

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Shall Bryan Rents Go Up?

Tonight at 7:30 there will be a public hearing in the Brazos County Court House, Bryan, to determine whether or not rent controls should be continued in this area. No one is more affected by this question than veteran students living off the campus. How many will appear at the meeting?

How Professors Teach . . .

(First of a Series)
One result of last week's guest editorial "Shall We Rate Profs?" was the receipt by the Battalion of an envelope which contained discussions from the 1946 Teaching Seminar held by the A. & M. School of Engineering. These reports indicate that many teachers are well aware of teaching weaknesses and are anxious to correct them.

It is impossible to discuss intelligently the question "Shall We Rate Profs?" unless we have a clear idea of what our teachers are trying to do, and how they are trying to do it. Therefore The Battalion will publish, in several installments, some of the findings of that seminar.

(It should be borne in mind that these discussions took place in the Engineering School, and might not be applicable to the Schools of Agriculture or Liberal Arts.)

Teaching is a profession, comparable to engineering or other professions.

When a man accepts a position as a teacher he assumes certain responsibilities.

When the engineer accepts a position as a teacher he enters the profession of teaching, and teaching becomes his major profession: He is no longer only an engineer, but a TEACHER OF ENGINEERING SUBJECTS.

The profession of teaching requires certain qualifications, abilities, training, and objectives the same as other professions in their respective fields.

The man who enters the profession of teaching should learn the objectives and techniques of the profession the same as he learned those of his profession of engineering.

When something goes wrong in industry professional engineers start research studies to find the cause of waste, failures, loss of

'American Ideal' Defined . . .

One of the more popular present-day catch phrases and subject of oration is the "American Ideal". The excessive bantering of this high sounding, but so far unidentified, national creed leads one to wonder just what its composition is.

Nelson Poynter, editor of the St. Petersburg Times, offers what is at least one concise version. Addressing the annual meeting of the Florida Press Association, Poynter told the newsmen that America is "irrevocably committed" to eight political and economic ideas. In other words, the ideas are that men can govern themselves, that we can have world-wide law and order with justice based on voluntary consent of the governed instead of government by force, we can resolve every political, economic and social problem through our courts and other government machinery which we create—and control—through the ballot, and that government is the servant, not the master of the individual. Further, free men can produce more than slaves, political and individual freedom are not incompatible with maximum production, human rights are more important than property rights, and freedom of expression, religion, assembly, petition, property, habeas corpus, trial by jury and others guaranteed under the Bill of Rights are not luxuries.

The Florida editor concluded his listings with the declaration that "we must prove that we can produce more printing, more shoes, more health, more security, more homes—and more fun—than the totalitarians can offer."

In several countries governments are forming which will assume the position of world powers in short order. It goes without saying that the world and the individual will be affected tremendously by the paths of government that these nations choose.

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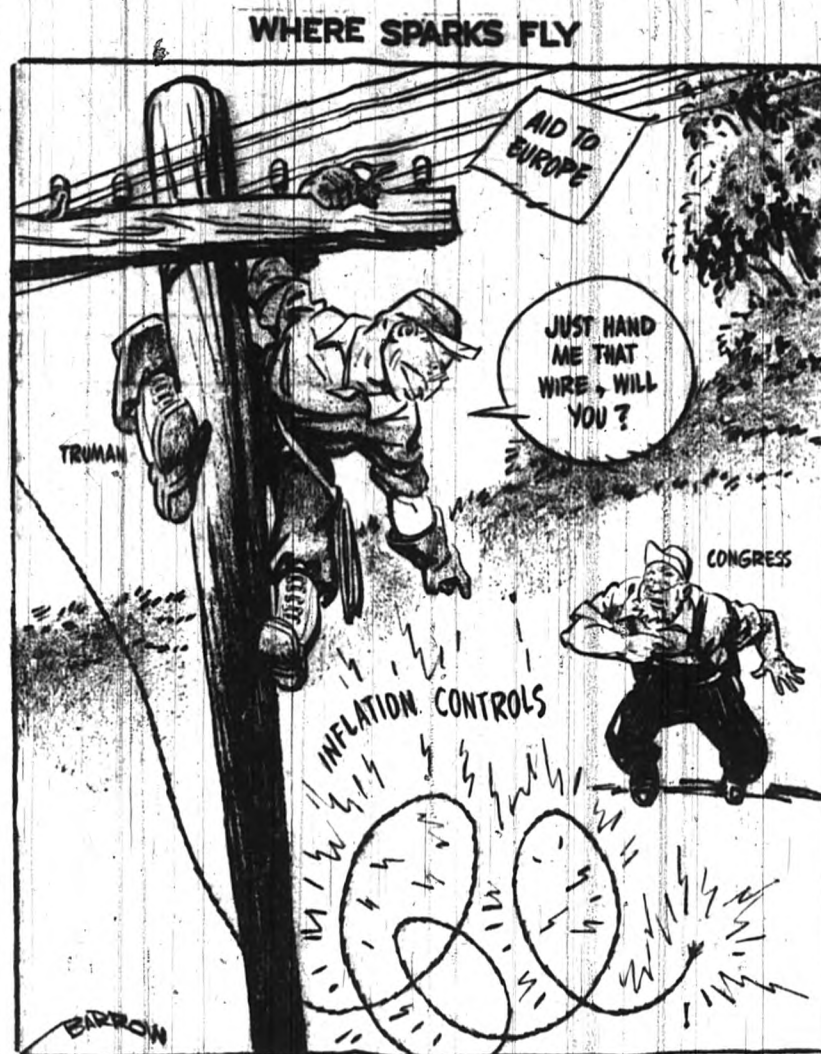
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On The Screen . . .

