

Battalion Editorials

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Current Event Courses Should Be Taught Here

A student may have a straight A average in all his courses but still be ignorant of probably the most important subject today—the happenings of the world in which he lives.

The college graduate who leaves school uninformed on the problems of his community, state, country or the world, places himself and many others at a disadvantage. He may be the best young engineer in the company or the sharpest salesman on the payroll. But how will he do as an intelligent citizen?

Textbooks can not train a man how he should vote in national or local elections. Casting a ballot is more than just helping a person or political party gain office.

It involves the support of actions and beliefs that may affect the voter's life and those of thousands of others. The only way a person can properly vote is to understand the issues at hand by keeping up with current events.

Many colleges seem to overlook this in their efforts to turn out graduates in specialized fields. This is particularly true at A&M where the majority of curricula is geared on a highly technical level.

Either the students become too interested in their academic subjects to want to study

anything else or they are too swamped with required work to find the time. On the surface it might seem unlikely that a student would not have time to read a newspaper or several of the weekly periodicals.

Yet when the hours of lecture and lab, which many of our courses require, are added to the time it takes to prepare for them, the problem is more understandable.

A&M would be doing a great service to its students if it would require courses in current events. These courses would be valuable even if they were no more than class periods for reading newspapers, magazines and books on current affairs.

Grades would be unimportant and unnecessary. The courses would be successful in that they would allot students a certain time to study world happenings. Of course, there are always those students who just aren't interested. However such courses would give them a chance to develop interest.

Today when the world is being subjected to constant change and strife, the necessity for understanding current events is more important than ever.

What is news today becomes invaluable background material for the future.

News Briefs

DR. COY W. WALLER of the Lederle Laboratory, American Cyanamid company, will discuss "The Chemistry of Aureomycin" at 8:15 p. m. Friday, Jan. 22, in the Chemistry lecture room. He will address the local chapter of the American Chemical Society.

EIGHTY-SEVEN cases of influenza were reported last week in this area, according to the Bryan-Brazos County Health Unit. Other diseases reported were diarrheas, 68; strept. throat, 16; and pneumonia, 13.

MAJ. GEORGE MILNER of Pacos has received the Bronze Star for "meritorious service." An A&M former student, he was civil affairs officer with the second infantry division in Korea.

TWENTY senior animal husbandry students toured the Fort Worth stockyards Monday. The students, all enrolled in a livestock marketing course, were accompanied by their instructor, F. I. Dahlberg.

THE EXTENSION service will have a coffee for all students interested in working for the extension service after graduation. The coffee will be at 7:30 p. m. Jan. 19 in the YMCA.

DON W. McCOMBS of Livingston has joined the supervisor training staff of the Engineering Extension service. He is a butane

safety instructor and will have a state-wide circuit for instructing dealers in handling butane safely.

DR. R. E. POTTS of the department of agronomy will conduct a five-day pasture short course at Waller Jan. 25-29. Field demonstrations and trips within the area will be part of the program.

KOREAN veterans must file a monthly certificate in room 102 Goodwin hall before leaving, if they do not intend to enroll for the spring semester, according to Bennie A. Zinn, veterans advisor.

Ex-Aggie

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A&M in 1916 with a B. S. degree in mechanical engineering. He was the youngest member of his class, graduating at the age of nineteen. He was on the Executive and Reception committees of the ME and EE clubs, and was a distinguished student in 1915 and 1916. Hobbs was in "H" Company infantry and in the Longhorn of 1916 was predicted to be a success because of his excellent record.

Hobbs went to Pratt and Whitney as a research engineer in 1927 and took over direction of P&W engineering in 1939. He was named a member of the board of directors of United Aircraft in 1942 and vice-president for engineering two years later. As chief of the senior engineering staff, he supervises all engineering of United's four divisions.

Although unknown to the public, Hobbs is recognized in aviation circles as perhaps the world's outstanding authority on aircraft engines.

He is frankly enthusiastic about his J-57 engine, and justifiably proud of the big gamble he took seven years ago—a gamble which has paid off by putting Pratt & Whitney into the lead in the Jet-engine development race and Hobbs himself in the American Aviation Hall of Fame as winner of the Collier Trophy.

Bar Association To Hear Talk By Mrs. Wall

Assistant Attorney General of Texas Mrs. Mary K. Wall will speak at 7:30 p. m. Jan. 18 to the Brazos County Bar Association.

The association will meet in the court house's district court room. All Democratic and Republican precinct chairman and interested persons are invited to be guests at the meeting, said B. H. Dewey Jr., District 44 representative.

A graduate of the University of Texas, Mrs. Wall has been assigned to the election desk in the Attorney General's office for two years.

She was a member of the lawyers committee appointed in the fall of 1952 by the president of the state bar to study and recommend changes in election laws.

Wilson Addresses Pre-Law Society

The A&M Pre-Law Society heard an address by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Will Wilson in which he said that more emphasis should be placed on reform of criminals and less on punishment.

The increase in crime in Texas has placed it among the top three or four states, ahead of California, New York and Massachusetts in crime rates per 100,000 population, he said.

