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Something for the Teacher

Somebody has at last done something for the poor old teachers.

The Former Students association council, meeting here over the weekend, voted to give five faculty appreciation awards for distinguished achievement in the fields of teaching, individual student relations, and research.

The amount of the awards—\$500 each—is not much. It should be much more, but it shows that the teachers' worth to a college is recognized.

Many people have come to look on a college as a home for a football team. And since this attitude is prevalent among former students, it is gratifying that they should give the appreciation awards.

Some of the former students did not do themselves quite so proud during the larger part of their meeting Saturday night.

Naturally, the military-optional plan was discussed thoroughly. Opinion was about divided on the plan. As the discussion wore on into the night, it became obvious that those who opposed the plan had no alternative plan to offer. They seemed to want a return to "like it was when I was here."

This unrealistic attitude was opposed by

those who thought that the plan would give the corps of cadets, and the civilian students, a chance for a better student life here.

Perhaps the best view was the middle group, who said, "Let's wait and see what happens."

A Good Start

The administration has started off the year as if they really mean to stop hazing here.

A sophomore has been denied enrollment here for hazing freshmen. The seriousness of the college's attack on hazing is indicated by the fact that this boy was dismissed for mental hazing, not physical hazing.

In many cases mental hazing is rougher on the student than physical hazing. There should be no difference in punishment for the two.

The sophomore will appeal his case before the executive committee tomorrow. He will ask for readmission as a civilian student.

We don't see why a student who is not fit to be a military student should be allowed to be a civilian student.

It is an auspicious beginning for the new year, and we say "Keep up the good work."

Grass Roots Voice

Demo Convention Hears Lecture on Principle

By WILBUR MARTIN

MINERAL WELLS, Sept. 14—(AP)—The "voice of the grass roots" was heard in protest today.

It came clearly and eloquently from Mrs. Paul Zedler of Luling, a school teacher who made a plea for principle and lectured the old pros of Texas Democratic politics on fair play for the little people.

"I ask you do not seat any delegation from Caldwell County," she said to the Credentials Committee hearing delegate contests for the state Democratic Convention.

"We don't deserve it," Mrs. Zedler, a professor of speech at Southwest Texas State college in San Marcos, said she did not base this request "on politics."

"Politics have no bearing on it. It's a question of whether you are going to follow the law."

She said the delegation from Caldwell County did not follow the law because it did not file two copies of record of the convention that named it with the county clerk.

And then she brought a respectful hush to the carnival atmosphere of the meeting.

"I was a novice," she said. "This was the first time I ever attended a precinct convention. I went in the interest of good government because everybody ought to take part."

"There were 17 of them there. We were to be allowed 14 delegates. We didn't ask anybody who he was going to vote for. That didn't matter, we just asked who could attend the county convention. We thought it would be nice if everybody who could go was allowed to do so."

She said when she was elected secretary of the precinct convention, the temporary chairman and secretary got mad and threw all the records on the floor.

"I got a copy of the Texas election laws to find out what a precinct chairman and secretary was supposed to do and we did it," she said.

"I was a newly elected delegate to that convention but I didn't get to cast my vote. And that makes me mad."

Mrs. Zedler would not say what candidate for governor she supported. She wouldn't say which faction was in control of the county convention.

"That part of politics has no bearing on this. This is a principle."

She was the only delegate appearing or attending the credentials committee meeting who did not loudly line up behind Gov. Shivers or Ralph Yarborough.

Cries of "Shivercrats" and "Yarborough rats" resounded through the jammed hall as the committee

debated which contesting factions would be seated.

No opposition showed up to argue with Mrs. Zedler and a few other counties that were down for protests had only one side represented.

But both sides turned up at most contests and the oratory was flowery, funny and biting.

The audience was good natured and loud, called "time" when it thought a speaker spoke too long, cheered and jeered.

The conservative democrats—Shivers backers—we're in the majority. They knew they had control of the convention and they let the other side—the liberals—know it.

Most speakers had trouble with the microphone. A thin, wailing shriek from the loud speaker often drowned them out.

One speaker brushed the microphone aside.

Snorted R. W. Pittman of Seminole: "I don't need this. I've called hogs in Georgia." He didn't need it, either.

First, Oil Boom; Now, Nickel Boom

MT. PLEASANT, Mich., Sept. 13 (AP)—Not since oil was struck here in the midst of the depression has there been such excitement in this Michigan city of 11,398. And another bonanza is the cause.

This time it is a deluge of nickels. Before it was Michigan's first gushing oil field.

Postmaster Raymond Hooker es-

timated 32,000 letters came in today's mail for young Mrs. Margaret Deibel and her red-haired, appliance salesman husband, Charles. And Hooker predicted tomorrow's mail likely would bring 50,000 to add to the total of 75,000 already on hand.

