

Advertising Texas

Legislators noisily hailed Governor Price Daniel's plan of advertising Texas as a wonderful idea.

But what will they advertise about Texas? Will anything be said about these facts? Facts that in themselves will accomplish just as much as advertising.

Texas is 47th in prison systems.

Texas ranks in the 20's in school systems.

Texas has an unsatisfactory rating in eleemosynary institutions.

Texas ranks 40th in expenditures per college student.

More than likely all of these prideful facts will again be ignored as the legislators clamor through the business of the state with all the balance and forethought of a pack of puppies.

The primary responsibility of any government is that it first fills the needs of its people.

And now when many members of the legislature have said they would not consider any measures of increasing state income and would spend only the expected revenue, how can they even think of using the money to advertise when we need the other things so badly. Our state income is spread thin enough as it is now.

This shows real progression. They want more people to move to Texas to keep up with the rapidly growing industries but they fail to consider the basic principles which give the state a good reputation and make people want to live there.

How can legislators advertise a progressive Texas when they prove they have very little interest in the forerunner of progress—education?

It's good to be proud and to show people the great opportunity to be had here but first we need to be sure that Texas is such a great place to live.

Who Has Best Case?

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When the experts disagree over technical matters about all the public can do is sit back and see who puts up the most plausible case.

And remembering at the same time that plausibility is not always connected with the right.

All during the Eisenhower administration there has been a sizable section of opinion which questioned the attitude of the money-savers toward the national defense program.

They haven't agreed with the optimistic expressions which crop out every now and then about the state of the world. They have wanted the United States to be prepared for the outside chance.

At first the administration represented the cuts in the defense budget as being possible because of the acquisition of new weapons, eliminating the need for strength through size.

Now the cost of new weapons and the need for developing more has run the budget back up.

In the meantime, there have been constant warnings—mostly from the various military branches which always are seeking more money—that Russia is getting ahead in one or another branch of preparedness.

The report of the Symington Committee on Air Power is another of these.

Aside from its unfavorable comparison of American and Russian airpower in its various branches, the report makes one charge which is very serious, if true. It says insufficient attention is being paid to intelligence reports about Russia's progress.

No layman is in a position to judge this report. He can only know that the nation should have had sufficient experience with failures in intelligence, and in evaluation of intelligence, as regarding Pearl Harbor, Korea and other matters, to keep it on the alert.

He also suspects there isn't enough real intelligence information from Russia to give any sort of reliable picture of her military position.

It is unfair to judge the Symington report by the fact that the committee split along political lines, or because Sen. Symington himself developed a special interest while secretary of the Air Force.

It would be just as unfair to the administration not to consider these facts in trying to determine who is right.

What the public is interested in is not who is right, but what is right and safe for the nation.

Air Force Official Objects Over Cartoon In Battalion

Air Force officials objected Friday to the cartoon in Thursday's Battalion which showed a ragged, starved-looking AF ROTC junior begging a comfortably reclining sergeant for his contract check. Major Rufus K. Conoley, adjutant, said there was no factual basis for the cartoon since in actuality, the AF cadets were paid five days in advance. Their checks came in Friday.

This came in contrast to what AF juniors had been saying about their checks being overdue. Maj. Conoley said that AF cadets were paid on a quarterly basis and that the checks had to be mailed into AF ROTC headquarters in Montgomery, Ala. ten days after the close of the pay period which ended Dec. 31, 1956.

He said the checks were sent by air mail on Dec. 8, 1956.

He said that the regulations state that checks can ordinarily be expected on or about 30 days after close of the pay period which would have made them due here Jan. 30. Since they came on Jan. 25, they were five days early which was one day ahead of last year, he said.

Dr. Bardin Nelson Speaks at Bonham

Dr. Bardin H. Nelson of the Agriculture Economics and Sociology Department will speak Monday at a vocational agriculture conference in Bonham.

His subject is "How Teachers of Vocational Agriculture May Assist in Improving Rural Family Living."

On Feb. 13 he will appear on the program of the East Texas Agricultural Conference in Nacogdoches. His subject is "Attitudes of Rural Youth Toward Farming and Other Occupational Opportunities in East Texas."

Last week Dr. Nelson spoke on the subject of "The Use of Counseling and Guidance Techniques in an Extension Program" at the annual Agriculture Extension Service Conference for Negroes at Prairie View A&M.

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archives office was established, many thousands of pieces of priceless material have been collected including letters, reports, scrapbooks, pictures, uniforms, textbooks, papers, diplomas, yearbooks and catalogues. He is reluctant to name the greatest single contribution received, but Cofer does admit the contents of the Louis L. McInnis attic trunk was the most unusual and fruitful.

McInnis was a member of the A&M faculty under Thomas S. Gathright, first president of the college, and was re-appointed by the second president, John Garland James.

One letter from Gathright to his friend McInnis was written in 1880 on plain white wrapping paper strips five inches wide and 22 inches long, and discusses preliminary plans to establish a school in Palestine. In addition to many letters from early faculty members of the college, the trunk also contained an invitation to the first "Ex-cadets" meeting in June 1879 on the campus. Chairman of the committee handling the meeting was E. B. Cushing, for whom the college library was named.

