Battalion EDITORIALS

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1947

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Congratulations! Well Done!

In the excitement of the Thanksgiving, performance as superb. To many old grads Day festivities, many of the 41,000 fans who among the spectators, the band "looked betsaw the annual game with Texas may have overlooked what we thought was one of the best performances ever given by a college organization.

We refer to the half-time performance of the Aggie Band. All season in Baton Rouge Fort Worth, Houston, and here at College Station, the Aggie Band rendered its usual precise half-time drills. These have won for the 140 members of the Piggie Band wide praise from fans and alumal alike.

But Turkey Day, the band seemed to put forth the little extra effort that tabbed its ter than it ever has.'

Certainly, the showing topped anything in the Southwest this year. The timing in the intricate criss-cross was perfect and the marching letters proved an innovation which attracted wide-spread notice.

Not only has the Aggie Band fulfilled its role as the backbone of the Twelftth Man, but its snappy formations have given the school wide recognition of which it has a right to be justly proud.

So to the members of the Aggie Band, and its Director, E. V. Adams, The Battalion says "Congratulations for a job well done!"

ganda, to degrade?/

BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

Freedom of **Press Defended** Two Years Behind The Times ...

It was during one of those cold days last week and Mr. Clifford H. "Bump" Staffer was in a hurry

He hustled into the Administration Build-ing and hurried over to the directory on the bulletin board. His bony finger, shopworn from punching typewriters in the newspaper offices that had enjoyed varying degrees of . prosperity over the country for the past 20 years, ran down the list of rames, stopping at "Student Activities, L. M. Collins, Room

Upon finding out where Room 3 was located, "Bump" stepped into the office. a hot story on the line.

"May I-see the director of student activities, please?" Bump asked innocently, "I believe his name is Mr. Collins."

"Why Mr. Collins left here in 1945," came the reply from the secretary. "He was re-placed by Mr. Joe Skiles."

"Well, may I see Mr. Skiles ?" Bump asked undaunted.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Skiles left in September,' the secretary said steetly.

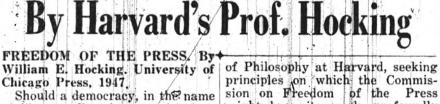
ministration Building, a woman entered, went to the bulletin board to determine where she could find Byron Winstead, di- FREEDOM OF THE PRESS Byrector of publicity. The bullettin board show- William E. Hocking. University of of Philosophy at Harvard, seeking

ed Byron Winstead was in Room 329, In Room 329, the woman learned Mr. Winstead was no longer director of publicity, in and to the community? Does and brilliantly re-examines the contrary to the bulletin board, "but could liberty cover the right to lie, to foundations of freedom of the press Mr. Shuffler, who WAS the Director, help defame, to issue distorted propa- in philosophy and law. He declares her?"

Of course, Mr. Shuffler was down stairs in Room 210 (the bulletin board indicates Room 210 is occupied by the Dean of the College and the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences) and Winstead's office is oc- with faith that a pruned liberty. cupied by Bishop Clements, assistant to Shuffler.

ing growth? Within the space of ten minutes, similar incidents occurred. An ex-student, not familiar with the workings of the new order, tions, our traditional liberalism walked into Room 5 (allegedly the offices of will be on the prisoner's dock, says student publications) and asked the Comp-troller's pert young secretary for his copy of dom the 1946 Longhorn (Ed. note: He got his In John Milton and John Stuart

Longhorn all right-two days later when he Mill, freedom of expression found finally stumbled on to the offices of student two noble champions. Their philopublications in Goodwin Hall) and a repre- sophy became the basis for our Determined, Bum p stuck his chin o'ut sentative of the Southwest Paper Company own deep-rooted devotion to liber-



DELIVERING THE GROCERIES

INST PUT IT DOWN OMEPLACE

of liberty, allow harm to be done might base its work, profoundly that in a modern state freedom is

both a value and a conditional Does the principle of toleration require tolerating the intolerant? right; freedom of expression exists as a moral right only as the ex- Editor. Battalion: Or should abuse be checked and pressor assumes responibility to confusion limited by firm communthe needs of the consumer. For in ity action for the common good, a world of mass communication and global war, the consumer, no longer will repay the injury of the prunfree not to listen, has a right to ing by a stronger and more endurthe facts reported fully and truthfully. Until the individual citizen and

Professor Hocking develops a the press answer the above quespress, in view of experience, out water instead of scraping it off of the very nature of man, society, law, and government. His book re-

states our claim to freedom. MOLOTOV NAMES PRICE

listed \$10,000,000,000 (ten billions) reparations and repeal of the eco-

Trampling Out the Vintage .

Acute Case of Intelligence or Mild Case Of Baldness Question Raised by W. Va. Ordinance

find two large, gaping holes which

weren't the armpits. I can under-

stand why an old shirt might meet

with an accident after faithful

more cases.

service, but I could have played

We're not asking the impossible

AGAIN !!!!

WARNER BROS

DARK

An ordinance which a Huntington (W. Va.) councilman has introduced, limiting the price for cutting bald-headed men's hair to 25 cents, has brought up a question which can be argued back and forth as long as man keeps sprouting hair. Just what degree of absence of hair does it take to make a man baldheaded?

