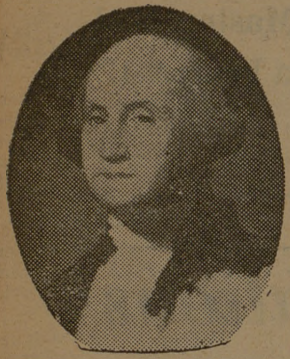


Not Marble . . .



Such reverence has followed George Washington since his death that we have almost forgotten the man, while worshipping the marble. Yet Washington was very much a human being, not a statue. His reputation comes from the fact that his calm, cool mind made it possible for him to resist even the greatest temptation that came his way: the offer of a king's crown.

We all pay lip service to our first president: it would be intelligent of us to learn as much as we can about him. Recently Howard Fast's novel "The Unconquered" presented a new and human portrait of the general. Claude Bower's "Jefferson and Hamilton" first published some years ago, gives a picture of the first president from Jefferson's point of view. This book presents Washington as a man who could be fooled by the Hamiltonians, only so long as they kept him in the dark about their intentions. Washington's honest wrath when he discovered the truth destroyed the Federalist party, and made Washington bitter in his later years, but proved once again the absolute incorruptibility of "The Father of His Country."

A Year at West Point? . . .

The long-standing differences between West Point and the National Guard resulted in the National Guard Association adopting a resolution at its last convention in Buffalo, N. Y., which said in part:

"The members of this Association feel that, with a few noted exceptions, the leadership of West Point graduates in World War II proves conclusively that four years at that institution does not build the best democratic leadership. . . a four year course of training is wrong in principle and will contribute materially to the caste system so firmly established in the Army today, and so firmly controlled by West Point graduates."

Under the NGA plan, a one year course at West Point would be offered to college graduates, the theory being that college boys will be more mature and less likely to be taken in by West Point indoctrination, and will go out less "caste" conscious than the four year West Pointer allegedly is.

Of course, there is a lot of bitterness and suffering from emotional wounds behind such proposals, but the NGA'S proposal provides food for thought. While it may safely be admitted that West Point trains some valuable Army leaders, it cannot be denied that officers trained in military colleges such as A. & M. and through the National Guard are in much closer contact with the civilian point of view and with democracy at work.

The NGA'S proposal in its war against West Point has little chance of being put into effect as long as the Academy continues to turn out such men as Eisenhower, MacArthur, and Bradley, and incidentally, winning football teams that consistently beat Navy. But the fact that such a thought is even entertained is indicative of an unhealthy condition. Perhaps someday Aggie-trained officers will provide the criteria for the "perfect officer" rather than the West Pointers.

Brotherhood Week . . .

Today we come to the end of Brotherhood Week, which celebrates the successes of the American Melting Pot. In Texas we can look with pride at the way certain groups have been absorbed into full citizenship; we have to look also at two huge groups that have not been assimilated at all.

This part of Texas was originally settled by Anglo-Celtic groups who swarmed into the territory from the American South in the days before the revolution. Now, thoroughly integrated with that group, we have large numbers of Germans, Czechs and Poles. The derogatory words "kraut-head," "bohunk," and "polack" are unknown here. All are Texans and Americans.

Of the two unassimilated groups, we have one, the Negroes, who do not seek assimilation but rather a just and equitable parallelism. That is a goal for which we should all work, white or black.

Of the Hispano-Americans in Texas, some have been assimilated, but some most definitely have not. One hears much of the problems of the Negroes; little of the problems faced by "Mexicans" who may never have been in Mexico. Some families have been in Texas ever since this was Mexican territory!

No one has done more to improve Mexican-Texan relations than Cesar (Dutch) Hohn of this college, whose work with migratory laborers has attracted national attention. More power to Hohn and those like him!

Jefferson Winners . . .

Two Southerners were named this week as winners of Thomas Jefferson prizes for the advancement of democracy during 1946. But were those professional Southerners, the Senator Claghorns, happy about the awards? Never! For the winners, ex-Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia and Dr. Homer P. Rainey of Texas, represent the new south rather than the "Old South."

Thomas Jefferson was a southerner, a Virginian, and a true democrat. In recent years the south has consistently supported Democrats with a capital letter, but has been dubious about democrats with small letters—those to whom democracy is not a political party, but a way of life, as it was to Jefferson.

Arnall and Rainey are examples of the new, potent south which competes on even terms with the rest of the country, and refuses to continue sorrowing over a war lost two generations ago.

It is not necessary to have voted for Rainey in the Texas election last year in order to appreciate the man. No politician, he violated all the "professional" rules on how to get elected, and still got into the run-off. That takes something. Now he is back at work in his own field of education, as president of Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. He stands high among educators nationally, and will probably be appreciated in his native Texas 10 or 12 years from now, when time has dissipated the bitterness of the Texas University fight.

The Brazos Bottoms' Bugle . . .

Things are back to normal at Texas U. The Ranger has been censored. February copy was held up by college officials, and unless the rag comes out with many blank pages, it probably won't come out.

