

BATTALION EDITORIALS

... Our Liberty Depends on the Freedom of the Press, And It Cannot Be Limited Without Being Lost ... Thomas Jefferson

Worth 4 Cents To Better A&M

Yesterday college officials appeared before the Texas Legislature asking for more state appropriations for A&M—an attempt to fill the college's empty coffers and make it possible to furnish the young men of Texas with the kind of education they deserve.

The House Appropriations Committee deferred action on A&M's request for an increase in appropriations from \$4,200,000 to \$5,300,000. Apparently, they aren't sure their constituents would be in favor of an increase from the general fund in the amount of \$1,100,000.

This is where the men of Aggieland can help. It is not enough to just tell our state legislators that we want A&M to regain its former place as the outstanding school of its kind in the Southwest—WE MUST DEMAND THAT THEY GIVE US ENOUGH MONEY TO BE ABLE TO OFFER EDUCATION THAT IS AT LEAST COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER SUCH SCHOOLS IN THE NATION. As taxpayers, the people of Texas should tolerate nothing less.

Everyone has complained about the type of instructors our pay-scale tends to attract, the condition of the dormitories, the out-dated equipment used by some departments. Now we have a chance to do something to remedy our poverty.

The work that can be accomplished when Aggies pool their energy is readily visible in the mammoth bonfire each year. If this same willing labor could be drawn from 6,000 students—and 32,000 former students—the possibility of A&M regaining its position as an educational mecca would become a reality.

The letters sent to Austin this week and next by students, parents and former students may well shape the destiny of A&M. If there are enough letters—and if their language is plain enough—Texas A&M may soon be back where it belongs as the Southwest's biggest—and best—educational center.

At least it's worth four cents to try...

Indian on Warpath in D. C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Indian chief is on the warpath in the nation's capitol.

Appropriately for these topsy-turvy times, the chief is a lady whose warpath takes her from one government office to another by taxi cab.

And Dolly C. Akers' weapons—how far we have come from the simple arrow and tomahawk—have been lawyerlike briefs that cite such precedents as "Peel V. Chotaw Indians" and "Green V. Menominee Indians in Wisconsin."

Mrs. Akers, who is one-fourth Assiniboine, is chairman of the tribes at the Fort Peck, Mont., reservation.

She says the root of the present Indian claims fuss can be summed up in one magical word: Oil. Oil has been found on the reservation. At last count, 107 wells were perking away. These, by Mrs. Akers' figures, have enriched tribal coffers by three million dollars.

The interesting question arises: Who gets the loot?

Both Assiniboine and Yankton Sioux Indians are on the Fort Peck reservation. But the last roll call was held back in 1934, when 2,500 Indians were counted.

Another puzzler: How much Indian blood do you have to have before you can call yourself an Indian? For example, if the Indian blood has dwindled until it's but one-thirty-second of the total, are you an Indian?

"We have split in every direction," Mrs. Akers says. "Five members of the executive board

think one way, four think another and three have been disqualified. We can't agree on anything, even on calling a meeting."

As she prepared to dash off to see someone else, she fired a parting shot.

"It's got us all in a tizzy," she said. "With all that oil, everybody wants to be an Indian."



We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggies. When a wee one arrives, call VI 6-4910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor.

Twin Aggie boys were born Feb. 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams '61, of 809 Montclair.

The boys, Russell and Richard, checked in at 8:16 and 8:18 a.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.

Job Calls

Wednesday
Tex Robertson will interview students in the Student Employment office for jobs as counselors at Camp Longhorn this summer. Students may sign up now for interviews.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Why do they always send our grades home when we're there for the semester break?"

Zdrastvuyti?

D.C. TV Teaching Russian

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON (AP)—Proptly at 6:30 a.m., a pleasant bespectacled 31-year-old teacher named Vladimir Tolstoy stepped in front of a television camera and said: "Zdrastvuyti."

And all over the Washington area sleepy students bellowed back, "Zdrastvuyti!"—or a somewhat butchered facsimile.

With this greeting—freely translated, it means "Hi there!"—George Washington University, in cooperation with station WTOP-TV, started its first full-time TV lesson in beginning Russian.

Tolstoy, a distant relative of the great novelist, turned out to

be a personable, but no nonsense, type. He plunged right into the mysterious Russian alphabet, the double dealing Russian vowels and such necessities as how to say "I love you" in Russian.

