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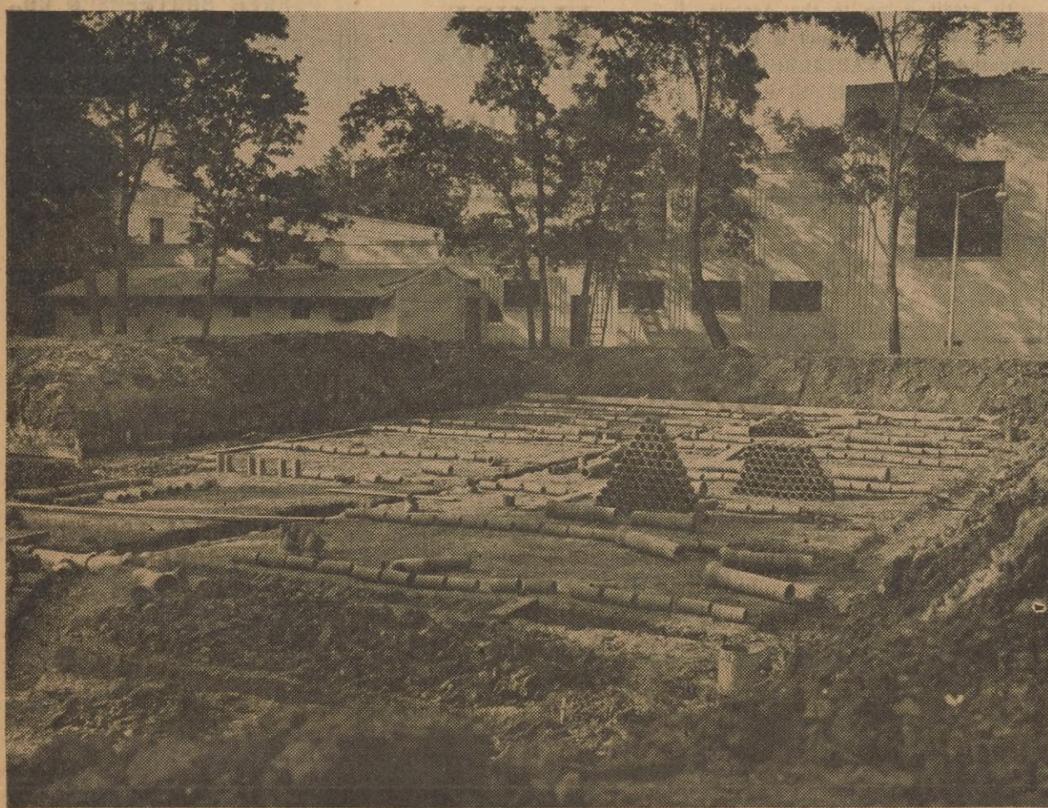
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CORRAL DAY SET FOR MAY 8TH



Here it is, exes. This monstrous hole filled with pipes is the inception of the long awaited Swimming Pool. The temporary building in the background is the Cougar office, soon to be relocated. The band building and numerous trees have already given way to make room for the construction. On the lower left is the future diving area, with the main pool stretching back on the right.

The \$155,000 project, designed by Austin, Cato and Evans, is going up (or down, that is,) behind the Recreation Building. The pool will be L-shaped, with the long leg measuring 100 X 50 feet, and the short leg 32 X 42 feet. The smaller portion will be designed for diving. Included are modern dressing rooms, flood lights for night swimming, showers, food and drink con-

cessions, and room for 300 bathers. Brown construction company is handling the job, and promises the first bather will dunk his tootsies sometime in August. One hundred thousand dollars has already been set aside from Fiesta funds, with the rest to be furnished by previous student drives, student government — and the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Jack Wilson Out, Ralph Poling In Alumni Executive Director's Job

It took the atom bomb to get Jack Wilson off the campus. Jack has left the Alumni Association to take over as Director of Civil Defense for the Port of Houston.

His replacement in the Alumni Director's job is '51 grad. Ralph

Ralph was formerly advertising manager for the Cougar and the Houstonian, and was prominent in campus publicity. He and Jack shared editorial honors for several editions of the popular "Fiesta Gazette."

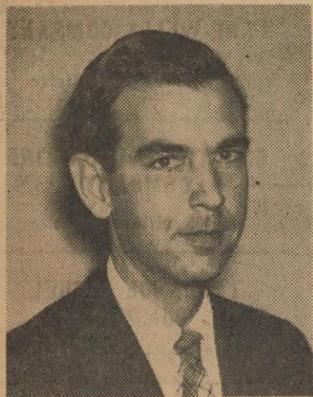
Since graduation, Ralph was for one year director of special education with the Galena Park School System, and operated the Poling Speech Clinic, Hermann Professional Bldg. up to the time of assuming his present duties.

While Poling is confident he can fill Jack's shoes, he will never fill Jack's coat. Jack outweighs the new director nearly 100 pounds.

SOUR NOTE!

One of the first checks received in the '54 Fund Drive was filled with sarcastic remarks, and the space for figures marked "nothing." The envelope contained the word "not" interested into the slogan "I'm boostin U. of Houston."

Naturally, this adolescent-perpetual did not sign a name. It is gratifying to report this is the only such instance among the number of early checks already received. The Fund and the University are the winners when this type of Ex chooses to disassociate himself.



RALPH POLING

Poling. Ralph has been very active in Alumni work, often working closely with Jack on various projects, so the transfer should be a smooth one.

Jack expressed reluctance to leave the Alumni Association, but could not overlook the advantages in the move. Of course he will still be active in alumni affairs.

NOTE

Inside this edition of the EXtra you will find the authentic old west tabloid, the Texas Gazette. This Gazette is a composite of the several issues written for Frontier Fiesta by Jack Wilson and Ralph Poling.

The Undergraduates in the journalism department have taken over the current Fiesta Publication. Originally conceived by Wilson, the paper proved so popular that copies were requested from 18 states and 5 foreign countries.

Copies of this issue will be available in the Alumni office for mailing to Yankees and others.

BULLETIN

As the EXtra goes to press, the 1954 Alumni Foundation shows a total cash received of \$907.50. Of the five funds included in the campaign, the Building Fund and Unrestricted Fund are nearly tied for first place. Scholarships, Publications and Operating Funds are evening out behind the leading two.