Walt Deibel, Charlie's brother, reported the first few score envelopes opened usually had two or more nickels in them. Some had a dollar.

It all started last Friday when Charlie and Walt and their wives went to the televised Gary Moore show CBS in New York. They were vacationing in the East.

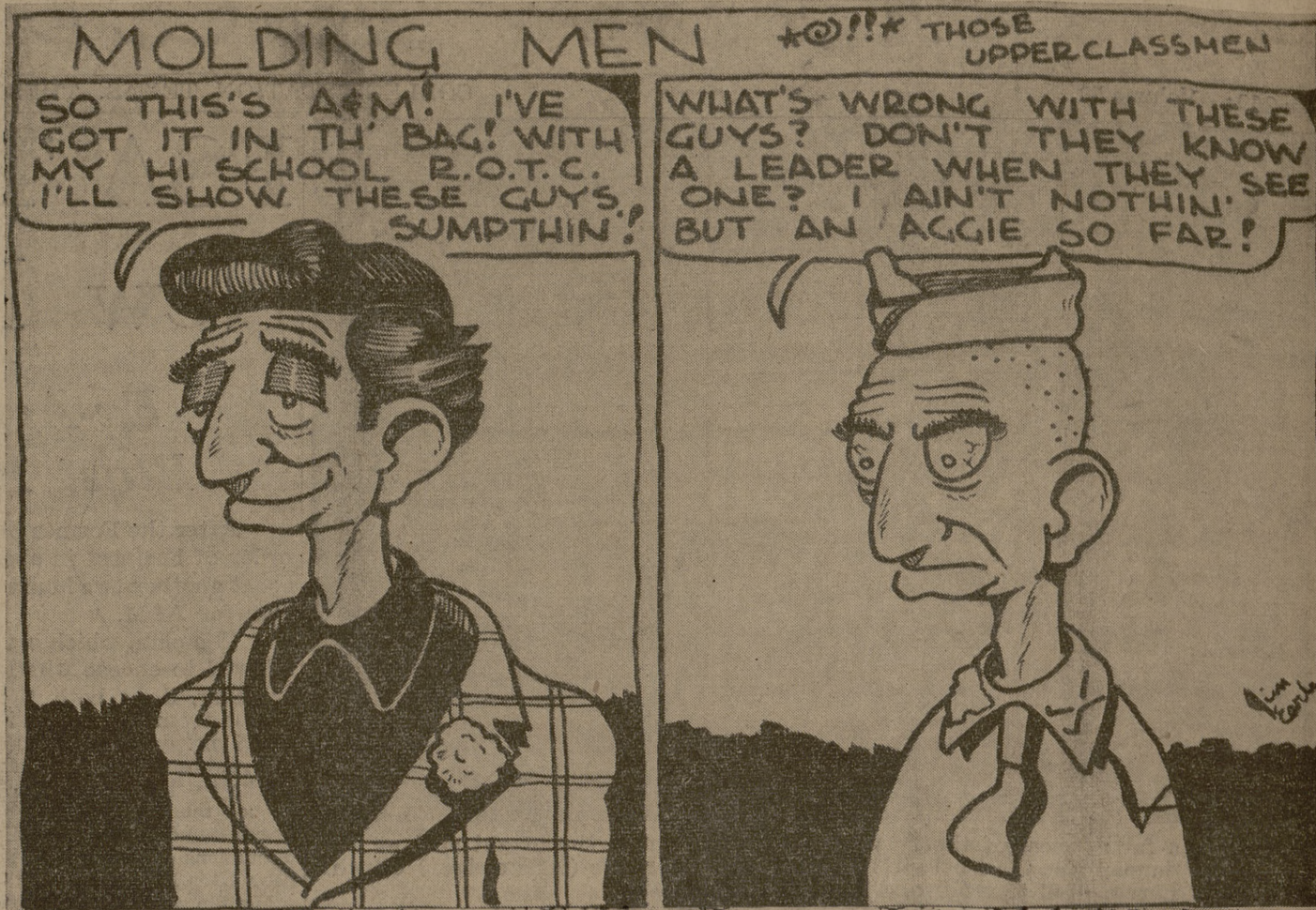
In what the Deibels swear was an unrehearsed interjection into the show, Moore called 26-year-old Margaret from the audience, after she'd asked a question about whether summer replacements on his show did it for free or got paid. Moore said he liked her face. Asked how she'd like to be rich.

Margaret said she wouldn't object to being rich but she and Charlie were satisfied with their modest way of life with their two children, one three years and the other five months old.

Moore thought that was nice, but suggested his viewer audience make her rich anyway by sending her a nickel apiece. That was Friday. Some 43,000 letters beat the vacationing Diebels home Sunday night.