Much of the material the archivist has collected shows clearly the currents and cross-tensions present during the college's early days and has been published in five books titled First Five Administrators of Texas A. and M. College, Early History of Texas A & M College through Letters and Papers, Fragments of Early History of Texas A&M College, Second Five Administrators of Texas A&M College, and Supplement to First Five Administrators of Texas A&M College.

Able assistant to Cofer during the entire history of the archives office has been Mrs. John H. Binney, who has catalogued and filed all the authenticated historical data contributed by former students, former faculty members and many other friends of the college. Scheduled to go on retirement in May, Cofer will leave behind him an archives office already bursting at the seams from the enormous amount of material collected in six and one half years. Much of the data is on file because Cofer, through his long service with the college, knew where to seek it out.

Born near Elizabethtown, Kentucky, he received the B. A. degree, magna cum laude, from Centre College in 1907 and the M. A. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1927. He has been listed in Leaders in American Education; Who's Who in American Education; Presidents and Professors in American Colleges and Who's Who in Texas.

In addition to the five archives publications, he has published a number of writings dealing with English studies, especially on Thomas Carlyle, literary philosopher of the 19th Century, and is a member of several professional societies and organizations.

Senate Authorizes Union Investigation

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate by unanimous voice vote yesterday passed a resolution authorizing a nationwide \$350,000 investigation of alleged racketeering in labor unions and industry.

The measure creates a special eight-member committee to conduct the inquiry, thus resolving a jurisdictional problem presented by rival claims from the permanent Senate Investigations subcommittee and the Labor Committee.

Kiwanis Furnished Polio Show Judges

Judges for the Teen Agers Drive for Polio Talent show in Bryan were supplied by the College Station Kiwanis Club Monday night.

All of the prize money that was collected for the winners was turned over to the polio drive. Numbers of novelty, instrumental and vocal nature were judged by Charles LaMotte, Hershall Burgess, Roy Wingren, Isaac Peter and Wayne Stark.

Leaders from both groups denied any controversy ever had marked their claims to the right to conduct the inquiry.

Senate leaders did not immediately announce who would be assigned to the special committee, which is expected to be headed by Sen. McClellan (D-Ark), the investigations subcommittee chairman.

The Senate acted shortly after the resolution had been approved, also unanimously, by the Rules Committee. That action was announced by Sen. Hayden (D-Ariz), the acting committee chairman.

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The Battalion

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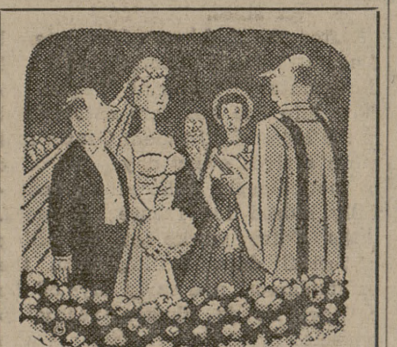
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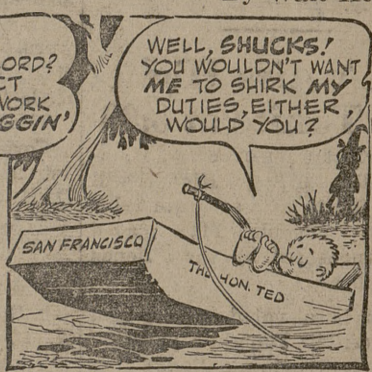
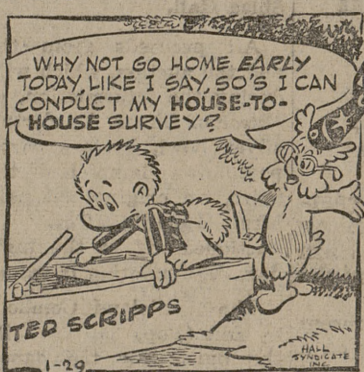
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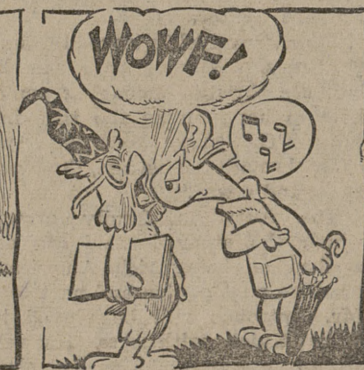
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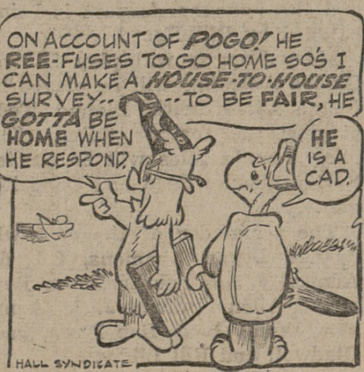
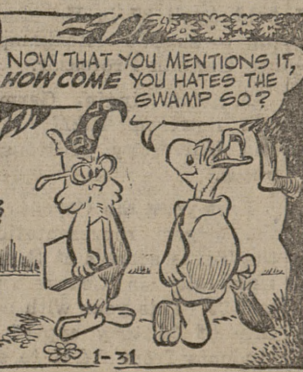
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