Wilson said, "More punishment should be practiced on the local level and more effort made on rehabilitation of criminals locally, rather than sending them to prison."

After efforts at rehabilitation of the criminal failed, then he should be given a term sentence, Wilson said.

Dairies Permitted To Sell Milk Here

Seven dairies have been issued permits by the U. S. Public Health service to sell milk and milk products in College Station and Bryan.

Permits to sell Grade "A" pasteurized milk and milk products were issued to the A&M college creamery, here; Borden Co., Houston; Carnation Co., Houston and Austin; Lucerne Milk Co., Fort Worth; Sanitary Farm dairies, Bryan; and Sanitary Farm dairies, Houston.

The Caucasian ranch here is permitted to sell Grade "A" raw goat milk.

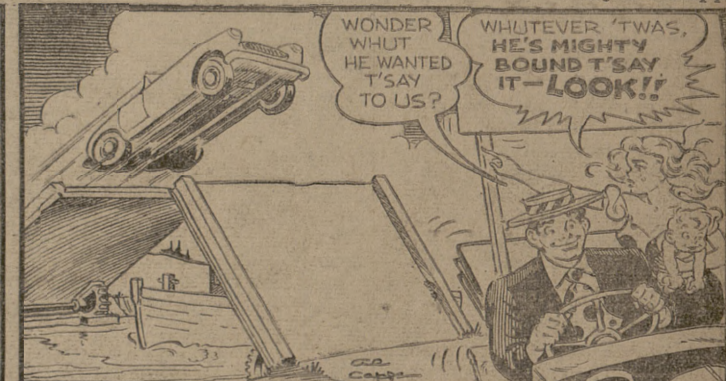
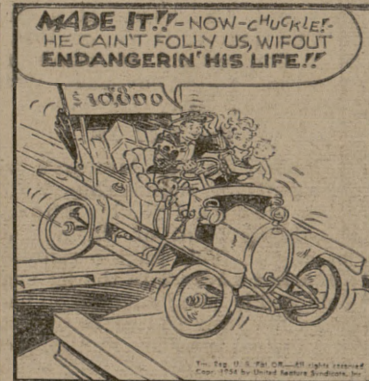
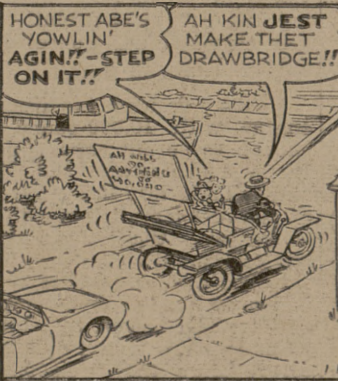
Job Calls

Due to future Branch House Sausage Factory expansion the Rath Packing company is in need of two men to train for sausage factory production management. There is an 18 month training program at their branches in Houston and San Antonio. Animal husbandry, agricultural economics and industrial engineering majors may qualify.

The Dow Chemical company in Freeport is in need of a civil engineer that is pretty strong in structural design. The opening is in their engineering department and about 90 per cent of the work would be on the drafting board. They prefer a veteran for this position.

There is a vacancy with radio station KIUN at Pacos, Texas, for a man trained in the field of accounting to do all their bookkeeping and tax work.

