

Will Sports Day Visitors Be Next Year's Freshmen?

High School day for more than 1,000 visiting seniors will begin Saturday morning with a welcoming speech by President Morgan. His speech will be followed by an activity-packed schedule.

A showing of the recently completed movie "We Are The Aggies" and tours of the campus will keep the seniors busy during the morning.

The afternoon sports schedule will include a varsity-freshman track meet, an Aggie-Rice baseball game, a freshman-Highland Park (Dallas) high school swimming meet and a Baylor-A&M tennis match.

An intra-squad football game Saturday evening will complete the High School day activities.

Since first impressions are often lasting ones, everyone connected with the school

should make an extra effort to see that the visitors enjoy themselves thoroughly while they are here. When they return home to tell their families and friends about everything they saw and did at Aggieland, it would indeed be nice if the good impressions were carried over into the fall when they begin selecting a college to attend.

There is no way of rating High School Sports day as to the number of seniors who decide to come to A&M as a direct result of that particular visit, but the number is probably large.

If only one senior chooses A&M because of what he sees here Saturday, the day will be a success to a small degree. But regardless of where they intend to go to college, we should make sure that when they leave here, it will be a hard choice to decide on some other college.

One of the Last

Rebel Dons Gray Again

By S/Sgt Richard A. McCune
Bryan Air Force Base

Walter Williams was sitting quietly in the living room of his country home near Franklin, the day the U. S. air force moved in on him.

This might not be unusual except that Walter Williams is the oldest living veteran of the Civil War and the air force was there to brief him for a job he will do on Sunday, March 28.

The 111-year-old Williams will be honorary base commander of Bergstrom air force base, Austin, when the jet fighter base plays host to the National Sport Car races.

Two weeks ago, Maj. Victor W. H. Rankin, project officer from Bergstrom, began the task of coordinating Williams' visit. He located the veteran at his farm home north of Bryan and promised that he would be back in a week to bring full particulars as to Williams' part in the day's activities.

Supplemented with a writer and a photographer, as well as an authentic Confederate States Army uniform loaned for the occasion by Paramount Studios, of Hollywood, Calif., Major Rankin returned. He

was met at the Williams' home by the veteran's wife, Ella Mae, 80, who marveled at the uniform. "Both he and his daddy had uniforms, but they were burned in a house fire years ago," she said.

With the couple, who have been married for 65 years, was a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gene Williams, and Williams' nurse, Mrs. Francis Moss. Youngest of 19 children, Gene Williams was working cattle on a nearby ranch. Gene was a paratrooper in World War II and has recently been in the prize money as a rodeo performer at Madison Square Garden.

Outfitted in the gray uniform, Williams stood beside his frame cabin to be photographed. He posed with his sun-bonnetted wife and Rankin, then lifted a military salute to his hat brim.

Texas weather, in the form of dust and high wind, harassed the picture-taking, but "the colonel," as the air force has dubbed him, seemed not to notice. Although he enlisted in the army in Mississippi during the War between the States, he returned to Texas after 11 months of service and has lived here for nearly a century.

When asked about his rank in the Confederate army, Williams

replied that he was a forage-master. His duties included riding heard on 100 head of cattle to provide beef for the rebel masses.

Was he anxious to attend the races, the major asked. Yes, was the reply, he was looking forward to it. The old gentleman then went on to tell that he had taken an airplane ride last October when he was a guest at the State Fair in Dallas. "We took him all over," said his wife, "it was so beautiful there."

"I like to ride in airplanes," said Williams, adding that he was pleased that Trans-Texas airlines was to fly him to Austin for the day. He will travel with Mrs. Moss and son Gene, but his wife will not make the trip.

Meeting Williams at his home Sunday will be Maj. Joseph S. Michalowski, of Bryan air force base, who will drive him to Easterwood airport to board the aircraft. When he arrives in Austin, race officials have many honors planned for the "honorary commander", including a parade, review and a close-up look at the stock cars.

THAT'S HIS NUMBER

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Robert Brody was at the Knox county courthouse seeking a license number for his car "with a lot of 13s in it." He explained: "I was inducted in the army on Friday the 13th, assigned to the 13th infantry, am home on a 13-day leave and have to report back to the base on the 13th of the month. Figured I might as well get a license number to keep the luck up."

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Lt. John M. Gaskins and Aviation Cadet Selection Team No. 204 will be at the MSC Monday thru Thursday. He will be available between the hours 10:00 to 3:30 to those desiring further information on career opportunities in the Air Force.