Names of all donors will be printed in the next issue of the EXtra, to be published approximately one month from this issue.

Foundation Chairman Johnny Goyen states that the total mentioned is exceptionally encouraging so early in the drive.

1954 Annual Reunion Will Feature Top Frontier Fiesta Entertainers, Styles, Dance, Campus Tour, Free Bar BQ

Check that date, exes. It's Saturday, May 8th. Starting with registration in the Ezekiel Cullen main lobby at 3:30, the 1954 Corral Day will be under way.

Chairman Ernie Mayeux has announced that guides will be on hand to escort returning alums around the "new-look" campus. Structures you may have missed include the new

Foundation Offers Choice of 5 Funds

Your Association Directors consider the UH active alumni to have a minimum value of \$4 million. And, the new Alumni Foundation is designed to prove it.

Johnny Goyen, fund drive chairman, explains it this way, "A \$4 million dollar investment paying three percent, would return \$120,000 each year. Our alumni group totals 12,000. So, if each alumnus contributed \$10 annually to the Foundation, we'd have, in effect, a four million dollar investment project."

Chairman Goyen stressed the point that misleading stories have convinced many people that the University does not need funds. "While it is true that the University has acquired generous gifts for new Buildings," he said, "the fact remains that University operating funds are not well off."

Periodic increases in tuition fees substantiate Mr. Goyen's statement.

The new Alumni Foundation offers five funds to which contributions may be made. The funds are titled, Publications, Scholarship, Operating, Building, and Unrestricted. The Publication fund and the Operating fund are designed to improve The Alumni Association's service to its members.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund will be handled through the

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Psychology building, the Architecture building and the swimming pool pictured on this page.

At 5:30 activities move into the beautiful Cullen Auditorium for one of Minerva Black's renowned Style Shows. While the gowns themselves may appeal mostly to the ladies, male exes are reminded that each and every gown is modeled by a beautiful co-ed.

Immediately after the show, approximately at 6:30, the Old Cafeteria will become the site for the eating contest. No records will be kept, or winners announced, but everyone is encouraged to do his best. Free, repeat, free Barbecue, Beans, and all the Fixings will be there to challenge the prodigal sons and daughters.

Next, (about 8:00) exes are scheduled to move back to Cullen Auditorium for the traditional Corral Day Program Acts from this year's Frontier Fiesta will spice the program which is to include a message from the president of the Alumni Association.

The Corral Day Dance begins as soon as the general program is completed. The dance is strictly informal and is designed for sociability. Good music and dancing room will be available for the active group, with light refreshments and soft chairs to facilitate reunion chatter.

Chairman Mayeux points out that this is the third annual Corral Day. The first meeting brought out nearly 400 loyal exes, despite

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Noniminations Approved At '54 General Meeting

The largest group to date met in room 100, Roy Cullen Wednesday, April 14, to ratify nominations for positions open on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. A crowd estimated at 150 exes braved the threatening weather to be on hand.

J. Sherwood Crane, president, made his annual President's Report of the past year's activities. L. H. Hudson, treasurer, presented the annual financial statement.

Ballots will be mailed to all contributing members Monday, April 19th. Members who have not yet made their contributions will be sent ballots as their checks arrive, but no ballot will be counted if it bears a return postmark later than midnight, Sunday, May 2nd.

Two men were ratified for the president's office. They are, J. Sherwood Crane, the incumbent, and Allan C. Showers. Four names were

selected for Vice-President, two for Treasurer, two for Secretary. Seventeen names were posted for the five directors' positions now open.

Included in the President's Message were reports on: Alumni representation on Board of UH Regents, the Stockyard relocation program, SABUH swimming pool construction, Homecoming, Alumni TV show, Sideline Coaches, March of Dimes, Mailing service, Fund drive, Football banquet, Publications, Out of town clubs, Corral Day, Job placement service, and social events of the past year.

Billboard

Last issue we asked you to select the items you liked best, and BILLBOARD was one of the most often named. So, we are going to do our best to keep this column filled. But, you can help immeasurably if you'll send us a line frequently and tell your friends to do the same.

Received a note from D. B. Mauzy, BA '50 of 2409 Chapman Street. D. B. graduated from the U of T law school in January 1953 and is now associated with M. Gabriel Nahas, Jr.

D.B. passed on some information about his UH grad friends. William C. Terry, BS Chemical Engineering '53 is now living in Bishop, Texas . . . thinks he is the first UH grad to work at the Chemical Plant of the Celanese Corporation there . . . he is married and has one son, Thomas Eugene, one year old.

Arta Elmer Johnson, BBA '51, has been transferred by United Gas Corp. from Houston to Beaumont . . . is now in charge of the credit department there. Carl Edward Seely, Jr., BS '51, is now with the Dowell Company at Alice.

Robert C. Maley, Jr., BS '53, has been appointed an Assistant District Attorney. Congrats!

Service items . . . '53 grads Thomas Wyatt Wesley, Jr. and Edward L. Rose, Jr., have completed Ft. Lee Virginia's Quartermaster School . . . are now lieutenants. Airman 2nd Class Daniel C. Glaser, BA '52, is assigned to the 3625th Flying Training Group at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.

The former Gloria F. Crain, '52 grad, is now Mrs. Phillip Patrick, lives in Sweeny, Texas. Erwin Frank Pesek, BA '53, has recently been elected to junior membership in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists . . . and as if that isn't enough, he received the Geology scholarship from Standard Oil and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Gamma Epsilon . . . also has a lovely wife, the former Beverly Morgan.

John E. Hill, grad '50, writes that Wharton High's football team is being coached by former UH players Boyd Tingle and Quay "Buck" Miller.

Talented Kay Wiggins, BS '51, is on her third scholarship since graduation . . . now attending the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. William Robert Walker, '51, is stationed at the U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center in Dallas . . . says it is "choice" duty.

James R. Perkowski, '51, wants to know if there are any more Exes in Albuquerque . . . if so, write him at 3216 "A" St., Sandia Base, there. Jim Brogdon '50 BS, and wife Bettie are sporting a new home at 3427 Linkwood Drive in Braes Terrace.

