

Battalion Editorials

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Some Money Matters

Students here sometimes complain about the Exchange store, perhaps for no other reason than that it is run by the college, but these students often don't realize what the Exchange store does for them.

This week a committee met to divide up the Exchange store profits—\$20,000 for the MSC's student program, \$1,000 for dormitory athletic equipment, and \$2,900 for the band.

This was all the profit for last year except \$57.82, and all going to the students.

The figures over the last few years are even more impressive: since 1945, the Exchange store has given the MSC \$212,645.93; the student welfare and recreation fund, \$92,327.41; the library, \$17,782.67; the band \$7,850; and \$2,175.46 in profit sharing dividends.

This is a total of \$332,781.47 given away in the last nine years—a nice record for an organization some people say gyps the students.

Burning of SMU Floats

The corps trip to Dallas last weekend was a big success from almost every standpoint. No one was seriously injured in the trip up and back, the corps parade was enthusiastically received by Dallasites and the band performance at halftime was practically flawless.

Only two things marred the trip. We lost the football game and somebody burned two SMU floats.

According to meager information received on the fires, a car near the scene had A&M decals on the window and the occupants were shouting, "gig 'em." That may or may not be good evidence that Aggies were the culprits.

Anyone with a dime can buy an A&M

decal and anyone with vocal chords can yell a fairly authentic "gig 'em."

More conclusive evidence is the report that Dallas police are checking on the license number of a car seen near one of the fires. We'd prefer to wait for further information on that car before trying to place the blame.

However, if it should develop that Aggies were involved, college authorities should deal severely with them for several reasons. First the act was inexcusable and probably pre-meditated. Second, the amount of loss makes it a felony as well as arson, and last but not least, the corps will be taking a trip to Austin in a couple of weeks.

Those people in Austin might be pretty touchy if we happen to win the game.

'Jumpin' General'

Gen. Gavin Visits A&M

Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, the army's "jumpin' general", will be one of the guests here Saturday for Fall Military Day.

Gavin, who is now army chief

of staff for operations, wears four combat-jump stars on his parachutist badge, for jumps in Sicily, Italy, Normandy, and Holland.

He also wears six campaign stars

for World War II campaigns with the 505th parachute infantry regiment and the 82nd airborne infantry regiment.

Gavin got into World War II in 1942, as commander of the 505th, which he led when it spearheaded the assault on Sicily.

He was named assistant commander of the 82nd airborne in 1943. This assignment was interrupted by a temporary tour of duty as airborne advisor to the allied supreme commander.

After he returned to the 82nd, he was made commander. He led the division during its campaigns in Holland, the Battle of the Bulge, and the spring offensive of 1945 that ended in the surrender of the German army.

After the surrender, the division moved to Berlin, where Gavin was U. S. representative on the city government.

His service after the war includes commanding the fifth army, the allied forces in southern Europe, and the seventh corps in Germany.

He also was army member of the weapons system evaluations group of the defense department, and chief of this group's military studies and liaison division.

He was named to his present position last April.

Gavin enlisted in the regular army in 1924. After he had reached the rank of corporal, he applied for West Point.

He was accepted, graduating in 1929. He had the usual army assignment then, including duty in the Philippines.

He entered the parachute school in 1940, with the rank of captain.

His medals include the Distinguished Service Cross with an Oak Leaf cluster, the Silver Star with an Oak Leaf cluster, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart.

His foreign decorations include the British Distinguished Service Order, the Belgian Croix de Guerre, the French Croix de Guerre, and the Russian Order of Alexander Nevsky.

Gavin is now known as an exponent of the "fast and hard-hitting" infantry team, composed of airborne troops with highly mobilized ground units.