Innocent Prosecutor Against A Woman's Wrath-Boomerang

By DAVID M. SELIGMAN
Technicolor was an asset that could be relied on to replace a poor screen play. Well here's where the audience can like or dislike the movie but still get its money's worth in beautiful scenery. Mounting and pictorial backgrounds are the stars of this film. The actors do well under the load they bear but the theater-goer derives little benefit.
Sordid and unpleasant as the movie is, you will have difficulty locating a sympathetic character—it's filled with nasty people going out of their way to be nasty to one another. For a plot the picture has a story with too many illogical incidents to stick together.

★ THE LATE GEORGE APLEY (Queen, ThES). Seeing the screen version of John P. Marquand's novel should prove a delightful experience for sophisticated audiences. Bringing back that memorable actor Ronald Coleman as the lead puts life in the character of Apley just as you imagined in the story.
Satire is seldom successfully produced on the screen, but this is one of the exceptions. The subtlety of its action and the method of handling is such that the surface humor remains undisturbed. A brilliant script and excellent direction plus a strong supporting cast of Peggy Cummins, Vanessa Brown, and Richard Hayden make this film one to see.
★ DESERT FURY (Campus, FS). Several days ago we said that

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WICHITA FALLS A&M CLUB, 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Room 208 Academic. Will make final plans for Christmas banquet and dance.
AGGIE AERO MODELERS (Formerly AEROCRAFTS) 7 p.m., Wednesday, Room 108, M. E. Shops. Movie will be shown.

BRYAN COLLEGE STATION A&M CLUB, Thursday, Dec. 4, Room 305 Academic Building. Plan for New Year dance.

COLORADO AND FAYETTE COUNTY A&M CLUB, 7:30 Thursday, South Lounge of the YMCA. THE COOKE COUNTY A&M CLUB will hold a special meeting Thursday night at 7 in Room 207 of the Academic Building.

EAST TEXAS CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, YMCA Reading Room.
FALLS COUNTY A&M CLUB Thursday night in Academic Bldg. Room 128 at 7:30 to plan Christmas Dance.

HEART OF TEXAS CLUB, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, M. E. Lecture Room.

MARSHALL A&M CLUB, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Room 207, Academic.

NAVARRO COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, Room 224 Academic Building.

PALESTINE and ANDERSON COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Room 307, Academic.

PANHANDLE CLUB, Thursday night, 7:30 p.m., Room 228 Academic Bldg. Plans for Christmas party.

VETERANS WIVES BRIDGE CLUB, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, YMCA.

Letters

NO FOOTBALL!
Editor, The Battalion:

I watched newspaper reports of many football games over the nation. After some of the things that went on this fall, I think it about time that football be discontinued as an intercollegiate sport at all our institutions of higher learning.

Today there is too much commercialism, too much professionalism, too much dishonesty for it to be continued.

After all it interferes with the primary purpose in going to college—the securing of an education!

GROVER STEWART

Guion Hall

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Boomerang!

Darryl F. Zanuck presents **DANA ANDREWS**
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Produced by **LOUIS DE ROCHEMONT**
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Heard on WTAW

THURSDAY
5:45 Sign On
5:45 Recorded Music
6:00 Texas Farm and Home Program
6:15 Coffee Club
7:00 Martin Agronsky
7:15 Rotary Club
7:30 News of Arzicland
7:45 Tik Tok Time
8:00 Breakfast Club
9:00 My True Story
9:30 Betty Crocker
9:45 Dorothy Kilgallen
10:00 Breakfast in Hollywood
10:30 Galen Drake
10:45 Ted Malone
11:00 Welcome Travelers
11:30 Record Rack

Bryan News
Bunkage Talking
Varmy News
Music for Thursday
Walter Kierman
Ethel and Albert
Bride and Groom
Ladies Be Seated
Paul Whiteman Club
Treasury Show
Afternoon Music
Rev. McDaniels
Milt Horth Trio
Spartan
Terry and The Pirates
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Sponsored by THE HORTICULTURE SOCIETY of Texas A. & M. College
to be held in the main dining room of SBISA HALL

SOLVE YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT PROBLEMS

Orders for gift boxes of Texas grown citrus fruit will be taken in the dormitories, and orders may also be placed with the secretary in the Horticulture Department.

Prices of these "Bushel Boxes" are as follows, with shipping charges not included:

- "Executive Package" (12 Ruby Red Grapefruit) \$0.60
- Imported Bamboo Mexican Picnic Basket (mixed) 1.00
- Marsh White Grapefruit, Seedless Bushel box 3.60 Standard crate 4.75
- Ruby Red Grapefruit, Bushel box 4.60 Standard crate 6.50
- Oranges, Texas Special, Bushel box 4.10 Standard crate 6.25
- Mixed White Grapefruit and Oranges, Bushel box 3.85
- Mixed Ruby Red Grapefruit and Oranges, Bushel box 4.35