Ellington Air Force Base



PRESENT ARMS—Walter Williams, 111-year-old Confederate veteran from Franklin, salutes to show off his new Rebel uniform. He will be base commander for a day at Bergstrom AFB Sunday.

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Firebombs Spark French Air Attack

HANOI, Indochina, March 26—(AP)—French planes dropped streams of firebombs on Vietminh troop positions around besieged Dien Bien Phu today in a tremendous aerial assault.

The French said their American-strengthened air arm inflicted heavy losses on the Communist-led rebels and upset their timetable for renewal of new attempts to crush the northwest Indochina fortress with mass infantry attacks.

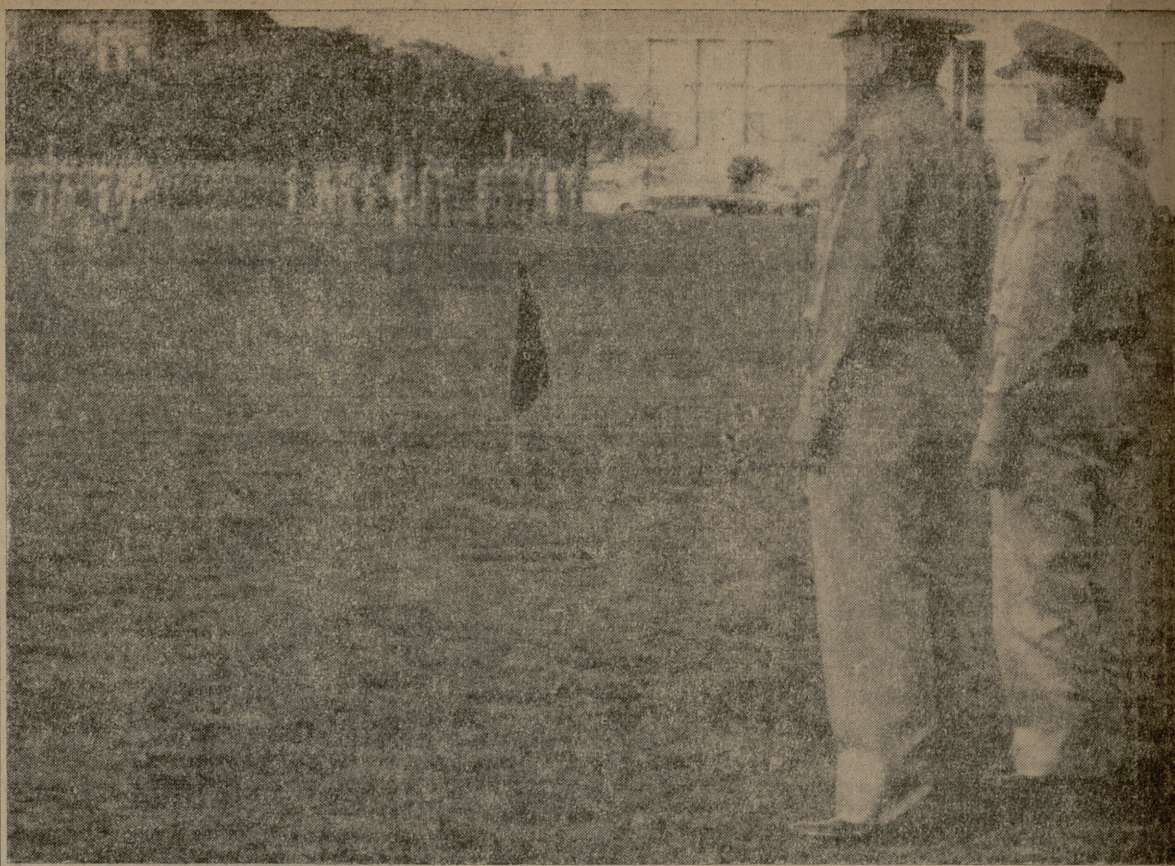
In a political development, a former Premier of Viet Nam called for a cease fire if possible now.

Tran Van Huu, who held the premiership of Indochina's largest state from 1950-52, appealed also to negotiators at the forthcoming Geneva conference to end the war, now in its eighth year.

TROUBLE IN OIL

OMAHA (AP)—When the Ervin R. Simons of Omaha, redecorated their basement, they converted their furnace from oil to gas. Later their oil man came along with a tankful for another house on the same street and purely from force of habit stopped at the Simon home.

