

# Battalion Editorials

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## The Rest of the Week

Prof Hospitality week is in full swing now, with a better-than-expected response from students and faculty members.

Both groups seemed to have liked the idea, and they are probably finding that they're getting something from it.

About 1,000 students are expected to participate, but this is still only one-fifth of

the enrollment. Everybody can find time for it this year, since a whole week has been left open.

Students and professors still have the rest of the week to participate.

In a school overburdened with traditions, this is one tradition that should be started well and kept alive.

## Open House

We receive nothing but enthusiastic reports on the departmental open house held last night.

Both freshmen and upperclassmen report the evening was enjoyable as well as informative. Seniors say it is the type of thing which should have begun years ago. An Open house held when they were fresh-

men might have prevented many of them from making false starts in the wrong field of study.

The freshmen liked the idea of mingling with upperclassmen in the department, asking questions and looking things over.

A good idea all around.

## One Year Old

### Slouch Is 'Typical Ag'

The "typical Aggie"—The Battalion's Cadet Slouch—is one year old today.

According to his creator, Jim Earle, fifth year architecture student from Jacksonville, Slouch is actually older than this, since this is just the anniversary of him "being exposed."

"There has always been a Slouch at A&M, because every Aggie is a Slouch deep inside," he said. "He is a combination of all the best features of Aggies thrown into one person." And to Earle, Cadet Slouch and his roommate Simp are living characters.

The difference between the two characters, says Earle, is that Simp simply doesn't care, and Slouch is a "good boy at heart."

"He tries, but he just can't make it work out. Simp knows it won't work, so he doesn't even worry, and only thinks about having a

good time," Earle said. "Slouch is the hard luck boy, and it's him against the world."

The pair came into being last year after Earle had an idea. The first cartoon was on transfer students not being allowed to wear senior boots, and since that time, Earle has never run out of cartoons.

"You could probably do the cartoons better by carrying a camera around the campus. You have to wade through the situations," Earle said. Last year, Earle said his work was so easy that a "trained ape could do it."

He said that since Slouch is an Aggie, his four favorite things are the sack, water fighting, beer and putting off studying. As to his studies, Earle says that Slouch will do all right—if he ever gets out of the basic division.

"I doubt if he even has a record of his grades," he said. "He's just not concerned with that."

According to Earle, his characters are in a continual struggle with the administration, the freshmen, and "everybody they come in

contact with." Slouch is just sweating it out trying to survive, he said.

Considering everything, Earle's problem pair have the most trouble getting enough sack, he said, "but the main thing that gives them trouble here is ROTC."

So in the past year, Cadet Slouch and his roommate have become a permanent part of A&M. Earle has published a book of cartoons, "Slouch vs. A&M," designed a decal, and has even drawn illustrations of Aggie "T" shirts. When he isn't busy with any of these prospects, he generally spends time creating cartoons for the Commentator and the AggieLand.

Slouch's fame has even reached as far as the Library of Congress, since Earle had him copyrighted last year.

## Laskoskie Given \$600 Scholarship

Lawrence B. Laskoskie, senior mechanical engineering major, has been awarded a \$600 scholarship by the Douglas Aircraft company.

The scholarship is "awarded to a highly recommended senior student in aeronautical, mechanical or electrical engineering who could benefit by this financial aid."

Laskoskie is vice-president of the Newman club, member of Phi Eta Sigma and the Handball club, parliamentarian of the Student Senate, cataloguer for Tau Beta Pi, vice-president of the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, chairman of the membership committee of the Knights of Columbus and a distinguished military student.

## Effects of Estradiol Will Be Studied

An experiment to test the effects of estradiol and progesterone hormones on gaining ability of lambs is being carried on under the supervision of Dr. H. O. Kunkel of the animal husbandry department.

"In other tests these hormones have increased the average daily gain of lambs," said Dr. Kunkel.

## Poultry Judges Win Second Place

The A&M poultry judging team won second place in Chicago last week falling only 2 points shy of the 3,641 points scored by the first place winner, Kansas university.

All of the Aggie team members received individual awards including Monroe Fuchs, third; John Williams, fifth; and James Newman, 17th. Others making the trip were Jack Couch, alternate, and E. C. Parnell, team coach.

