### PROGRESSIVENESS

TO THE BATTALION:

The inertia evident in the great mass of our student body is truly deplorable. I am referring to the fact that, whenever there is a chance to effect an improvement in conditions of this school, it is so hard to arouse and maintain the interest of the students and the leadership of those who should lead us. It has taken us years to effect the much needed and long-desired reduction in tailoring prices

And now that we have the best chance we have ever had to get the telephones we need in our dormitories, it seems we are not taking the interest or initiative we should. Some of the organizations, more progressive than the rest in this matter, have plied for phones already. A couple of phones have eady been installed, and from all reports are doing good service. The others that were applied for will be put in as soon as possible. The new dermitories will have telephones. Are the majority of our organizations going to lag behind the more progressive ones, behind the new dormitories, and behind all other collegiate institutions in securing a convenience we have needed here for forty years a facility known and used by civilized people every-

But this is not my point. There are many, many more things we need here (and probably will acquire eventually) such as a union building, a small park with a bandstand where our band and others can give concerts, fountains and rest rooms in many hads and older class buildings in which their lack is a great inconvenience, and innumerable other things. My point is this: If we as a whole show the same inertia, disinterest, unprogressiveness, and lack of leadership generally shown in this matter of securing telephones (which is just one of the for-ward steps we should take to improve our school the standards it should attain) then it will be years before we ever get the other additions, conveniences, and improvements we need so badly here if we ever, through good fortune, get them at

As one of the first steps in this progressive building of our great school, I wish to urge once again that we act now to get the rest of the tele phones we need-and then, more important, keep the same forward-moving spirit in order to succeed in getting as soon as we can the rest of the improvements we need, If we do we will leave the school a much better one than we found it, and we will be dding future generations of Aggies a big favor.

BILL MURRAY, Band Junior

1932

# **ARMISTICE DAY**

#### TO THE BATTALION:

Last Friday it was indeed fitting that the cadet carps of A. & M. College observe Armistice Daythat memorial day when twenty years ago the powers of the world agreed to cease the war of all wars that was to make the world safe for democracy. Today, we stand on the threshold of another great international disput? Just how can we account for the existing state of affairs-is it because we have forgotten or is it because men no longer trust one another? Perhaps both of these factors have contributed to those bloody conflicts which are now in progress on the face of the earth. Therefore, it should be the aim of the present generation to constantly remind the people of the world of that deadly blot on humanity and civilization that was the result of a world at war. It should furthermore be the aim of this modern generation, and especially the youth of the world, to create peace and friendp among men.

Striking evidence of the fact that these two objectives of this present generation are being at st partly carried out could have readily been seen our campus last Friday at noon. It is true that the

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#### ceremonies we conducted here were held in all sin-cerity, but I doubt that a majority of the corps Hollywood Censors Cut Good Scenes. realized the significance of our tribute to those And Give No Explanation for Damage men who gave their lives for us. If my assumption is true, I would contribute the fact to the poor manner in which the ceremonies were conducted. They Hollywood Censorship were very rough, and they could have been improved

Hollywood has its own form of say, They censor when they want one hundred percent if a few words of explanation could have been given prior to the reading of the orship, which was noted most to and no questions are asked. It's extensively in the picture now a shame, such a story had to be showing at the Palace. "Men With Wings" My Wallace the discussion of the story had to be names of those deserving, men. Perhaps, any words of explanation were omitted because of the lack of time at our noon formation. If this was the reason Wings", Mr. Wellman, the direc- Palace-Saturday night Preview, for the omission of the words of explanation, it tor of the picture, originally had Sunday and Monday certainly is a reflection upon the cadet corps. Is thas patriotism? Surely we don't consider ten or planned to have Fred MacMurray fifteen minutes of our time as a just observance of shot down in Spain, early in the Armistice Day, nor neither a just tribute to those picture. The plane that brought Charles Winniger is included. Dick him down was to have been manumen who gave their lives in order that we might reap the benefits of a free nation-a nation which factured with the MacMurray money by his wife, Louise Camp-A STUDENT bell, and his buddy, Ray Milland. Mr. MacMurray was to escape death in the crash but was to get it from the firing squad. As he faced the executioners he was to "Hard To Get", and there is some ask, "What's the war about." Those

of you who saw the picture, did not see this sequence. Follow up on this scene was to Mr. R. L .Doss, the hard-driving editor, chided have been the reaction of his wife

sissy, probably because he fights with his fists, instead of bullets. me for not discussing the elections in this column and buddy. They were to face their Assembly Hall-Friday-Benefit last week. In fact, he went so far as to say I had board of directors and announce Poultry Club disappointed him. Naturally, I hasten to assuage that in the future no more planes would be built for war. That their Just to keep the record straight however, this mission was to perfect commercial column is written on Tuesday or Wednesday each travel throughout the world. The week, and last week that was too early to know in final shot was to show a giant comup in the best of style, the well on the borderline of greatness, the directing and dialogue along the same lines, Ginger Rogers, does a mercial plane ready for flight.

