

Battalion Editorials

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A Last Word

Football season is finally over, and everyone around the conference can sit back and relax. Except, of course, for TCU's conference champs, who have a Cotton Bowl date with Mississippi.

To the Texas Aggies and to the coaches, led by our choice for "Coach of the Year," Paul Bryant—a hearty congratulations for a terrific season.

And to the rest of the conference teams, and especially the champion Froggies, also congratulations.

It was a season of many thrills, which leaves only one thing to say: NEXT YEAR, OLD ARMY!



On Campus with Max Shulman
(Author of "Barefoot Boy With Check," etc.)

THE TRUE AND TRAGICAL TALE OF HAPPY JACK SIGAFOOS

Who would have thought that Happy Jack Sigafos, the boy the sky never rained on, would ever teeter on the edge of a life of crime?

Certainly there was no sign of it in his boyhood. His home life was most tranquil and uplifting. His mother was a nice plump lady who hummed a lot and gave baskets to the poor. His father was a highly respected citizen who could imitate more than four hundred bird calls and once saved an elderly widow from drowning in his good suit. (That is, Mr. Sigafos was in his good suit; the elderly widow was in swimming trunks.)



Mr. Sigafos was in his good suit.

Happy Jack's life was nothing short of idyllic—until he went off to college.

In college Happy Jack quickly became a typical freshman—tweedy, seedy, and needy. He learned the joys of rounding out his personality, and he learned the cost. His allowance vanished like dew before the morning sun. There were times, it grieves me to report, when he didn't even have enough for a pack of Philip Morris—and you know how miserable that can be! To be deprived of Philip Morris's gentle flavor, its subtly blended tastiness, its trauma-repairing mildness, its ineffable excellence—why, it is a prospect to break the heart in twain!

Happy Jack tried to get more money from home. He wrote piteous and impassioned letters pointing out that the modern large-capacity girl simply could not be maintained on his meagre allowance. But all Jack got from home were tiresome homilies about thrift and prudence.

Then one day a sinister sophomore came up to Jack and said, "I know how you can get more money from home." Jack said, "How?" and the sinister sophomore handed him a sheet of paper. "For one dollar," said the sinister sophomore, "I will sell you this list of fiendishly clever lies to tell your father when you need extra money."

- Jack read the list of fiendishly clever lies:
1. A bunch of us fellows are getting together to buy a new house for the Dean of Men.
 2. A bunch of us fellows are getting together to buy a headstone for Rover, our late, beloved dormitory watchdog.
 3. A bunch of us fellows are getting together to buy the college a new fullback.
 4. A bunch of us fellows are getting together to endow a chair of fine arts.
 5. A bunch of us fellows are getting together to build our own space satellite.

For a moment, poor Jack was tempted; surely his father could not but support all these worthy causes. Then Jack's good upbringing came to the fore. He turned to the sinister sophomore and said, "No, thank you. I could not deceive my aged parent so. And as for you, sir, I can only say—Fie!"

Upon hearing this, the sinister sophomore broke into a huge grin. He whipped off his black hat and pasty face—and who do you think it was? None other than Mr. Sigafos, Happy Jack's father, that's who!

"Good lad," cried Mr. Sigafos. "You have passed your test brilliantly." With that he gave Happy Jack a check for a half million dollars and a red convertible containing four nubile maidens.

Crime does not pay!

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S-D Day Plans For Our Safety

By BILL FULLERTON
Battalion Editor

"S-D" Day, sponsored by the President's Committee for Traffic Safety in cooperation with nearly 200 national organizations, will be observed Thursday.

For those of you wondering what this day is, well, it's Safe Driving Day. And we hope that it will be more than just a name on paper spelled with capital letters.

The purpose of this special day, which would be a good idea for every day, is twofold:

Not a single traffic accident during the 24 hours of Dec. 1—in daylight or darkness.

Year-around public support for year-around traffic safety programs of proven effectiveness.

It is hoped that motorists and pedestrians can be shown that a day can pass without having any traffic accidents—and that these two causes of accidents can reduce them by their own actions. The first S-D Day held last December brought about a reduction in the national toll of accidents, deaths and injuries—and this year it is hoped that a much greater reduction can be brought about.