Alcoa in Port Lavaca must have a monopoly on UH grads, according to '50 grad George E. Brubaker. Among his fellow workers there are Addison Fowler, '49, Les Drapela, '49, Bob Shaefer, '49, Aaron Drury, '52, Edward Smith '48 and technology grads Charles Bush, Earl Colley, George Smith and "Mac" McDaniel. Man what a pep-rally they could throw!

Julia Compston, '53, is now a secretary with Pan American Production Company . . . and she says it's due to her good training at the UH.

Texas marines at 3rd marine division in San Francisco have been hearing about the U of H via the EXtra via '52 grad 1st Lt. Douglas A. Wagner. That kind of infiltration is O.K. by us.

Four ex U of H art students are now working for Humble Oil in their graphics section . . . they are Jim Hamilton '52, Joe Hernandez '52, O. S. White, '53, and Lawrence Froehlich '53. Harold O. Lee, CPA and '51 grad, has moved his offices to 223 J. Robert Neal Bldg. . . Byron S. Martens is now in Radar School at Fort Bliss, Texas.

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University Scholarship Department with credit going to the Association. The Building Fund is a continuation of the SABUH drive. Unrestricted Funds will be used to strengthen any of the other funds, with the surplus going direct to the University.

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SOUTH WINS CIVIL WAR

**U.S. Tries To Join Texas;
Texans Refuse Yankees**

**Grant Surrenders As Lee Takes Richmond;
Sherman Beats Retreat Through Georgia**

Texans Don't Want Yankees Polluting Sacred Soil With Dastardly Feet

Now that Texas, aided by the onfederacy, has subdued the Northern mercenaries, overtures from the Yankees are being made to the Texas government about the possible annexation of this Northern wasteland by Texas.

When this news leaked out to Texas citizenry, emotions and opinions were mixed for and against annexation of the North.

Jed Sotbach, prominent socialite, summed up the views of the group in favor of annexing the North.

"Ah think that such an affiliation would be beneficial to Texas, since our amazing Republic is so rich in resources, we'll be letting stuff go to waste if we don't have them mizzable creatures to use them up."

On the other hand, the group
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Houston Census Cannot Reach 4000 Say Speculators

Complaints have been coming in to the state capitol at Washington on the Brazos about the general living conditions in the settlement south of Harrisburg called Houston

The village was named for General Sam Houston but he does not claim kin to the town, calling it "the worst slop hole in the state."

Of course we cannot believe all the rumors drifting into the Capitol about Houston because this

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New Sheriff is Six Feet Tall; Old Sheriff is Six Feet Under

"Lucky" Buck Diamond arrived here today to replace the late lamented "Lucky" Pete Spade, as sheriff. Buck's luck ran out this week when he made the mistake of reaching for his gun when he should have reached for sky.

Lucky Buck was refereeing a whiskey drinking match at the Silver Dollar Saloon when the trouble started. Seems like Fourfingers Foley was in the lead with 2½ quarts consumed, while Keglined Kaplan and Shorty McNutt were



As news of General Lee's glorious victory over the Northern rabble filtered into Fiesta City, citizens welcomed the end of the war with quiet dignity. Pictured here are ladies from the "Girl's Friendly Society," as they entertained at the Monster Victor Rally. The monsters rallied a little later and cleared the stage. In direct contrast to the brazen northern women, the Fiesta City ladies conducted themselves in typical, demure and modest Southern manner, as the picture indicates. L. to R. they are Tessie Tadoo, Bertha Biceps, Sally Schooner, Belle Bottom, Sam Quentin, Colt Forty-four and Lottie Luschious. The Victory Dance was climaxed by a mild shooting spree when the tall stranger in the front row did not respond to the command "Down in Front." At last reports the stranger was still down in front of the stage at the Deadeye Saloon.

CORRECTION

Due to a typographical error, we stated last week that Mr. Samuel McSpade was a Defective in the Police Force. This of course is a misprint. Mr. McSpade is really a Detective in the Police Force.

Amusements

A Lunatic Lives in My Attic He's Going Crazy Over Me

The Grandstand Players, an alleged theatrical group from the east, presented a play at the Opera House this week. The title of the play was "East Lynne," and I predict that it will never amount to anything.

The play opens with the heroine weeping bucketsfull of tears as she has no beau to escort her to the Hodcarriers' Ball. She is a lovely creature except that she has five boils on her face which make it a bit difficult to locate her nose which is also red. She has very pretty eyes, especially the blue one.

Father comes onstage dressed in his formal overalls and appropriate striped spats and painted

toenails. This elegant sight brings heart-rending sobs from the throat of our heroine, Little Chloraphyll. The noise is more like hog-rendering.

As the parents leave for the hall, we see a strange man sneaking up to Little Chloraphyll's home. (hisses) She throws open the door with a smile. (A neat trick, most people would have to use their hands.) The next scene shows the parents at home but Little Chloraphyll is gone.

After an appropriate elapse of months, we find Little Chloraphyll returning in the midst of a tremendous snow storm. What's this? She has a baby in her arms. Wow! Father refuses to let her in. Mother screams and wails. Baby burps. Chloraphyll giggles. Audience groans. Oh, Boy, What excitement, what suspense, what now?

Well, despite the expected ending, Little Chloraphyll joins the foreign legion. Mother shoots the old man for bein gunkind to the pet dog and

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NOTICE

If the person who stole the par of alcohol from my cellar will return Grandma's appendix, no questions will be asked.

Lem N. Jooze, RFD No. 1

A mild argument arose at this
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North Troops Beg To Join South; Confederates Deny Damy Yankee Plea

Word has just been received by pony express that the glorious Confederate Army under the inspired leadership of the greatest military genius of all time, General Robert E. Lee, has forced the dastardly Yankee mercenaries to yield at last.

The dispatch was written from Appamatox Court House and goes into detail describing the formal surrendering of 250,000 Yankee troops, led by Useless S. Grant, to General Lee's army of 50,000 men, most of which are Texans.

General Lee was exceedingly generous to the yankee commander, giving him and his starving men food, clothing and shelter.

As we all know, Lee had completely surrounded the Northern forces, cutting them off from all subsistence and it was surrender or be annihilated for the Union invaders.