very good job and her stock should An announcer was to say, "all rise because of this film. James aboard for New York, London, Stewart, the tall gangling boy, has mental facts about American politics. One is that Paris, Shanghai, Manila, San Franmade the studio plenty of cash and cisco and return to New York. from the looks of his action in this Again we find no such scene in the picture he will continue to do so. the Republican party far more often than to the final picture. Why the censors in It would have been a hard job Hollywood found that these set for the Poultry bunch to have pickquences were no good is hard to ed a better picture. See it!

#### **Marsteller** Attends Ft. Worth Horse Show

Powell, the singing romeo, who for

some reason or two has not clicked

the way the producers had hoped

he would, is struggling along with

the routine singing and acting

which has so long been in his field,

There are no kicks on the film

praise. It is a fairly good picture

Mussolini has branded Popeye

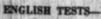
"Vivacious Lady", a comedy done

and should be seen.

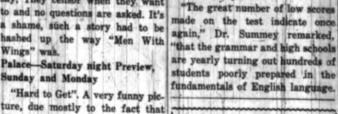
Dean R. P. Marsteller, Head of the School of Veterinary Medicine, returned yesterday from Fort Worth, where he attended the Fort Worth Fall Horse Show. This is one of the best horse shows presented in the entire Southwest.

Saturday we saw the Aggies play While in Fort Worth Dean and their game with Rice, the first and Mrs. Marsteller were guests of only game we have seen this sea- John C. Burns,' manager of the son. It was a glamorous occasion, famed "6666 Ranch" and of the flags flying, horns blowing, and a Burkburnett Estates. Mr. Burns mass of happy humanity. Each was formerly head of the Animal with a smile which added effluvium Husbandry Department of A. & to their hilarity. . . We never M. and is a prominent alumnus of saw the corps march quite so well, this school (1904).

nor make their formation quite so Dean Marsteller saw a number perfect as they did on this occas- of fine horses exhibited at this ion. The band seemed stronger, the show. Among these were "Midnight notes sweeter, the steps lighter; Star," world's champion five-gaiteverything seemed in tune. . . ed horse and winner of the \$1,000 And did that team play! It clicked five-gaited saddle stake. This horse just like a piece of machinery tun- is from the Leisure Hours Stables, ed to perfection. We sought for the owned by Joseph Freeman, wellreason, because we had heard street known financier and sportsman of quarterbacks play the game the San Antonio. Other outstanding next morning after those played winners included "Queen Anne" at Waco with Baylor and at Dallas (winner of the 5-gaited model with the S. M. U. Mustangs, and class), a chesnut filly owned and since 1932. In the normal course of events, there We know now for ourselves the of Fort Worth; and "Royal Fascithey had a different story to tell, raised by Senator Jesse Martin should have been some falling off in the Democratic Aggies are a well coached and nation," owned by James M. North,



(Continued from page 1) three times as many students as in the two lowest deciles survived their scholastic work of last year and enrolled in sophomore English courses this year."





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# **GAME OPINIONS**

Mrs. Lee J. Rountree almost invariably loses seats in Congress in the off-year elections like the one last week. A loss for the party in power is normal. If the loss of seats is so large, however, that the party in power loses control of the House of Representatives, then the party in power is quite likely to lose the presidential

election two years later. Thus the Democrats elected Cleveland in 1892, lost control of the House in the election of 1894, and lost the presidency in 1896. The Republicans elected Taft in 1908, lost control of the House in the election of 1910, and lost the presideney in 1912. The situation was a little unusual during Wilson's terms, inasmuch as he was re-elected in 1916, at a time when the Republicans obtained a minute margin over his party in the House. The Republicans increased the margin greatly in 1918, however, and practically following the axiom, they won the presidency in 1920. The Republicans elected Hoover in 1928, lost control of the House by a slight margin in 1930, and lost the presidency in

Because Mr. Roosevelt has had such a hold over the imaginations of the voters, or for some other reason, the rule has not been strictly followed strength in the House in 1934, but instead, the Demo-trained team, and that they have editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telenore seats in the House, so that the two parties held seats in the ratio of 335 to 89. (In the Senate that the strategy of Coaches Nor- we can always find some excuse of 1940

Democratic party, in the years since 1860. For example, up to the end of Mr. Roosevelt's second term in 1941, eighty years will have passed since 1861. Democrats will have held the presidency during Democrats will have held the presidency during EAGLE EDITOR terms out of twenty. Since 1889, the Republicana GIVES SATURDAY'S will have controlled the House of Representatives

for 16 terms, or 32 years, and the Democrats will have controlled it only 10 times, or 20 years-still counting to 1941. We should remember, also, a point that has be THE BRYAN DAILY EAGLE dome almost an axiom in politics. The party in power

is a blessing to humanity.

