

Oh, to Write Editorials ...

Because we could hardly hope to put it better, we pass along these thoughts by the editorial writer of Oregon State College's Daily Barometer :

"On a big city daily, the editorial board usually consists of old-time newspapermen who grew up with the wire service and the who grew up with the wire service and the telegraphic photo and who have felt printers' ink surging through their veins for at least the last two decades. Their only duty is to write editorials, and they have a library of files and reference material at their fingerfirst tables covered with fine linen and scrutinized by the strap-hanging commuter heavy with insomnia and regarded as the ence of wisdom.

"Now consider the plight of the poor Barometer board member. Instead of being housed in an office surrounded by scholarly associates and without a lifetime of reporting and editing behind him, he has spent a year or possibly two on the Barometer, and yet the editor expects him to interpret current

What Is 'The Farmer'

What is the American farmer really like?

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Several U. S. Congressmen, members of the joint agricultural committee, tossed bitter insults at each other recently, defending their own ideas of what farmers were like, and blistering others for disagreeing. We would hate to be sworn on a witness

stand and be ordered to tell exactly what the average Texas farmer is like. We've seen some on the backroads, living in tumbledown

hanties. We've seen some on the country

highways, in neat houses surrounded by flowers, with a water-tank behind the house

and REA lines carrying electricity. We've seen some fairly palatial homes on the bot-

Rep. Gross (R-Pa.) threw the joint ses-sion into an uproar as he accused the agri-culture department of "deliberate false-hoods, downright lies" in its description of

the plight of the average American farm

Gross bitterly denounced this statement put into the record by Assistant Agriculture Secretary Charles F. Brannan, describing

department presentation urging Congress

"typical farm family." "They live in an old house, either in ser-

toms, on many-acred plantations.

family.

and rats in the barn."

living conditions.

campus happenings with a Mencken-eye and by a few whisks of the typewriter keys solve the problems of the hour in a few minutes. "Such is hardly the case, though, for editorial writer Joe is usually burdened down with about seventeen hours of home ec or education and a weekly slate of noon meet-ings, board meetings, club meetings, nights at the printers, and, on rare occasions, an hour or two with his baby. When he sits down at the typewriter he thinks about get-ting home to dinner and more often about how wonderful his bed is going to feel (whenever he gets around to slipping into some PJ's).

(whenever he gets around to suppling into some PJ's). "Who his reading public is he never knows—until he slips up!! Then the devil breaks loose and he is taken aside by the editor and shown a little pile of letters which stormed in in protest of so-and-so being al-lowed to write such stuff as this for a college mublication. publication.

"But, like a journalism prof once said in a moment of weakness, it's good training."

Like? ...

As MacKenzie Sees It

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

HOSE NICKEL IS THAT

Attlee's Cabinet Shake-Up Is

British Prime M i n i ster Attlee's drastic shake-up of his Labor (Socialist) Cabinet —the ousting of five minis-ters and the demotion of fuel and power minister Emanuel Shinwell, powerful left-wing leader—is notable develop-ment, both in life of England and in relation to the general het-a man with a big following. to the general Small wonder then that the ques-tion immediately should arise whether Shinwell's motion repre-sents a Socialist swing to the right. Several London newspapers expressed the giew that it was, European eco-nomie crisis, Mr. Attlee's

paramount ob-ject clearly is to secure the

to secure the utmost govern-mental efficien-cy for dealing with Britain's life and death struggle against the great depression. Having recently created Sir Stafford Cripps as min-ister for economic affairs, with virtually dictatorial power in that field, the Prime Minister now is surrounding his key man with new executive talent to strengthen the machine. Some thigty posts are involved in the reshuffling and fir-ing. All in all it's an encouraging demonstration of John Bull's in-tention to see the crisis through.



