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THE BATTALION

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Profs Offer Hospitality; Students Must Do Part

The professors have done their share, and now it's up to the students to do their part. One hundred and twenty-two professors and staff members have signed up to open their homes for "Prof Hospitality Night", the student-faculty relations plan that was formerly "Appel polishing Night". Starting today, students can sign to visit for that night with any of the professors they choose. The lists will be in the student activities office today and will be in the Memorial Student Center tomorrow. Each of the professors has asked that about eight students visit him that night.

Morgan Helps Students

President David H. Morgan is going to bat for A&M's military students. Morgan has written to John Hannah, assistant secretary of defense for manpower, protesting the transfer of service branch ROTC graduates to combat branches. In his letter, Morgan says in effect that a man who gets a contract in a branch, and qualifies for a commission in that branch, should be allowed to serve in that branch, unless there are severely mitigating circumstances. And he's right. This year has seen many examples of lack of faith on the part of the armed services, both air force and army.

This means that about 1,000 students will have a chance to see and talk to professors without the academic barrier of a row of chairs and a desk. It's a great chance for the students and the professors both. Too often, in a classroom, both students and professors forget that the other is a person, too. Now that the professors have come half way and opened their homes, it's the students' turn to accept the invitation. Who knows, you may even find that you like your instructor.

The "higher ups" seem to regard a contract as a one-way proposition, to be kept faithfully by the students, but to be broken or bent at will by the service. Although a vaguely-worded clause in the contracts seems to give the service this right legally, it is not right ethically. The student's concepts of the armed services are being formed now, while he is young and while he is having his first contact with them. Some of the high-handed dealings contract and near-contract students have been subjected to are not conducive to building respect for our military establishment. It's time someone took the students' side in the quarrel as Morgan has done.

Witness Says Dickenson Gave Information

WASHINGTON, April 30—(AP)—A man who once shared a foxhole with Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson testified today he heard Dickenson give the Chinese Communists the names of American prisoners who were plotting escape from Korean prisoner of war camp. Cpl. Thomas A. Carrick of Blacksburg, Va., gave the testimony in the second day of Dickenson's court-martial. Dickenson, who once elected to stay in Red hands but finally came home, is accused of informing on fellow prisoners to get favored treatment for himself. Carrick said under cross-examination that, listening through a paper door in the POW camp, he also heard Dickenson confess that he—Dickenson—was among those planning escape. Guy Emery, counsel for Dickenson, asked why Carrick hadn't mentioned this before, and the witness replied: "I try to forget things, sir."

The defense objected strongly to admission of testimony by Carrick, who said he shared a foxhole with Dickenson—a Virginian from the mountain hamlet of Cracker's Neck—just before they were captured Nov. 5, 1950. It was nearly a year later, he said, that he and Dickenson confided to each other they were planning to escape. That same day, Carrick said, the Chinese Communists accused him of making escape plans and he denied it.

Stevenson Leaves Hospital Yesterday

CHICAGO, April 21—(AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson, weak in body but nimble of wit, left Passavant Hospital today after a kidney operation. The 1952 Democratic presidential nominee had a stone removed from his kidney a week ago. Supported on each side by two pretty nurses, Stevenson paused briefly at the hospital door to talk to reporters and pose for pictures. While in the hospital, he said, he thought of a good little proverb to describe his predicament. "He, who thinketh he standeth, letteth him take heed lest he fall." "That little ditty," he said, "also applies to politicians." Stevenson said he will have to cancel all engagements for at least two weeks, including a dinner speaking date next week in Louisville, Ky., and a Democratic fund raising dinner in Chicago tonight.

Three Units Tie In Recent Review

Squadron 4, A anti-aircraft artillery and the band tied for first place in the federal inspection review. The final results of the annual drill competition for the school year 1953-54 are as follows: Band, first place, 543 points; A AAA second place, 530 points; squadron 10 and the freshman band tied for third place with 492 points.

What's Cooking

THURSDAY 7:30 p. m. — Rusk county hometown club meeting, room 397, Goodwin hall. Waco McLennan county A&M club meeting, room 301, Goodwin hall. All members please be present. Beaumont A&M club meeting, room 104, Academic building.

