

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

Missed Chance

America is based on a democratic system with one of the fundamentals of democracy being the right of the people to have a voice in their government through election of their representatives.

Yet College Station voters shunned this basic privilege yesterday as they neglected to turn out to the polls to elect their voice in the city government—the city councilmen.

Only 224 voters cast ballots out of a potential 1,100. Yet only two months ago 937 citizens crowded the polls to vote on the street bond election.

There should have been two or three candidates for each of three vacancies, but there weren't. Only one of the three candidates was publicly opposed. One of the other candidates did, however, meet stiff opposition against a write-in candidate.

The big question behind all this is "why?" College Station citizens have demonstrated their community spirit through projects such as the clean-up campaign and other civic endeavors. But they fell badly yesterday when they failed to fully express themselves through the election.

People have died the world over for the right to have free elections and the power to choose between candidates. Yet apparently, when we have it laid in our laps, we don't exercise the right.

If College Station citizens face a future situation when they aren't satisfied with the actions of the council, they have no one to blame but themselves. And they faced this situation during the recent street construction program not too long ago.

The best way to keep a hard-earned privilege is to exercise it. We don't want a free election system as the one in Russia—one set of candidates that you must vote for. To avoid this, we must show our interest in government.

So think about it, College Station residents and future voters who are now in college, and exercise your right the next time.

Then you'll be able to keep it.

Bill Attempting to Revamp Check and Balance System

AUSTIN (AP)—A new system of checks and balances for nearly one billion dollars in state funds was proposed in the Senate yesterday as an outgrowth of dissatisfaction with operations of the teacher retirement fund.

It would affect investment procedures of the state employees' retirement system, the state permanent school fund and the teacher retirement system. The money would be invested by a central agency in preferred stocks, common stocks, corpor-

ations bonds and all other acceptable securities.

Sen. Hubert Hudson of Brownsville introduced the bill (SB423) which has been under study for several months by financial experts. Hudson said the management of the permanent school fund by the University of Texas was excellently handled but he said the "investment practices of the teacher retirement fund is unsatisfactory" and both the employees and teachers fund "are without correct safeguards and propedures."

Interpreting Foreign Oil Interests Haze Picture of Doubt

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Coincidental reports of renewed fighting in Iraq and the dispatch of Kurdish guerrilla fighters from the Soviet Union heighten the question of what is going to happen to foreign oil interests, primarily British, in Iraq.

American, French and Dutch companies also are interested to a lesser degree.

The British have been hopeful that the new government at Baghdad would not want to take chances with its 200-million-dollar share of the oil profits during a time of instability.

They recognize, however, that Communist influence in the government of Iraq Premier Abdel Karim Kassem is on the rise and that a foreign oil company cannot long escape attack.

The situation arises at a time when the United States is cutting back on oil imports, while Venezuela and the Middle East are producing at a greater rate than the world market demands.

This creates instability within the industry itself.

The British have heard that, among Soviet technicians of various kinds, oil experts have been sent to Iraq so that production could be continued if the government decided to nationalize the wells.

There was more hope for the oil business before the Kassem government insisted that the British close down their one remaining air base in Iraq. Withdrawal of these British forces is now under way.

Although there has been some informal discussion between oil company and government officials, the foreign interests are more or less standing by to see which way the cat will jump.

For the moment, Iraq oil in itself is not so important to the Western powers as it has been in the past. Its control by Moscow, however, would be serious. The Soviet Union already is throwing oil, tin, aluminum and other products into world markets to aggravate any disturbed situation which arises.

That is a part of the economic warfare by which Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev says she will win the world.

Electronics Help Students Learn Function of Cells

One of the latest developments in electronics is being applied to instructional processes at A&M and is given students a far better knowledge of the function of the cells, tissues and other organs of the body.

This new device is the physiograph, an intricate instrument developed by scientists at the Baylor Medical School in Houston for demonstration of physiological processes.

Two of the instruments have been installed at A&M, one in the Department of Biology and the other in the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology.

