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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

RESOLVED!

In 1948 Let Us . . .

Air-Condition These Buildings . . .

Last year there was much talk about air-conditioning two of the most used buildings on the campus: Guion Hall and Cushing Memorial Library. Nothing happened, except that everyone agreed it was a good idea.

In this cool January weather, it is easy to forget what A.&M. is like from May to October. Every place gets hot, but is no more evident anywhere than in these two structures. Cushing Library is a place for study, but the reading rooms get almost uninhabitable in late spring and stay that way until fall. Only library employees can tell how hot it gets back in the stacks—but from the condition of the reading room we can suspect.

Guion Hall is a place where Aggies go for relief when they get slightly mad from studying in their "holes." But Guion affords little relief during the warm months. Let's put our engineering science to work in these two buildings.

'Open' Faculty Panels . . .

In 1948 The Battalion hopes to see "open" faculty panels with publication of findings. Where in this world, except at A. & M., are people "tried" in court and the results kept "secret." As The Battalion sees it, some people who are in charge of the faculty panels are afraid—or literally scared to death—to see the results published for fear that someone may question a decision or sentence.

The Battalion is not so glib as to believe that everything which takes place in panel trials should be published. There are the ethics of journalism to follow, which include defamation of character. In fact, we do not advocate publication of the names of the persons tried. We are mainly interested in the results.

In 1948 let's have open faculty panels—open to the press and all interested persons.

Improve Campus Appearance . . .

From the East Gate, the West Gate, or the new North Gate, the A. & M. campus is an imposing sight. But when visitors, who gasp with awe at the first glimpse, are taken into the center of the campus, they are disillusioned, for the campus leaves much to be desired.

Street signs are not to be found, because there aren't any. Yet A. & M. is a complex place, with many streets, and it is hard to tell a visitor how to find Junior in Dorm 12, when there is no way of identifying streets. Dormitory designations are also hard to find—mostly hidden behind shrubbery—so that parents have been known to stand outside Milner Hall, wondering where Milner can be.

On dark nights residents of College View and some other campus areas stagger around in total darkness, or make mad dashes whenever the moon shines through a hole in the clouds.

Roads are full of "ching" holes, and though most of us still sneeze when we remember last fall's attempt at repair, something will have to be done, or Aggeland will become impassable to all but jeeps.

Aggies, too, can help to improve campus appearance by discontinuing doodling and carving in and on buildings. Measures to remove the doodlings by sanding or repainting are useless when "Kilroy" pops up the next day to contribute his wit (?) or knife blade to the furtherance of campus disgrace.

In 1948, let's get street signs, better roads, more lights, dormitory designations.

Install A Photo Engraving Lab . . .

All student publications join hands in proposing this next resolution: the installation of a photo engraving lab on the campus.

Perhaps you, as readers of The Battalion and the three bi-monthly student magazines, have wondered why some events on the campus have gone unpictured, or why pictures, when finally run, have been four to seven days old. For instance, pictures taken at Aggie home football games could not be ran until Tuesday (sometimes Wednesday).

Under the present set-up, it takes a minimum of three (usually four) days for a picture to get into print. The finished photo has to be sent by bus to Austin for engraving and the finished engraving returned the same way.

But a picture four days old loses timeliness, and often such late pictures are not printed.

With a photo engraving lab, the college's otherwise lifeless bulletins and "come-to-A. & M." pamphlets for high school graduates would benefit to no small extent. Pictures of college activities would liven the drab pages of type and increase reader interest.

Other colleges have installed photo engraving labs. Successfully, too. Why can't A. & M.?

Teach "Right vs. Wrong" Ethics . . .

The greatest failure of all American colleges today is the failure to teach an ethical attitude toward life. A. & M. is a particular offender, being a technical institute where most of our teaching concerns practical methods of doing particular tasks. Such teaching is amoral—neither moral nor immoral.

A. & M. can take a step toward leadership by instituting—or rather restoring—courses in "right and wrong." Such courses may be called Philosophy or Ethics (the classical names for studies in right and wrong) or by such newer names as True Democracy, Tolerance. The names don't matter. The subject matter should concern moral principles, ways of life, attitudes toward life, recognition of right versus wrong.

Americans of our age are called upon to carry the greatest burden of responsibility our nation has ever known. Whether we wreck or rebuild the world will depend on the ability of each individual citizen to distinguish right from wrong, rather than profit from loss.

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RIDING ALONG OR TAKING A WALK?



Life of W. H. Alexander To Be Shown Wednesday, Thursday

by WILSON H. BEARDSLEY

"Preview of Heaven" is a documentary picture, made in the life of Rev. William H. Alexander, will be given a special free showing at Guion Hall Wednesday at 11 o'clock, and will also be shown in connection with "Les Miserables" the rest of the day and Thursday.

