

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Benney Meyers and Capone . . .

The sordid case of Major General Bennett E. Meyers, now before a Senate investigating committee, not only brings to attention the back-handed double-dealings of an American Army officer in time of war, but also, and possibly of more ultimate importance, a great gap in the American judicial system.

Meyers utilized his influential position to issue war contracts with which to line his own pockets. Not content with reaping a huge profit by boosting the prices of the products of his American Electric Co., a crime in itself worth full prosecution, Meyers went even further to set up dummy jobs in the company and collect the salaries. Thus, he stands as a traitor to the American war effort rivaling Benedict Arnold.

And, under what charges is this saboteur prosecuted?

### Income Tax Evasion!

That's the only charge at present under which the Justice Department can ask for Meyer's indictment. For apparently, income tax evasion is the only crime this scoundrel

is technically guilty of committing.

Not even the Army itself, it seems, can lay a hand on Meyers. Retired August 31, 1945, Meyers is, technically, not subject to Army control now, even though he is drawing over \$500 retired pay. The Army is having its difficulties trying to recall him to duty so that he might undergo court martial proceedings.

The whole incident recalls the case of Al Capone, the infamous Chicago racketeer, who, after years of draining the pockets of the "little people" in Chicago, was finally convicted—not of racketeering but of income tax evasion.

And it looks like that's about all the Justice Department will be able to pin on Meyers, truly one of America's most greedy double-crossers of all time.

It would seem that a country that is willing to spend billions to preserve its way of life, would be interested enough IN that way of life to provide adequate means of punishment for those who fail to appreciate it.

## A Forest With No Trees . . .

From the Attorney General's office last week came a new listing of subversive or suspected subversive organizations, and though tagged as incomplete, it received a lacing for reticence before the ink was scarcely dry.

Chairman J. Parnell Thomas of the House Committee on Un-American Activities branded the listings as "utterly farcical" and offered to lengthen them several times over with names from his own files.

Among those present on Attorney General Clark's report were the Communist Party, the German-American Bund, the Ku Klux Klan, Columbians, American Youth Congress and the now-disbanded Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense. The last part of the release contained the names of ten schools, principally on the East Coast, labeled as "adjuncts of the Communist Party".

The listings are to be used in checking loyalty of government workers, and Clark insisted that membership in one of the designated organizations would be considered only as "one piece of evidence" in any particular case.

The designations are timely and the purpose admirable, but in the forest of communists we hope Attorney General Clark doesn't lose sight of the trees.

Our court systems have habitually leaned over backwards to preserve individual characteristics from group inclinations and only its continuance will keep us from a genuine witch hunt. If the national prosecutor should ever waver along these lines, he might observe the recent vagaries of General Meyers and add the name of the United States Army to his pages.

(Church notice in the Denver Post)

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—New Yorker



## : Letters to the Editor :

### COMMON DECENCY?

Editor, The Battalion:  
For some time your editorial column has campaigned for a broader educational program for the school, but after last Saturday night's exhibition in Guion Hall it seems that what we need most is a course in tact and common decency.

The occasion for the outburst was the appearance of a choral group of attractive young women, always an explosive element on the campus, from the University of Texas. After making an extended trip with no compensation for the purpose of entertaining the Guion audience, they were met with one of the most dismal and childish receptions ever seen here. Aggies have always been boisterous and exuberant, but in this instance they were loud, inconsiderate, and bordering on profanity.

Possibly some of the members of the chorus were in a small way flattered by the whistles and cat calls from the audience. An equal number probably felt as though they were in a burlesque house patronized by high school freshmen. Certainly the violinist for the group made an overly long and too heavy selection for the occasion, but her poor selection was no justification for the bad taste shown in the jeering and urges to stop that greeted her at each pause. Aggie hospitality has come to a sad end when a member of the faculty has to verbally slap our wrists during an intermission in order for the show to continue.