And when he asked members of his class to repeat something after him, he would pause expectantly for the answer. A pleased expression would cross his face as if he could hear the multitude of earnest voices.

"Fine, fine," he would say, and would plunge deeper into the Russian wilderness.

Possibly late sleepers don't realize it, but this sort of thing has been going on all over the country.

Who's Here

Boyd Got Hot Poop at School; Two Burned Up Around Him

By JACK TEAGUE
Curtis W. Boyd, 21-year-old senior animal science major from Athens, had a bit of trouble getting out of high school, but not because of low grades.

Two high schools he attended burned to the ground, leaving Curtis and his textbooks searching for greener pastures. He finally finished his senior year at Henderson County Junior College after Cross Roads and Athens high schools burned.

While in high school, Curtis was vice president and then president of the local FFA chapter, president of the countywide 4-H program, and participated in a judging team at A&M during a 4-H Roundup weekend here. Scholastically, he was ranked

first in his class and judged the most courteous of his graduating class.

Curtis came to Aggieland because of his interest in agriculture and the respect his dad, who is now nearing his 30th year in the Texas National Guard, gained for Aggie officers while in the service.

Having spent his first two years here in Squadron 16, Curtis went civilian his junior year and then returned to Corps life this year as commanding officer of the newly-formed A Medical Company.

Curtis won the Danforth Award as a fish and was also a member of Phi Eta Sigma. He was a member of SCONA III, is in Alpha Zeta, is president of

the Pre-Med, Pre-Dent Society, and has been secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president of the Henderson County Home-town Club. This year Curtis was selected to Who's Who.

After graduation, Curtis plans to enter Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He said that, barring any financial difficulties, he plans on doing academic research and teaching in medicine. As for his military obligations, Curtis will finish his service with the National Guard by the time he graduates from medical school.

May 1957 and January of 1959 were two big months for Curtis. In May, Curtis became a licensed minister in the Baptist church. He delivered his first sermon that month, and then performed his first marriage ceremony in September of 1958 for his former freshman roommate, Paul Martin.

This past Jan. 25, Curtis married the former LaMerle Matthews of Palestine. LaMerle is now in Athens attending Henderson County Junior College until Curtis graduates this May.

Interpreting

Macmillan to Sound Out Reds Before Five-Power Conference

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst
Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is going to do for the Allies, with his exploratory trip to Moscow, what no other Western chief of state or foreign minister could do.

If President Eisenhower or Secretary John Foster Dulles wanted to visit the Kremlin on an official or semiofficial mission they would have to hold back because of constant European fears that American leadership in free world affairs will become a monopoly.

The Washington administration has taken the position that it cannot even afford to have Premier Nikita Khrushchev come to this country.

The position is that it would be impossible for a chief of state to visit "unofficially" as Dep. Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan did, and that the United States cannot enter officially into unilateral discussions.

Macmillan, on the other hand, while traveling semiofficially, will carry with him the questions which all the Allies would like answered, and be a thermometer by which they hope to take the Soviet temperature before plans are completed for any possible five-power conference on the German question.

This is possible because Macmillan is in no position to make any commitments without agreement with the United States, and the Soviets will know that any of his suggestions are purely exploratory.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the City of College Station, Texas, on the 17th day of February, 1959, pursuant to the following ordinance adopted by the City Council of said City, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 273
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, PRESERVING CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE INTEREST THEREON AND PRINCIPAL THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT WHEREAS, under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the Home-Rule Charter of the City of College Station, Texas, said City has authority to issue tax bonds for street improvement purposes; and

WHEREAS, before such bonds can be issued, they must be approved at an election by a majority of the duly qualified resident electors of said City who own taxable property within said City and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, voting at said election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of said City wishes to proceed with the authorization of such bonds and to convene an election for such purpose; THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS:

Section 1: That an election shall be held in and throughout the City of College Station, Texas, on the 17th day of February, 1959, at which election there shall be submitted to the duly qualified resident electors of said City who own taxable property within said City and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, for their action thereupon, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THE BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000, MATURING SERIALLY WITHIN 30 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE OF DATES, A N D BEARING INTEREST AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 5 PER ANNUM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING PERMANENT STREET IMPROVEMENT IN AND FOR SAID CITY, AND TO LEVY AN ANNUAL TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS IT ACCRUES AND TO CREATE AND PROVIDE A SINKING FUND TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF SAID BONDS AS IT MATURES?

