

BATTALION EDITORIALS

To Stop Or Not To Stop

To Stop, or not to stop. That is the questions many students, visitors and citizens of College Station may ask themselves while traveling the streets of the University and College Station.

On the campus, the most dangerous intersection is at Old Main Drive and Houston Street by the YMCA. Since both of these streets are more or less dead ends, and both are also main streets of the campus, there should be a stop sign on one of the streets. Visitors and students do not know whether to stop or not when traveling down either street. If two cars ever met at the speed some travel through the intersection from both streets, Silver Taps would be in order.

Another campus intersection that should have a yield or stop sign is the often traveled streets of Houston and Ross in front of Sbis Dining Hall. At this particular intersection, there are no means of deciding who is to yield except to the person on the right.

Since Military Walk is also remotely connected with the intersection and is a one-way street going south, the confusion is added for the driver traveling north along with turning left from Houston St. while traveling south.

Silver Taps may sound if yield right of way signs are not placed on the traffic circle at the intersection of Farm Road 60 (Sulphur Springs road) and College Avenue. To go through the circle at noon or 5 p. m. takes the courage of a lion. Since not everyone has grown up in a large city, not everyone has had experience with traffic circles. Ask two people who is to yield the right of way in a traffic circle, and there is a good chance there will be two different answers.

As one drives through College Station, it seems that stop or yield signs must be high priced, or, the manufacturers of the signs are on strike.

Even though an intersection may have a stop or yield sign, it does not mean the sign is in the best possible place. One such intersection is Fairview and Jersey St. in south College station at South Gate. The stop sign is installed on Fairview, which is a through street, while Jersey curves in such a manner that the sign would be more effective and the intersection much safer if the sign was installed on Jersey on the east entrance to Fairview. It is not uncommon for a traveler on Fairview to stop at the sign and a traveler on Jersey, sometimes one who has traveled the street often, to stop and the two stare at each other, each afraid to move even though the sign is on Fairview. Another factor is the sign one sees as he approaches the intersection on Jersey from the east which reads "Dangerous Curve."

Another misplaced stop sign is at the intersection of Fairview and Park Place also in South College Station. Although Fairview is a through street, Park Place has the right of way although it is not a through street or as in as good shape as far as paving. It is also traveled less. The traveler on Fairview going south also has a blind corner at Park Place and must be half way across the street before he can see if it is safe to proceed.

Paving a street costs money and may be overlooked for awhile, but the erection of stop signs in the proper place is important and should be done. It is also possible that the stop or yield signs can make for happier driving. Will the question to stop or not to stop be answered in the future?

Congressional Redistricting

Texas Legislative Council study committee has set two more hearings to gather firsthand advice from the homefolks on how to form 23 Texas congressional districts of equal population. Dates are July 10 and July 17.

They will be held in Dallas and Houston. Others apparently will follow. The first session was held July 10 in Fort Worth.

Legislators, political party spokesmen and the general public from counties where the meetings will be held and surrounding

counties are invited to attend the sessions and give their views on how best to comply with federal court redistricting orders, said Committee Chairman Sen. George Moffett of Chillicothe.

Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr warned the committee that the 1965 Legislature must solve the congressional redistricting question.

Carr said, "The more you base it on any other considerations, the greater risk you run of having to go through the same thing again in the courts."

JUST FOR LAUGHS

'Teasips' Make Acquaintance

AUSTIN—University of Texas students, faculty and alumni are demonstrating that they like their education off campus as well—or even better—than on.

Last month, the 18,000-member Ex-Students' Association announced that it would begin operating a 360-acre guest ranch near Austin as an "off-campus continuing education center and a place for alumni to relax."

Rooms in the rambling Main Lodge are air-conditioned and have private baths, but those who use the girl's camp will sleep dormitory style.

"What's wrong with that?" commented a co-ed whose sorority held a retreat there recently. "When there are eight of us in a room sharing two bathrooms, we get to know each other better."

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CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"It's for the baseball team's loss!"

Re-Educating Engineers

The rapid pace of technological change, characteristic of our era, is creating obsolescence in men as well as in machines. The doctor, lawyer, businessman and all professional people are hard put to assimilate the new knowledge developed since they left school ten or fifteen years ago.

"In another fifteen years I suspect it will be accepted practice for industry to send its best engineers back to school," predicts author David Allison in the June issue of International Science and Technology Magazine. "At first it will be hard for some corporations to see the advantage of doing without their best people for perhaps a year and paying salary plus tuition at the same time. Eventually, however, the move will be seen as a competitive necessity."

Of all the professions, engineering is the most acutely aware of the information gap and is moving more rapidly than most of the others toward counteracting the problem. The engineer is haunted by personal obsolescence, by the nagging feeling that he is out of touch with new fields in which relevant knowledge exists.

Some gains are being made with dozens of after hours re-training programs, intensive short courses, summer courses and so on. A substantial amount—about \$50 million—has been invested in such programs. There are serious questions, however, about whether or not they really constitute a short-cut to re-education.