Edgar Saltus refers to the high foreheads which are said to denote intelligence by those who have them, but he does not say how far back and high forehead continues to be a high forehead and past what dividing line it becomes instead, active baldness. We have seen some high foreheads that went half-way back to the nape of the neck but we have not seen anyone who could say whether this represented a mild case of baldness or acute case of intelligence.

Among ineluctable questions, "When is a man bald?" ranks right in there with "Which comes first, the chicken or the egg?" If it has not been solved in the libraries and the universities-and it hasn't — it doesn't look like the problem has solution in the barber shops.

There will be, first of all, the customer who is not really hald at all, but who is very economical and, who will demand the 25-cent hair-cut. There wil be first, last and always the really bald men who would rather pay any amount than be classified as bald, and who may be hurt terribly if the barber doesn't overcharge them.

For them, the difference is not the price of a haircut—it is the price of reassurance that they took O.K.

NO JUSTICE

Joseph Klus, 28, an attendant at a service sta-tion in Chicago, obeyed when two gunmen drove up and said: "Give us the company's money.

Mr. Klus took a roll of bills from his pocket, neeled off \$10 and gave the bandits \$65. "What is all this?" one of them asked.

MESS HALL MATERIAL

Mrs. Alfred Discust of Rensslelaer, N. Y., was still in the best of scondition following her Thanks-giving Dinner for twenty-three, prepared entirely by herself.

The dinner, for 16 children, six guests and herself, was comprised of a twenty-five pound tur-key, a peck of petatoes, twelve pies (four apple, four mince and four pumpkin), five pounds of grapes a pound of coffee and three pounds of nuts. There was also ice cream. "It's a matter of routine," said Mrs. Daoustt. "I just put a little more in each kettle."

WORLD PHACE VIA POLGAR

Dr. Franz Polar, widely traveled Psychologist (his travels have carried him to A&M where he performed at Guion Hall last spring), said in Chicago last week that we could have eternal peace and quiet if he were permitted to hypnotize world leaders for five manutes. "If they would let me," Polgar said, " I could do it over the radio."

He believes that while he had the rulers of the world under a spell he could beat some sense into their heads.

The doctor is more than a hypnotist. He is a mind reader as will. He travels more than 100,000 miles a year giving lecturers, shocking learned pro-fessors and coing stunts that folks can't believe unless they see them. At Guion Hall, he hypnotized a whole stage full

of people within a minute.

Once he offered to contribute for free his evening's carnings of \$1,000 if the management could hide his check where he couldn't find it among an audience of 2,000. They stood guard over him in his dressing room while they hid the check under a man's upper place back in the middle of the

He found his paycheck in short order.

ails wrinkled like folded tinfoil which is SOP at A&M), but it eems to me (and numerous othrs) that since we have to pay or it, clothes could be sent and eturned from the laundry without having to convert them into mine rags or spare handkerchiefs. Don't get me wrong, I'm not laming the Batt, but I hope it frouses somebody who can do omething. Is there any such erson? Will anything be done? Can anything be done?

> Sincerely, Name Withheld by Request)

TYLER, Yex., Dec. 9 (P) A runaway plane with no pilot, ast reported over Henderson at 0000 feet at 12:15 p. m., was being sought over East Texas Yesterday.

O_D A Y — WEDNESDAY AND

THURSDAY

"Lady in The

Lake"

with ROBERT MONTGOMERY

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Double Feature:

ARTHUR BANK Rex HARRISON

Notorious Gentleman

TILLI PALMER GODFREY TEARLE - GRIFFITH JONES and MARGARET JOHNSTON and Guy Middleton - Jean Kent

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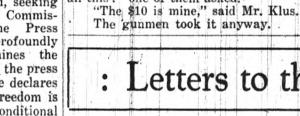
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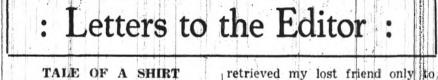
as "HOPALONG CASSIDY"



I am but one of a multitude who share the same gripe at least once a week; that is, when I untie my neatly bundled laundry.

football in this shirt and not done Is it too much to ask of a launit half the harm. Another exdry, even though it does a treample is a new khaki shirt which looked as if someone had starded mendous volume of work, to return a shirt in one piece? Couldframework of principles for a free n't they wash the dirt out with the cuffs in concentrated sulfing acid. Then a bed sheet with a ripped corner, coveralls with a

torn shoulder, and if I /thought An example of this is the case of hard enough I could recall many the mangled sport shirt which was sent only last week. It wasn't an expensive shirt, only costing about LONDON, Dec. 9 - (P)-Foreign \$3.00, but it was new-brand new. I We like our collars ironed back-Minister V. M. Molotov Monday excitedly opened the bundle and wards then crushed, and our shirt



and said, "Well, may I see the director of tried to find the A&M Press in Room 19 as body of lay and underlined our

and said, well, hay i see the director of student activities, whoever he is?" "I'm sure I couldn't tell you," she said, "you see, this is the Comptroller's office. Student Activities was moved to Goodwin Hall three months ago." Slowed, but with the will of the reporter still burning brightly Hamp thanked the sweet young thing and dependenced into the

The case of Bump Stuffer was not a would provide a less entertaining, if more champion. The Emeritus Professor strange one, however. As Bump left the Ad-

the bulletin board indicated but succeeded theory of freedom of the press, Soviet agreement to the economic in obtaining only a demonstration from the holding that every man possesses employees of the photographic and visual an inalienable, unconditional right aids lab, now occupying the office.