Cadet Slouch

by Earle



Full Week Still Ahead For 'Fish'

Freshmen will have their hands full for the rest of the week as well as the rest of the school year.

The schedule for freshman week is as follows:

Tuesday: Students will assemble in Guion hall from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A movie, "We Are the Aggies," will be shown at 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Students will meet with faculty members for general information and personal conferences.

Thursday: Group meetings and individual conferences will be held throughout the day. A movie will be held in the Grove.

Friday: New students will register.

Typhoon Batters Southern Japan

TOKYO, Tuesday, Sept. 14—(AP)—One of the worst typhoons in Japan's history struck the southern mainland yesterday, forcing evacuation of three cities and leaving 24 dead and thousands homeless.

The storm bore on northward with weakening intensity toward the populous main island of Honshu, leaving behind untold havoc on the southern island of Kyushu. Communications were out with the stricken area.

Kyodo News Service and national rural police figures listed 24 dead, 68 injured, 11 missing and 11,000 homeless in the trail of destruction and terror on Kyushu. Three small ships were reported

sunk, 31 bridges washed out and 15,000 acres of farmlands washed out.

Winds of 110 miles an hour along a storm front 300 miles wide hit Kyushu, bringing cloudbursts and tidal waves. Winds fell to 90 miles an hour as the storm moved inland.

Kyodo said authorities ordered all citizens to flee three southern cities with a combined population of nearly 300,000. All three were threatened with destruction from pounding seas or floods or both.

They were Niyaaki, on Kyushu's exposed eastern coast, and Kiyakonojo, 75,000, several miles inland.

Houston Records Another Polio Death

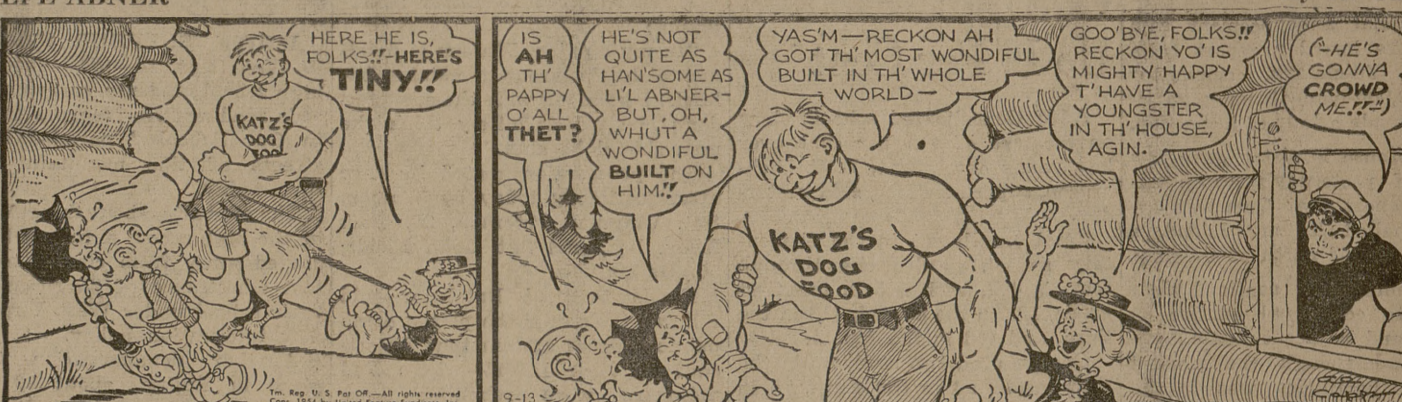
HOUSTON, Sept. 13—(AP)—A polio death and two new polio cases were reported today. Kathy Marston, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tovell Marston, died of bulbar polio and spinal polio.