Cadet Slouch



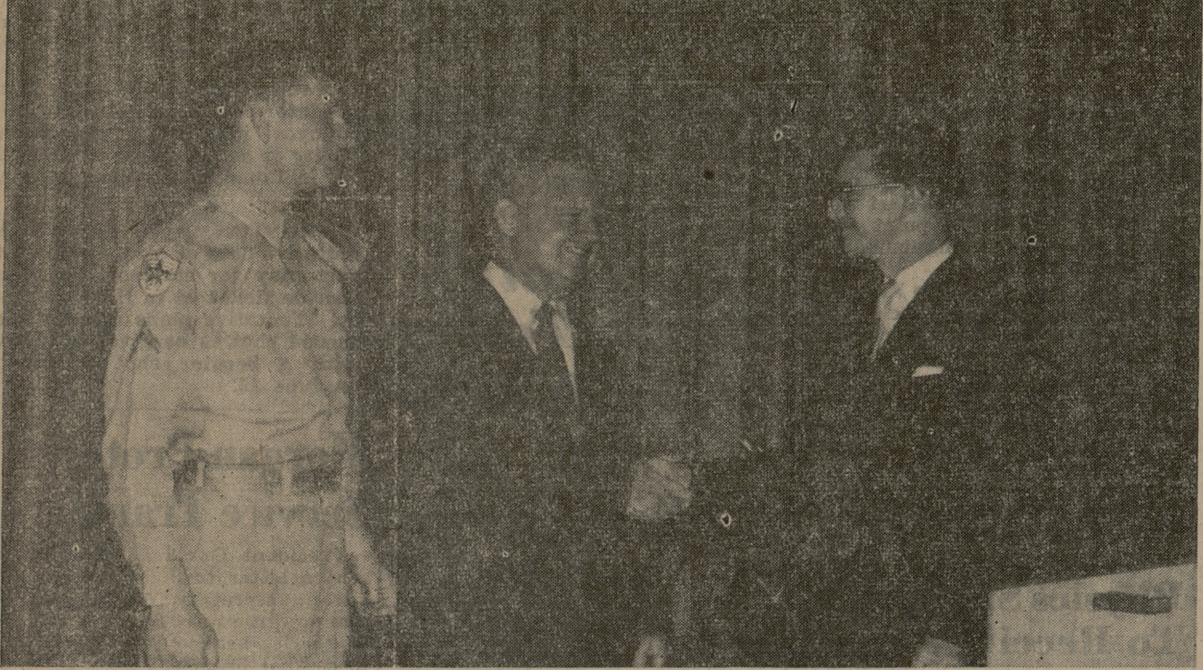
Plans Completed For Parents Day

Plans for the annual Parents Day program May 8-9, have been completed. Each department in the college will have an exhibit of its own, said Bennie A. Zinn, asst. dean of men. In addition, he said, many special events and exhibitions have been scheduled. The schedule for these special events and exhibitions is as follows: Saturday: 9-10 a. m. Federated A&M Mothers club coffee in the assembly room of the Memorial Student Center. 10 a. m. Annual conference of the Federated A&M Mothers club in the MSC. 10 a. m. Auction and presentation of awards at the Poultry center. 10 a. m. Smoke demonstration sponsored by the military department to be held on the main drill field. 2 p. m. Music film in room 125, Academic building, shown by the modern language department. 2-5 a. m. Open house in ballroom of the MSC. 3:30 p. m. Pouring molten iron demonstration in mechanical engineering building. 3-4 p. m. Color slides of Latin American countries in room 125, Academic building. 4-5 p. m. Color slides of Korea in room 125, Academic building. 7:30 p. m. Aggie Follies in Guion hall. Sunday: 9-12 p. m. All College dance in the Grove. 7:30 a. m. Breakfast. 8:15 a. m. Flower pinning ceremony. 8:25 a. m. Presentation of best drilled sophomore and best drilled freshman awards. 8:30 a. m. Presentation of appreciation gifts to organization commanding officers. 8:50 a. m. Corps review honoring parents and presentation of individual and unit awards on main drill field. 10:40 a. m. Freshman drill team performance on the main drill field. 11 a. m. Convocation program in Guion hall. 11 - 4 p. m. Dormitories open for inspection by parents. 12:30 p. m. Lunch in Duncan and Sibisa dining halls. 2 p. m. Exhibition drill on main drill field by Ross Volunteers. 2:30 - 4:30 p. m. Reception for parents and students at President David H. Morgan's home.