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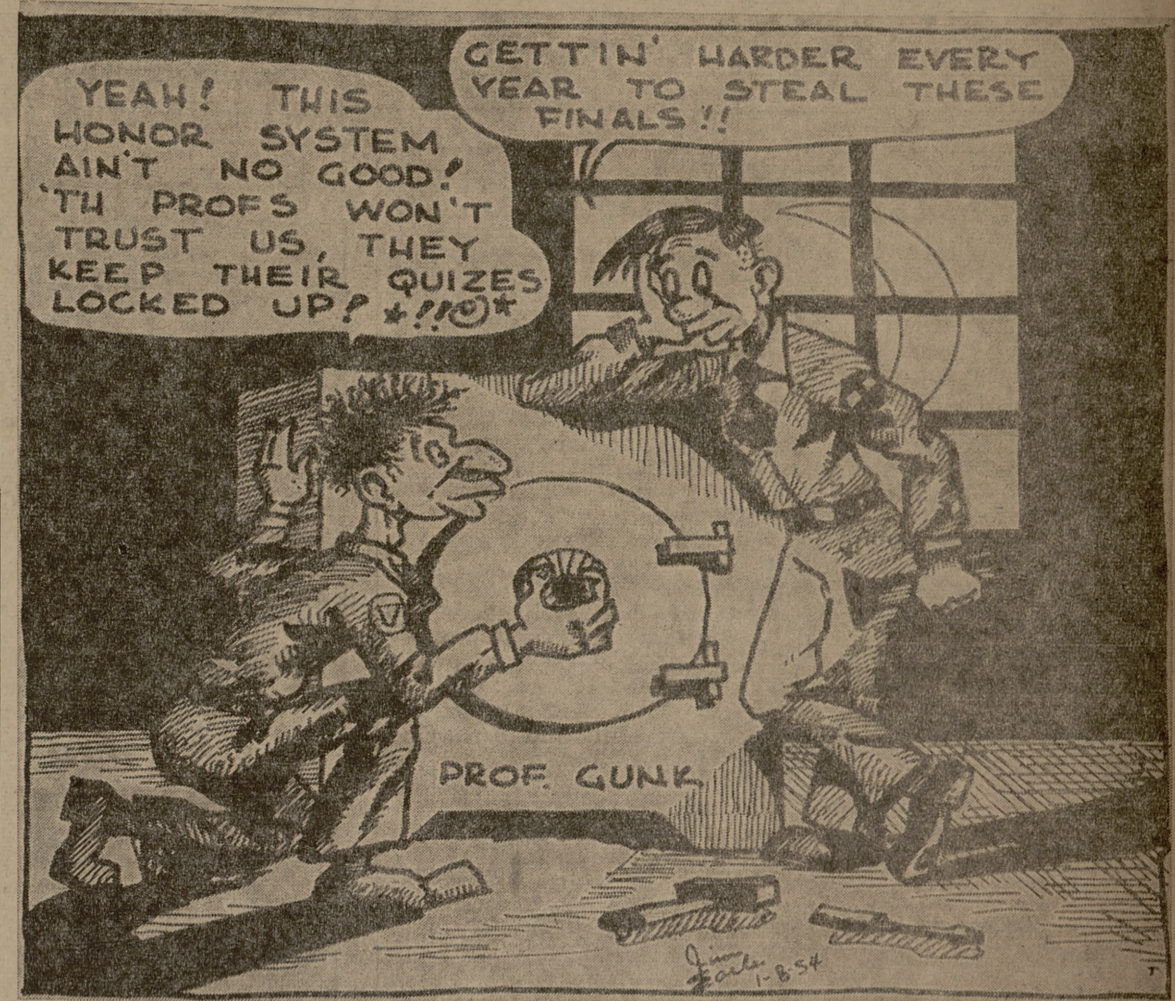


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Students Can Get Activity Refund

All students who paid the student activity fee in September and who are not returning next semester will be given refunds, said Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men.

These students must report to the student activities office in Goodwin hall to turn in their Town Hall tickets and to the Athletic office to turn in their athletic coupon book before a refund will be given.

They also must submit a clearance to the Housing office, Zinn said. Clearances may be obtained from dormitory counselors.

CHS Teachers See Book Exhibit

Miss Evelyn Miller of Houghton Mifflin company, Dallas book publishers, spoke Wednesday to elementary classroom teachers and English and reading teachers of the A&M Consolidated schools.

She spoke on "Word Recognition Exercises" and showed the teachers an exhibit of library books.

The meeting ended after an informal discussion of the problems covered in Miss Miller's talk.

Singing Cadets Plan Two Concerts

The Singing Cadets are planning concerts in Port Arthur and Beaumont at the beginning of next semester. The group will be in Port Arthur Feb. 4 and return to Beaumont Feb. 5.

A concert will be given in the Thomas Jefferson high school auditorium in Port Arthur at 8 p. m., Feb. 4. The concert will be sponsored by the Port Arthur A&M Mother's Club.

The concert in Beaumont will be held at 8 p. m. in the Beaumont high school auditorium. This concert will be sponsored by the Beaumont A&M Mother's Club.

The Singing Cadets are under the direction of Bill Turner.

Girl Scouts Elect Officers; Pam Sperry Is President

Pam Sperry was elected president of the troop two Girl Scouts at a meeting Monday evening at the home of Marcia Sue Harris, A-3-A College View.

Other officers elected were Charlotte Wilson, vice president; Sue Simpson, secretary; Rebecca McNeil, treasurer; Marcia Harris, reporter.

Also chosen were Alva Jo Karcher and Sherrill Duncan, sergeants-at-arms; Sharon Patterson and Dorothy Berry, scrapbook committee; and the telephone committee composed of Patsy Wilkins, chairman, and Marcia Harris, Ann Elkins and Cecelia Dayton.

Patsy Wilkins is outgoing president. The girls have just completed the dance merit badge and voted to work on the good grooming badge for their next study.

After the meeting cakes and cookies were served to the 17 members and the troop leader Mrs. Sue Poland by the hostesses, Marcia Harris and Patsy Wilkins.

Various phases of the florist industry, including growing and retailing, will be discussed by top ranking authorities.

Dr. Max Bruk, professor of marketing at Cornell university, will give a talk on "The Economic and Market Outlook for Floriculture."

Insect and disease control problems and propagation, soils and fertilizers and water relationships are also among the subjects to be discussed.

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Editors, The Battalion:

To: A&M Basketball Team

Thanks! Humbly thanking you for a thrill of a life time on Jan. 12, 1954. You were all champions that nite, every last one of you. The Longhorns who played will long remember your spirit and determination in that game, and the Aggies who witnessed it will never forget what they saw and felt. You fellows won a victory on the floor that nite, let no one tell you different. It was a great game, you are great guys.

Gig um Aggies!
Doyle L. Smith '56

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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