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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

How About Bronco Bowl? . . .

This "Bowl" business is getting us dizzy. At last count there were 26 officially-recognized bowl games scheduled for the holiday season, six of them in Texas, with 12 Texas teams scheduled to play.

Just to name the bowls where Texas teams will play, there are the Cotton Bowl with Southern Methodist (and the junior Cotton Bowl with Odessa High school taking on the Massachusetts high school champs); The Sugar Bowl with Texas U. (and the junior Sugar Bowl at Monroe, La., with Hillsboro J. C.); the Sun Bowl with Texas Tech; the Delta Bowl with TCU; the Dixie Bowl with Arkansas; the Harbor Bowl with Hardin-Simmons; the Kickapoo Bowl with Hardin College; the Boys' Ranch Bowl with McMurry; the Texas Rose Bowl with Tyler J. C.; the Silver Bowl (in Mexico City) with Randolph Field; the Negro Capitol Bowl in Austin with Anderson and Moore High Schools; and perhaps the Salad Bowl with North Texas.

Fear of the A-Bomb . . .

A terse announcement from the Atomic Energy Commission early this week seems to be a clear indication of our national policy toward Atomic Energy.

Designating isolated Eniwetok Atoll as a proving grounds for research on "new fundamental data," the commission announced that the area will be shut off completely from reporters and foreign observers and be under full security restrictions at all times. Although the commission insists that peaceful as well as military applications of atomic energy will be studied, their reply to queries on nuclear fission weapons was vague and evasive.

Our two possible lines of atomic action have long been apparent. With a present advantage of superior scientific data, equipment, and minds, we may press the situation with as much dispatch and secrecy as we can muster and hope that we maintain the lead in the atomic handiwork race.

On the other tack we may lay bare our store of nuclear knowledge to the United Nations, and (some say) thus indicating our peaceful intentions and abandonment of the whip hand, encourage a strong and lasting super-national control group.

The pacifistic plan has gained a great deal of impetus through the works of Albert Einstein. The father of atomic energy contends that a position of secrecy will lose more by fear, and antagonism from other nations than it will gain in security. He feels that Russia will mellow from a more friendly approach, especially if she sees herself being the single holdout from a successful international group. And if at any time we lagged in our position as nuclear weapons

At present writing, the last bowl is uncertain because the University of Nevada has refused to play North Texas on the ground that it is not a "name school." Perhaps the identity of the Eagle's rivals will be kept secret until game time, and the opposition team will come out, wrestler-style, wearing masks.

With all these bowls, it seems as though the Texas Aggies ought to be playing somewhere this New Year's Day. After all, the Dixie Bowl at Birmingham, one of the fairly large bowls, has booked Arkansas, which tied with A. & M. for fifth place in the Southwest Conference.

Do you suppose somebody ought to hire Bronco Stadium in Bryan and stage a Bronco Bowl? They might invite A. & M. and Baylor to play a return match. That would take care of all Southwest Conference Teams except Rice, which has refused all bowl offers. Certainly the game would be better than some of the advertised "bowls" this year.

pace setter, our concentrated industries and highly developed urban life would make us vulnerable to attack.

Groups advocating a strong follow up of our war-gained superiority scoff at the idea that Russian socialism can be softened, and see in our slightest wavering an engulfment in a wave of Red.

Either of the moves is a risk, and it can now be only a question of which is less of a gamble. The proper approach will be made certain only by history, but for at least the time being our national policy seems to be one of rapid, clandestine, furtherance of our atomic whip-hand.

How unsure we are as to which course should be followed was well illustrated in the excellent moving picture, "The Beginning or the End?" which was shown at Guion Hall this week. The title tells the story. Does atomic research mean the beginning of a new and greater civilization, or the destruction, without salvage, of our present culture?

Arnold Toynbee, great historian of cultures, says that civilizations collapse when they are weak and rotted within, and then experience some great challenge from outside. Reassuringly, he says that though one civilization may be wiped out, another will eventually take its place, and etes many instances when civilizations passed away, but left descendants. Our own culture is a "child" of the Hellenic civilization which crashed about 500 AD.

But it is cold comfort to speculate about our successors. If we can solve the problem presented by the atomic bomb, our civilization can remain for at least a few more centuries.

Professors Criticize Selves . . .

(Third of a Series)

Professors are as well aware as anyone of what faults teachers may have, judging from remarks made at the School of Engineering's Teaching Seminar.

Asked the question, "What were the faults of teachers who worked on you?" members of the A. & M. engineering faculty gave these answers:

- Failed to create interest of the student in the subject.
- Talked too long at a time.
- Poor or sloppy personal appearance.
- Would not admit he did not know.
- Expected too much of the student.
- Taught over the heads of the students.
- Forgot that they were once students.
- Not interested in the subjects themselves.

Showed partiality to certain students. Failed to organize the course. Did not keep up to date on his subject. Tried to prove to class how smart he was. Emphasized how "dumb" (several specified cases were given) the student was.

- Distracting mannerisms.
 - Monotonous voice.
 - Trailing sentences.
 - Just serving time.
 - Indifference.
 - Read the lecture.
 - Had a poor sense of humor.
 - Lacked preparation for lessons.
 - Had a poor blackboard technique.
 - Did not look at papers turned in.
 - Did not abide by course objectives.
 - Failed to analyze the subject matter.
- (To Be Continued)

2 x 2 — 3,999 . . .