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Letters

SPECTATOR Editor, The Battalions

Editor, The Battalion: We read the letter to you in Wednesday's Battalion. We do not have a sarcaatic remark to reply because the letter in itself is enough sarcaam for one week; but we do want to point out our thoughts on the matter. Tour editorial on "The Texas Spectator" was one of your best. The heading "Texas Stands to Lose. . Again" is factual. This state is lacking dreadfully in lib-eral minded people. It has too many people who don't care, don't have the interest, and are too laxy to fight and vote for the rights of all the citizens. These people just read the propäganda put out by the big boys through their tagers and vote accordingly, when they vote. When someone has the nerve and the courage to stand up for the right and tell the people the inside is quickly criticized, blackened, and broken to silence. It is a shame that such people are financially un able to put forth their ideas with

by the big boys through their papers and vote accordingly, when I they vote. When someone has the nerve and the courage to stand up for the right and tell the people the inside truths on issues as he sees it, he is quickly criticized, blackened, and I broken to silence. It is a shame that such people are financially un-able to put forth their ideas with the same force and endurance as the others. True, the "Spectator" did hit A. & M. on last spring's incidents. They hit hard and with ideas that awoke the lazy people of Texas and put them to thinking. But the mass of the people don't like to think, and no wonder, since some-one else has done their thinking for so long. It is people like Mr. Barnes, who, becoming angry with the "Spectator", say it did the school harm. We ask you to look back and see how many big papers of Texas tried to see and seek the truth and both sides of the ishue

government spokesman declar

ed this idea was without founda-tion. Well, maybe the prime min-ister wasn't making a gesture to the right, but we can be excused for at least wondering. Centainly he wasn't swinging to the left.

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THE WOMAN ON

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Just received .

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GUILTY

ROBERT SUSAN

as did the "Spectator". There were few, if any at all. Mr: Editor, your editorial was real stuff and a tribute to a fine paper that has guts. How about more like it? J. A. SHORTAL, '49 R. I. ALTERMAN, '50 (Ed. Note: We feel that Mes-sieurs Shortal and Alterman missed the subtle, sarcastic gist of Mr. Barnes' letter toward the Battalion, not the Spectator. We are glad to see that the Spec-tator will be missed by others.) BOOT-CAMPS" ABANDONEE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 The Navy is definitely all air, three of its wartime it enters, at Farrigut, Idaho, Wallace, Texas, and Norman





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to take steps toward improvement of rural Gross said "this is an untruthful, malicious indictment of farm families. It is an is like.

sylvania gentleman describes them, we now have the millenium and we might as well

areas, since "I lived on a backwoods Indiana farm in Indiana for many years and I know something about flies, gnats, mice, mosquitoes and rats.'

ditions with your department's activities in trying to break the market?"

Brannan, in his description of farm conditions, said family income in rural areas is 56 per cent less than that of "their city counterpart."

to the farmers in any particular area but taking an average based on statistics on facilities of farm homes.

debate on farm living conditions by pointing out that one half of the farmers produce 90 percent of farm commodities, while the other half produce only 10 percent.

We hear a lot about "doing something for the farmer." But it seems the folks in Washington can't even agree on what a farmer



rural people in some areas of the country live "in tumble-down shacks." He said the farmers of Gross' district, in Lancaster County, Pa., are not average farmers, that they have "accumulated wealth for genera-

"It seems to me," Poage shouted, "If con-ditions on the farm are as good as the Penn-

adjourn these hearings now." Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) said: "I am not prepared to take exceptions" to the des-cription of living conditions in some rural

But, he asked Brannan, "how do you re-concile your description of farm living con-

He told the committee, that in discussing typical farm family, he was not referring

ious disrepair or perhaps unrepairable. They are without running water, telephones, cen-tral heating or a bathtub. If they have electricity, it is still new enough to seem an innovation. The windows and doors are poorly Chairman Hope (R-Kas.) closed off the screened. Flies attend every meal, spring and summer. There are mice in the kitchen The statement was made as a part of a

Helpful for Long-Range Peace By DeWITT MACRENZIE