Eighty gallons of fuel oil had poured over the Simon's new basement before Mrs. Simon ran out and put a stop to it.



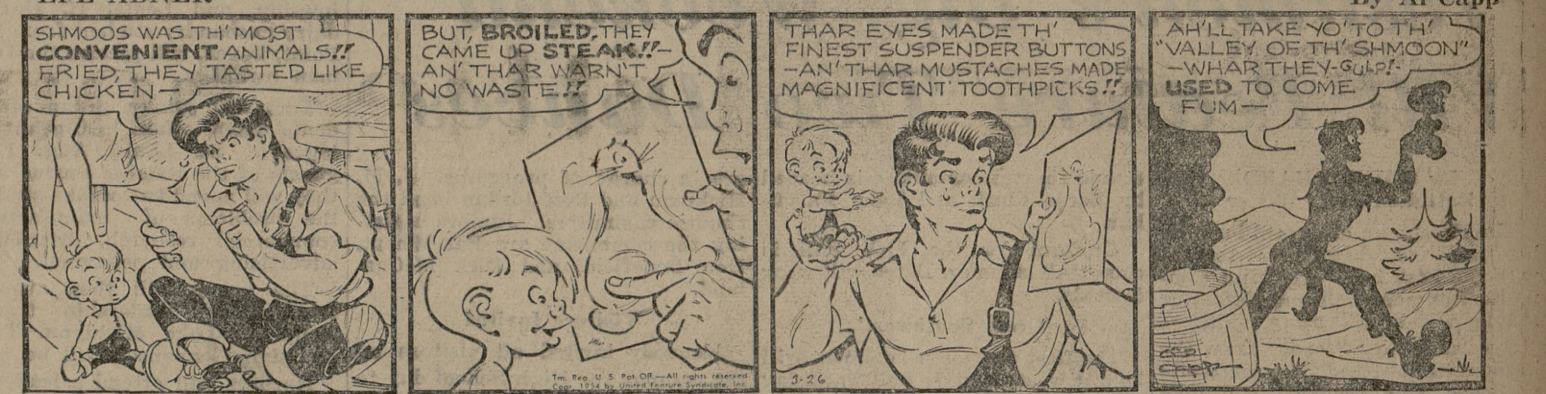
CLASS REVIEW—Col. Shelley P. Meyers, PMS&T, left, and Col. John A. Way, PAS&T, right, watch the corps of cadets as it formed yesterday in a practice for the review to be held next Thursday for officers here for the school's annual federal inspection. The federal inspection will be Wednesday and Thursday.

