

# Highlights And Sidelights From Your State Capital

## BATTALION EDITORIALS

### City Of College Station Stands At Crossroads

The City of College Station is at a crossroads. Why? Because unless it can successfully induce industry and other fresh sources of revenue to this area, the city stands in danger of becoming an ever enlarging residential city unable to pay for necessary improvements and adequate maintenance of municipal facilities.

There is no lack of concern on the part of responsible city officials, residents and civic bodies such as the Chamber of Commerce. Conversations with these bodies have all concluded with one basic fact—shortage of sufficient funds with which to plan and work.

Members of these bodies are well aware of the deficiencies in College Station. There is an inadequate fire department from the point of view of equipment and manpower. This is not meant to be a slight on splendid efforts of the volunteers that presently provide fire fighting services for both the University and the city. But they are simply inadequate.

The street lighting situation is deplorable. In one residential area south of the campus there exists only one street light in the whole area, and that is located near a community center. Besides being a dangerous hazard for pedestrians and drivers alike, the darkness only encourages 'Peeping Toms' and prowlers. Installation of street lighting would not automatically eliminate these, but it certainly would help.

Certainly installation of lights would cost a lot. But perhaps second-hand lighting fixtures from a metropolitan area such as Houston, fastened onto existing telephone and power poles, could suffice at more reasonable cost.

The presence of prowlers and 'Peeping Toms' brings to mind the College Station Police Department. It is too small. At night only one officer is regularly on duty. Although we are sure he is doing his best, as is the rest of the department, he cannot be in two places at once. The solution would be more men, which would of course mean higher cost.

At present there is an encouraging program of street renovation underway in the city, not to mention the proposed tender by the District Maintenance Engineer's office for removal of the traffic circle, and improvements on the portion of Farm Road 60 north of the circle and extending to Highway 6.

Here again it is a problem of available funds. According to one estimate there are currently 11,396 residents in College Station including persons residing in University housing, but not including students on campus.

From these thousands there is only so much revenue exacted in the form of city taxes. Obviously residents can stand only so much tax. And bond issues only come right back to the taxpayer.

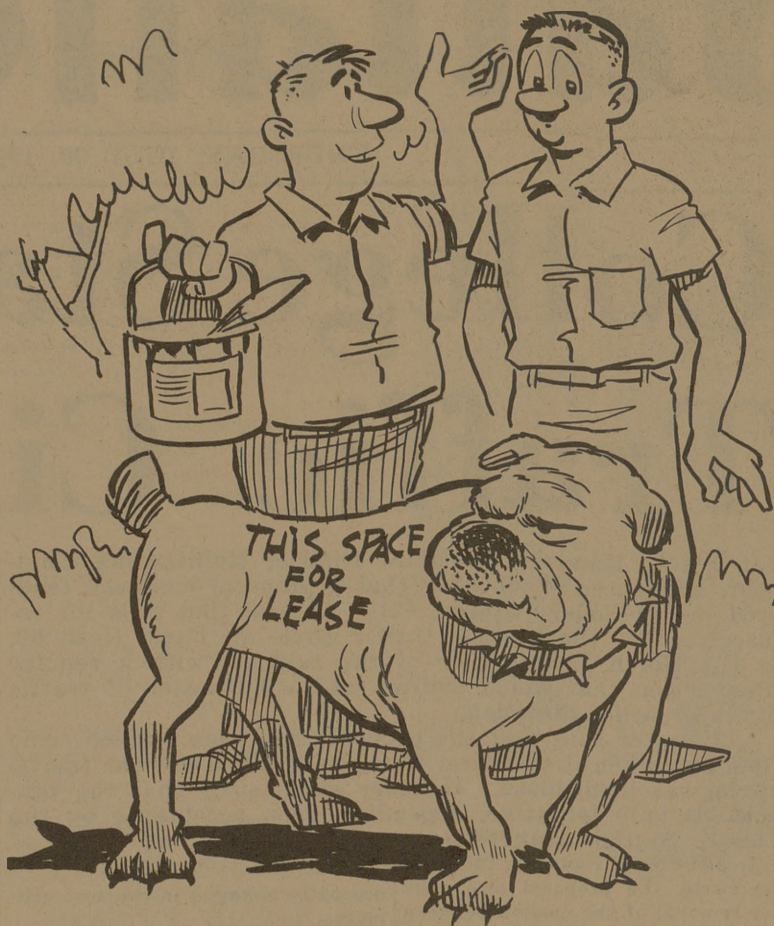
One proposal that has been put forward in connection with encouraging new industry to this area is solicitation of particular industries or businesses that would utilize the many excellent technical facilities of A&M University. Many companies would conceivably be interested in such facilities as the Data Processing Center, the Cyclotron, the Nuclear reactor, and the Space Center.

