

# Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

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## Reporter Describes Dope Traffic Among Teenagers

Edward J. Mowery, Pulitzer prize winning Scripps-Howard reporter has recently revealed shocking facts which show that the nation's youth is being engulfed by the vicious narcotics traffic.

Mowery has described the teenage drug menace in a series of newspaper articles and before a senate investigating committee.

The reporter has spent three years investigating the problem which has snared 25,000 of this country's young people. Of this number, few will ever be cured.

Mowery used the government's hospital for narcotics addicts at Lexington, Ky. as an example. Only one in 10 of the first 38,000 addicts treated there was cured permanently. The number of juveniles admitted rose by 20 times in four years.

Testifying before a senate committee studying the problem, Mowery reported that many teenage victims never receive proper treatment. Instead they are sent to prison hospitals and thrown in with hardened criminals. He explained that they get no treatment after being released.

In one article, Mowery named the 12 cities in the United States which had the most juvenile narcotic violators in 1951-52. Texas claimed two of these cities. They were Houston with 198 and Dallas with 135 violators. Mowery says that these youths were described as mostly "pushers or possessors." It must be remembered that these numbers

represented only those juveniles actually discovered handling narcotics.

The illegal drug traffic is causing thousands of teenagers to suffer untold physical and mental agony. Once a youth becomes an addict, his life is usually ruined.

As is common to all crime, the innocent law abiding citizen also suffers. Many people have been robbed by teenagers who needed money to buy more dope. Many others have been killed by crazed juvenile drug addicts. Mowery explained that tons of dope are being smuggled into this country from Red China, Mexico, Europe and the Near East.

The smugglers are having little trouble getting the dope into the country. There are only 260 narcotics agents to guard all our seaports and borders. Mowery says that no agents are stationed along the Mexican border. Yet he reports the government has 700 inspectors there to guard against cattle with hoof and mouth disease.

Mowery reports that both international and our own national laws concerning narcotic violators are weak and need more teeth.

This situation is one which should alarm every law abiding citizen. The senate committee has already promised that something will be done.

Letters written to representatives and senators in Washington demanding that the dope traffic must stop, might help speed this promise into definite action.

## Education May Be Deductible Soon

Ide Trotter, president of the student senate, received recently a letter from a member of the student council of Louisville (Ky.) University urging backing for a coming congressional tax amendment proposal.

To be made by Sen. Burnet R. Maybank (D-S.C.) when the senate reconvenes in January, the amendment would make educational expenses (tuition and other college expenses for example) deductible from income tax payments if they compose more than five per cent of a person's total income.

The letter suggested Trotter start a movement at A&M to write letter to Texas senators and representatives, asking their support for the amendment.

Any change in the income tax law must originate in the senate finance committee, the letter advised.

Certainly, any reduction in the tax burden placed upon parents putting one or especially two sons or daughters through college would be appreciated.

However, before getting too enthusiastic about a possible income tax reduction, it might be wise to stop and think where the additional income to cover the cut would come from.

In view of the international situation, congress could hardly afford to cut the defense budget any more than it has. Also, a certain amount of money must be spent for operation of the government and foreign aid.

This area of reduction has been investigated before by Congress and some cuts have been made. However, further cuts might endanger U.S. prestige abroad or hamper government operations in this country.

So before jumping off the deep end in praise of a move of this type, although it would benefit the taxpayer it might first be a good idea to find out where this cut in federal income would be made up.

## Faith Is Shown By Researchers

The new method of testing calves to predict weight-gaining ability probably is the biggest single improvement in the cattle industry in the world for the past 30 years.

A&M college certainly can be proud of the great scientific minds which produced this progress. Dr. H. O. Kunkel, Dr. Mary F. Futrell and David K. Stokes jr. may someday be known as the very originators of a positive method of selecting top quality breeding sires.

"When the experiments started, the researchers had little to go on," says our front page story on the discovery.

Many, many hours of disappointment and discouragement are hidden behind this factual report. These words fail to show the hope, anxiety, then utter discouragement which the researchers experienced as they followed each lead to the very end, seeking the faintest possibility of something definite, then failing and returning once more to the seemingly endless search.

Work of this nature shows in these people an endless amount of faith. It would have been so easy to give up and report, "Unsuccessful," but that limitless drive kept them going.

Their work is only begun, as all work revolving around the endless search for scientific facts. They must perfect their methods. Then they must put into practical use all they have learned so they may help the rancher.

With faith and courage such as they have shown in coming this far, we are sure they will never falter until that ultimate goal is attained.

These people are like stepping stones across the river of darkness and ignorance. They help the rancher and farmer to cross that stream, and help bring everyone eventually to a better world.