This formal surrender ended a war which was waged four years, beginning with the Yankee defeat
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Spelling Bee Held At Possum Creek; 3 Killed, 9 Injured

The Possum Creek Elementary School was the site of the annual Coon Troot, Texas Spelling Bee and Hog-Calling contest again this year. Contestants in the Hog-Calling contest got to calling each other hogs and worse than that and before you knew it they had eliminated each other. Permanent, that is.

So, after the stiffs was stacked and the stage mopped, they got right on with the spelling bee.

Luther Adams spelled the first word K-A-T, and pulled out two six-guns. The judges decided that since they didn't know exactly which cat Luther had in mind, he might be right. Jeb Dill then spelled horse, H-U-R-S-E, and would have been eliminated except he claimed he thought the judge had said "hearse." Natural
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NOTICE

Will the person who sold my husband the half-length mirror please come and exchange it for a full-length one? This makes the third time he's left the house with no pants on.

Gertrude Schultz

Editorials

The Truth About Yankees!

As any fool can plainly see, it is the policy of this paper to print the truth and nothing but the truth, without bias or exaggeration.

In view of the South's recent glorious victory over the Union Government it is obvious we are going to be thrown in contact with the downtrodden and starving yankees whether we desire it or not.

In order to avert a general panic in this area, it is the desire of the Confederate Government that the newspapers of our great land publish the following items to quell the misconceptions which are prevalent among Southern Gentlefolk.

1. Baby Yankees are born, not hatched as rumoured.
2. Some Yankees do grow to be five feet tall although most are miserable short critters as previously reported.
3. Not all Yankees live in caves. Some live in houses just as you and I.
4. The yankee state of Pennsylvania does produce some oil. It compares favorably with second-hand Texas axle grease.
5. Yankees speak a polluted form of the English language which is more or less understandable. They have a tendency to separate syllables in whole words, such as: You-all, instead of Yawl; dam-yankee instead of damyankee.
6. Yankees are not as cowardly as reported. During the war it was believed that one Texan could whip twenty-five Yankees. Actually, one Texan can whip only ten Yankees.
7. Yankees do not bite if approached with caution.
8. Despite all these enlightening facts, the damyankees are to be avoided, at all costs, if possible.

Legal Notice

Judge Roy Bean Sez:

- Verbal Contracts Aren't Worth the Paper They're Written On.
- No Man Will Be Hung With a Wooden Leg; We Use a Rope.
- BE SAFE—Stop at the Judge's and Pay Your Fine Before You Do Something Wrong.

CLASSIFIED

LOST: Pekenese dog ran away from lady with long black tail in Bella Union area. See Mrs. Suzy Snifzit. Small reward for the collar, keep the flea-bitten mutt.

WANTED: Several men who are handy with row boats. Must not be sensitive to cold weather. Object: crossing Delaware. George Washington.

SALE: Long wool underwear and Hair Shirts on special week at Hoskin's Haberdashery. You'll be tickled when you try these on!

FOR SALE: Since my husband was mysteriously killed last week, I have several suits of clothes to sell cheap. Some are slightly perforated with bullet holes but will be fine for summer wear. Also one 45 caliber six-gun for which I have no further use. Sarah Upandit, RFD, 001.

CRYSTAL CHANDALIER: Exotic Dancer, at liberty. Specializing in barefoot dancing, with costume to match.

Texas Gazette

Editors Jack Wilson, Ralph Poling
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by writing the Alumni Office, University of
Houston. Price ten cents each. \$7.50 per 100,
\$55.00 per 1000, \$142.00 per 5000.

Wanted



\$10,000 reward for Hop-a-long McDude, guitar playing, women Kiss'en cinema actor, who is wanted for the dastardly crime of mounting his horse from the wrong side. In his latest picture "Cowboy Revenge" McDude always sang a song and then robbed the stage. Any true rustler knows this procedure to be a cheap phony. You're suppose to rob the stage and then sing the song. Women must especially be on the lookout for this slicker. He recently wrote a book called "what expectant mothers should know" and with the right type of promotion, created a big demand for it. He is shortly to be seen in a new picture "The Revenge of the Cowboys."

Letters to Editor

Local Citizenirate Over High Prices; Steak 15c A Pound

Dear Sers,
This is the year 1865 an the nashun ez go'en to th' Devel.

Prices is so high, nobody can afford nuthen. Butter ez 23 cents a pound, steak is 15 cents a pound and tobacey is out of sight. I predict thet the cuntry iz going to collapse in ten years.

With love,
Col. Forehand Culpepper

Dear Editor,
As I take my pen in hand this gorgeous spring day, I hope that my missle will find your illustrious self in the most sallubrious of spirits and health. Certainly we have been blessed with inspiring weather this season. Undoubtedly a man of your delicate sensitive nature must have been inspired by the magnificence of the brilliant sunrise of yesterdays morn.

Cancel my subscription to your lousy newspaper.

I remain your most humble servant,

J. Roaring-ham Slapstick
Dear Editor,

Last week you reported that my husband "Nogood McKilroy" held up the First National Bank and escaped with \$20,000.

I have never been so outraged in all my life. I demand that you print a retraction.

It was the Second National Bank and the take was \$50,000.

Mrs. McKilroy

REST IN PEACE

Our Dad, Weakeyes Judson,
who mistook a grizzly bear
for Mother in a fur coat.

—The Judsons.

Letters For All Occasions Wild Parties, Drinks Like Kerosene; Nobody Knows The Trouble Obscene

Do you have trouble expressing yourself? If you have troubles when writing a letter, your worries are over. Here is an easy system of letter writing for the well groomed person of today.

Most Important Type

A thank you letter ranks as the most important type of message. Everyone has at one time or the other spent the evening at a friend's house and this letter is designed to meet the required situation.

Dear _____,

Today is Monday and I'm still picking the splinters from my teeth from the wood-alcohol you put in the cocktails. One thing about your parties, there is always room for one bore. We had plenty of seafood like you said we would, but I didn't think we would have to take it away from the goldfish.

I'm enclosing a stomach pump under sepearte cover.

Burpingly yours,

Surprise gift

Writing a letter in return for a surprise gift is the second most important type of this classification.