Consisting primarily of amplifiers and stimulators and writing pens that record tracings on moving paper, the physiograph records phenomena such as muscle twitches, blood pressures, pressures in different body chambers and heart cavities, pulse waves, heart sounds and brain waves.

The physiograph converts sound and movements electrical impulses which are recorded on the moving paper. With one instrument, up to three phenomena can be recorded simultaneously. By putting two or more of the instruments together, six or more records can be made at the same time.

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What's Cooking

Baytown Hometown Club will meet at 5 this afternoon in front of the Memorial Student Center to have the Aggeland picture taken. Class A winter uniform for Corps students and suits for Civilian students will be worn.

FOR WORLD FRIENDSHIP TOKYO (AP)—A World Friendship book, containing the signatures of more than 20,000 Methodists in the United States, was presented this week to Christian education workers in Japan on the opening of the 14th World Convention of Christian Education Aug. 6 to 13.

Uniqueness, Color Social Whirl Make 'Abner' a Hit

Town Hall guests last night saw probably the most unique and certainly the most colorful show ever staged at Aggeland in the history of Town Hall as the Broadway production "Li'l Abner" unfolded before their eyes.

It was unique because for one of the first times, the vastness of G. Rollie White Coliseum did not completely defeat the audio portion of the show. In fact, music, singing and recitations were quite audible throughout the large building.

Uniqueness was added by the large cast of characters and by the stage which for the first time extended over almost the entire width of the floor.

"Colorful" has many definitions, and last night's show fulfilled them all. Lighting effects, costumes, characterization, acting, audience acceptance and anything else which might be used in defining the word were nothing short of outstanding.

With that build-up, readers may wonder if there was a bad aspect displayed in "Li'l Abner" at all. Possibly there was, but if so, it was lost amid the splendor of everything which combined to make the show a success.

Seldom does a resident of this area have the chance to see a production similar to "Li'l Abner," and perhaps this fact stimulated more interest and added a golden hue to the show. But all

in all, it was a winner.

Many members of the audience have never been near a Broadway production, and probably many felt at times as if they were sitting in a theatre watching a motion picture. So fully was the professional touch added to last night's show.

Nothing was lacking from the performance, and it still seems a wonder that all that was seen last night could be fitted into a 2½-hour period. Dogpatch came to life in a magnificent display, and Al Capp's characters became imbedded in the minds of viewers.

The show had everyone, from Abner to Mammy and Pappy Yokum to Moonbeam McSwine to General Bullmoose. Each was delightful in his own sense, and it was hard to choose a favorite.

While the music and singing were delightfully fulfilling that aspect of the program, comedy was prevalent throughout to round out the show. The audience especially showed acceptance of Pappy Yokum, General Bullmoose and Evil Eye Fleagle. Probably the most humorous scene in the show was the original Sadie Hawkins Day race.

Rambling on and on could hardly cover all the highlights of "Li'l Abner."

It was just great.

Architecture Wives Society will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 202, YMCA. Mrs. Dorothy Thomas and Dolores Goules of Houston will be guests. Mrs. Jack Mitchell will show slides of Europe.

Chemical Engineering Wives Club will meet at 7:30 in the South Solarium, YMCA. Peter Doot from Holland will show slides and speak on the customs of that country.

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PEANUTS
 By Charles M. Schulz

IT'S FUNNY...PATTY IS REALLY MY BEST FRIEND WHEN WE'RE NOT FIGHTING...NOW SHERMY SHOULD BE MY FRIEND TOO BUT SOMEHOW HE JUST ISN'T...

LUCY IS USUALLY MY FRIEND, BUT SOMETIMES SHE SEEMS LIKE SHE ISN'T, AND SHE ACTS LIKE SCHROEDER, WHO IS SORT OF A FRIEND BUT NOT REALLY...

* SIGH *

IT JUST GOES TO PROVE WHAT I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED...YOU CAN'T TELL A FRIEND WITHOUT A SCORECARD!