A&M college truly can be proud of these people.

## The Battalion

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

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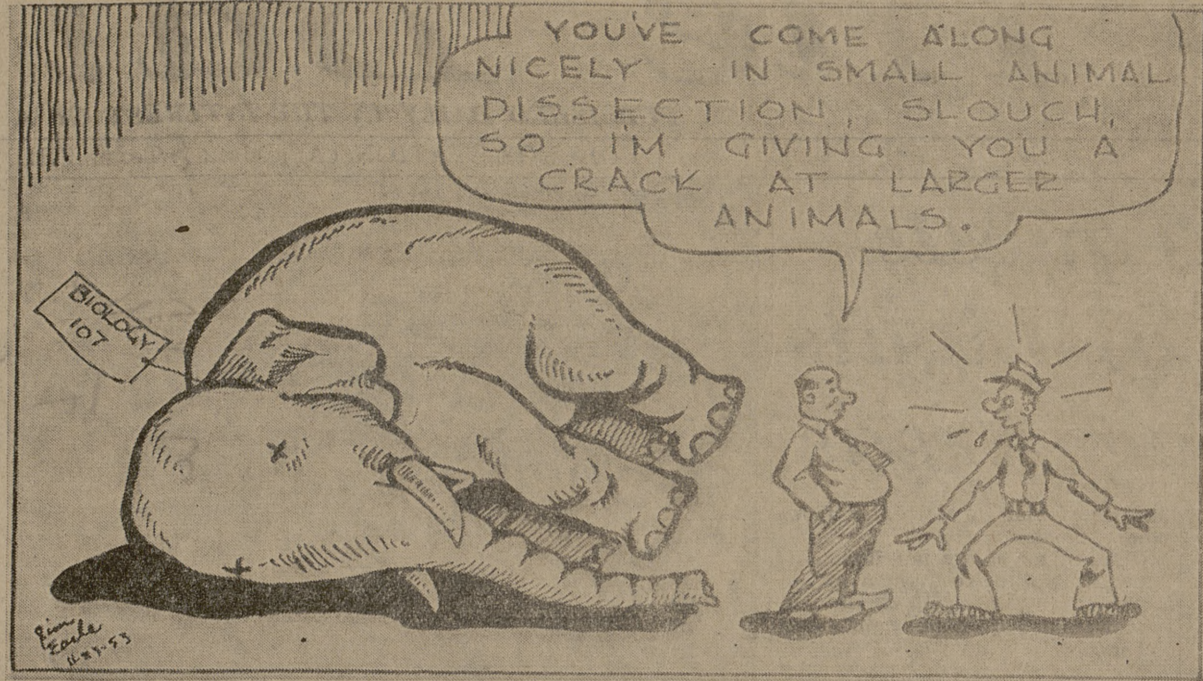
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## Gallery Committee Art Exhibit Begins

Mrs. Frances Schmidt, staff member of the Memorial Student Center, won best all-around painting in the staff, faculty and student section of the MSC art gallery committee's show, now being exhibited in the main lounge, serpentine lounge and promenade of the Center.

In the landscape division of the show, Mrs. Schmidt also won first prize. Second was Bill Rector. The rest of the categories and prizes

## Student Senate

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Jerry B. Davis, senator from College View, reported that campus security authorities had taken no action in a recent siphoning case there although the thieves were caught and brought in for questioning.

Trotter read a letter from the manager of the War Memorial stadium in Little Rock, Ark., concerning the seating incident at the Arkansas-A&M game.

Allen Berry, manager of the stadium, said he regretted the entire incident and agrees the police were out of line in taking the action they did.

However, he said, the move made by the A&M fans was voluntary and was begun by chancellor of the A&M system M. T. Harrington.

## Talent Representative

The senate voted to send a representative from A&M to the Sam Houston State Teachers college Campus Capers Feb. 5. The student would be winner of the Aggie Talent show which will be held next week.

If the winner cannot attend the Sam Houston event, the second or third place contestants will be permitted to go.

The senate voted down a motion to have Christmas cards this year and also decided not to act on a proposal to collect clothes for Korean children.

