

### What's Cooking

THURSDAY

- 5:00—Circle K club, YMCA, bring ticket money.
- 7:15—Seabrook-LaPorte hometown club, 224 Academic, business meeting.
- Houston hometown club, 301 Goodwin, plan the annual spring function with the Houston execs. Do you have a summer job?
- Bell county club, 103 Academic.
- East Texas hometown club, room 3C MSC.

- Rusk county A&M club, 411 Academic, plan Mother's Day picnic.
- Permian Basin club, YMCA, final plans for spring function.
- 7:30—Texas A&M DeMolay association, room 2C MSC.
- Hill County hometown club, 106 Academic.
- Fort Worth hometown club, YMCA chapel, plan the coming party.
- Tyler-Smith county hometown club, room 3C MSC.
- Amarillo club, 2nd floor Academic, plan the activities for the remainder of the year.
- Red River Valley A&M club, room 2D MSC.
- 7:45—Pan American club, YMCA, plan the annual dance and party.

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HARRI BAKER Editor

## Battalion Editorials

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THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1955

### Too Late

Last night's Operation Minuteman not only showed that our National Guard is ready and willing to serve when called, but it also pointed up a sad lack in America's defense structure.

Except for a dedicated few, such as the Guardsmen and the members of A&M's radio club with their disaster net, the American people just plain don't care about civil defense.

In touchy times, when the danger of mass-destruction weapons is a real thing to every part of America, the only way to describe the average citizen's attitude toward civil defense is "apathetic."

As one civil defense leader said, "The American people aren't going to recognize the need for any type of civil defense organization until the first bomb is dropped here."

Sounds like that would be a little too late.

### A&M Students' Toads, Snakes To Be on TV

Snakes, lizards, toads, frogs, turtles and salamanders collected by a group of students from A&M will appear soon on Humble Oil and Refining company's television show "Texas in Review."

The collection won first place Sunday morning in an exhibition climaxing the annual meeting of the Texas Herpetological society held at Anahuac. The exhibit was judged on the basis of number and rarity of species, labeling of the specimens, and originality of the exhibit.

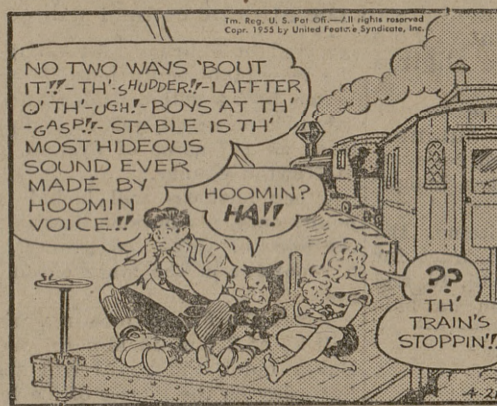
Students assisting in the collection were Anthony Inglis, Dick Hoese, Rex Bramlett and Gene Lord of the wildlife department, and Bill Degenhardt, a graduate student from the biology department. Richard Baldauf, biology instructor, assisted in keying the specimens.

Baylor university won second place in the exhibit, and a group from Galveston took third.

A girl from Texas university, bitten on the finger by a cottonmouth moccasin, was the only casualty reported. She was taken to a hospital, but was not reported to be in serious condition.

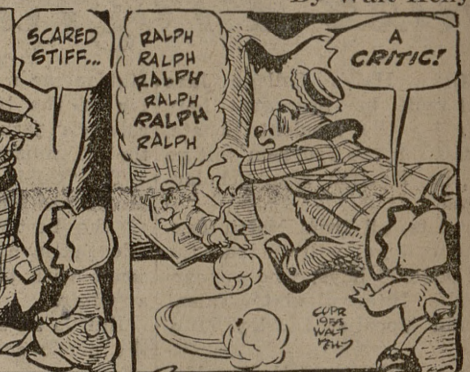
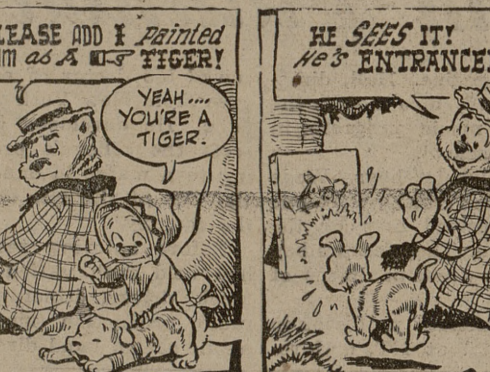
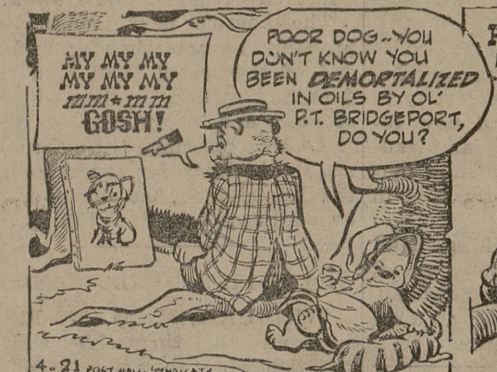
**SOME STURGEON!**  
CHEROYGAN, Mich. (AP)—The waters of Mullet Lake have yielded a record-breaking sturgeon. Ward Spray of Cheboygan speared the fish which weighed 175 pounds, measured 7 feet 2 inches and had a girth of 37½ inches.

