

Two Ways To Help

Every year the March of Dimes launches an extensive drive to raise money to combat polio. Since April of 1955, Salk polio vaccine was approved for general use and prospects of winning the struggle against polio began to look a little brighter. For other than just general sanitation measures, this vaccine was the first conclusive step.

But despite the widely acclaimed wonders of the vaccine, only 43,000,000 Americans have begun the three-shot series of the vaccine since it was approved.

Ideally, for a polio safe United States, all persons between the ages of six months and 45 years should get the vaccine protection. Necessarily, all up to 35 years should get it. This leaves more than 105 million more to go at three shots each.

The vaccine is just one side of the picture. Disabled victims stricken in the past number in the thousands and treatment has to go on for them to live.

Finishing the job of conquering polio includes repairing the damage already done. So more March of Dimes millions are needed this year to insure no polio patient goes without the care he needs because of lack of funds. And then too, money is needed to continue the research and training.

Polio can be attacked from two sides with just a few dimes plus \$3 for the three-shot vaccination.

The College Hospital is now giving the polio shots at \$1 each and the local March of Dimes drive has begun in earnest. Protect yourself.

Polio Victim Story

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to a Rocking Bed. This is a device made from a regular bed which is geared to a motor and will go through an angle of about 50 degrees, at the rate of 20 times each minute. It aids in breathing by allowing the intestines to fall against the diaphragm when your head is down and thereby forcing air out of the lungs. When the bed "rocks" back the other way your head is lifted, diaphragm drops, and life-giving air finds its way into your lungs.

For the first time in three weeks Sept. 10 I got my first taste of food, having been fed intravenously up to then. For the next six weeks I was to be spoon-fed by the nurses until I had regained enough strength to handle this chore myself.

In addition, nurses had to turn me from side to side every hour or two to prevent bed sores.

At this time I had very little movement left in me except my right leg and had to have help to turn my head from side to side.

I lay on the rocking bed for 66 days and finally graduated to a regular bed.

Prior to being struck by polio I weighed 180 pounds and was active in sports of all kinds. While at A&M I was a member of the 1951 Varsity swimming team. While doing distance swimming I had built up a lung capacity of 85 liters. In early November of '55 my lung capacity had dropped to less than one liter of air and my

weight to 118.

As soon as I was able to do without the rocking bed therapy began. This consisted of hot packs, paraffin, and heat lamp treatments. I was placed in a hot water tank on a stretcher with swirling water massaging me and most important a course for three hours a day in muscle re-education.

My Christmas present of 1955 was to be placed in a wheel chair equipped with arm slings and lap board. This was my first time to sit up in four months and I almost passed out. But I soon got to where I could sit for longer periods of time and in March of 1956 I began walking again, with the aid of crutches, leg, back and shoulder braces.

Ten months after my attack my doctor, Dr. David J. Henry, of Dallas, pronounced me a "walking miracle" and I talked him into letting me return to A&M.