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The Battalion

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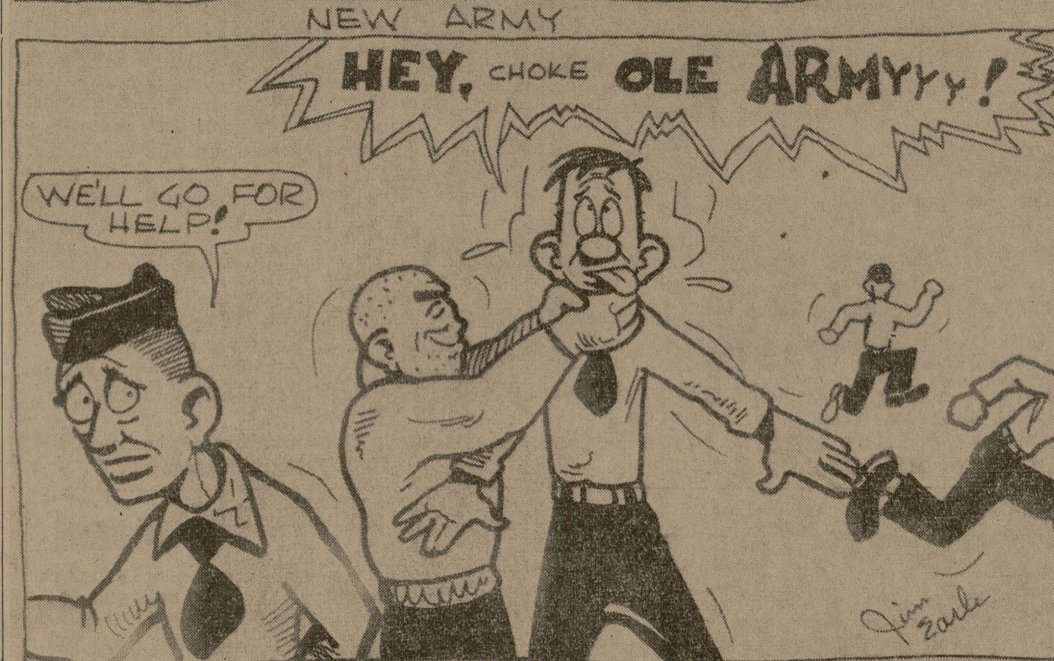
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Cadet Slouch

... by James Earle



Governor at 31

Stassen To Speak Here

By The Associated Press
Harold E. Stassen, Republican leader and former governor of Minnesota, will speak here Nov. 17 in the second in a series of talks presented by the Great Issues committee of the Memorial Student Center.

Stassen was elected governor of Minnesota at 31, the youngest man ever elected to that office.

Almost two years before the 1948 elections, he announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president with the statement that he wanted to steer his party along a "truly liberal path." In the midst of widespread strikes in the aftermath of the war he declared for a national policy of "taking arbitrary power away from union leaders and giving it back to the working men themselves."

Long an exponent of liberalism in GOP councils, Stassen called on his party to abandon "all remnants of a policy of economic isolation and assume 'leadership of America in a new policy of world-wide economic participation.'" He advocated low tariffs and a reciprocal trade agreements program.

Stassen, as a religious leader, had proposed his own peace plan in an address before the Northern Baptist convention. "The walls of isolationism are gone forever," he said at that time. In 1942 he was chosen president of the International Council of Religious Education, a post he held for many years.

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His administration as governor of Minnesota quickly gained him national recognition. He was president of the National Council of

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What's Cooking

THURSDAY
7:15—Rio Grande Valley hometown club, room 3 C MSC.
7:30—Galveston county hometown club, room 223 Academic, plan dance.
Panhandle club, Academic building.
Fayette-Colorado county club, room 128 Academic, election of officers and plan Thanksgiving party.
Marshall hometown club, MSC, guest speaker from home.
Corpus Christi hometown club, MSC, information on Thanksgiving party.
Port Arthur club, room 105 Biology building, discuss Thanksgiving dance.

The University of Texas fields fewer seniors in its starting lineup in 1954 than any time since 1945. Only three are ticketed for the first string at this time and no more than that are listed on the current No. 2 unit.