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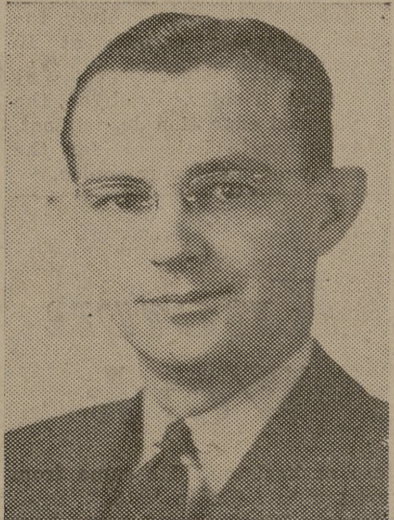


By Al Capp

### P O G O



By Walt Kelly



Carl Birdwell Exchange Store Manager

### Birdwell

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The latest addition of the store is a self-service, supermarket-type book store, the first of its kind in Texas. Birdwell plans to increase the store's line of fiction and non-fiction books, including a full line of paper-bound editions of the classics.

And do the Aggies give him any trouble, especially during the beginning-of-the-semester rushes, when tempers are a bit frayed? "A minimum amount," he says.

### Handball Team Wins SWC Title

A&M's handball team are Southwest conference champs after winning the five-team conference meet at Houston last week.

Holder of a 4-2 record in match play, the Cadets may schedule one or two more games with Baylor. They have beaten Rice and SMU twice and lost to University of Texas twice.

The Aggies also won third at the national intercollegiate tournament at Chicago in February.

Jim Mathis won third in singles at the SWC tourney and James Johnson finished fourth. Lawrence Laskoskie and Don Grant were second in doubles, and Gary Leslie and Charlie Johnson won third in doubles.

Texas was second, followed by University of Houston, SMU and Rice.

### Hagler Elected Society President

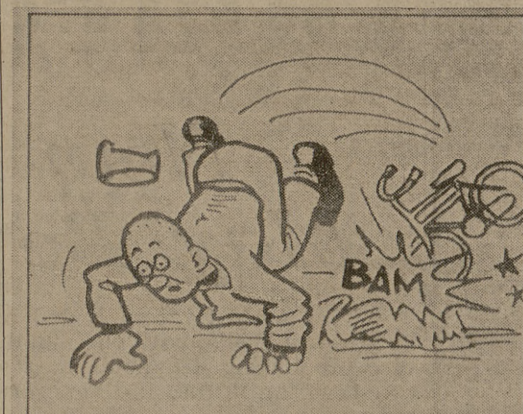
Jon L. Hagler will be president of Phi Eta Sigma for the 1955-56 school year.

Other officers elected Tuesday were Robert J. Ring jr., vice-president; Clarence C. Skrovan, secretary;

Robert D. Purrington, treasurer; J. Craig Stephens, historian; Larry D. Piper, junior advisor; and Weldon W. Walker, senior advisor. Faculty advisors are C. H. Ransdell and James L. Shawn.

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By J. Earle

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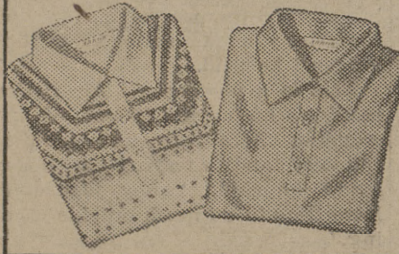
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