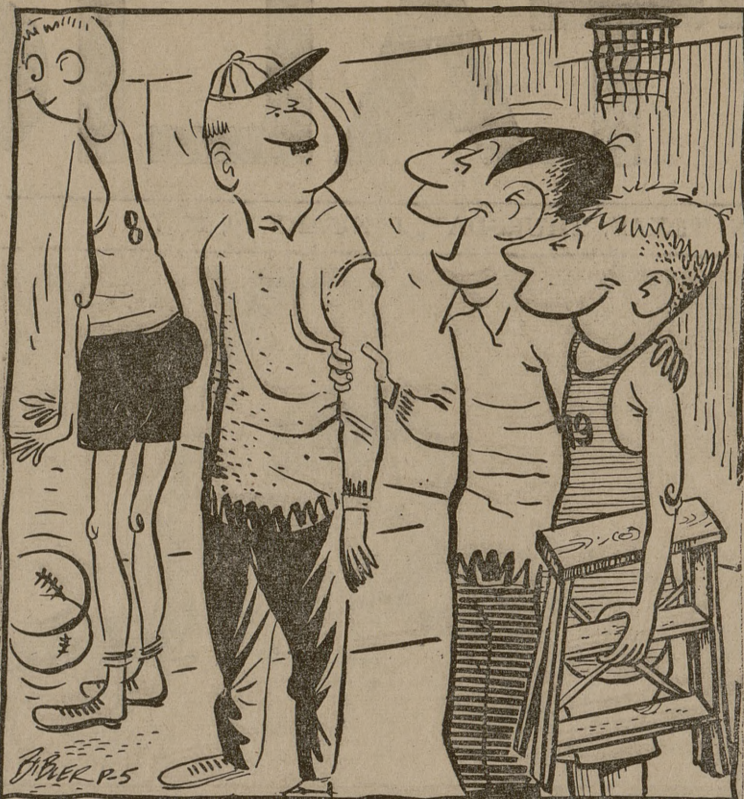
So far, my case of Polio has cost approximately \$7,000. Luckily, I had an insurance policy which took care of most of my bills, but that was not enough. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis paid over \$2,000 of the total cost.

The Foundation has a lot of responsibility and did a wonderful job for me and has continued to be a wonderful aid to those hit by Polio.

When you begin to put off getting your Salk shot and hesitate about giving to the March of Dimes put yourself in the shoes of someone who has had the disease, and think again.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

By Dick Bible



"HE DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH COACH - BUT YOU SHOULD SEE EDDIE HERE GO UP AFTER THOSE REBOUNDS."

TPA Seeks More Insurance Control

(Ed. Note:—This is the first of a series of articles dealing with a number of bills which members of the Texas Press Association have drawn up for presentation to this session of the State Legislature.)

The proposed bills deal with Insurance Laws, Veteran Land problems, Freedom of the Press, protection of public funds, Election Code and other such problems which face the people of our state today.)

Bill No. 1 asks the Board of Insurance Commissioners of the State to require insurance companies doing business in the state to make and publish a statement of their financial condition at least twice each year (similar to that required of banks, and loan associations) upon the call of the Board and providing for a penalty if the company involved does not comply with the law.

The necessity for a bill of this type does not need lengthy explanation since the scandal of the U. S. Guaranty and Trust Co. is still fresh in our minds.

The law will require companies doing business in the state to publish a statement in every

county in which the company has a representative or licensed agent. In addition, a list of the counties and agents' names will be published.

Present laws do not provide for publication of the financial status of insurance companies organized in the state. The general public is entitled to know the financial condition of the companies which do business in the state, TPA insists.

This bill provides that publication shall be made upon call in order to provide an element of surprise and avoid manipulation of assets by the insurance companies in order to show a good statement.

Any company which fails to comply with this bill would be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500. This will be collected by the Attorney General on behalf of the Board of Insurance Commissioners, who in turn, after giving proper notice, cancel the certificate of authority to transact business in this state of any company who violates provisions of the bill.

Navy Interviews Seniors In MSC

A Naval Officer Procurement team will be on the campus Monday through Wednesday to interview January and May graduates who are interested in commissions in the US Navy.

With the team will be an officer from Dallas who will discuss Naval, Aviation Cadet and Aviation Officer Candidate Programs.

The team will be located in the Student Center.

Students interested in these programs may contact Naval representatives in room 106, Bolton Hall.

Engineer Group

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some incentive to keep grades high enough to stay in."

The council feels these proposals would not only help freshmen engineers but also better the School of Engineering, Kelly said.

First meeting of the Freshman Technical Society was set at the meeting for February 19 at 4 p.m. The society will be open to freshmen enrolled in any major under the School of Engineering's supervision.

There are 35 technical and departmental clubs and 105 religious social or service organizations on the campus the student may enter.

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Leipper At International Meet In Europe

Dr. Dale F. Leipper, head of the A&M Oceanography and Meteorology Department, is in Goteborg, Sweden, where he attended an international meeting of oceanographers.