Dear _____,

You don't know how surprised we were when we opened your package this morning and found a full grown alligator. It's just what we wanted.

And such a darling one too. Why already he has eaten my husband and two children. Where did you teach him such tricks?

Surprisingly yours,

Popping the question

A letter asking a lady's hand in matrimony is most difficult to write. One tends to be too direct in his statements and thus reveals his anxiousness for such a ceremony. One should be nonchalant about popping the question.

Dear _____,

How are you? Fine I hope. I am just fine.

The humming birds are humming, the threshes are thrashing, and the robins are robbing. How is the corn crop in Iowa? Does your grandmother still have athletees-feet? Will you marry me? Have they hung your brother yet?

Patiently yours,

Strive to be witty

In writing a letter asking for a job, one should strive to be as witty as possible because the boss just loves to have a jovial person around the office to keep the other employees from doing their work.

Dear _____,

In answer to your request for a good bookkeeper. I should fill the job perfectly since I have kept every book I ever borrowed. Yak, Yak, Yak. As for my description, I'm eight feet tall. You see, I was sent up the river for a long stretch. Yuk, Yuk, Yuk. My western friends call me Bicarbonate because I was one of the first settlers. Yacuk, Yacuk, Yacuk. As for references, my folks are in the Iron and Steel business. My mother irons and my father steels. Oh, Yakul, Yakul, Yakul.

Laughingly yours,

SPELLING BEE . . .

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ly, they had to give him credit for the word.

Then the judges' son spelled dog, D-A-W-G, and got five points. His father only got two points, one from a bowie knife and one from a stilletto, but they just about met in his middle.

The next word was "whiskey," and nobody could spell it to the satisfaction of the judges. Everybody knew it was spelled W-U-S-K-Y, but one judge said he had a dictionary which said not. Then it was discovered that the book was printed by some Yankees so they shot it full of holes. This made the judge uncomfortable as he had it in his hip pocket at the time.

Then the boys got to bickering among themselves and the judge tried to stop all the shooting before a fight started. This little hassle polished off all the remaining judges and left only two contestants. It turned out that one of those left was lightfingers Luke who had thought the contest was a "Stealing-Bee," and had entered by mistake. So, the winner was Luther Adams with his spelling of KAT.

NUZ Briefs

Week-eyes Haley has finally sent off to Rears and Sawbucks for a pair of eye-specks. He ordered the spectacles after he accidentally discovered someone had stole the rear wheels off his buggy. "I thought it was funny that I was always travelling uphill," he said.

Cutthroat Kelley escaped from the calaboose this iweek, spoiling the fun for the kids who always turn out for the Saturday matinee hanging. Sheriff Schnudnick was almost tempted to hang somebody else. Finally Cutthroat came back and give hisself up saying he'd rather be hung than go home to his wife. By that time the kids had gone home so the Sheriff turned him loose. "Shucks," said the Sheriff, "Cutthroat never killed nobody but his enemies nohow."

Local Water Co. Ruined; Keeps Finding Useless Oil

Derrik Q. Peepdown, president of the Inthehole Water Well Company, today announced bankruptcy and retirement from his firm. Deepdown declared that every time he attempted to discover water in the past few months he has gotten nothing but a dark gummy substance. This substance has been tentatively named

petroleum, although Deepdown prefers to call it, "that &%\$!*** black crud."

Local sages predict that Houston and adjacent areas will be ghost towns in a matter of a few years due to the contamination of the water supply.

As usual, some stupid Yankee has put forth ideas absolutely contrary to the facts of the matter. This Northern idiot who claims to be a scientist, says that "petroleum" will one day be classified as a valuable mineral asset. He goes so far as to declare that "petroleum" will be worth more than water some day.

Ha! Hhe should try to drink some, the fool.

Tooth Brushes Called Unsanitary By Dentist

Some swindling northerner got into town last week and sold a bunch of brushes. They ain't nothing more than a little handle of celluloid with some bristles out on one side, but this Yankee claimed that they were "tooth-brushes" and that brushing the teeth was healthful.

Doctor I. Soakes, who runs the health clinic and embalming parlor behind the Bonanza Saloon, says that this newfangled invention will remove the protective tobacco-juice stain from your teeth.

"I never used a tooth-brush in my life," the Doc said. "Of course I ain't got no teeth now, but I can still chew pretty good on the tobacco-juice stain that built up over the years.

By the way, they hung that Yankee swindler. Luke Haskins has some dandy pistol-cleaning brushes for sale cheap down at his general store.

LUNATIC ...

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then falls down the cellar steps and drowns in a bucket of molasses.

The parents of the baby show up and declare that they'll never hire ittlLe Chlorophyll as their baby-sitter again.

PERSONAL

Two headed man wishes to meet two headed woman. Object—split four way cold tablet. —RFD No. 4

Wanted



No reward—this gal is just wanted. Miss Scarlet O'Hary, popular dance hall queen at the Silver Dollar Saloon has been voted by the Cattlerustlers' Association as "the gal whose calves we'd like most to rustle." Miss O'Hary is noted for her "dance of the Seven Copperheads." At the end of the dance the coppers raid the joint and the customer heads for the hoosegow. It is not advisable for novices to gamble with Scarlet, as it is obvious her deck is stacked. Customers at the Silver Dollar agree that Scarlet O'Hary is their gal Friday—and Saturday and Sunday and etc.

SOUTH WINS ...

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at Bull Run and ending with the Yankee defeat at Appamatox.

Other highlights in the struggle included, Sherman's retreat through Georgia, Yankee's retreat off the side of lookout mountain, and Lee's victory at Gettysburg.

(Ed. Note—It is interesting to note that in this battle a force of 325 Texans bored through the base of Seminary Ridge, where 5,000 Union troops were entrenched, and attacked the foe from the other side.

The attack was entirely successful due to an under-handed Yankee trick. Knowing how much pride we Texans take in our native state, the Northern band began playing "The Eyes of Texas" in the middle of the battle, forcing the Texans to stand at attention.

Luckily a platoon of Texas deaf mutes unable to hear their national anthem, and led by the famous Texas scout Deaf Smith, captured the Union band during the second chorus, freeing the rest of the Texans for the battle at hand.)