Since 1940, the engineering colleges of the U. S. have graduated some 700,000 bachelor engineers—about one-sixth of whom went on to receive an advanced degree. About one half of these 700,000 engineers received their initial degrees before 1953—just about the time the better engineering schools began to put more emphasis on science and math. Many of these men, now in their early thirties and up, are not merely in need of brush-up courses but lack the very fundamentals of modern technology.

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State Party Convention

AUSTIN (TPA) — State Democratic leaders here have completed advance preparations for a June 16 Texas party convention which could turn into a donnybrook or go off smooth as silk.

Action will take place at Houston's big coliseum and the swank Shamrock Hilton Hotel, convention headquarters.

Delegates and alternate delegates who will cast the 2,834 authorized votes (some counties are sending up to 15 times their authorized strength) will be quartered in 27 hotels scattered all over Houston.

Big job is selecting delegates to the August national presidential nominating convention in Atlantic City and picking Texas national Democratic committee representatives.

Bulletin Board

The Oceanography and Meteorology Wives Club are having a luncheon to welcome newcomers, Tuesday, June 16th at 12:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. For reservations, call, Mrs. Frank Slowey, VI 6-8004 or Mrs. John Neubauer, TA 2-6097.

ORDINANCE NO. 404

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO ASSESS A PART OF THE COST OF IMPROVING A PORTION OF PARK PLACE IN THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, AGAINST BUTTING PROPERTY AND THE OWNERS THEREOF, ADOPTING ENGINEER'S ROLLS, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF HEARING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of College Station, Texas, has heretofore ordered that the following portion of a street in said city be improved by raising, grading and filling the same, paving and installing drains, inlets and storm sewers where provided in the plans, with necessary incidentals and appurtenances and in accordance with the plans now on file with the City and in accordance with the specifications therefor, said portion of said street being as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the intersection of Park Place and Fairview Avenue thence in a westerly direction along Park Place until same intersects FM 2154.

The improvements to Park Place shall consist of a six (6) inch compact depth limestone base with a one (1) inch plant mix surfacing 24 feet in width as provided in said plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the City of College Station has entered into a contract with B W Construction Company for the improvements of said Park Place, and the City Engineer has prepared and filed rolls or statements concerning the improvements and assessments therefor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to assess a portion of the cost of such improvements against the owners of the property abutting thereon and against such property; and

WHEREAS, the present condition of said street endangers the public health and safety and it is necessary that the improvements thereof be proceeded with while the weather permits, and such improvements are being delayed pending the passing and taking effect of this ordinance and the other proceedings incidental thereto, and such facts constitute and create an emergency;

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

I
The City of College Station does hereby determine to assess a portion of the cost of said improvements on said portion of street against abutting property thereon and against the owners of such property and said assessments to be levied in exercise of the power granted in Article II, Section XI of the Charter of said city, and as provided by Acts of 1927, 40th Legislature of the State of Texas, First Called Session, Chapter 106, page 489, as amended, commonly known as Article 1105-B, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

II
Said rolls or statements be and the same are hereby adopted and approved.

III
The several amounts proposed to be assessed against such parcels of property and the owners thereof, the other matters and things as shown on said rolls or statements being as follows, to wit:

Name of Owner	Description	West Park	No. of Front Ft.	Amount
John Manthei	Lots 1 & Pt. 2, Blk. 1		100.	\$ 75.00
L. G. Jones	Lots Pt. 2 & 3, Blk. 1		65.	48.75
Mrs. Francis Smyth	Lot 4, Blk. 1		65.	48.75
Monroe J. Goldberg	Lot 6, Blk. 1		57.5	43.12
Francis Cox	Lot 7, Blk. 1		50.	37.50
W. L. Pipkin	Lots 8 & Pt. 9, Blk. 1		65.	48.75
E. N. Roots	Lots Pt. 9, Pt. 10, Blk. 1		80.	60.00
E. W. Landua	Lots Pt. 10 & 11, Blk. 1		67.5	50.62
Wayne Todd	Lot 13, Blk. 1		68.5	51.38
Mrs. A. F. Buchanan	Lot 14, Blk. 1		55.	41.25
R. L. Parsons	Lot 15, Blk. 1		50.	37.50
Mrs. Lois Webb	Lot 16, Blk. 1		89.3	66.98
R. G. McMullan	Lot 17, Blk. 1		50.	37.50
C. P. Smith	Lot 18, Blk. 1		50.	37.50
T. W. Leland	Lot 19, Blk. 1		50.	37.50
W. F. Adams	Lot 20, Blk. 1		54.8	41.10
R. R. Lyle	Lot 10, Blk. 2		215.	161.50
E. R. Bulin	Lot 11, Blk. 2		100.	75.00
W. R. Logan	Lot 11-B, Blk. 2		75.	56.25
Ran Boswell	Lot 13, Blk. 3		150.	112.50
Wed Const. Co.	Lot 20, Blk. 3		150.	112.50
L. G. Jones	Lot 13, Blk. 4		225.	168.75
Henry Jones	Lot 20, Blk. 4		214.4	160.80
W. M. Sparks	Lot 1, Blk. D		75.	56.25
Isaac Peters	Lot 1-B, Blk. D		100.	75.00
Mrs. Ann Baker	Lot 1, Blk. A	College Park	117.5	88.13
J. T. Sanders	Lot 18, Blk. A		117.5	88.13
City of College Station	Blk. B		250.	187.50