The basic place to attack the national safety problem is in the community, and the responsibility for carrying the attack rests with each individual. S-D Day can demonstrate to every individual in every community the worth and importance of year-around support for existing safety programs of proven worth.

Last year traffic accidents in our nation killed 36,000 people and injured somebody every 25 seconds. A total of 1,250,000 persons were disabled beyond the day of the accident. The cost of such accidents was an estimated 4.4 billion dollars in medical bills, property loss and other expense. Quite a total, and quite needless.

We had brought home to us just last week the tragedy that accompanies an automobile accident. And just the week before that we lost another student in an automobile wreck in Houston.

Our traffic toll, and that of the nation, must and can be reduced. And it's up to us.

Job Calls

The following are the job interviews for Wednesday, Nov. 30:

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Letters To The Editor

Editor, Battalion:

I would like to commend The Battalion for its frequent reminders to its readers that they drive cautiously. I wish I could convince myself that they were in some measure effective.

If it were a matter of good intention, I doubt that any Aggie would ever be involved in a car accident. We have fallen into the habit of blaming traffic accidents on carelessness, rather than on the real cause—lack of driving skill.

Should you, therefore, replace your well-intentioned editorials with articles describing and discussing particular traffic hazards, I believe you will make a more positive contribution to Aggie safety. Also our students should be invited to write in—without pointing an accusing finger at anyone—whenever they observe an example of a lack of skill in driving.

It might further be well to point out that when an A&M man puts an Aggie sticker on his car, he assumes an obligation to drive that car in a way that will honor his school. We undoubtedly make more enemies for our school by discourtesy on the road and then advertising that we are from A&M by the sticker in the rear window than in any other way. It might be a worthwhile Aggie tradition to force poor drivers to remove all A&M insignia from their cars in order to protect our good name on the highways.

E. C. Breitenkamp

Ed. Note: Thank you very much, Mr. Breitenkamp, for pointing out something that is only too easy to do—find something to blame that looks like the logical villain. We acknowledge our guilt of not emphasizing the importance of proper driving skills, and give our promise to do better in the future. We do not, however (and do not think

Short Course Set

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you do, either), lay the entire blame to lack of driving skill. Carelessness retains much of its blame, for one needs only to look at accidents other than those on the roads and highways. We therefore intend to add the emphasis on driving skills to our safety program rather than replacing with them our reminders to be careful. We heartily endorse both of your last two ideas, i.e., observations on lack of driving skills (and carelessness), and the removal of Aggie stickers. Whether the last mentioned is practical or not is a hard question to answer, for it would take a perfect judge, jury and hangman.

Editor, Battalion:

After much consideration I have come to the conclusion that some of the accusations I made against our hospital in my letter of Nov. 22 should rightfully be retracted. I was not actually near the scene of the accident at the time of its occurrence and I was misinformed as to the actual facts. I want the right thing done; but I do not believe that my letter, in its content, was the right thing.

We all realize that improvements are needed at our hospital, but the hospital has no money with which to finance these constructive factors. Most of the students fail to realize that the only income our hospital has to take care of its overall expenses is the medical fee which we pay. With this faltering financial crutch the hospital is going into the red more each year. Where is the extra help going to come from? ... higher medical fees, or the administration, or both? To this point our own administration has provided no help to this important cause. What is wrong?

Those who are sitting back and waiting for some miracle to bring improvements to our hospital fail to realize that we, the student body, are that miracle! If we all cooperate in the movement already underway to help this situation then we will be well on our way to a satisfactory solution. If we don't we are whipped before we start. This doesn't mean that good constructive criticism should not be taken to the proper authority, but

it does mean that all those baseless rumors which have been floating around for some time must come to a sudden halt.

So, Old Army, when you are asked, in the near future, to support a group planning changes in the hospital, give them your full support.

It is only then that you will regain confidence in this most important institution on our campus. These corrections will not happen overnight. It will take a little time and the question is do we have the patience and perseverance to carry through on this task. ... DO WE?

J. P. Greenwall
Class of '58

Editor, Battalion:

I wish to compliment the students and the football team of A&M for a good Turkey Day game. This was the first A&M-TU game I have seen in which there weren't any fights by the team or the students. I had expected to see some, but I was surprised.