It is reported that the Northern states desired to join the Confederacy again, forming another Union but local political observers predict that the United States as such has forever ceased to be. (See editorial, Page 2.)

IN MEMORIAM

Rest in Peace. Our son, Jazzy Jones, who died from drinking a quart of shellac. At least he had a fine finish.

—The Jones Family

Poets Coroner

His Mother Was Always Loaded; He's A No-Good Son-of-a-Gun

"THE LAST SHOT"

By Po Ling, Poet Lariat

The pistols stopped blazing
The smoke started raising
The bartender sprawled 'cross the bar.

The roulette stopped going,
The dice men stopped throwing,
And there stood the bandit, Navarr.

With pistols still smoking,
And a manner half joking,
He lined us all up 'gainst the wall.
The bartender, bleeding,
His life fast receding,
With fish-eyes, he stared at us all

Navarr's buddies made jokes
As they rifled our pokes

And relieved us of gold-dust and jewels.

While Navarr's forty-four,
Was guarding the door,
They robbed us, a-grinning like ghouls.

Then Navarr, dark and greasy
Got kinda uneasy,
And quickly stepped in from the door.

The bartender, paling,
Lost hold of the railing
And quietly slid to the floor.

The bandit kept grinning,
'Cause this was his inning,
His cronies were picking us clean.
And then, wit ha roar,
And a big forty-four
The bartender jumped back in the scene.

Rustler Seen Hanging Around City Calaboose

Sheriff Bat Masterson and a couple of deputies went down to the calaboose yesterday and hauled out a varmit what needed hanging.

All the way out to the hanging tree the critter kept complaining that he wasn't the guy who stole them cows.

Naturally, they hung the lying critter anyhow. When the sheriff got back to the pokey, he discovered that the joke was on him. They'd strung up the wrong man. They're laughing fit to bust down at the court house.

With his life's fading flicker,
He squeezed on the trigger,
The bullet sped on its path.
Navarr dropped with surprise,
And a hole 'tween his eyes,
The bartender had the last laugh.

We stood around, crying,
While the bartender, dying,
Said, "Boys, when you go on a ben-der
No matter how much you got,
The very last shot,
Is always on the bartender.

PERSONAL

Middle aged man with farm, desires to meet middle aged woman with plow. Please send picture of plow. Lem Hoskins.

IMPROVE YOUR USE OF ENGLISH LANGWIJ

CORSET: This is a contraction of the phrase "of course it." For example, "It sure don't look like rain but corset might." It is also the name of a device for making mole hills out of mountains.

GHASTLY: This is a medical term. You get this way from eating too much.

PSHAW: A writer, initials are G. B. Wrote such stories as "A Stagecoach Named Despair," etc.

NAVEL: A handy place to keep salt while eating celery in the bathtub.

NECKTIE: Same as noose only colored.

PENT HOUSE: A place to keep Pents, naturally.

REDUCE: To do something twice.

REFINE: To lose something twice and find it both times.

SAGACITY: Ill fitting pants.

HYPOCRITE: Another word for "everybody."

ICICLE: A bike with no wheels.

PEASANT: A Russian whipping post.

POLITICAL PLATFORM: All the lies a politician makes before election.

POI: A Hawaiian food. Comes in many varieties such as Mince Poi, Apple Poi, Pumpkin Poi, etc.

TONSILITIS: An ancient Greek philosopher.

MEAU DE LOUNGE: A French word meaning "Cut the grass."

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Athletic Team Drills for Game; Members Drill Officers for Fun

The Downtown Poker, Pool, Crap-shooting and Athletics Association has been disbanded due to lack of public interest and the slaughter of the association's officers. The disinterest and the killings cropped up at a boring dueling match which the D.T.P.C.S.A. set up last week.

"Big Red" Sanders and Larceny Luke stood back to back; at the referee's signal they started to step off the customary six paces. "Big Red" spun around on the fourth step and shot all the buttons off Luke's vest, from the back.

Referee Noshirt Burke immediately declared Luke the winner on a disqualification. "Big Red" immediately shot the referee. Luke's second immediately shot "Big Red" and then the fight started.

A bunch of bored spectators

started a private shooting spree on the side-lines but they got laughing so hard when Shiftless Smithers shot the end off Longhorn Goldberg's nose, that the fracas soon broke up.

A list of the dead is located on page six.

Palace Theater Scene Of Fracas - - - 3 Killed

A minor fracas occurred at the Palace Gambling parlour last night, the Sheriff's department reported. Seems that there was a poker game in session when Slick Dobbs jumped up and accused One-eye Cassidy of dealing off the bottom.

One-eye got resentful and emptied his six-gun in the general direction of Slick Dobbs, puncturing him considerable. Slick's buddies took offense at the issue and gouged out One-eye's other eye with a broken beer bottle.

Curley Hare, the bartender, got the mistaken idea that the boys were trying to disturb the peace and tried to break up the fight. Curley is expected to recover, but not soon.

Judge Roy Been walked in about the time they had the bodies stacked and the blood swept out. The Judge made a ruling that the whole mess was Slick Dobbs' fault. Since the boys had been playing 'dealer's choice' Slick didn't have no cause to point out One-eye's bottom dealing.

Wanted



Slinky McSpade, gambler, pool shark and bottle snatcher is wanted in 53 states. Senator Hose Mackirty has posted a \$3.00 reward as he wishes to investigate the story that Slinky is a communist sympathizer. Slinky is known to play progressive bridge, and this is the basis of Mackirty's suspicions.

O'Malley Chills Burke For Bare Knuckle Title

Mauler O'Malley and Biceps Burke performed an extremely dull and uninteresting bout of fistcuffs last Monday night at Mayhem's Beer Garden.

This bare knuckle bout lasted only 32 rounds and was as slow moving an event as this country has ever seen. O'Malley finally chilled Burke with a weak left to the jaw that did little more than fracture his skull. (Burke has always known to have been a cream puff.)

There was a bit of excitement in the 14th round when Burke

broke his manager's leg. His manager was soaking Burke's head in a bucket of water instead of the usual beer.

Mauler O'Malley supplied the crowd with a bit of humor in the 22nd, when he killed the referee by stepping on his ingrown toenail.