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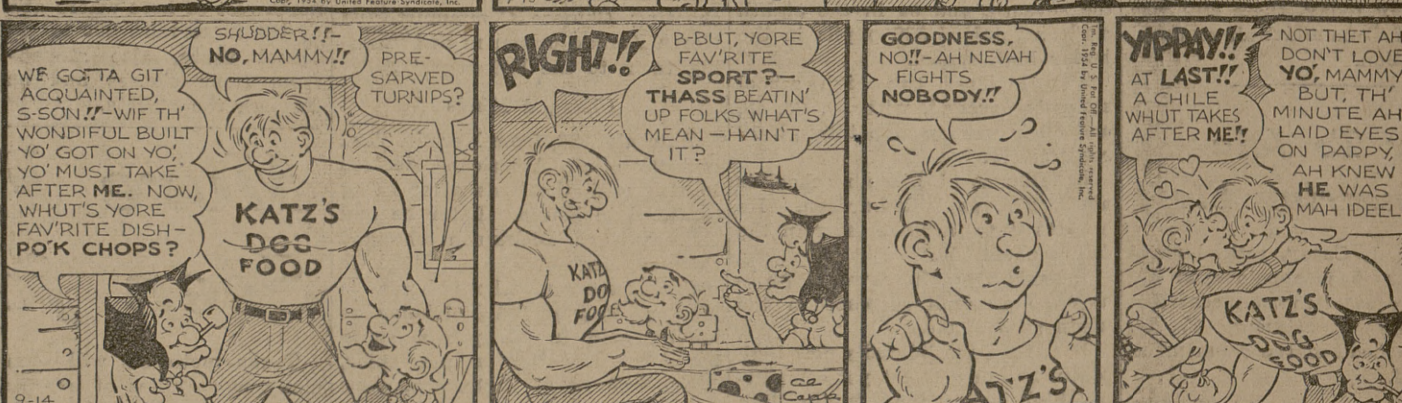
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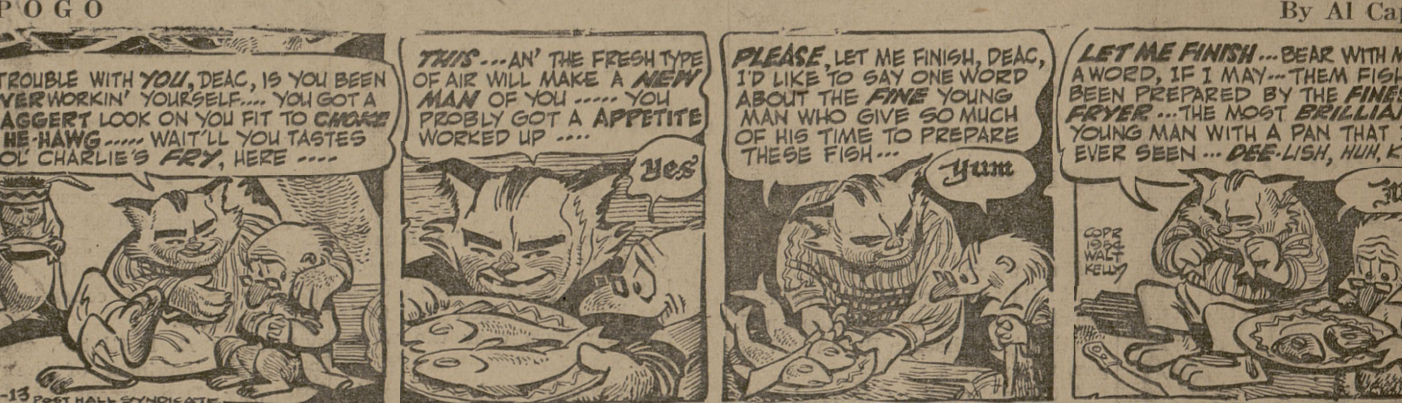
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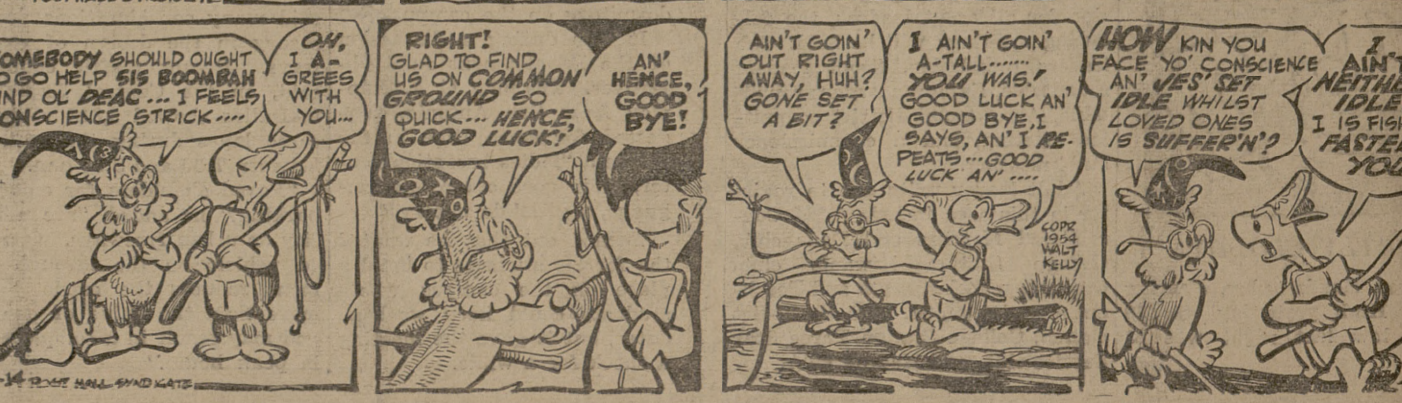
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