

BATTALION EDITORIALS

... Journalism Which Succeeds Best—and Best Deserves Success—Fears God and Honors Man; Is Stoutly Independent, Unmoved by Pride of Opinion or Creed of Power... Walter Williams

Guesses

Tomorrow voting will commence in precincts all across Texas, College Station and the Brazos Valley area included. The nearing election is the first primary with another docketed next month for necessary runoffs.

The elections this year in Texas have displayed a lack of voter interest when compared with those in the past. Most citizens maintain they have a sturdy interest in the elections. But it is the exception, more than the rule, that these interests are actually carried to the polls.

Take note of the infinite man-power and hours devoted by the candidates to obtain the desired positions in government. Candidates wage expensive campaigns, lash at opponents and proclaim why they should be the successor or be elected again to office.

Yet through all the political controversy rage by the respective candidates, the citizens—those who do vote—take to the polls with an air of guesses.

Citizens in the local area, as all across Texas and the nation, have an obligation to vote in the important elections this year. To vote is not enough if the vote is not a prudent selection of candidates for positions in government.

It is important that an interest be taken, by the citizens. But elections should not be a game, rather an intricate part of government.

Local citizens will be afforded their first, and maybe final, opportunity to boost their selections into office at the primaries tomorrow. It is an obligation to vote in the important elections.

And to vote prudently...

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Honored Guests

One of the more colorful events of the year on the Texas A&M campus will unofficially get under way tomorrow. Visitors from throughout the state—and even out of Texas—will begin arriving for the annual Parent's Day ceremonies Sunday morning.

At this affair, the College goes out of its way to throw the entire campus on display for the visitors. Various schools and departments across the campus will be featuring exhibits; facilities which are part of the Texas A&M College System will also be shown; the Corps of Cadets will review for the visitors, particularly Mother; the Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs will meet Saturday morning; the newly named Honor Mother of the Year will be honored.

The ceremonies in front of the cadet dormitories will officially open the Sunday activity, followed by the Corps review, worship services in Guion Hall and the noon meal in the two huge dining halls.

Students at Texas A&M are again expected to cooperate with the faculty and staff to aid in the successful promotion of this outstanding event. After all, it's for the parents...

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CADET SLOUCH

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"... it's a surprise for mom—think she'll like it?"

A & M Plans Cultivation Of 'Out of Place Weeds'

Weeds, according to agriculturists, are plants out of place.

A&M however, is cultivating a weed patch which stands a chance of climbing a little higher on the botanical social register.

The overall aim of the project is to study and develop new cash crops for Texas farmers, a type of service long practiced by the College, the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. R. G. Reeves, A&M genetics professor and the teacher-researcher in charge of the program, said study is pointed toward oil and paper pulp producing plants. Most of these plants, which come in all shapes and sizes, are brought in from far corners of the world. The others can be found in vacant lots, pastures and woodlands here in Texas.

More specifically, the three main objectives of the program are to test certain species of plants recently found to contain industrial commodities now in market demand, as to their adaptation to Texas conditions to identify the critical problems to be solved in converting such species into field crops and to increase the seed supply of these species for more detailed field experimentation and chemical analysis.

Reeves emphasized the oil plants under scrutiny are not intended to compete with such edi-

ble oil crops as cottonseed, peanuts and soybeans, which are in ample supply. Instead, the search is for technical oils to be used in paints, plastics, medicines and similar fields.

The project is now in its third growing season. Approximately 17 different species of plants are being tried, several of which show considerable promise.

Among the oil bearing plants familiar to Texans are the black-eyed Susan and the Mexican fire plant, the latter a close relative to the popular poinsettia.

The fire plant has the strange characteristic of shooting its seed. Ralph E. Miller, agronomy farm foreman who is assisting Reeves, said popping sounds can be heard in a plot of mature fire plants as the seeds are shot 15-20 feet away from the parent plants.

Another native plant in the project is the Maximilian sunflower.

Exotic candidates for future cash crops include the cape marigold from South Africa, balsam apple (melon family) from India and the globe artichoke from Southern Europe.

Of all the oil-type plants, Reeves said the balsam apple and the cape marigold have made the best showing so far.

In the paper pulp category are such natives as sesban, crotalaria and a certain kind of sorghum, which Reeves describes as neither

a grain nor syrup sorghum. Farmers in the southern United States are familiar with crotalaria as a green manure crop, while sesban is a widely distributed pasture weed in Texas.

One of the top pulp producers has been kenaf, plant found in Central America, India and Pakistan. It is kin to cotton and okra.

Reeves said the search among the pulp plants is to find a fiber for making very fine, high quality paper.

He stated the three major obstacles in finding acceptable and practical oil and pulp plants is difficulty in getting stands, harvesting and disease problems.

A&M and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station are cooperating with the U. S. Department of Agriculture on the project.

JOB INTERVIEWS

The following organizations will interview graduating seniors Monday in the Placement Office on the third floor of the YMCA Building: Owen-Ito, Inc., will interview civilian graduates in mechanical and petroleum engineering for jobs in export sales of oil tools.

