

UT Day at Batt

The 'Why', 'What' Of Page Three

We've often wondered what went on over at the University. Now we have an idea. And we've often wondered what goes on at other schools of the Southwest Conference. We may send a correspondent to them some time to find out. But Texas drew our attention this time. And on page three, which you will find right across from this page, we have tried to show some of what goes on. And how they think. And how they think of us. But one question still bothers us. What is that mad infatuation that all (well, almost all) Texas University coeds have for Aggies. Not ridiculous at all; just look at the picture below for proof. Miss Shirley Cannon, program consultant for the Memorial Student Center—an ex-UT girl, helps Battalion Managing Editor Ralph (Culo) Cole fix his tie.

And another question. What is Cole backing up for? Well, it's all in fun and we gave both sides of the question, so we can't be accused of not observing the ethics of the newspaper code. Or can we?



Ralph Cole and Miss Shirley Cannon

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LION OIL COMPANY of El Dorado, Ark. will interview majors in petroleum, mechanical and chemical engineering who are interested in their company.
CARBIDE & CARBON CHEMICALS CO. will hold a group meeting at 7:30 p.m. in room 140 of the

Petroleum Building for majors in mechanical and chemical engineering and chemistry. Interviews will be held in the Placement Office Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday

TAYLOR INSTRUMENT COMPANIES of Tulsa, Okla. will interview majors in chemical, mechanical, petroleum and electrical engineering for openings in engineering, sales, research and manufacturing.
HUMBLE OIL & REFINING CO. will interview accounting majors.

Editor Battalion:
 There have been many, many words written through the years describing the great Aggie Spirit. If all of these words were to be boiled down to one short definition, we would find that the Aggie Spirit can best be described as the love of all Aggies for their school and its traditions. There are many ways in which this Spirit can be represented and shown to the public. Recently it seems that quite a few Aggies have had wrong ideas about how the Spirit should be shown.

Is it a proper manifestation of the Spirit for an Aggie to yell "boo" or hiss in public at musical programs or to throw paper airplanes during basketball games? Perhaps these actions are spirited, but it is the "junior-high-school" type of spirit, not the Aggie Spirit, that is being shown to the public. Having the Aggie Spirit means that we love our school, are proud of it, and want the public to respect it, and us. A true representation of the Spirit, then, occurs when Aggies act like responsible, self-respecting, mature men. Most Aggies act this way. There are some, however, who don't. Unfortunately it is these few that give the school a bad name.

Consider the basketball game with SMU last Saturday night. How many times have you seen paper airplanes thrown by an adult audience? The Dallas News, in their account of the game, spoke of us as a bunch of "indignant Aggies" and implied much more than that. Does publicity such as this add to the prestige of our school?

What about the Town Hall program during which Charlie Spivak was hissed because he wouldn't stop playing before his time was up and allow the Hilltoppers to come on? Do you think this will make him want to come back to A&M? During another Town Hall program with Stan Kenton as the attraction, at least half the audience got up and walked out, not during the intermission, but while his orchestra was still playing! What do you think his opinion of Aggies is now?

A few more misrepresentations of the Aggie Spirit occurred during the Houston Symphony concert and were justly criticized in the Battalion by Aggies who seem to feel as we do. These Aggies were then criticized by others who seemed to think that an Aggie's cute remark,

whistle or hiss gives everyone present a thrill or makes them admire his low brand of humor.

Several Aggies made their presence known in rather an obnoxious way at a formal dance in Houston last week, by continuously voicing "cute" remarks. It is entirely possible that several high school boys at that dance decided against coming to A&M because of this demonstration.

Why do some Aggies act this way? Do they feel as if they are becoming bigger men or better leaders because of it? Probably not. Actually they are sacrificing A&M's reputation as a builder of men in order to attract attention and have a few "kicks."

Some may criticize this letter with letters to the Battalion. These letters will probably be written by some of the ones we've been speaking of, the Aggies that will not face up to the fact that these things are degrading for A&M. If an A&M student has the true Aggie Spirit, he will take it upon himself to do his level best to make Texas A&M the very greatest institution of higher learning, by setting an example of which an Aggie is worthy. It would be well for all of us to keep in mind that a chain (or our student body) is only as strong as its weakest link. All Aggies are judged by the actions of a few.

- Harold Warnick '57
- Jimmy Calhoun '57
- Edward W. Wyatt '57
- William O. Fuller '57
- Warren B. Johnson '57
- Bob E. May '57
- Leroy Foerster, Jr. '57

Editor, Battalion:

I've been reading with great interest your article and others which have of late been appearing in The Battalion. As a result, I've come to some of the following conclusions:

One thing which everybody seems to base his ideas on is that the Negro is equal. I believe in the sight of God and things of a religious nature this is entirely true and that the pigment of a man's skin does not make a bit of difference. But, anyone will agree that "their ways and social ethics are different" and I leave the decision of good or bad up to a person of greater intelligence than myself. However, this decision is of little importance because the problem is not an idealistic one in which right is an instantaneous

winner but one of a present social nature.

Going on the assumption that the Negro's social position is not as great as the whites, the question always comes that concerns education and the answer is always that through education, the Negro's position can be improved. This, I agree with, but not by forcing the Negro upon the whites who do not want him yet because it merely stirs up resentment which otherwise would not have been there. I know many old Southerners, who by reason should be strongest against the Negro, helping him and giving him chances that might please even the most radical fanatic. I don't believe I know of hardly anyone who wouldn't give a Negro a good job as well as anybody else if he could qualify.