This proved to be the climax of the whole fight, since the referee bled so profusely that the boys could not get a firm toe hold on the canvas and kept slipping out of the ring, killing spectators by the score.

Those surviving the fight reported from there on out it was totally uninteresting.

While climbing out of the ring, the victorious O'Malley tripped and crushed his skull on the floor.

This being the last straw, the irate crowd, angry at such a short and unexciting exhibition, lynched Promoter Mike MacScalper and went home completely disgusted with the evening.

Cattleman Reports On Feed Experiment

Lester Guernsey, the scientific cattleman, has just sent in his latest report regarding his cattle-feed experiment.

Mr. Guernsey was seeking a man whereby the cost of cattle feeding could be reduced considerably.

His first experiment involved adding 10% sawdust to the standard cattle feed. No noticeable change was noted in the cattle so Mr. Guernsey was encouraged to add another 10%, making a total of 20% sawdust in the feed. This also proved successful.

Mr. Guernsey then jumped the percentage up to 40% sawdust and 60% feed. Just when the experiment was getting along fine, all the cattle died, so Mr. Guernsey is unable to give us his final scientific report.

TEXAS REFUSE . . .

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against the Yankee annexation expressed the view possessed by Elmo Peabody, local attorney.

"If'n we let them Yankees invade our beautiful Texas, we'll become taken over by lunatics. I hear one of them Easterners claims he has an invention which will let folks talk to each other over a wire. Calls it a telephone. Such idiocy. I say let's move them Yankees to Alaska and turn the Northern wasteland into an Indian reservation."

It is believed that both the Indians and the Yankees would protest the move as proposed by Peabody.

As Northerner "Greasy Thumb" Matachek says: "Jeez man, I couldn't move to Alaska. My bookie joint would be in jeopardy."

Chief Geronimo Hatchethead summed up the Indian view when he brilliantly remarked, "Ugh—we no wantum any truck with Yankees. We'll make our reservations at the Shamrock."

(See editorial, Page two)

WOMAN with worthless husband will establish lend-louse program with other dissatisfied wives. Lotta Blubber, RFD.

HOUSTON . . .

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is the year 1865, the year of modernization and sanitation.

For instance, one pony express rider travelling through township claimed it took him almost thirty minutes to travel through the settlement. Now any modern thinking Texan knows that horse traffic conditions couldn't be that bad in any city. The express rider also went so far as to say that the butchers were selling horse meat for beef, and that after a rain, it took three days for the water to drain off the streets.

Observers of the city claim that despite these horrifying conditions, peasants continue to migrate into the small metropolis creating, at least for the time being, somewhat of a boom town.

However, officials in the Capitol predict that the boom will be short lived with the total population not exceeding 3,800. They also speculate that the horrifying conditions in the town (selling horsemeat for beef, bad drainage, inefficient traffic management) will be cleared up within the next five years or so by efficient city administration.

Judge To Crack Down On Unlegal Hangin's

Judge Roy Bean today declared that there are "too many unlegal hangings" occurring in Fiesta City.

"After all fellas," the judge said, "It only takes a couple of minutes to stop in my office and have the critter declared legally guilty."

"Of course," he added, "if'n the varmit ain't got the price of the court fee in his pocket, there ain't no use in dragging the guilty cuss in my place."

Butcher Makes Error; Kills 3 Spectators

Cuttemup McCleaver was today named Champion Hog sticker and dresser by the Swillingham Hog Foundation. Cleaver established a new record by killing and completely butchering thirty-five hogs in one hour and ten minutes.

Actually Cuttemup had butchered three more than that, but was penalized for becoming over-enthusiastic. Cuttemup got so wrapped up in his work that he dressed and drained three plump spectators before his error was noted.

The judge decided that McCleaver should not receive credit for the spectators even though the mistake was understandable.

NEW SHERIFF . . .

(Continued from Page 1) point. The Colonel will be buried with full military honors.

Willy Williams, blacksmith, then entered the race and rapidly assumed the lead. Drinking large glasses of red-eye with kerosene for a chaser, Willy soon had his competitors under the tables. Willy got real worked up about the job, and drank the contents of two fire extinguishers, a jar of liquid soap and two quarts of sheep-dip, in addition to the regular Silver Dollar menu.

It was at this point that "Lucky" Pete Spade got plumb unlucky. Sheriff Buck was in the act of awarding the trophy (a gallon of red-eye) to Williams, as winner of the contest, when in barged two blazing six-guns, followed by Lemuel Hoskins. Lem seemed plumb disturbed about something as he plugged Williams between the eyeballs and ventilated the Sheriff's torso quite considerably.

Lem said later he's just lost his temper when he found that Williams had cheated on the drinking contest. "This morning, before the contest started, that sneaking Williams went out and drank five gallons of red-eye just to see if he could do it. Naturally, he had an unfair advantage on us, with all that practice," Lem said.

"Lucky" Buck Dimond, the new sheriff, announced that future drinking contests will be held in the Nugget Saloon where he is part owner. This caused several of the spectators to remark that "Lucky" had better live up to his name.

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GAZETTE REMEDIES

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PTOMAIN POISONING—A change of diet is indicated.

HALITOSIS—Restrict breathing to inhalation only.

SNAKE BITE—Often rest and relaxation followed by careful diet and loving care will save life of snake.

1954 Election Sample Ballot

The following list includes nominations by the Nominating Committee, Charles Saunders, chairman, plus nominations from the floor at the annual meeting of the Association, April 14th, and are certified by the Executive Director, Ralph Poling, as eligible candidates.

Exes who have not contributed to the Association during the past fiscal year may become qualified as voting members by contributing now. Ballots will be sent to new contributors as their checks arrive, but ballots returned with postmarks later than midnight, May 2, will not be counted.

FOR PRESIDENT

J. Sherwood Crane
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FOR VICE PRESIDENT

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Helen Moore Gilpin

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(5 Positions Open)

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Betty Sterns Hale
Hal Berry
Mary Jane O'Meara O'Rourke
Jack E. Wilson

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 19-24
Frontier Fiesta
- April 22 and 29
Alumni TV show, 9:30 —
Roger Jeffery, M.C.
- April 29
Music Program, Cullen Auditorium, 8:15
- May 2
Postmark Deadline for Alumni Ballots
- May 7-9
Intercollegiate Rodeo
- May 6-7
MVC Spring Track Meet, PS Stadium
- May 8
Corral Day, 3:30, UH Campus

Gordon Hollan
Foster L. Wick
Harold Hal Collins
H. H. Montgomery

Wild and Woolly Fiesta Opens April 19

"The Greatest College Show on Earth," opens its 1954 stand Monday, April 19, and continues through April 24. Of course that can only mean that Frontier Fiesta is back—bigger and better than ever.