OLIN E. TEAGUE—MAN and CONGRESSMAN...

Sometimes one quiet voice, independent of the issues and shouting of a political campaign, can cut through the turmoil and become as personal as a member of your own family. This is that kind of letter.

April 26, 1960

To Voters of the Sixth District:

My motive for writing this unsolicited letter in behalf of Congressman Olin Teague is to help him if I can, and to reaffirm my deep appreciation for his help to my family during the time we needed help the most.

The death last year of my husband, Freeman Fuller, entomologist, was preceded by a long illness. Because his death resulted from a wound sustained in World War II combat, my husband's case was involved with a governmental agency.

At a time when every hour was precious, our urgent communications availed nothing but a stalemate in the vast complexities of governmental procedures.

We called upon Congressman Teague for help. Although we had never met him until that time, he responded with friendly, sympathetic understanding. He went to work immediately. With considerable time and effort on his part, Mr. Teague was able to trace, recover and carry through our case.

His help to my husband, to me and our baby daughter Cynthia typifies Teague, the man, and Teague the Congressman.

I hope most earnestly that you will support Congressman Teague on May 7 in his candidacy for re-election.

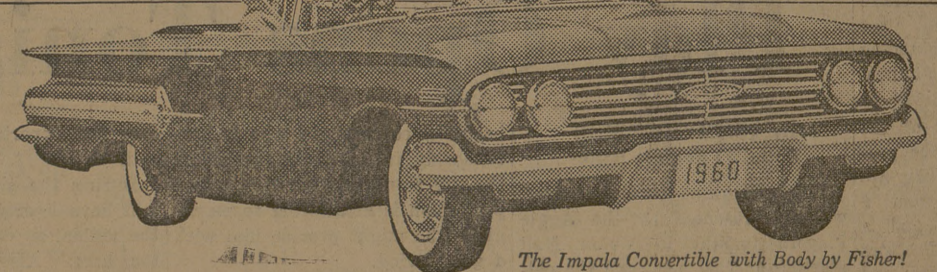
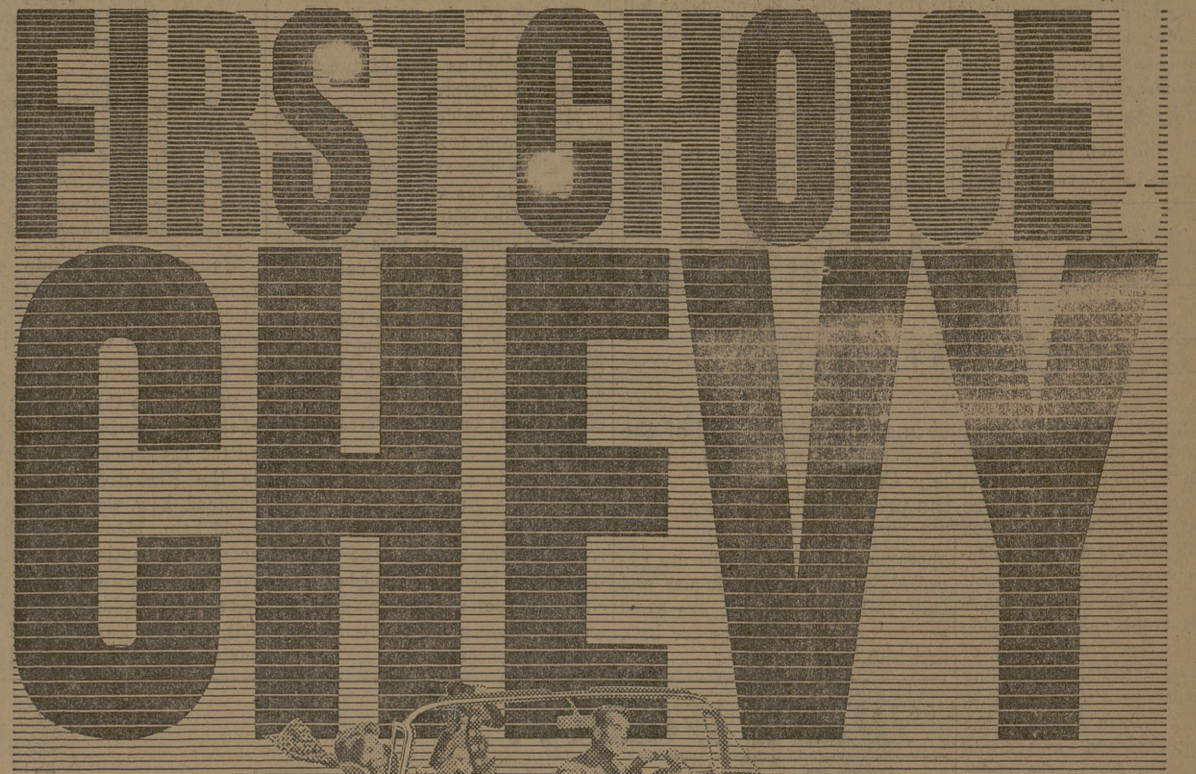
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(Mrs. Freeman Fuller, Jr.)

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