Where more than one person, firm or corporation owns an interest in any property above described, each person, firm or corporation shall be personally responsible only for its, his or her pro rata of the total assessment against such property in proportion as its, his or her respective interest bears to the total ownership of such property and its, his or her respective interest in such property may be released from the assessment lien upon payment of such proportionate sum.

IV
A hearing shall be given by and before the governing body of the City of College Station, Texas, on the 15th day of June, 1964, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of College Station, Texas, to the owners of the respective parcels of property and to all others in any wise interested, whether they be named herein or not, all of whom are hereby notified to be and appear at the time and place herein named and fixed, and said hearing shall be continued from time to time and from day to day, if necessary, until all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard, shall have been fully and fairly heard, and at which hearing any mistakes, irregularities or invalidities in any of the proceedings with reference to the making of said improvements or assessments therefor may be corrected and the benefits by means of said improvements, and the amount of the assessments, and the apportionment of the cost of the said improvements, and all other matters and things shall be determined, and the real and true owners of the property abutting upon the said street to be improved, and any and all others in any wise interested, their agents and attorneys shall be and appear at said hearing at said time and place and present and make any protest or objections which they or any of them may have as to the said improvements, as to the benefits therefrom, as to the cost thereof, as to the amounts of such assessments, or as to the amounts assessed, or as to any mistake, irregularity or invalidity in any proceedings with reference to said assessments, such improvements, or to the contracts therefor and as to any other matter or thing in any wise connected either with said improvements, contracts, or proceedings and after all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard, either in person or by agents, attorneys, or representatives have been fully and fairly heard, the said hearing shall be closed and assessments will by ordinance and in accordance with law and the proceedings of the city be levied against the respective parcels of abutting property and the owners thereof, whether such owners be named herein or not, and whether the property be correctly described or not. At such hearings anyone in any wise interested or affected may subpoena witnesses and introduce evidence and have the right to appear and be heard.

V
Assessments against abutting property and the owners shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property and a first and prior lien on the property against which assessments are levied, and shall be due and payable on or before thirty days after date of completion and acceptance of the improvements and said assessments shall bear interest from date of such completion and acceptance until paid at the rate of eight per centum (8%) per annum, payable annually, provided, any owner shall have the right to pay the assessment at any time before maturity by paying principal and interest accrued to date of payment, provided further that if default be made in the payment promptly as the same matures the entire assessment shall be collectible together with reasonable attorney fees and cost of collection, if incurred.

VI
The improvements in each unit constitute an entirely separate district and independent unit, and the proposed assessment for the improvement in each unit is in no wise affected by any fact or circumstance in connection with any other unit all to the same extent and as fully as if entirely separate proceedings had separate hearings, and separate notices thereof ordered.

VII
The City Secretary of the City of College Station is directed to give notice to the owners of property abutting upon the said portions of street named to be improved and to all others interested, of the time, place and purpose of such hearings and of all matters and things by causing a substantially correct copy of this ordinance to be published at least three times in a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the City of College Station, Texas, the first of which publication shall be made at least ten days before the date of such hearing, and by such publication all owners of property abutting upon said portions of said street, whether such owners be named herein or not and whether the property be correctly described herein or not, as well as to all others in any wise interested therein or to be affected thereby, shall be and are duly notified and no error or mistake in the name of any property owner, in the description of any property or in the amount of any proposed assessment shall in any wise affect or invalidate such notice or any assessment levied pursuant thereto, and the real and true owners of such abutting property shall be and are by such notice duly and fully notified. The City Secretary is further directed, but not required to give further notice of such hearing by causing a substantial copy of such published notice to be mailed to each owner of property abutting upon such portions of said street, but all such notices by mail shall be only cumulative of such notice by advertisement and publication, and said notices by advertisement and publication shall in all cases be sufficient and binding whether or not any other kind or character of notice be given.

VIII
The present condition of said portions of street endangers health and public safety, and it is necessary that the improvements thereof be proceeded with at once and while the weather will permit, and such facts constitute and create an emergency and an urgent public necessity requiring that the rules and provisions providing for ordinances to be read more than one time or at more than one meeting be suspended, and requiring that this ordinance be passed and take effect as an emergency measure, and such rules and provisions are accordingly suspended and this ordinance is passed and shall take effect as an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 25th day of May, 1964.

APPROVED:

S/J. A. Orr

Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

S/K. A. Manning

City Secretary

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