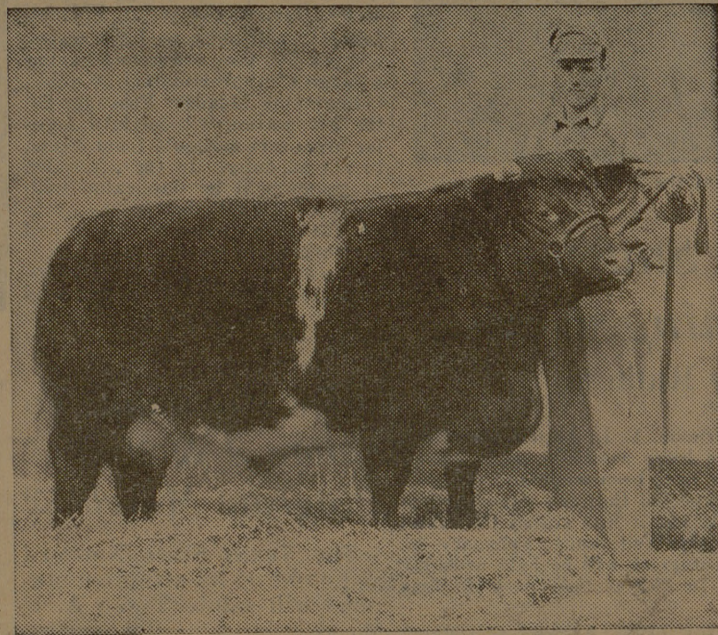
President Painter is reported to have become annoyed at the Ranger when Life Magazine reprinted its January "cheating" article. That article, it was feared, made the nation think all 'Sips were exam cheaters. But the February deletions are said to be political in nature.

Every time Texas U. gets a splurge in Life, troubles follow. Remember when their football wonder-team got their faces on the front page of Life on Thursday, only to get their faces under TCU's paws on Saturday?

Heard on WTAW

Table with radio program schedules for SUNDAY, MONDAY, and TUESDAY, listing times and program titles.

Whatta Beef Stew This Would Make . . .



Champion Steer To Be Here Feb. 23-25

Royal Jupiter, the International Grand Champion Steer, will be shown at a free exhibition in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion, February 23-25.

The \$14,490.00 Shorthorn, is being sent on a 22,000 mile education tour by his purchasers, The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

To keep the Grand Champion in the same peak condition which won for him first place over every other steer shown at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, Firestone has provided him with an actual "Palace on Wheels". The "palace" is a huge truck and his every convenience any steer born to the purple cow could demand.

Large plexi-glass windows along the truck's sides cut down any sun glare and also allow the Grand Champion to look out on the countryside as he travels form one area to another. Also the "palace" is air conditioned and contains its own heating plant.

His own special diet and the water to which he is accustomed is stored in the truck. Firestone has covered the floor with Foamex rubber to cushion His Highness against the jars and jolts of the road.

If the Grand Champion should want music, a record player built into the truck can be tuned immediately to the Blue Danube Waltz. Reports from Oklahoma A & M indicate that Royal Jupiter prefers light classical music rather than swing or boogie-woogie. He has definite aversion to roadside hamburger and barbecue stands.

Over 63,000 World War II veterans are studying farming right on the farm under two Federal laws administered by Veterans Administration.

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Nationwide Protest Mounts On Michigan College 'Probation'

Students, professors, civic and labor leaders, churchmen, and veterans joined the growing nationwide movement protesting action by the administration of Michigan State College placing all members of American Youth for Democracy on "permanent disciplinary probation" for distributing a leaflet on campus supporting a Michigan FEPC.

Heading the list of prominent national leaders speaking in defense of student rights, R. J. Thomas, vice-president of the United Auto Workers (CIO), declared that no one should "be fooled by this red-baiting as just an attack on the American Youth for Democracy or the Communist Party. This (Governor) Sigler is aiming at the labor movement and uses as his opening barrage the old red-baiting softening-up process to divide our ranks."

Other prominent leaders who have expressed support for the students of Michigan State included William Jay Schieffelin.

Rev. Jack McMichael of the Methodist Federation of Social Services, Dr. Gene Weltfish of Columbia University, Mary Lou Williams, pianist, Rose Russell, President of the Teachers' Union (CIO) George Pirinsky of the American Slav Congress, Gaherine Earnshaw of the New York City CIO Council, Hazel Scott, and Henrietta Buckmaster.

Locally in Michigan, a campus wide faculty-student committee for Academic Freedom has been formed at the University of Michigan by one hundred professors and virtually all student leaders. The Michigan Student Veterans Association, representing 43,000 student veterans, meeting in convention at Ann Arbor, stated "we deplore hysterical attempts to abridge or suppress freedom of speech or assembly and strongly urge the government of the State to devote its entire energy to the solution of the pressing problem of housing, restrictive radical quotas, and inadequate allotments for public education."