The question arises whether or not the University facilities could handle the extra work. If it could, then the result might be a dual boon to both the University and College Station.

It is the hope of this publication that many more facts may be brought to light concerning this vital issue of revenue, as well as other problems. For as evidenced by the increasing facilities at A&M, and the movement of additional businesses to the College Station area, a vital force is at work in the future of the community, and that force is progress.

If College Station is to realize its future as a modern community, surrounding a university that looks to the future, then residents must realize that support is needed to bring suitable industry and businesses to the city. These concerns will not only provide increased revenues but benefit the community as a whole.

After all, there is the old cliché that says you can't have your cake and eat it too.



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### Wrestling Match Not A Senate First

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wrestling match between Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., and Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., in a Senate corridor wasn't the first time legislators from the two states figured in physical encounters.

Each had a precedent occurring more than a century ago. That was about the time when cane threshings became the vogue instead of gun duels.

Sam Houston, the hero of San Jacinto, was a principal in one historic fight. He was not in Congress at the time but earlier had served as a representative from Tennessee and later was to serve as one of Texas' first two senators.

The victim of Houston's attack was Rep. William Stanberry of Ohio.

The incident occurred in that interval after Houston had given up the governorship of Tennessee, while he was living with the Cherokee Indians in Arkansas before going to Texas.

Houston came to Washington dressed in buckskins seeking an army contract to provide rations for Indians who were being relocated.

Houston, a protege of President Andrew Jackson, subsequently read a newspaper account of a House speech by Stanberry

in which he suggested Houston was about to get the contract through favoritism.

Several days later — April 13, 1832 — Houston met Stanberry on Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue and struck him repeatedly over the head with a hickory walking stick.

Stanberry, who was not seriously injured, filed a formal complaint in the House demanding that Houston be censured for his action. The House approved the resolution of censure but the Speaker, before formally reprimanding Houston for his conduct, praised him as an esteemed former member.

The South Carolina congressman who was involved in a caning was Rep. Preston Smith Brooks. Indignant at a speech Sen. Charles Sumner of Massachusetts had made involving the slavery question and containing remarks that Brooks considered insulting, the Southerner strode into the Senate chamber and flogged Sumner with a cane. He inflicted wounds which kept Sumner absent from the Senate for almost three years. The House, by a narrow vote, rejected a resolution to expel Brooks.

### Sound Off

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By VERN SANDFORD  
Texas Press Association

Texas Supreme Court has declined to reconsider an earlier decision holding off pipe shipping rates set by the Railroad Commission in 1962 while they are in contest. High court refused the Commission's request for rehearing. Oil field truckers called for suspension of the new rates, claiming they give railroads an unfair advantage.

In another case heard by the Supreme Court, a Railroad Commission production formula for Fairway Field in East Texas, largest U. S. oil discovery in the last eight years, is under attack. W. L. Pickens brought the action to void the formulas for the field in Anderson and Henderson Counties. Pickens claims the formulas would allow neighboring leases to drain oil from under his property. Under the Commission order, allowables would be based 50 per cent on tract size and 50 per cent on acre feet of oil-bearing sand beneath. District court here has upheld the order.