Quion Hall
TODAY & FRIDAY
VICTOR HUGO'S
LES MISERABLES
starring MICHAEL DEBRA ROBERT EDWARD
RENNIE PARET NEWTON GWENN

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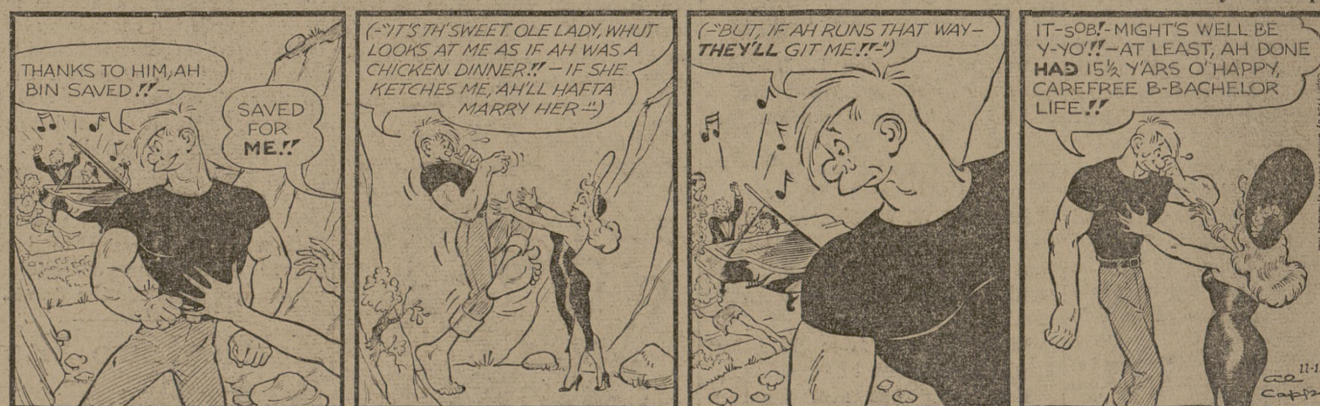
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Or Come By . . .

STUDENT FLORAL CONCESSION

Across from the Main Entrance to New Area

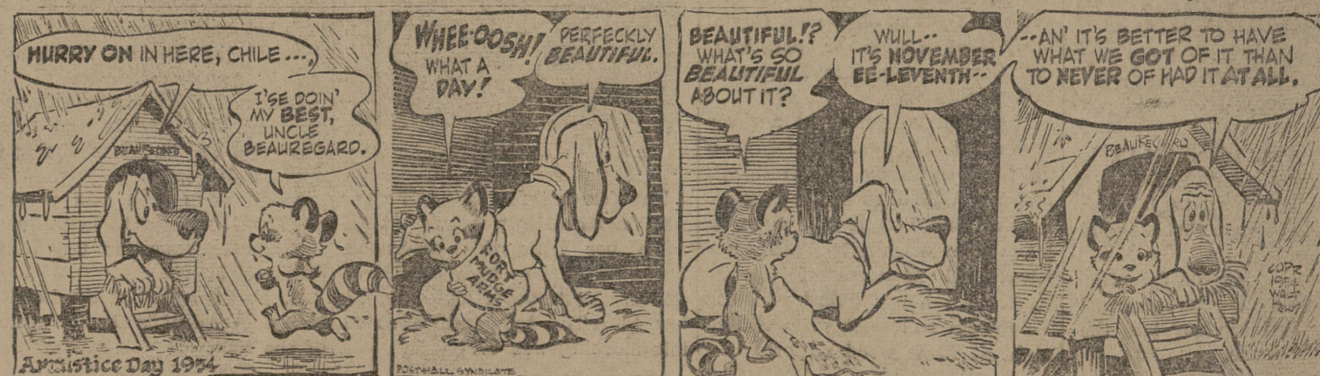


L'L ABNER



By Al Capp

POGO



By Walt Kelly

Social Whirl

Thursday

The student chapter of the American Veterinary Medicine Association Auxiliary of A&M will meet in the social room of the Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m. tonight.