

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Welcome, High School Leaders...

High school visitors, welcome to the A&M campus! You may have heard a lot about this place, but there is nothing like seeing it at first hand. We are glad to have you here as our guests, and will be happy to show you everything we can about campus life.

Aggeland is a pretty busy place, as you will find out. The huge sport plant of Kyle Field never knows an off-season. Basketball in DeWare Field House has just ended; baseball is just beginning at the other end of the tract. In between, on the practice field alongside Kyle Stadium, Spring football practice is coming to a close. Here our thin-clad runners and field men achieved the form with which they won the Border Olympics last week. Downs Natatorium, which you will see, is the home of the record-smashing

Aggie swimming team. You may not get to see the tennis or golf teams in action, but we have them too.

But sports are not the only activities of students here. On the second floor of Goodwin Hall, near the center of the campus, you will find a large number of students at work putting out this daily newspaper, The Battalion, and The Longhorn annual, in addition to three magazines: The Engineer, The Agriculturist, and the Commentator.

Other students hold offices in their classes or in the hundreds of clubs, locality and technical. They may be Student Senators, running the student government, or part of the YMCA Cabinet, which coordinates religious activities.

Texas A&M is a place for leaders. We hope you will join us here.

Truman Versus Wallace...

President Truman seems a little late with his denunciation of Henry Wallace, but perhaps late is better than never.

The president's declaration that he would prefer defeat to the backing of his ousted cabinet officer marked a quick shift in campaign tactics.

It acted as a shot in the arm for administration Democrats, gloomy over the Dixie Civil Rights revolt and the threat of Wallace's third party presidential race. New York's loyal sons of St. Patrick responded with applause and yell when the president went outside his prepared text to tell them bluntly:

"I do not want and I will not accept the political support of Henry Wallace and his Communists. If joining them or permitting them to join me is the price of victory, I recommend defeat."

"These are days of high prices for everything. But any price for Wallace and his Communists is too much for me to pay. I'm not buying any."

Most politicians thought the president's move marked a deliberate turning point in his campaign strategy. They expect him to

Spotlight to Stalin...

Diplomatic officials agree that President Truman has flashed a powerful spotlight on Premier Stalin.

But what has them worried is this: Will—or can—Stalin apply the brakes to bring Russia's Communist aggression in Europe to a quick halt in the face of possible steps to build up America's military might?

Or will he decide to grab while the grabbing is good?

"There is some fear that the Kremlin may try to step up its offensive operations in a hurried attempt to extend its control over one or two more countries of western Europe before the United States can act," according to John M. Hightower of the Associated Press.

Hence on the central issue of peace or war, the next month may be the most critical since the summer of 1939.

On April 18, the Italians are scheduled to hold national elections in which the Communist party is making an all-out bid for power.

Moreover, this is the period in which Russia and Finland will be negotiating over a Soviet-proposed military alliance and in which the Russians may make any demands they have in mind on Norway.

In all these prospective events two big military questions stand out.

The first is: What moves will the Russians make to meet the President's new diplomatic offensive?

The second: Will Congress underwrite the

You will have to decide for yourselves whether a sign on a Tuscaloosa theatre marquee is a new high in advertising or a new low in Hollywood publicity: "Little Lulu comedy and the Kentucky Basketeers—Never mind the feature. It stinks." (We have it, on dubious authority, that it was *The Hucksters*.)

Sign on a roadhouse near Newton, N. J.: "Try our Forever Ambergers."

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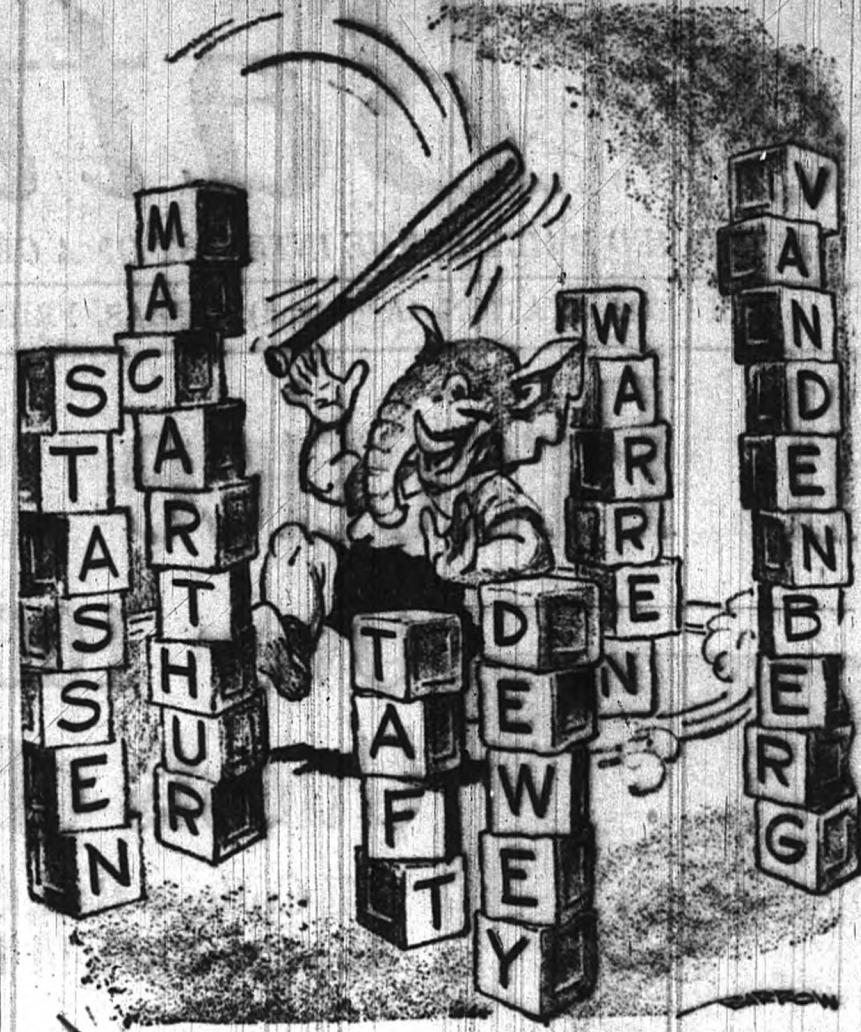
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IN THE PRIMARY STAGE