The Alumni Association will have

Geology Club Set

The newly formed alumni group of the University of Houston Geological Association held their first meeting recently at the Lamar Hotel Cafeteria.

Officers who were elected are president, Jock Reiter of Herschel Ferguson Independent Geologists; vice president, M. C. Turner, Stanolind Oil and Gas Company; secretary, Sam M. Pena, Marine Exploration Company; and treasurer, Archille Vitalli, Jr., Pan American Production Company.

Members elected to the advisory committee are Jim Wheeler, Fidelity Oil and Royalty Company; Philip R. Allin, Union Sulphur and Oil Company and Tom K. Lieter, the Texas Company.

a booth in the usual place near the entrance gate. Alumni and friends are urged to use this booth as a rendezvous center during the week.

Registration cards will be on hand. Be sure to get your current address on file, so the Alumni mailing list can be brought up to date.

Fiesta Chairman, Don Webb has announced there will be fewer shows this year, with the accent on quality rather than quantity. New regulations are designed to facilitate movement of crowds in and out of the shows, Webb said.

Those dates, again, April 19 through 24, Monday through Saturday. Dig out those boots and sombreros and head for Fiesta City.

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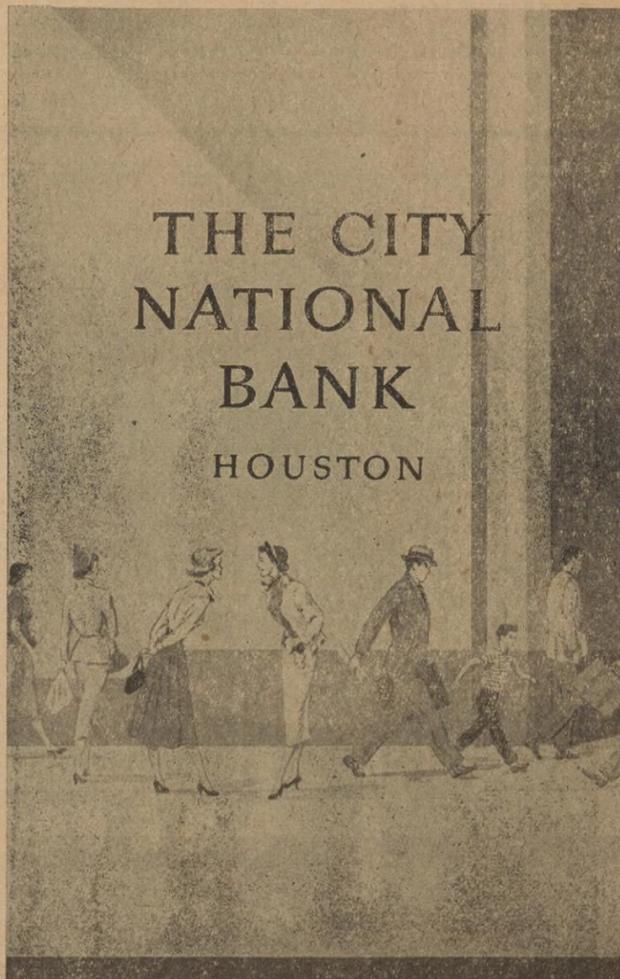
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BILLBOARD —

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UH is represented in Lake Charles' Cities Service Refining Corporation by '52 grad William Marlin. His home address is 505 Peyo Street, if any of you Exes are located around Lake Charles.

Former UH tackle William N. Hollis has been named executive secretary of the Greater Houston Service Stations Association. Nice going, Bill.

Wesley Nagorny, Jr., BBA '50 is still enthusiastic about his European sojourn. He spent 2½ months on the continent with Dr. Joseph S. Werlein's group, hitting 14 different countries.

We received a mighty impressive brochure from the Forest Products Division of Olin Industries announcing Curtis L. Everett as their new district sales representative. Don't know what Frost Products are, but "Curt" was selected from 250 applicants, and congratulations.

Another change of address for Daniel Glasser, '52. You can reach him now as Airman Second Class, 3625th Flying Training Group, Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida.

Harry L. Tooker, '49 is the new owner and operator of Tooker Engineering Company, 515 West 11th Street, Houston. He's available for architectural, civil, structural and consulting engineering problems. Good luck Harry.

North American Aviation Inc. sends us word that E. R. Tanner '50, and D. E. Hall, '51 are staff engineers with the Columbus Division.

Richard A. Pratt's new title is a dilly. He is now Personnel and Industrial Relations Department Man-

ager, for Shell Development Company, Emeryville, California.

Two Exes, Worth B. Brown and Arnold R. Caldwell, are employed as district sales representatives in Ford Motor Company's Dallas Division. Both attended three-weeks courses at the Ford Merchandising School at company headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan.

FUTURE EXES DEPARTMENT

Gordon Dunlap and wife Jo find that the third time is the charm. After two girls in a row, a 7 lb 3 oz. boy appeared March 9. Named him after proud papa. T-Man A. B. Grant and wife Dorothy couldn't wait the usual time. Though premature, little Nancy is hale and hearty after her January debut.

7 lb, 7 oz son Enrique to Aurora and Henry G. Escamilla on Decem-

ber 29 . . . 7 lb, 11½ oz daughter Suzan Valrie to Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Osborne on January 13 . . . Bob Cannon, 6 lb, 3 oz son born January 12 to Bill and Mary Cannon . . . Little girl, 7 lb, 1 1/4 og Donna Jeanne to Alicia and Bernard Z. Lee December 31.

CORRAL DAY —

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a typical Texas downpour. The 1953 reunion nearly doubled the first year's total.

A new record is expected this year, and Mayeux and his assistants claim that they are prepared to handle the crowd, should it double again.



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