Section 2: That the probable period of usefulness of the improvements for which the bond funds are to be expended is 40 years.

Section 3: That said election shall be held at the following polling places, and the election officials shall be, for the purpose of this election, as follows:

(1) In Ward No. 1, at the Music Room in the A & M Consolidated School Building.
Presiding Judge: Dr. L. C. Jones
Assistant Judge: Mrs. F. R. Brison
Clerk: Mrs. J. B. Hervey

(2) In Ward No. 2, at 111 Walton Drive in the College Hills Shopping Center.
Presiding Judge: Mrs. Charles Richardson
Assistant Judge: Mrs. Omer Sperry
Clerk: Mrs. A. Y. Alexander

(3) In Ward No. 3, at the College Station City Hall.
Presiding Judge: Mrs. W. D. Lloyd

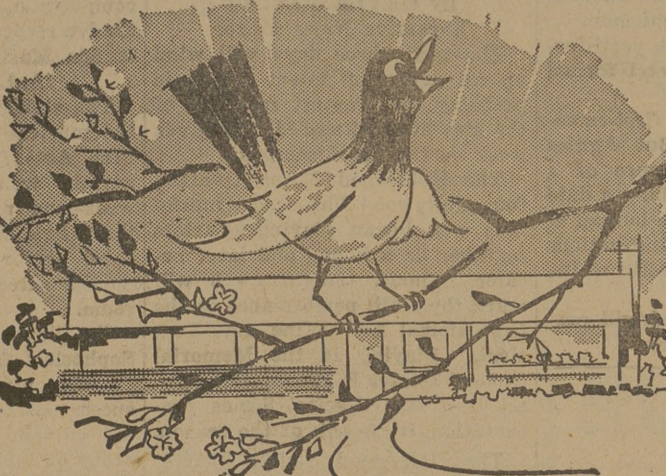
ATTEST:
/s/ N. M. McGinnis
City Secretary
(SEAL)

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZOS

I, the undersigned, City Secretary of the City of College Station, Texas, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION, including a true and correct copy of the ordinance calling said election, which ordinance was adopted by the City Council of said City at a meeting held on the 26th day of January, 1959, together with an excerpt from the minutes of said meeting showing the adoption thereof, as same appears of record in the official minutes of said City Council on file in my office. WITNESS MY HAND AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF SAID CITY, this 26th day of January, 1959.

/s/ N. M. McGinnis
City Secretary, City of College Station, Texas

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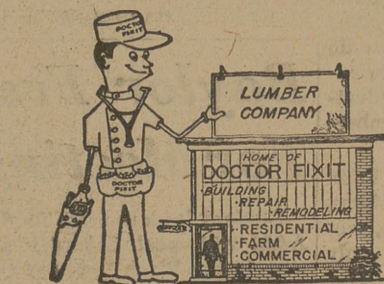


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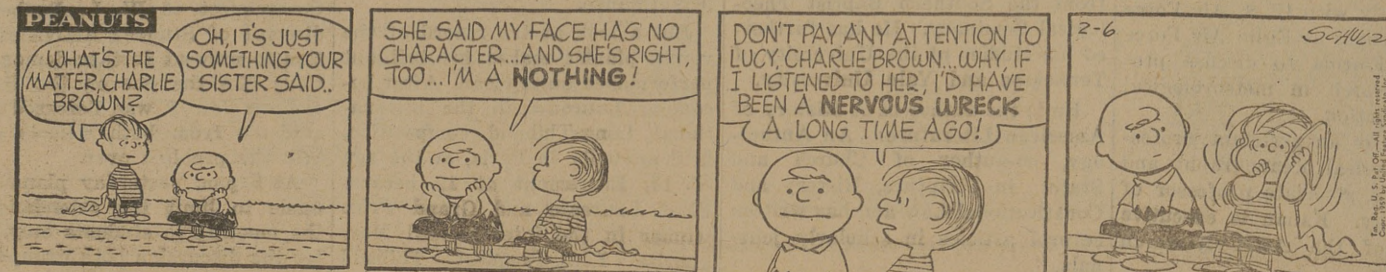
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