Wayne U. Joins Fight An Academic Freedom Committee has been formed at Wayne University in Detroit. The Wayne students passed a resolution declaring that the students "commend the principles of Wayne University which, in accordance with the best traditions of American democracy, permits freedom of expression and the opportunity for an objective exploration of diversified points of view." Geoffrey White, Student Affairs chairman of the Harvard Liberal Union, telegraphed the intention of his group to act in behalf of the Michigan State Students. Twenty-five student leaders from colleges in New York, including Brooklyn, City, and Columbia Colleges, also

Lost Bicycles at Security Office

Twelve bicycles, each with no apparent owner, have been found "roaming" the campus. These bicycles were picked up by the Campus Security cops and are being held by them until their rightful owners make claim. If your bicycle has strayed, check with the Campus Security in Goodwin Hall.

Letters

WANT'A SAY A FEW WORDS Dear Editor:

This is a letter to the person or persons (unknown) who visited my room during the wee hours of the morning February 18. I wish to thank you for the 36¢ you so thoughtfully left behind after your visit. I assure you that I am eagerly awaiting a second call and will do all in my power to make this visit more interesting than the last.

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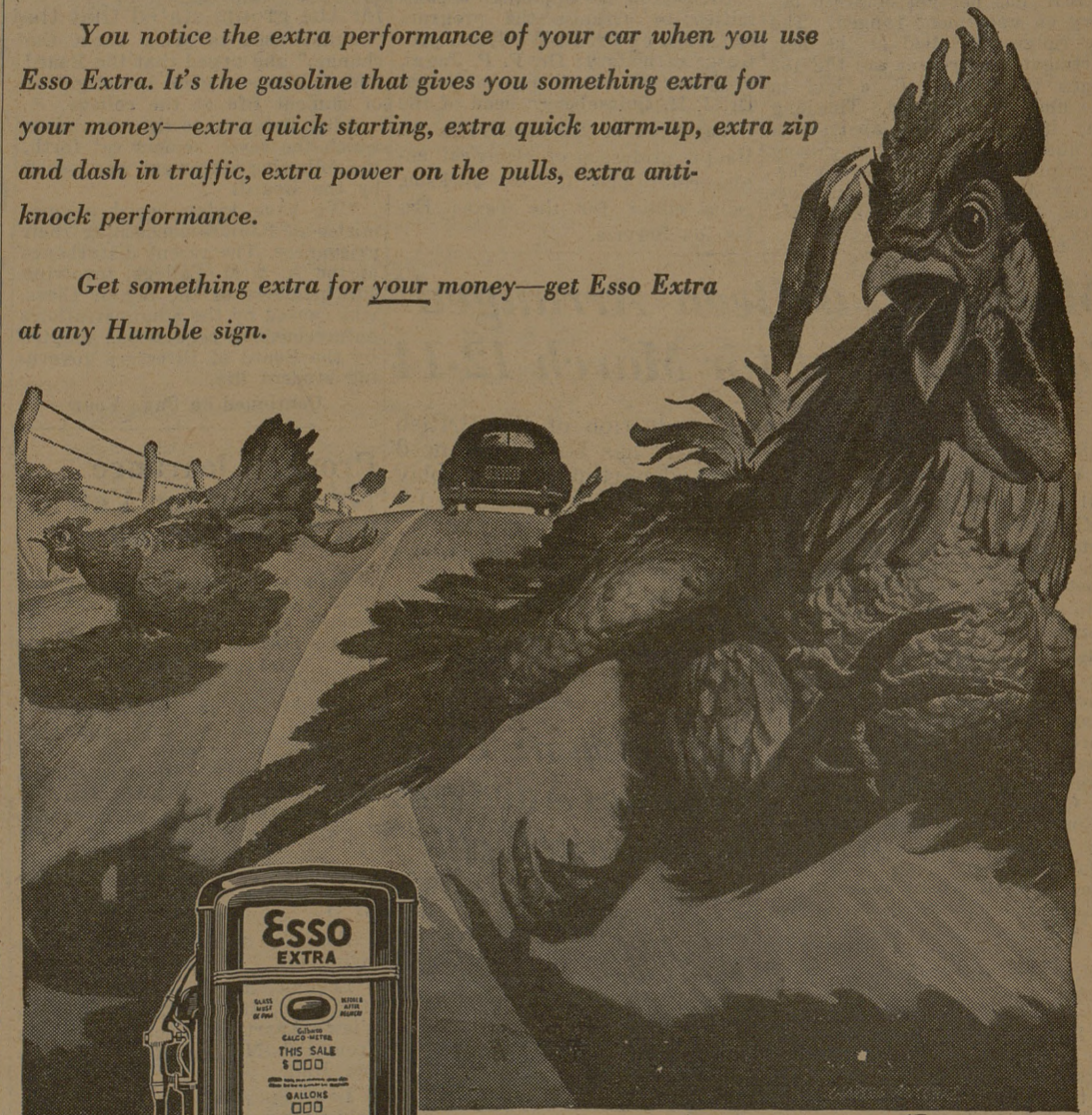
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