

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Many Significant Events To Highlight New Year

As sure as the weather has turned hotter and long lines have formed at practically every business establishment in the area, school has begun.

Any further reminders will come Monday morning when classes will slowly kick into gear for the long pull into the dead of Winter.

Even though the signs are the same, in many aspects this will be a year like no other in the long, colorful and sometimes boisterous history of A&M.

Among the more notable things to mark on your calendar and look forward to:

- Texas' new Maritime Academy, operated by A&M with headquarters in Galveston, opens for the first time this fall. Cadets will spend their first year on campus here and their last three at Galveston.

- A new Aggie grid era opens under the coaching of Hank Foldberg, a former star here who made All-America at West Point. The new mentor's first team is being rated a strong contender for conference honors and may put A&M back on its winning ways in football.

- A&M's first convocation is scheduled Nov. 16 and will see the Board of Directors' Century Study response. Groups both on campus and across the state have worked for the past year on the Century Study report to provide college goals for the next 15 years.

- The Corps of Cadets will operate for the first time under the Code of Conduct, compiled during the summer to consolidate corps privileges and practices. The college's Honor Code enters its second year, after an initial year considered a success in almost every quarter.

- Sports other than football will also see the Aggies standing at or near the head of the class. Heavy returnees from strong teams will be found in baseball, track, gold and cross country, with basketball the only question mark. Here Coach Bob Rogers has lost heavily via graduation and will have to rebuild.

- Plans may be completed during the year for the first state-wide 4-H Horse Show. Tentative plans now call for the inaugural show in August of next year, with entries expected from across the state.

- A new largest building on campus will be unveiled this fall when the multi-million dollar Plant Sciences Building opens. The huge building is fast nearing completion and officials are eyeing an October opening date.

- This will also be the last year for veterinary medicine students to attend semester classes. Beginning next fall they will register under a trimester system, a plan that seems to be fast sweeping the country and could conceivably be used here college-wide in the not-too-distant future.

- The new Research and Development Annex is entering its first full year of use, with a highly-interesting project now underway. Research is being conducted on an Astro-Kinetic Lift, a type of aircraft that may eventually be used for both military and civilian uses.

These of course are only the high spots of what looks like a very interesting year—but don't turn your head too slowly, something might pass you by.

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"... blue cards, green ones and a few white ones—are you sure you hafta have a pink one, sir?"

Gonzalez Studies Federal Agencies

By TEX EASLEY
Associated Press Special Service
WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, Demo-San Antonio, a virtual newcomer to Washington, has under way a campaign to make himself known to top government officials.

Not only does he become acquainted with the leaders but he has an opportunity to familiarize himself with operations of their offices.

Gonzalez, 46, won words of appreciation from Secretary of Welfare Abraham Ribicoff when he visited the latter's headquarters. He said Gonzalez had been the first member of the House to visit him since he became a member of President Kennedy's cabinet.

Gonzalez entered the House last November as the elected successor to former Rep. Paul Kilday, Demo, who resigned to become a member of the three-judge Military Court of Appeals.

Starting with Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges, the Spanish-speaking Gonzalez has about gone through the Cabinet and sub-cabinet ranks. When possible, he takes along a member of his staff so he, too, can get a better insight into what makes the wheels of government turn.

Gonzalez, in periodic reports to constituents, isn't hesitant to tell about trips he's invited to take by virtue of his position. Some members are reluctant to report such trips for fear they may be

thought of as junketing Congressmen. Gonzalez, in a recent letter to constituents, wrote:

"It came as a surprise to me when Secretary of the Army, Elvis Stahr, invited me during the last congressional recess to visit in Germany for a working inspection trip along with six other congressmen.

"At first I hesitated about going, for it never was my desire to be what some people call a junketing congressman."

He drew this conclusion from his 10-day trip:

"It was a revealing experience and a working experience and I feel I can be a better congressman for having done it."

Gonzalez doesn't expect to have much free time in the near future. He plans to have his wife and their eight children join him when school begins again.

Mrs. Gonzales and some of the children, who range in age from 4 to 21, were here to see him sworn in when the new session convened last January. Gonzalez, who was uncertain if he would have an opponent in the May primary in a bid for a full two-year term starting next January, had little choice but to leave his family at home until the future was more certain.

Going through the Democratic primary without opposition, and with no Republican against him for the November balloting, things are looking up for Gonzalez. He's house hunting here now.

Subcommittee To Open Probe Of Mail Robbery

WASHINGTON (AP)—A far cry from the usual congressional committee report is one being prepared by the Government Operations subcommittee headed by a Texas Congressman, Rep. Jack Brooks of Beaumont. It will be about the recent \$1.5

million mail truck robbery in Massachusetts.

"We'll get it out as soon as possible," said Brooks. "But right now we're tied up with the economy in government agencies hearings. Meanwhile, we have been assured by the Post Office Department that additional security measures, such as radio controls, are being established to prevent a recurrence of this type robbery."

Brooks' group was in the midst of a series of hearings, in which cabinet members were being called in to discuss how they could cut down on the cost of their departments, when the Massachusetts robbery took place.

Because his subcommittee is supposed to check up on the efficiency or lack of efficiency of departments, the routine economy probe was temporarily set aside. The two men who were held up, the mail truck driver and his helper, came down from Boston to testify.

Although the report and its recommendations are yet to be published, Brooks, in closing the hearing, raised the question as to why a million dollars or more would be hauled about the countryside in a regular mail truck. It developed that money is being transported in similar fashion by mail trucks in many other places.

The report also may reflect the annoyance of Brooks and his colleagues at postal officials from headquarters here who testified about the Boston situation but failed to volunteer the information that money in a mail bag being transported by mail truck from Chicago to another

Illinois city had been en route to Massachusetts. When the bag reached its destination and was opened, Brooks, a bundle of \$1 million had replaced some \$500,000. The department, however, announced the theft inside job.

Many Letters To Constituents

Prove Worthy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Wright Patman, Demo—Texas, is a firm—and consistent—believer in the effectiveness of the weekly letter to constituents.

He's been writing them regularly for almost 30 years. The number of "editions" he has issued now exceeds 1,350.

Patman, and the many other members of Congress who also write the weekly letters, feel they are helpful in keeping their political fences in good order.

Patman's formula is to comment on matters of interest to his Northeast Texas constituents; why he opposes or supports a particular legislative proposal, and random observations on the national or international scene. He also includes comments like this:

"One American farmer is equivalent to five Russians (based on 9 per cent of our population engaged in farming, 45 per cent in Russia)" or "The new measles vaccine is 90 per cent effective."

Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

Please do not send us any more issues of your newspaper. They cluttered my yard for over a year and since we have now moved we certainly do not intend to pay seven cents postage on something we do not read and never even subscribed to in the first place!

It would save us us both money if you would just keep your newspaper and read it yourself.

Mrs. Bryon Bostick Eddy, Tex.

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