Plant Scientists Search For New Plasm to Improve Cotton

Introduction of new germ plasm for use in the improvement of American upland cotton is the goal of two plant scientists who left here Wednesday for a three-month exploration in Southern and Eastern Mexico and in Guatemala.

C. W. Manning, agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, has been loaned to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for these explorations. He will accompany Dr. J. O. Ware, senior agronomist for the department, in the collection of seeds and specimens of cotton, beans and other crops for use in federal and state breeding programs.

Leading cotton breeders feel the genetic variability of the upland cotton commonly grown in the United States is becoming too narrow. Ware and Manning hope to find "new blood" to cross with our popular varieties to increase their yield to make them more heat and drought resisting, and better able to cope with the hordes of diseases and insect pests which take a heavy toll on cotton production.

It is known that American cottons grew out of a cross between cotton strains from Asia and from the New World, Manning said. Just when and how these strains came together is the cause of much speculation among plant breeders.

In their search for examples of the original New World strains or

Trampling Out the Vintage...

George Bernard Shaw Takes Violent Stand Against 'Monstrous' Homework Assignments

By LARRY GOODWIN

To George Bernard Shaw, asking children to do homework is simply "monstrous."

"The school managers ought to be warned by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children," observed the playwright. "If they required such overtime, day in and day out all the year around, from the prime minister, the Lord Chief Justice or the Astronomer Royal, they would be certified for a mental hospital."

"It would kill me in a week." Well, asked a Press association reporter, how would Shaw begin if he were a school teacher?

"By threatening to murder my classes if they dared to think of their lessons out of school!"

Well, would Mr. Shaw include college students in his list of the overburdened?

Apparently the Southern Democrats don't have a monopoly on waging intra-party war. The Matthews, man and wife, of Signal Hill, near Long

Beach, Calif., are doing a pretty fair brand of disagreeing themselves.

The couple, Bertrand Matthews, 72, Republican, and Mrs. Frances Matthews, 53, Democrat, are running for the city council in the April election.

Both may be elected from the 11 candidates seeking three council seats.

They have 13 children—whose political feelings were not made clear.

A young woman told the Los Angeles court her husband pulled down the wall bed and began undressing before guests.

Mrs. Elyne Heiser Wilentz, 21 years old, is asking for a divorce, testified that her husband, Seymour, 22, was always moody.

"Once he got up during a bridge game, threw the cards at me and stalked out of the room."

"Did you trump his ace?" asked Judge Fred Miller, who granted the divorce.

"No, but he didn't like the way I played," she replied.

Seeds brought back by Richmond and Manning and by Stephens are now undergoing experiments in Texas A&M College greenhouses and field plots. Expansion of these studies with added participation by the U. S. Department of Agriculture will result from the Ware and Manning explorations.

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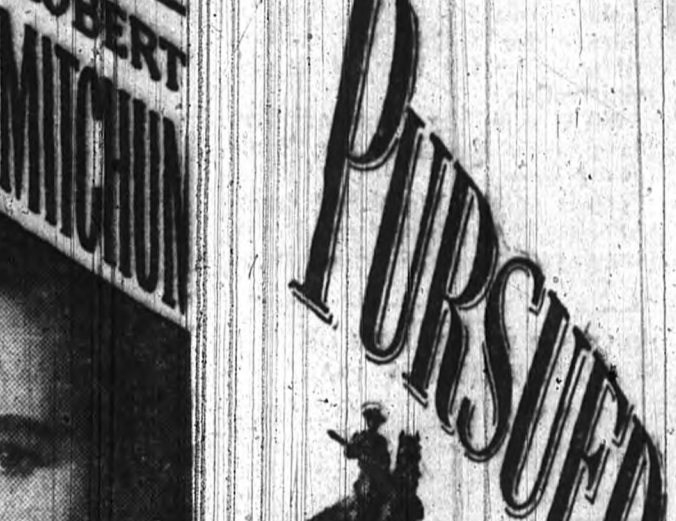
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