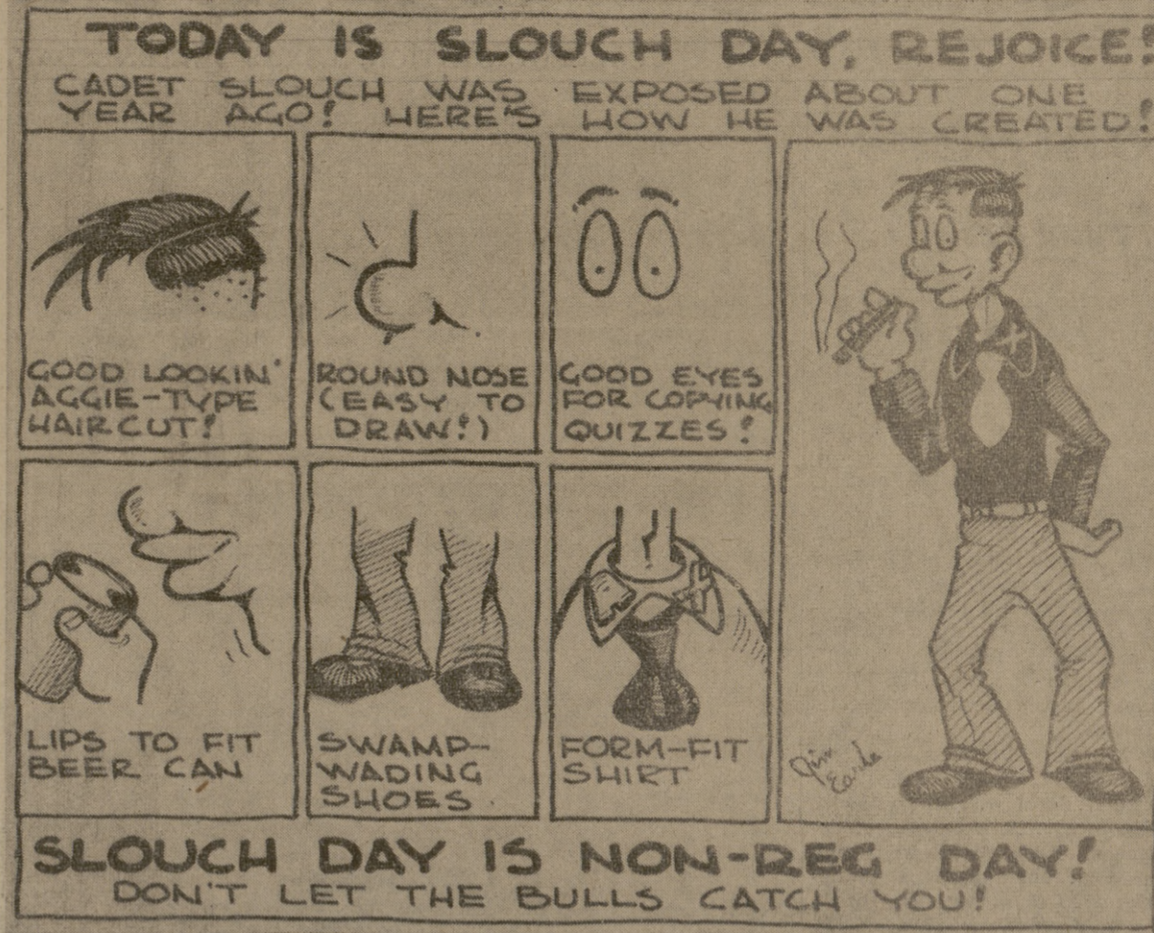
## Student Activities Has Senior Favors

Senior favors for 1955 graduates have arrived and are on sale in student activities, according to W. D. (Pete) Hardesty.

Prices are \$3 for pins and \$4.25 for the pin and guard. Favors will be sold on a first come, first served basis, Hardesty said.

## Cadet Slouch

by Earle



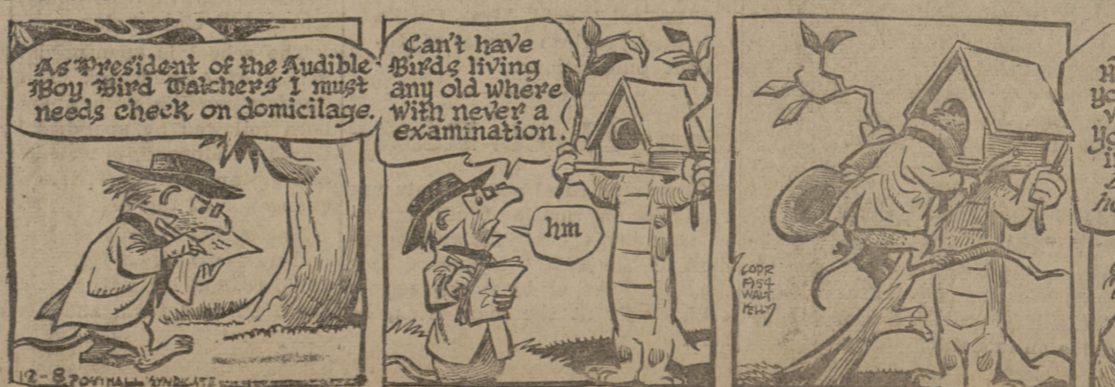
## Happy Birthday, Slouch!



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## Job Calls

• Dec. 10—Engineering Recruitment Service of the Los Angeles county Civil Service commission will be recruiting for the position of civil engineering assistant with a starting salary of \$417 per month — to fill public works engineering design positions in one of the three large engineering departments of Los Angeles Co. government.

• Dec. 13—Liberty Mutual Insurance will interview for the positions of safety engineers, to be charged with the application and development of methods which prevent accidents in American industry. Majors called for are industrial, mechanical, civil, electrical, chemical engineering, and industrial technology.

## Pinky Will Present Fruit to Veterans

P. L. (Pinky) Downs jr. will extend greetings and pass out apples and oranges to patients of the Veteran's Administration center at Temple this Christmas.

"I expect to take more apples and oranges to our boys at the Veteran's Administration center than ever before," he said. "We all look forward to this event each year and everyone wants to help," he added.

This is the fourth annual trip for Pinky with the collection of fruit which is to be assembled this year at the Memorial Student Center. The gathering of the oranges and apples is a voluntary act on the part of the students and staff of the college, A&M Consolidated high school, Lincoln high school and the citizens of College Station.

## Ward Getting Data

J. M. Ward of the agricultural economics and sociology department is in the lower Rio Grande valley to collect citrus fruit marketing data which will be published soon.

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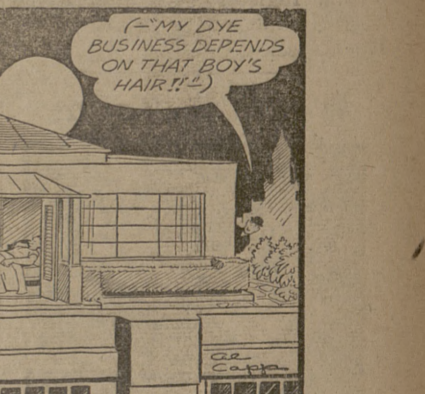
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