

The first 100 years

Area transportation improved

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Bryan-College Station is a boom- mini-metropolis of over fifty thousand. It stretches from the treatment plant southeast to Cajun's We-No-Tell almost out a break. To get from one to the other, one simply hops in a car and goes.

But it wasn't always like this. Before it or not, there was a time when there was nothing but five miles of wilderness between the cities — no El Chico's, no Municipal Golf Course, no thing. The College and its cadets were needed to Bryan and its saloons girls by two lifelines. The first the Houston and Texas and

Central Railroad. It was a dependable, but expensive way to journey from one town to the other.

The other was the bicycle road maintained by the College Bicycle Club. The only problem with that was by the time you got to Bryan you were too tired to do what you went for in the first place.

Then somebody came along and invented the gasoline internal combustion engine and later somebody else put a trolley car around it, a pair of tracks under it, a wrinkled Civil War veteran in it to drive and the next thing you know every one-dog town from Bangor to Petaluma had cheap, modern and sometimes efficient public transportation — including Bryan and College Station.

In 1908 D.F. Gammill came to

the wilds of Texas from Louisiana to help two little wild-west towns keep up with progress, and possibly make a small profit, by building an interurban trolley between the two.

By 1910, Gammill's trolley was in operation running from downtown Bryan to the campus of the College, with stops at Allen Academy and the Villa Maria Convent for girls.

The line boasted two gasoline-powered cars and two open-sided park cars which could be added on special occasions when crowds were large.

For 10 cents you could ride one-way, for fifteen you got a round trip and for five dollars you were entitled to 50 round trips.

The interurban ran every hour on the hour, unless the motorman got to tinkering with the engine and

then couldn't get it started. In that case you were forced to wait another hour to make the trip. It was tough luck if you waited at the College, not so bad if you were stuck in Bryan.

During the trip, the trolley had to climb a gentle incline known as Hill Crest. If it happened to be a Saturday afternoon, or after an athletic event, there were likely to be more passengers than the little trolley could pull up the hill. In that case, all the cadets and young bachelors were obliged to hop off at the bottom of the hill and lend a helping hand, then hop back on as the trolley started down the other side.

The first terminus of the Bryan-College interurban was a wooden waiting shed near the President's home, where the Fish Pond is now located.

The trolley eventually became so popular it was evident to the man-

agement that the little gas engines could no longer handle the crowds. So in 1915 the transition from gas to electricity was made.

The electric trolleys were more powerful, carried more passengers and got where they were going faster. The fare was raised to 25 cents for a round trip and the terminal was moved to the present site of Puryear Hall, and later to Holick's Boot Shop at North Gate.

The electric trolley flourished for a short three years. Then its practicality was threatened by an invention called the "horseless carriage." By 1918 the trolley was gone forever, replaced by Henry Ford's automobile. In 1924 the tracks were removed and the trolley faded into the obscure past.

Next time you're looking for a parking place, give it a little thought.

Scotch and silt anyone?

Associated Press
ALVESTON, Tex. — You heard about scotch on the rocks. How about scotch on the silt?

There was plenty of it at the bottom of Galveston Bay Wednesday

after 10,800 quarts of Chivas Regal whiskey fell from a container on a barge here. The container had been unloaded and 900 barge-carrying ship. As it was being moved to the dock the container slipped, and before anyone could say "cheers" it came apart and cardboard boxes went down into muddy waters.

Lykes Bros. Steamship Co. Inc., owners of the barge, immediately set

up guards around the area and customs officials came to the scene to supervise rescue operations.

Capt. John T. Scardasis, manager of Lykes Bros., said two divers recovered 160 of the 900 cases of the liquor originally intended for the West Coast.

"We did have a couple of volunteers," Capt. Scardasis said. "Two guys came in with scuba diving equipment and tried to jump in, but we told them we did not need them."

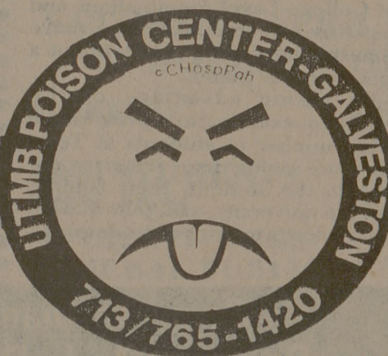
He said it would take about two days to complete the rescue operation, but added that "at best we probably will recover only about 70

percent of the whiskey. The rest will stay in the deep silt at the bottom of the bay."

"The bay is about 40 feet deep. Our divers are trying to bring it up," he said. "It is a slow operation."

Then he joked: "We may get suspicious if they take too long between trips."

Capt. Scardasis said the fate of the recovered whiskey will be determined by U.S. Customs. He said some of the bottles may have to be destroyed depending on their condition after recovery.



Corps freshmen receive awards

Freshmen Corps members received the Distinguished Military Student Award were honored at a military review last night.

The award has the same requirements as that of Distinguished Student Award, a 3.25 grade point ratio that that previous semester and enrollment in 185 Corps members receiving

the award were presented with certificates and maroon and white ribbons. The Distinguished Military Student Award is the highest one a cadet can earn while at Texas A&M University.

Mark Probst, Corps Scholastic Officer, said the special recognition of the freshmen was an attempt to offer incentive for high scholastic performance.

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