Many people say that the Aggies start things. Last year after the A&M-TU freshman game won by the Fish 20-7 they didn't. A

boy from Huntsville on the TU squad went to congratulate another Huntsville boy who played for the Fish. When another TU player saw this he tried to stop it and fight his own teammate. It was stopped before anything happened.

I think if members of each team would congratulate each other after every game there would be better relations and no violence between the schools. That doesn't apply to just football. It applies to every kind of event in which schools get together. If the Aggies start it everyone will be saying good things about A&M and a good time to start is now.

John Ellis, '58
SHSTC, Huntsville



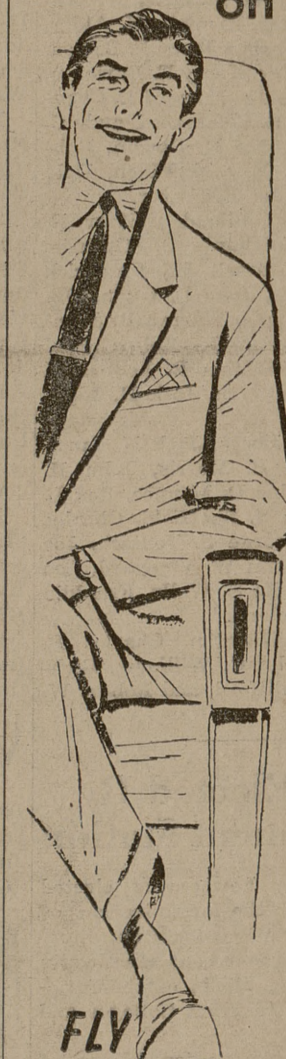
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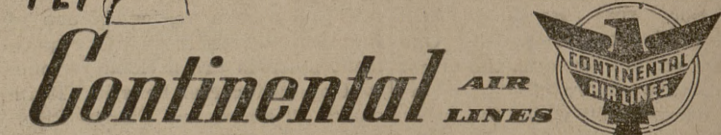
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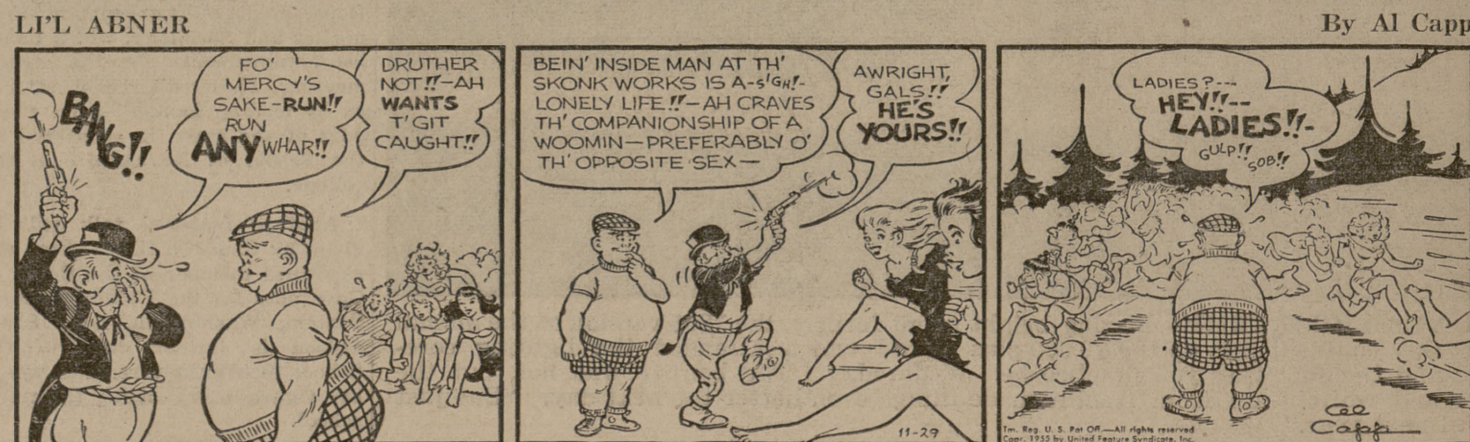
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By Al Capp



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