Leipper is one of 14 United States representatives to attend the meeting, and the only member from Texas. The meeting is to be held Jan. 15-18 by the Working Group on Oceanography for the International Geophysical Year. In the complete program, 5,000 scientists from more than 50 countries will participate.

The IGY program includes 13 panels representing technical fields. Leipper is a member of the oceanography panel and is vice-chairman of the meteorology panel.

The A&M Research Foundation has been awarded \$110,000 by the National Science Foundation for participation in the fields of meteorology and oceanography, according to Leipper.

Leipper plans to visit several oceanographic institutes in Europe and return to the U. S. before the end of January.

Cloud Promoted To Section Head

Mason Cloud has been promoted to Section Head, Nursery Section of the Forest Management Department here, announced A. D. Folweiler, director of the Texas Forest Service.

He served as assistant forester in District 1 when employed by the Texas Forest Service in 1950. Since 1951 he has served as district forester in District 5 with headquarters at Kirbyville.

Cloud received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in forestry from the University of Georgia. From 1941 to 1947 he served with the Armored Corps of the United States Army where he attained the rank of Captain.

Cloud will be in charge of nursery production and technical assistance in forest tree planting to Texas landowners here. This work will include aid to participants in the Conservation Reserve aspect of the Soil Bank program.

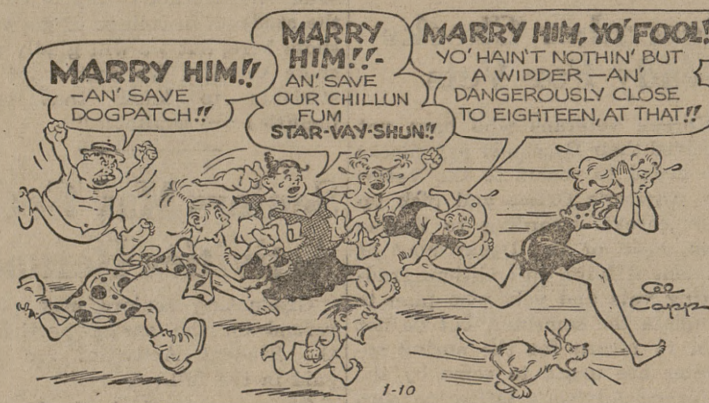
Cloud who is married and has two children plans to establish residence here.

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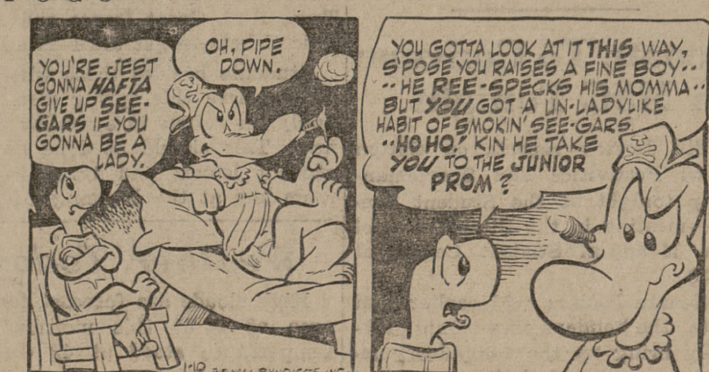
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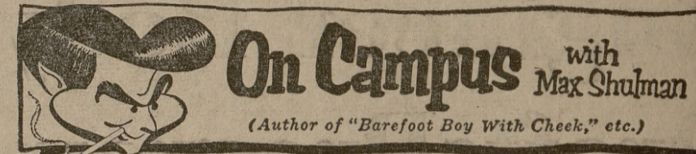
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Smaller Paychecks Due To Tax Hike

College employees will find smaller paychecks than usual when they open their next pay envelopes. There has not been a cut in salary. Social security rate hikes are responsible. Effective Jan. 1, social security rates went from 2 per cent to 2½ per cent. The rise will cause a slight decrease in "take-home" pay, explain

college fiscal office officials. The social security increase is due to new benefits now available to retired and disabled workers. The new laws lower retirement age for women social security holders from 65 to 62, or to 50 for any disabled holder and provides monthly insurance for disabled workers 50 to 60.