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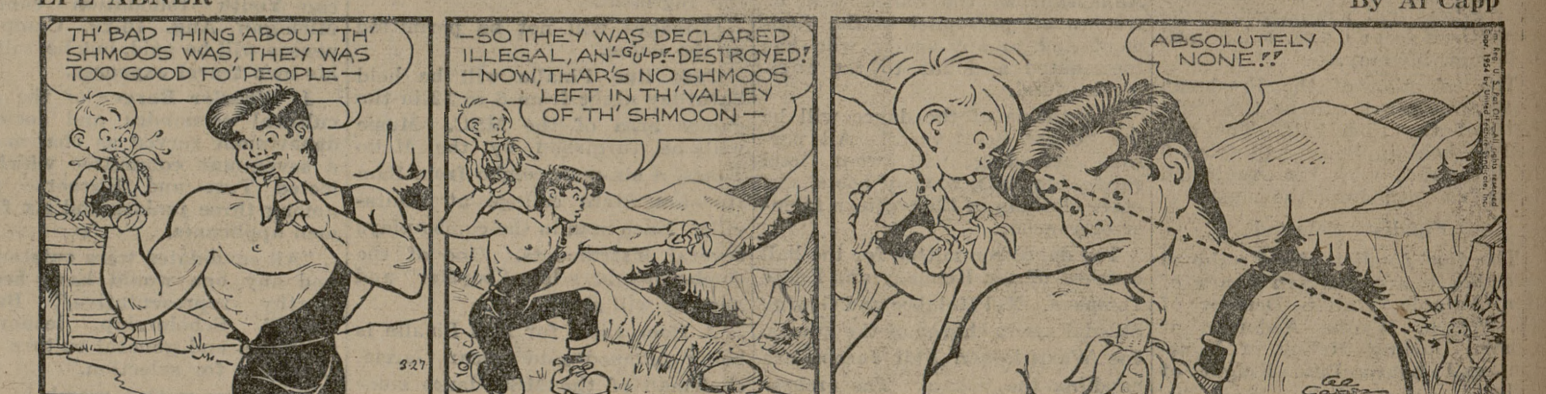
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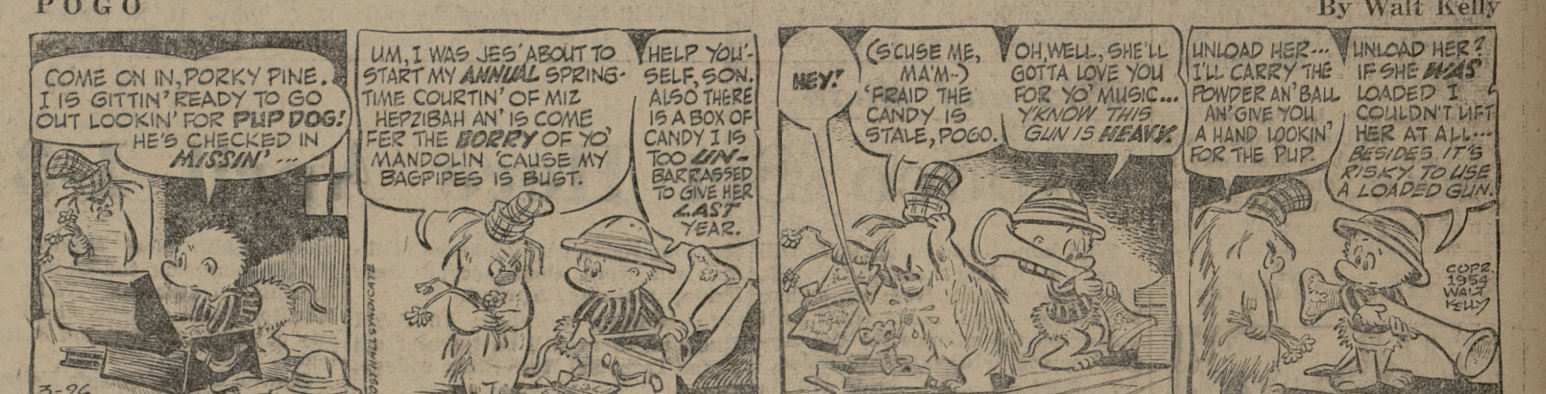
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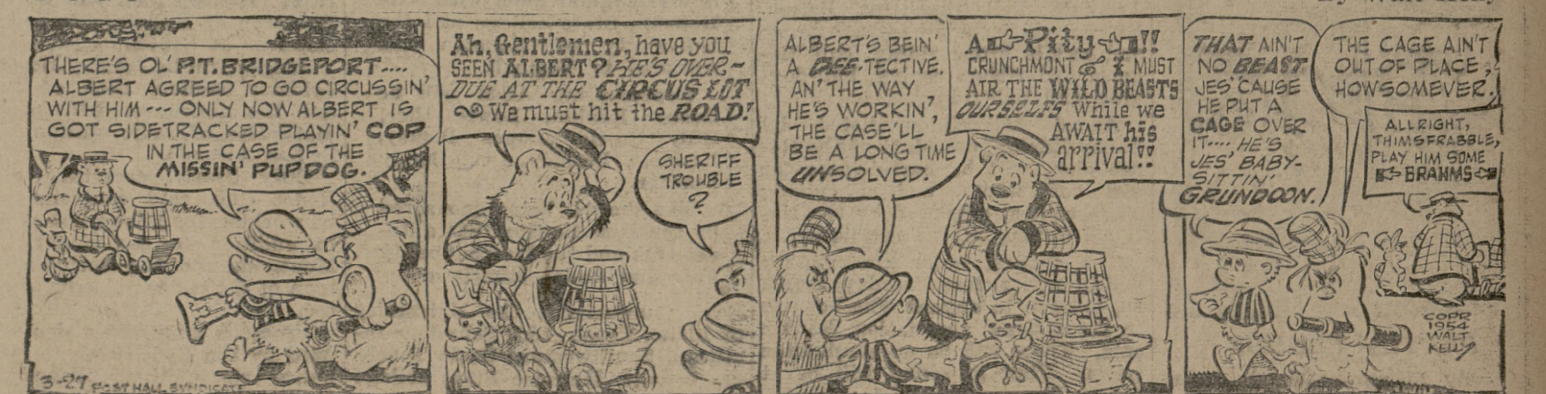
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