What brought on all this boorish conduct? We have always had a number who were rude and overbearing, but at the week-end show there was far too much volume to

have been generated by a mere few. Possibly the border line extroverts became overwrought and followed the poor example of our two percenters or maybe football season is too recently passed.

If the causes are obscure however, the results are obvious. If we continue at this rate we can be assured of no more entertainment in Guion than last year's movie releases. Also our slowly improving outside reputation will take a reversal and our local blackeye will grow darker.

Aggies have always had an irrepressible, masculine appeal. Our nationwide reputation is that we are sometimes rough, but never crude. The Guion Hall incident has something of the effect of a respected guest spitting on the floor of his hostess's home.

(NAME WITHHELD)

### "AGGIE SPIRIT"

Editor, The Battalion:

In Monday's Battalion there was a letter that was written by one who seemed to be dubious about the amount of spirit that prevailed on the campus in '44 and '45. Not having been here in '44 I can not vouch for the quality or quantity of traditions and spirit then. But I will say that I will put the spirit that was shown in '45 up against the spirit shown in any other one year and will be certain that the spirit of '45 would equal it if not surpass it.

With pride,  
Bernard Kitchens, '49  
(Ed note: Was it the amount, or the quality, that was questioned?)

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## Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

# Husband, Chickens Accidental Victims Of Trigger-Happy Holiday Hunters

The objective was a deer but Mrs. I. W. Morris of Philadelphia bagged her husband near Richmond, Va., recently.

Her husband, I. W. Morris, 33, also of the Quaker State, was reported in "satisfactory" condition at a hospital in Richmond following a hunting accident in which he received two shotgun wounds.

Morris and his wife were hunting deer on their farm near Williamsburg, Va., when the accident occurred. A caretaker accompanying them on the hunt said the Morrises were hidden in brush along a fence-row when Mrs. Morris, in the excitement of the hunt, fired at the first thing she saw moving.

Two blasts from her 12-gauge double-barreled shotgun struck Morris in the hip and stomach, according to Sheriff V. W. Lovelace who investigated the shooting. Morris was taken to Williamsburg hospital and then taken to the Richmond Hospital for removal of the shot.

Mrs. Morris, when questioned by reporters, had "no comment."

### TARGET: PROWLER-VICTIM: CHICKEN

Roused from sleep by a disturbance in the hen house, James Patton investigated with a shotgun. He aimed the gun at the hen house open door, demanding: "Come out, I've got you covered."

Patton said his dog's cold nose touched his unclad leg, startling him so that he fired both gun barrels. The thief, man or beast, then fled. Next morning Patton found 11 dead chickens, which were promptly prepared for the table.

### TARGET: FISH-VICTIM: DEER

Three Kalispell, Mont., fishermen came home from a fishing trip with a buck deer—and they didn't have a gun along.



DeWitt O'Neill, Shirley Anderson and Elaine Hoover were trolling for trout on Flathead Lake when they saw a deer swimming. O'Neill lassooed the animal after six tries.

### "MRS." BUTCH

Consternation reigned recently at Pennsylvania Military College when "Butch", the school's football mascot, gave birth to a litter of cocker spaniel puppies.

After thinking the situation over, cadets finally reached a decision. Henceforth, "he" will be known as "Florence."

## Florist's Course To Be Presented

A short course for commercial florists will be held on the campus January 20 and 21, Lucian Morgan of the Placement and Personnel Relations Office announced today.

He says that about 125 florists are expected to attend this short course, which is sponsored by the department of landscape art.

Registration will be held in the college greenhouse from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, January 20. There will be a registration fee of \$5 per registrant.

The college Placement Office will furnish necessary forms, badges, and personnel to conduct registration.

Meals for members attending the short course may be obtained at Duncan and Shiba Mess Halls or at the Aggieland Inn.

A banquet will be held for members attending the short course on January 20. Expenses for the banquet will be included in the registration fee. Extra banquet tickets may be obtained at \$1.50 per person.

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7. A National Lottery?			
8. Terminal Training			
9. Index of Texas Business			
10. Profiles			
11. Club News			

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