WHO WENT TO THE PROM . . . AND WHY

"Hello," said the voice on the telephone. "This is Werther Sigafoos."

"Who?" said Anna Livia Plurabelle. "Werther Sigafoos," said Werther Sigafoos. "I sit next to you in psych. I'm kind of dumpy and I always wear a sweatshirt."

"I'm afraid I don't remember you," said Anna Livia. "I'm the one whose lecture notes you've been borrowing for two years," said Werther.

"Oh, yes!" she said. "What do you wish, Walter?" "Werther," said Werther. "What I wish is to take you to the Junior Prom next April."

"That's months away, Westnor," said Anna Livia.

"Werther," said Werther. "Yes, I know, but you are so round and beautiful that I was afraid you might have a date already."

"As a matter of fact I do, Wingate," said Anna Livia.

"Werther," said Werther. "Oh, drat!"



Anna Livia did not really have a date, but she was expecting to be asked by Stewart Stalwart, athlete and EMOC, handsome as Apollo, smooth as ivory, driver of a 2.9 litre Bugatti, wearer of faultless tweeds, smoker of Philip Morris Cigarettes, which, even without his other achievements, would by itself stamp him as a man of discrimination, as the possessor of a pleasure-oriented palate, as one who smoked for the pure joy of it, who had sought and found a cigarette brimming over with zest and zip and hearty good fellowship—Philip Morris!

Well sir, Anna Livia waited for Stewart to ask her, but two days before the Prom, to everybody's amazement, he asked Rose-of-Sharon Kinsolving, a nondescript girl with pavement colored hair and a briefcase.

Anna Livia sobbed for a spell and then, not wishing to miss the most gala event of the junior year, she phoned Werther Sigafoos.

"My Prom date has come down with a dread virus," she said, "and I'll accept your invitation, Waldrop."

"Werther," said Werther. "Oh, goody ganders!"

The next day Anna Livia received a phone call from Stewart Stalwart. "My Prom date has come down with a dread virus," he said. "Will you go with me?"

"Certainly," she said and immediately phoned Werther and said, "I have come down with a dread virus and cannot go to the Prom with you, Whipstitch."

"Werther," said Werther. "Oh, mice and rats!"

So Anna Livia went to the Prom with Stewart and who do you think they ran into? Rose-of-Sharon with Werther, that's who!

Stewart had felt obliged to ask Rose-of-Sharon because she always did his homework, but she had weaseled out because she really wanted to go with Werther with whom she felt a great oneness because they were both so dumpy. He fell wildly in love with her at the Prom, and today they are married and run a very successful five-minute auto-wash in New Bern, N. C.

Anna Livia and Stewart are happy too. They are still juniors and have not missed a Prom in six years.

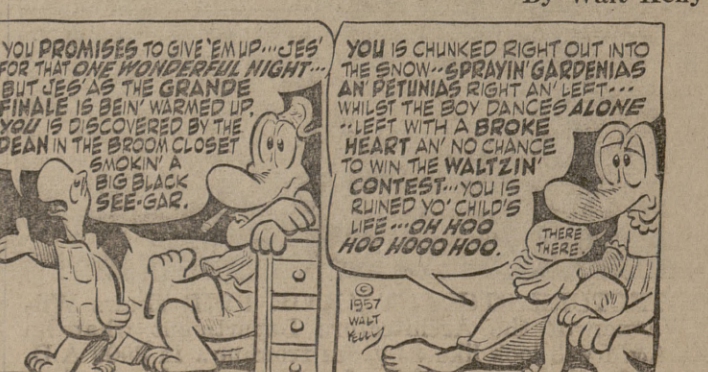
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All's well that ends well, say the makers of Philip Morris Cigarettes, who bring you this column each week through the school year. And, speaking of things that end well—and begin well too—try today's zesty new Philip Morris!

By Al Capp



By Walt Kelly



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