BY DR. R. P. LUDLUM

**ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS** 

The Elections-At Last

his disappointment by discussing them this week.

In trying to get at the significance of last

week's voting, we should remember several funda-

this country normally is conservative. In practice,

that has meant the country has been attached to

detail how the elections had come out.

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All this goes to reduce the magnitude of the Republican gains last week. Nevertheless, the Republicans did gain. They had the maximum success they could reasonably expect-a thing they have not had in some years. A more respectable minority is established in Congress, and more state administrations, also, have become Republican.

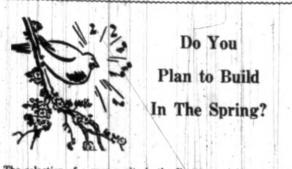
One feature of the conservative trend was the defeat of the progressives who are members of independent parties. Phil LaFollette lost the governor-ship of Wisconsin, men like Amlie were defeated for Wisconsin's Congressional delegation, and the Farmer-Labor party lost in Minnesøta. Many progressives within the Democratic party also were defeated. These defeats may indicate a change of heart on the part of the voters, which, if it is more than temporary, will have an important bearing upon 1940.

"Poems and fireflies. They represent our lucid intervals and glow only for a moment." Poet Robert Frost, addressing Ohio Wesleyan students, added, on the subject of what to write poetry about: "I would say, begin at pleasure and arrive at Wisdom. Too many young poets want to write about philosophy at first." And Allen Ttate of the University of North Carolina faculty advised literature students that "Second readings are necessary for a complete understanding of poetry."

For the first time in the history of American football a game will be played without the point after touchdown when the University of Detroit and Santa Clara meet at Sacramento, California, Sunday, November 27.

as much spirit and fight as any

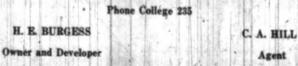
Of the 335 Democrats elected to the House in inspiration that brought about the one of these wolves that are alton, Rollins and James were the if they didn't. But we are not 1936, about eighty were elected in districts normal- success of the occasion, not by their ways blaming it on the coach or ly Republican, and had margins over their Republi-training and skillful coaching, for the umpire, referee, or linesman, can opponents of less than two per cent of the that is not everything, but by be- etc., etc. We try to be a good sport votes. It was therefore to be expected that the Demo- ing on the bench with the boys, and take defeat like one. It is not crats would lose those eighty seats this year. About giving them a word of encourage- all of a game just to win, but it is the same situation, in proportion, obtained in the ment and a gentle pat on the back how you played it. If every player Senate. Sure enough, the Democrats have lost just as they sent them into the game, can come out of the game with a about eighty seats in the House, and eight seats which is worth as much as train- clean conscience for having given in the Senate. Of course, the Democrats still have ing. The power of "the pat on the the best that was in him, when he control of both houses by wide margins 69 to 23 back" cannot be estimated. It fires has done as much as the most, in the Senate, and 261 to 170 in the House, not the soul and stirs within emotions whether he won or lost. . . . Long counting scattered independents in either house. that make men super human for may the maroon and white wave Thus the Republicans have not won control of the House, and our political axiom gives them no cer-always for the Aggies and we al-but lose or win, may it never train ways think they will win until in the disgrace of having played after the game is over, and then unfair. . .

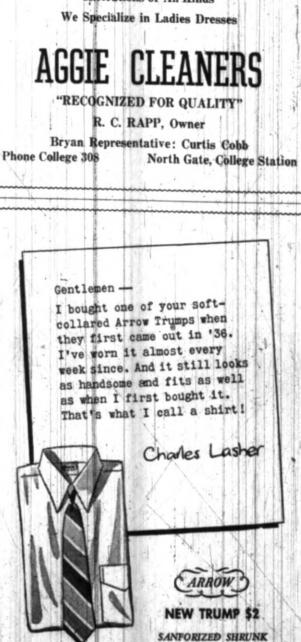


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