I've heard lots of people telling what Christ would or would not do. Well, as anyone who knows me will affirm, I am not much of a theologian, but I can tell you one thing—I never heard of Christ walking around making people accept him or any of his ideas. As I remember, for a person to really accept him, he had to feel that way in his heart and that is the only way this problem is ever going to work out. That and the Negro helping himself, not with threats of court orders because any politician would back up an order of that kind, but by actually showing himself equal. There are enough people as well as universities who are willing to help the Negro that, as far as I can see, a court order is more of a detriment than a help. What has happened to the Negroes with the guts of Ralph Bunche and George Washington Carver? A few men like that would do more good for the Negro than a million court orders.

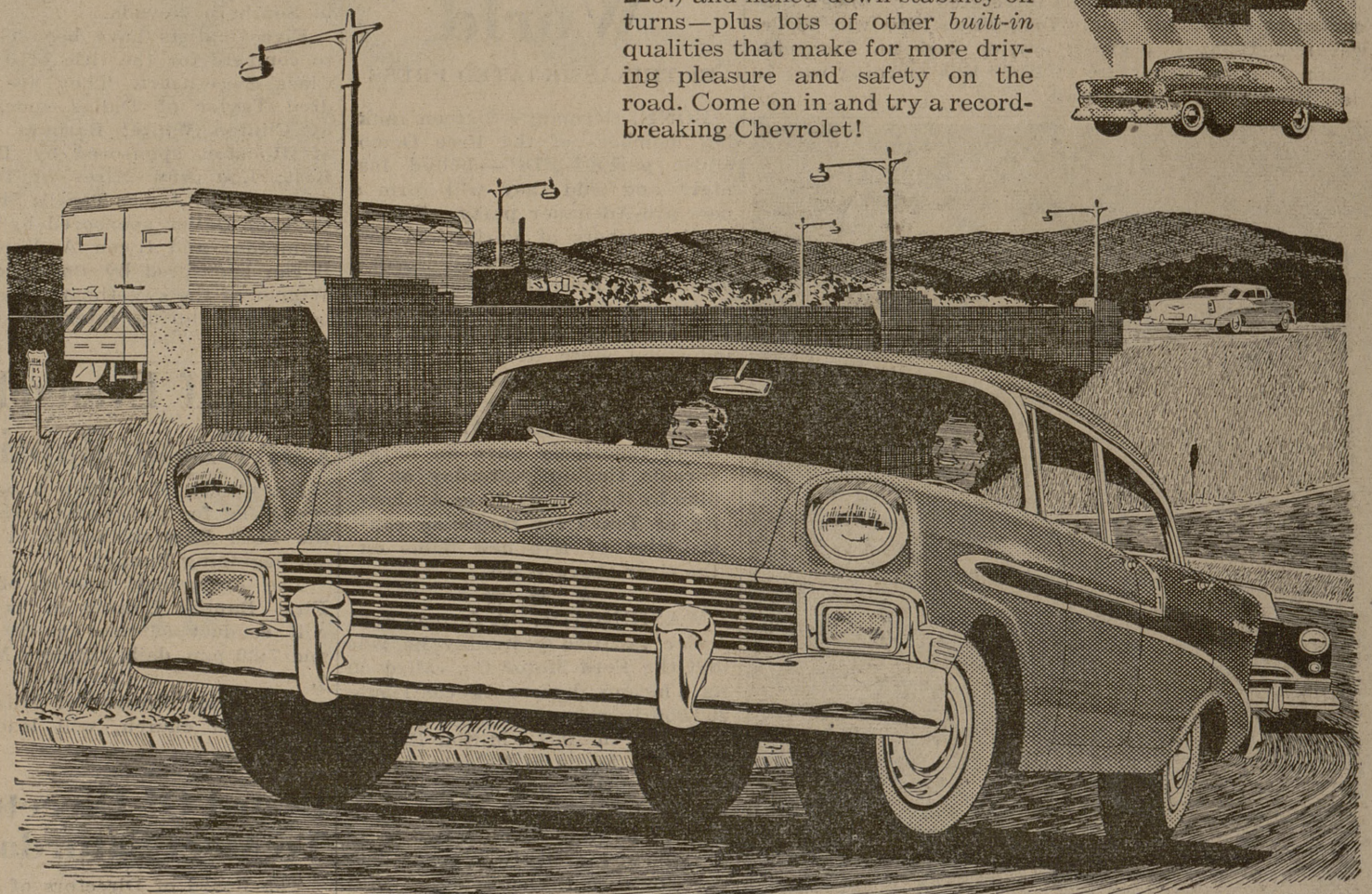
Another thing that I can't see is every time there is a riot against the Negro, it is an awful, terrible thing and just let one Negro get hurt and a terrible thing has occurred. However, it is all right for a union mob on strike to bomb a person's home, prevent anyone from working and even murder; that's just another story. Let a man not work for a while because of strikes and see how well his wife and kids eat, yet that's all right. I don't by any means condone mob rule, but if we are going to clean one mob up, let's not just clean up mobs we do not agree (See LETTERS, Page 6)

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