A mathematics instructor at the University of Miami was showing his class how to use a slide rule. As an example he solved the elementary problem of 2 times 2. The slide rule showed the answer to be 3.999. "I think," he mused, "we'd be safe in calling that 4." (ACP)

'New Look' . . .

One of the more telling blows to the "new look" was dealt by a cartoonist at the University of Syracuse. One male observed loudly to another as a long-skirted co-ed passed, "Well, there goes another bow-legged one!" (ACP)

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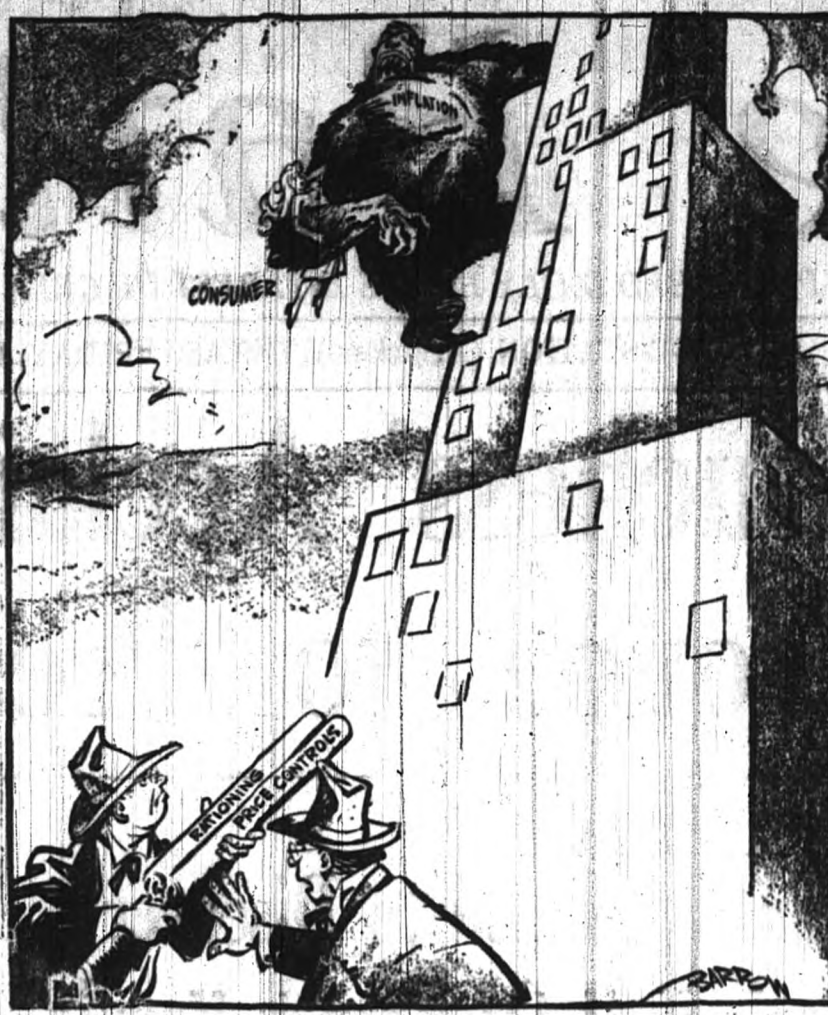
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On The Screen . . .

Crawford's Out to Keep Her Man Now That He's 'Possessed'

By DAVE SELIGMAN
POSSESSED (Palace, SprSM). Joan Crawford has another opportunity to run the gamut of emotions in this dramatic addition to the psychological film cycle. Her portrayal of a possessive, frustrated woman is matched by Van Heflin's performance as an attractive heel and Raymond Massey who adds power and dignity to the role of a middle-aged suitor.

The theme is a tragic episode which deals with a mentally ill heroine who is drugged by her doctor for questioning about her past life. Skillful use of flashback sequences under the expert direction of Curtis Bernhardt makes this film quite interesting.

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FARMER'S DAUGHTER (Guion SM). For a new plot with sparkle and pep see this RKO production starring Loretta Young, Joseph Cotton, Ethel Barrymore, and Charles Bickford. Set against a background of national politics, this Cinderella story contains a preaching in Americanism and Democracy which is so well hidden by good scripting, handsome mountings, and sterling performances that it's not the least distracting.

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December 16 will mark the opening date of the 1947 Horticulture Show which gets under way at 8 a. m. and continues through 10 p. m. December 17. This is the second show since the affair was resumed last year after being interrupted by the war in 1942. It is sponsored by the Horticulture Society with all horticulture majors participating.

The Horticulture Show, which had its origin sometime prior to 1916, is the biggest event of the year for the Society. The objective of the first show was aimed at promoting educational aspects. By getting fruits and vegetables from all parts of the country, students could get a better knowledge of different varieties. It continued like this for several years until about 1935 when the interests gradually turned commercial as well as educational. This year the society is emphasizing the educational interests.

Since its beginning the show has been held in many different places over the campus. Last year it was held in Sbis Hall. This is a central and convenient location so it will be held there again this year in the main dining room.

The display of citrus always makes up a large portion of the show and this year more vegetables will be included. Several bushels of sweet potatoes from East Texas will be on exhibition and approximately 600 pounds of pears will be on sale during the show. Another attraction will be apples from Oregon, New York, Virginia, and Arkansas. For each

ed in hopes that they will inspire growers throughout the state to produce better quality products thereby inducing a greater consumption of Texas-grown fruits and vegetables.

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