Finance companies won a major battle with the State when the Third Court of Civil Appeals in Austin refused Regulatory Loan Commissioner Frank Miskell's motion for rehearing on the State's case against Termplan, Texas Public Finance, Beneficial Finance and Consolidated Credit.

Court affirmed the opinion of the 53rd District Court in Austin that the 1963 Texas Loan Act section which says a loan company cannot be licensed unless 51 per cent of its stock is owned by Texans is unconstitutional.

### Job Opportunity

Texas Department of Public Safety is offering educational op-

portunities along with jobs for young men who can qualify.

Fifty will be selected between August and October for the DPS Law Enforcement Academy here. Graduates of the four-month school, covering 800 hours of instruction in 95 subjects, will fill vacancies in the highway patrol, license and weight, motor vehicle inspection or driver licensing division.

Young men 21 to 35 who can meet physical and mental requirements will be given qualifying examinations on August 8, September 12 and October 10. School will begin on November 19. Students earn \$375 a month while in training and \$438 to \$453 a month on graduation.

### Redistricting

Fourth in a series of public hearings held by the Legislative Council Study Committee on Congressional Redistricting will be held in San Antonio. Legislators seek public opinion on the way to draft redistricting to conform with the U. S. Supreme Court edict. It's a matter which must be settled during the 1965 session.

Speaker of the House Byron Tunnell says he believes redistricting — both congressional and legislative — should be handled at the end of the session, after higher education proposals and tax matters are out of the way.

His idea conflicts with those of Governor Connally and Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr who have said redistricting should be the first item on the Legislature's agenda.

### Train Hearing

Railroad Commission issued notice that it will hold hearings on the Texas and Pacific Railway's request to discontinue operation of two passenger trains now

operating between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Fort Worth hearing will be held on September 15, and the El Paso hearing on September 17. Railroad claims it has suffered a net loss of \$200,000 on these trains over the past year.

### Food Stamp Plan

William M. Herndon, who administers the commodities distribution program for the State Department of Public Welfare, says the Federal Food Stamp Program, just passed by Congress, will take at least five years to filter down into all counties which otherwise would participate in the surplus commodities distribution program.

Under the proposed program, low-income and no-income families may trade federally-supplied stamps for food at any grocery store, instead of limiting their supplies to those items declared surplus commodities and distributed on a county-agent basis. Luxury and imported items will be exempt from the plan. Banned from the stamp "shopping" list are banana, coffee, cocoa and tea.

But the switch must be gradual because current surpluses must be used up, and it has not been determined yet how much Congress will appropriate for the program.

### Yarborough

Sen. Ralph Yarborough's Austin office announced he has urged the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture Appropriations to earmark \$5,500,000 to continue the screwworm eradication program in the Southwest.

Unless a barrier zone is established along the Mexican border, Yarborough said, reinfestation of "free" areas will occur and a \$12,000,000 investment in the program will be lost.

## Texans In Washington

By TEX EASLEY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shortly after the Democratic National Convention ends in late August, the newly created National Commission on Food Marketing — headed by a Texan — is expected to figure in the news.

Retired Chief Judge Marvin Jones of the U. S. Court of Claims, who probably knows as much as anyone about problems involved in the production and handling of food stuffs, was named by President Johnson to serve as chairman of the commission.

As a member of Congress from the Texas Panhandle, Jones was chairman of the House Agriculture Committee during the 1930s.

During World War II, under appointment of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he went on leave from the Claims Court to serve as War Food Administrator.

What the National Commission on Food Marketing learns in its forthcoming one-year study may have direct bearing on what the American housewife pays for

her groceries.

Texas housewives, farmers and food handlers and marketers won't be affected by the study any more than those from elsewhere. But there's a better than even chance that their views will be reflected in the commission's findings.

Besides Judge Jones, another Texan will serve on the 15-member commission, which is made up of five senators, five House members and five individuals who represent the public generally and not any segment of the food industry.

Democratic Rep. Graham Purcell of Wichita Falls, a member

of the House Agriculture Committee, is on the commission.

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