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Law or Personality . . . ?

From the very beginning the United States has based its legislative authority on the principle that a sovereignty should be a government of laws and not a government of personalities. This concept is guaranteed by the Constitution and each of the state constitutions embodies the same doctrine.

The founders and leaders of government since have realized that even the power granted a benevolent despot might be abused especially if that grant was hereditary. In accordance with this they provided for an executive whose tenure in office is limited to four years at which time the people again express their choice for an administrative authority. Fearing even such a limited delegation of authority it was further provided that there would be three independent branches of government. These three branches, executive, legislative, and judicial, still function to carry out the principle of government by law.

Institutions other than those governmental can surely profit from the lesson to be drawn from the administration of the United States. Any institution employing a diversification of authority and dealing with large masses of people should consider carefully the method by which its laws of procedure are fixed and carried out, especially if that institution survives for more than one generation. With changes in directorship occurring every few years it is entirely possible and altogether plausible that the original purpose of the institution may be buried beneath the personalities of succeeding administrations. This will not always happen but it is certainly something that should be considered.

Administrations governed by laws which are supreme seldom make irreparable mistakes. Without doubt the supreme law should have provisions for amendment but the law nevertheless should be the guide by which an administration functions.

A Victorious Season . . . ?

Monday evening after mess the corps participated in the first yell practice of the summer. Monday afternoon the dressing rooms on Kyle Field were crowded with 150 football hopefuls. Which group had more spirit? The number of men reporting for football alone answers that question.

The torch was lighted and the first stick of welding rod was used last night in the beginning of that process which welds the corps into the "Twelfth Man." That intangible thing which makes A. & M. stand apart began to take shape last night.

Before it is complete the corps will have to spend many hours in yell practice, watching the team work out, and preparing itself for those Saturday afternoons of standing during the game.

Now is the time to nourish the smouldering flame into a consuming conflagration that will sweep the corps and the team through football season to another Southwest Conference Championship. Eleven men on the field may be able to do it alone but the corps must never let the opportunity to support the team pass. The manifest support of every man enrolled at A. & M. is needed.

OPEN FORUM

Editor The Battalion:

The letter in the Open Forum about the trophy case is true. All Aggies should consider that as a part of their responsibility. Why couldn't the different companies assign a detail to clean and polish the trophies?

As it now stands, those trophies look neglected. It surely does seem that the Aggies do not care what happens to the things that have been won for the school.

Robert Lutz, '47.

Home Town Club News

San Antonio Club To Meet Wed. Night

There will be a meeting of the San Antonio Club in room 212 of the Academic Building at 7:15 Wednesday night.

The purpose of this meeting is to complete arrangements and select committees for the club dance to be held September 30, after the Aggie-Texas Tech football game, said R. W. Smith, club president.

Houston Aggies Meet In Academic Bldg.

The members of the Houston A. & M. club will meet in room 110 of the Academic building at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

Plans for a dance to be given during the holidays at the end of the semester will be discussed, said Tommy Penn, club president.

In order to make the dance a success, all Aggies from Houston are urged to be present and get in on the fun, said Penn.

Outstanding Speaker Engaged for Local AIEE Chapter Meet

Francis Calvert, cable specialist for General Electric, will speak to the student branch of the AIEE Wednesday night at 7:15 in Room 102 Electrical Engineering building on cables and their applications.

Calvert spoke to the Houston chapter of the AIEE Monday night. According to A. E. Salis, EE professor at A. & M. who attended the meeting in Houston, Calvert is one of the outstanding cable specialists in the nation with extensive world travels adding to his experience.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday but because of the itinerary of Calvert the meeting was moved up to Wednesday. Paul Olschner, chairman of the local student AIEE, said that A. & M. was fortunate to obtain an outstanding speaker in the person of Calvert.

Last year 4-H Club members bought and sold \$30,000,000 worth of War Bonds and Stamps.

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence.—Webster.

DON CHERRY, Field Artillery bandsman '45, writes from Ft. Belvoir Va. that he is engaged in a process commonly known as officers candidate school. It is rather odd that an old artilleryman should wind up in the engineers but that is war.

Don's real reason for writing was to inquire about the miniature ring that is available to qualified persons for use as an engagement ring. Just another example of a poor Aggie succumbing to the lures (artificial bait of a Tessie.)

Fortuitous thought

SOME PEOPLE get engaged and some get engaged to marry. That is a peculiar statement but it is thought provoking especially when the frivolous femmes are considered in the picture. Take the case of the fraternity pen or he stuck his pin on her sweater as she stuck him in the pocket.

News Can Be Spread

Thoughtful information is often times read and then cast aside and forgotten with never a thought of passing it along to some other person that might be interested in the same thing. If a person gleans a bit of information or knowledge along the way he should pass it along to his parents, friends, and associates. They may be interested. It is not a mistake to clip things

that express a thought clearly and send them to someone else. Many times desirable results culminate such a practice and other times support is gained for a cause or purpose.

Weekend Rambling

SUNDAY NIGHT the gravel along the paths crunched out a tale of blissful weekend as wandering Aggies sleepily sought the hay. The pebbles spealed all night and into the morning as thumb-tired cadets dragged their soles (This kind of soul too.) along the paths to the dormitories.

It was quite a weekend. Dallas got its usual share as did Houston, Ft. Worth, Waco, San Antonio, Austin, and other little places from which Aggies come and go back to see the attractions left behind.

Dan McGurk and Johnny Dibrell coasted in from the Alamo City and reported that things were lively but not nearly so lively as they will be on Sept. 30 when the Aggies take time to howl after beating Texas Tech.

"Bill" Bilderback insists that he spent the weekend in Fort Worth for recreation rather than "wreck-recreation". There is a difference.

Someone, a very bashful person, reports that the Ubangi Club in Houston is under new management and what a management. This fellow sends his daughters to TSCW (See BACKWASH, Page 3)

:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

Rent profiteers are still "making hay" on uncontrolled commercial rents which have, in some cases, risen as high as 149% in some cities while owners of residential property are forced by the government to rent at an actual loss in a great many instances. There is no present probability of commercial rent control.

Donald Nelson is being sent to China for several months in order to get him out of the way while big business interests try to gain control of reconversion and distribution of surplus goods. He has been fighting for the interests of the little business and the general public.

The Dumbarton Oaks Conference on post-war cooperation got under way yesterday with the United States, England and Russia represented. Russia wants the three big nations, with the possible aid of China, to run the world after the war and the President of the U. S. has already declared a cooperative world police force with the small nations taking part and wants the big three to retain the military power and to keep it under their individual control. Governor Dewey has denounced the practical exclusion of the small nations from a voice in the future.

Admiral Kimmel, former commander of the navy, charges that Senator Truman, the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, lied in his magazine article which laid the blame for the Pearl Harbor disaster on the shoulders of Kimmel and General Short. Kimmel and Short have never been permitted to tell their side of the story to a court-martial.

The Texas political situation is fast showing similarities to the 1928 pre-election campaign which resulted in Texans deserting the Democratic party for the first time since the War Between the States. Once more the Democrats are split wide open over the question as to whether or not they shall support the national ticket.

Six A. F. of L. and C. I. O. representatives are touring the battlefronts in France. The army hopes they will come back and help discourage strikes in the essential industry. In the meantime several questions have been asked as to who authorized their tour, how they got priority over essential men and material, and who is paying for their little vacation.

Meanwhile, Organized Labor in Italy, after working for the Germans for very low wages, is now demanding higher wages for work done for the freedom of their nation.

Most South American Nations are now reported to be supporting the recent "stern attitude" of the United States toward Argentina.