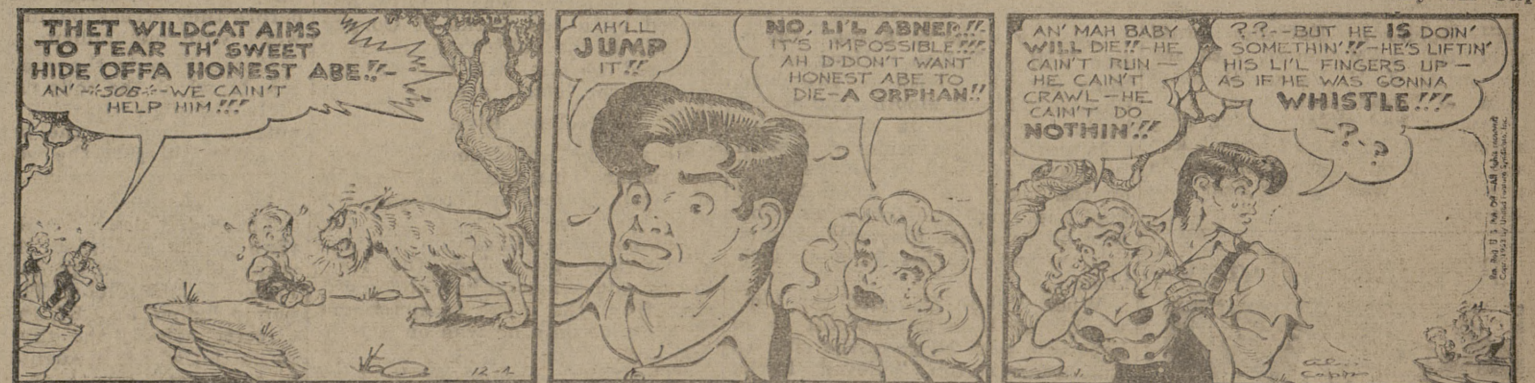
Trotter suggested the letter concerning the clothing for Korean children be forwarded to A&M Consolidated high school or Stephen F. Austin high school in Bryan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

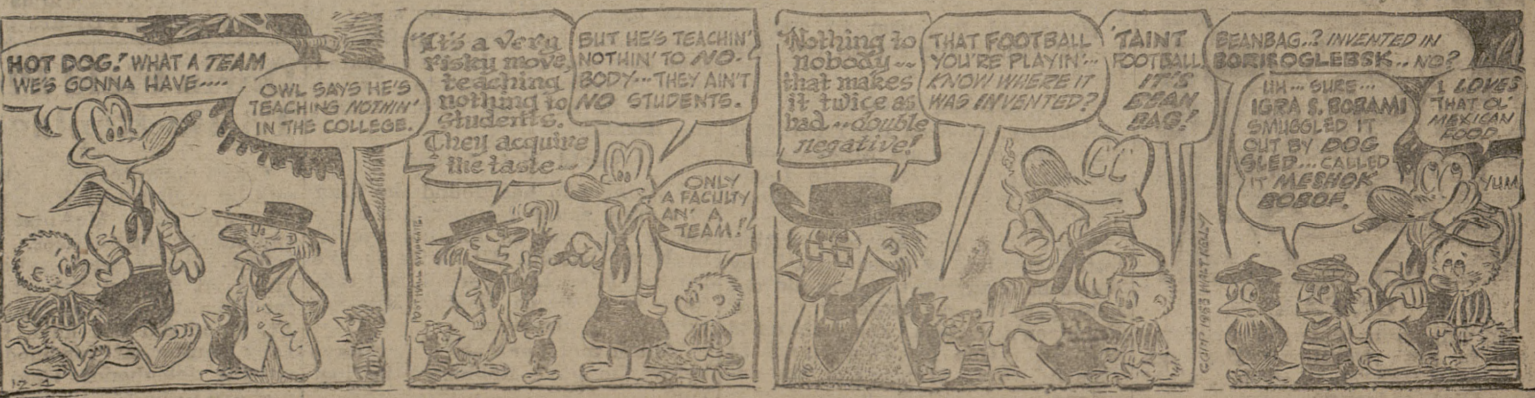
Petroleum products made up about 65 per cent of the tonnage shipped to U. S. troops in Korea during the fighting there.

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## Horticulture Show Reset for Tuesday

The date and site for the annual Horticulture society display has been changed, said Bob Morgan, chairman of the show.

It will be held Tuesday in the lobby of the Agriculture building from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

The display will consist of every variety of subtropical fruits; avocados from California, Texas, and Florida; vegetables; various propagated plants; fruit and vegetable containers; and plant containers.

Large quantities of U. S. number one ruby red grapefruit and oranges will be on sale at the show.

"Although the display is primarily educational, we hope to make some money from the sales to aid in financing the annual Horticulture student inspection trip to Florida December 12-20," said Morgan.

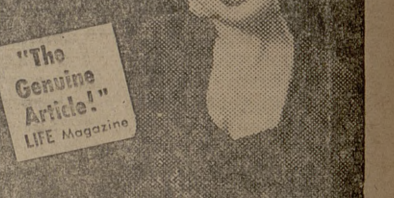
The cheetah, known as the fastest mammal for short distances, is easy to tame but never has been known to breed in captivity.

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