All in all, the fight to find anyone in the maze of misdirections in the Administration reliable news and services, and the Building is a hard one, but front line reports extreme power which the agencies sweet young thing and disappeared into the indicate the battle may not be lost. Who of communication wield have placed street, still in quest of student activities. He knows? The bulletin board may not always this laissez faire notion of liberty gave a departing snear to the bulletin board as he left the building. I be two years behind the times, even though a change bringing it up-to-date admittedly has found a change bringing it up-to-date admittedly has found its twentieth - century

"To learn specific technical procedures.

"To understand background of events . . .

"To practice creative thinking !'

The student's appreciation of the purpose

of the course would help evaluate his evalua-

Have we, as students, enough intellectual honesty to rate our teachers intelligently?

That is the crucial question in the debate on

whether or not we should ask to "Rate the

making such a rating, or we wouldn't even be in college, But some teachers, reading this

series of editorials, have asked if Aggies

wouldn't so arrange their ratings as to dis--tort flacts, voting "good" on pipe courses

which take little time and trouble, and voting

"bad" for all courses which assign a full load

of homework, outside reading or theme pre-

ually, and ask if we would vote honestly,

No one can flatly answer to that accusa-

tion. We must look within ourselves, individ-

We presumably have the intelligence to

Profs" at the end of each semester.

tion of the teacher.

nomic merger of the British and unification of Germany.

to utter his own opinion.

Today immense technological advances, the increased need for

STEWART



James

in Robert Riskin's





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the 1947

HORTICULTURE SHOW

Dec. 16 & 17 - 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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 "Gift Boxes" are as follows, with shipping charges not included:

"Executive Package" (12 Ruby Red Grapefruit). Imported Bamboo Mexican Picnic Basket (mixed). Marsh White Grapefruit, Seedless

> Bushel box . Standard crate ...

\$2.25

4.25

3.60

One More Word On Ratings...

Before ending this difension of student ratings of teachers' performance, there are several more points to se considered. The problem of evaluation is importaint as is shown by the fact the Association of Land Grant Colleges, at its last pational meeting, Grant Colleges, at its last national meeting, set up a committee to investigate such sug-gestions on a country-wide scale. Their dis-cussion, of course, concerns not only rating of teachers by students, but by department heads, administrators, and other means. One feature asked by most teachers and administrators that as forward by

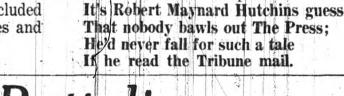
administrators is that some safeguard be made against in esponsible reports by in-ferior students. One suggestion under con-sideration here is that though the reports would be unsigned, each student might be asked to mark his own grade-point average on the report on the report.

Perhaps it would be well to include at the top of any blank for rating teachers these questions for the student to answer first: "What do you understand to be the pur-pose of this course: (Mark only one)

"To learn fundamental facts for use in later courses

A story descriping weekend depredations read as follows in the Fast St. Louis (Ill.) Journal:

Other week-end police activities included the burglary of two stolen automobiles and theft of a car and bicycle? P.S.—The police didn't like it.



the Press Commission report:

The Battalion

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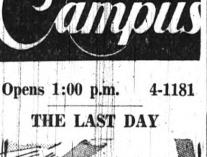
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given such a chance. It we convince ourselves that we would be honest, then we may legitimately press the "Rate the Profs" idea. Delos Avery, writing in the Chicago Trib-

une, commented thusly on the Freedom of Guy de Maupossant's



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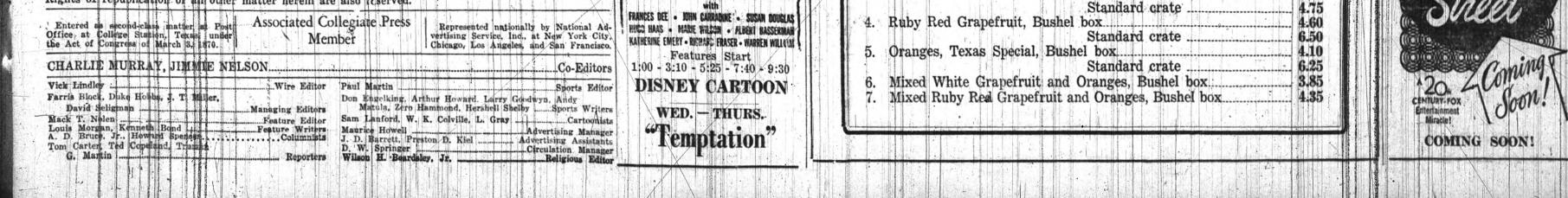
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