loyalty Oaths

By ED HOLDER  
Battalion Co-Editor

On the "pink" side of life—The Campus Chat of North Texas State College tells this little yarn.

A senior at the Denton school got tired of signing statements concerning his loyalty during his college career.

The student "signed" his oath the other day, and gave it to the notary public. The officer notarized it without question. The name?—Lavrenty Beria.

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Speaking of "tinted" organizations, The Toreador of Texas Tech says "an organization for encouraging school spirit among freshmen men" is being established. The group will make its first appearance at the pep rally preceding the Tech-A&M game. They call themselves the "Red Shirts."—Be careful, boys.

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The University of Texas is signing up members to their Great Issues course. "The Red Menace" will be the theme for the group.

The Daily Texan reports President Logan Wilson urged students join the program. He thinks it will be of great value to them.

He bases his statement on, "To combat communism effectively we must first understand it. We shall need something more than bombs and bombast.

"More of our people ought to know what communism is, how it originates, and why it spreads. It is particularly important for our leaders of tomorrow to have this knowledge and to be able to use it."

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Baylor and Texas Tech are planning a cooperative five-year program in engineering.

Tech's school paper says the student will study three years at Baylor and two years at Tech under the proposed plan.

At the end of five years, the student will get his BA degree

from Baylor and BS from Tech. DePaul university in Chicago has had an increase of 50 per cent in the number of ROTC cadets, their school paper The Depaulia says. This brings their total to 500. Their military department also received new space and four new instructors to teach the new branch, general training of the army.

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Students at TSCW will get the last word on "who is the most beautiful of them all" when the delegation from A&M makes the announcement this weekend in Denton.

Fred Mitchell, corps commander, and 14 other Aggies left yesterday afternoon for Denton.

There are 15 finalists from which the delegation could pick. The selection was made Monday night, that it's a wonder they get any but will not be announced until

this weekend. The Daily Lass-O says qualifications for the Sweetheart title are poise, charm, social adequacy and must have a "C" average with no F's or incompletes. The nominees also must be photogenic, and be willing to accept financial obligations involved in representing both schools. With a list of pre-requisites like that, it's a wonder they get any one to take their course.

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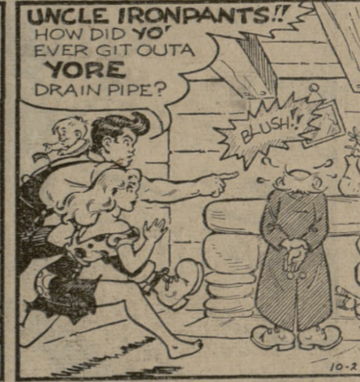
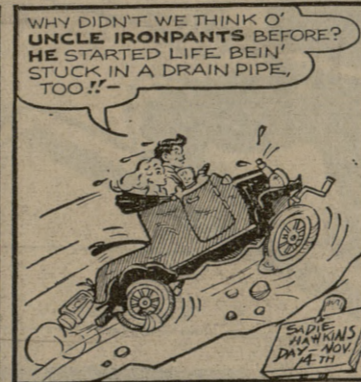
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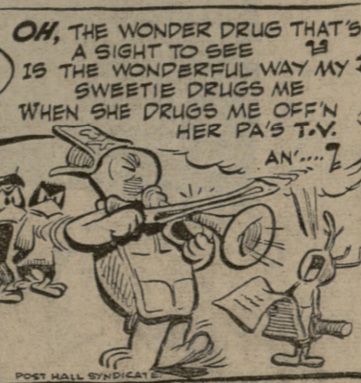
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