... by James Earle

Thornton Raps Road Building By Counties

AUSTIN, April 20—(AP)—State Highway Commission Chairman E. H. Thornton jr. said today it is "high time" for gaps to be closed in the state's farm-to-market road system. At a public hearing he criticized attitudes of some county commissioners courts for allocating farm road money only to areas where votes are concentrated. "If you're going to have a healthy body, you need good circulation to all parts of it," he said. "The same is true of a county." The criticism followed testimony by two separate visiting delegations. One said Milam County commissioners would not vote to spend money in a sparsely settled area. The other said Kaufman County commissioners would not vote to spend an entire year's road allotment in one precinct to close such gaps.



CONGRATULATIONS, MR. PRESIDENT—Buck Schiwetz, '21, a well known Texas artist, congratulates Charles Parker on his installation as president of the MSC Council. H. W. (Bud) Whitney, the new vice-president, looks on.

Ex Picks Different Job

By JOHN AKARD
Battalion Feature Editor
Modest, mild-mannered E. M. (Buck) Schiwetz, '21, has an occupation which is not common to ex-Aggies; he is a painter. Buck, as he prefers to be called, will give a demonstration lecture on watercolor work at 7:30 tonight in the fountain room of the Memorial Student Center. The picture which won him the 1954 non-member award by the American Watercolor Society is on display in the MSC. Buck said he didn't know whether to send it to the Houston show or to the New York show. One of his friends sug-

gested he flip a coin, which he did. The New York side turned up, so he sent the picture off, not expecting to win an award. At present he is a special consultant for the Texas Historical Survey committee. This committee will pick historical landmarks which it feels should be perpetuated. Buck hopes that the committee recommendations will stimulate enough local interest to get these landmarks preserved in their original state. Just before Falcon dam was completed, Buck made a group of human interest sketches in the town which are now covered by the lake. "It is awfully sad to see those

towns go. They are trying to give those people a better life, but they are not happy," he said. "Pencil is my medium," Buck said. He feels that his greatest contribution is in the field of pencil sketching since there are only a very few artists who use this media. Buck wanted to go to art school when he graduated from high school, but his father felt Buck should study electrical engineering since the family had several successful friends in that field. Buck obediently came to A&M and he did "miserably" his first year. President Bizzell got father Schiwetz to allow Buck to change to architecture. He was graduated with a degree in this field. He never had any art training except for a brief period in New York. "You can teach yourself from observation," he said. Buck helped start The Humble Way, company magazine. "It gives artists a chance to sell their work", he said. He is now a partner in the Houston advertising firm of Schiwetz and Tippis. Buck, with another ex-Aggie, George Fuermann of The Houston Post, is preparing a book of sketches on Texas called "The Reluctant Empire". He would like to live here and teach part time. "I will never lose my love for the school and there are so many interesting things to sketch," he said. "Buck had done many many favors for the college," said Mrs. Ralph Terry, advisor to the art gallery committee. "He has brought shows to the campus and had judged our exhibits; we owe him a vote of appreciation," she said.

The Battalion

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

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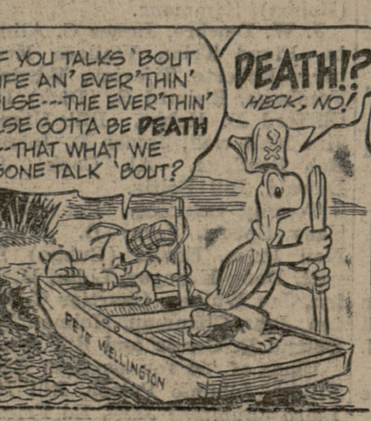
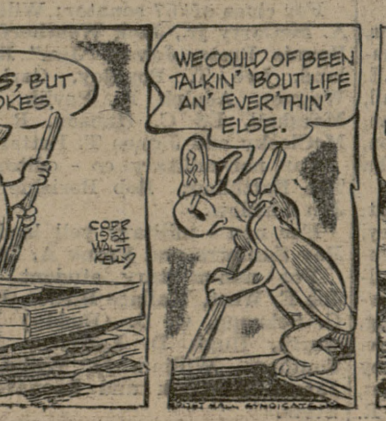
Jackson To Back Governor Shivers

AUSTIN, April 21—(AP)—President Guy C. Jackson of the Texas Water Conservation Assn. said today he will back Gov. Shivers for reelection in the hope that another two-year term for Shivers would see Texas' water problem solved. "The record of Gov. Shivers to date is that he solves those problems to which he dedicates his talents and abilities," Jackson said in a prepared press statement.

Graduating ROTC CADETS UNIFORM DISPLAY

By
Leon B. Weiss
of College Station

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