"Preview of Heaven" is a documentary picture, made in the style of "March of Time" shorts. Played mostly by amateur actors, it was photographed by a professional crew of cameramen and sound recorders who went from Hollywood to Oklahoma City to film it. Rev. Alexander plays himself, except when he is shown as a young boy.

This film, originally intended for national exhibition, may not be distributed for general showings because of a plan to re-make it in full feature length as a regular picture. Lee Bonnell and his wife, Gale Storm, Texas-born star, are planning to produce the longer picture, "Hand on My Shoulder."

Despite amateur acting and occasional poor dubbing of sound, the short picture does put across Alexander's message, as he has so often expressed it personally in Guion Hall as Religious Emphasis Week speaker or baccalaureate preacher last year and his special speaker last month.

How Bill Alexander grew up as a boy with a social conscience which impelled him to be a "different" kind of preacher is shown by "Preview of Heaven." His clowning and general gaiety kept him in hot water with theological school officials; his sponsorship of dances and installation of pool tables in the social center of the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City brought on him the wrath of ultra-conservative laymen. But his work with young people has proved itself in practice, as the film points out.

Tracy Silvester, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" at Guion Hall during Alexander's last visit here, sings the same song in the picture, and is also heard with the choir he directs.

Former member of the A&M Board of Directors, F. M. Law will speak Tuesday night at 7 p. m. in the Chemistry Lecture Room.

Law, chairman of the First National Bank of Houston, is being brought to the campus by the Economics Club, but everyone is invited. President of the Club John T. Miller said today.

He will speak on the subject, "A Forecast of American Economy and Finance." Law graduated from A&M in 1905 and served on the Board of Directors for 27 years, until October, 1944.

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Stops are made at Waco, Marlin, Bryan, College Station, and Navasota. Railroad officials said that the train would be made up of coaches, chair cars, and a grill coach.

The night train between Fort Worth and Houston was discontinued yesterday, at which time the day train schedule went into effect.

Holmgreen Heads Greek Aid Service

Elmer N. Holmgreen, former business manager of A&M and now on an agricultural mission to Greece, has been named head of the Central Distribution Organization in Greece. Dwight P. Griswold, chief of the US Military Mission, announced Friday.

In his new position Holmgreen, who has been in Greece for the past six months, will assist in distributing American aid to the people of Greece.

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Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

TU Student Strides in From Date, Sans Pants, Sans Wallet, But With Woman in Tow

The trials and tribulations of co-education today were haunting a University of Texas student named Tusten Stugard. The subject of young Stugard's embarrassment is quite simple. He struggled in from a date last week—with date but without pants.

Stugard and his girl friend were parked in the mountains surrounding Austin when he stepped out of the car for a moment. He was slugged, relieved of his pants, billfold and \$7.

Flashing some colorful shorts, almost matching the color of his face, Stugard and friend motored home.

SHE OUGHTA KNOW

Fan Dancer Sally Rand made a recent plea for "fair treatment" of the Florida tourist, "instead of gouging him with prices and making him dislike the idea of returning."

The celebrated dancer's suggestion came in a letter to the Jacksonville, Fla. Chamber of Commerce. She pointed out that the "real money" in the tourist business lies in repeater trade.

Miss Rand said 14 years of making them come back for more had taught her that "the return customer is the one who brings in the gravy."

THE LAST STRAW

Frank Zahler, 31, said he didn't mind when his wife locked him out of the house five times in three months and gave him a hotfoot while sleeping, but when she hid his false teeth, "that was too much."

So today, he asked the police prosecutor to summon Mrs. Zahler and require her to disclose where she has been hiding the teeth since last Saturday.

"One thing you don't have to share with your wife is your teeth," said Zahler. The prosecutor issued the summons.

PROPHET

Linwood Henderson was two days early when he told police of his own death.

"Get my name off my death certificate," police said he told them when he was arrested in Richmond, Va. on a drunk and disorderly charge. "I died yesterday and was embalmed this morning. I will be buried tomorrow."

Henderson paced his cell all night. Thursday police found him white-faced on his cot.

The ambulance arrived too late. Henderson was dead when it got to the jail.

POET OF THE BLOTTER

This entry, author unidentified, appears on the Endicott, N.Y. police blotter:

"Man called to denounce a dog of Robble avenue. This dog samples pedestrians who pass by the premises and is hated and feared by all and sundry. Complainant who wished to remain anonymous vowed he would cause the offending canine to rapidly become extinct if denardens didn't halt its depredations."

ORATORY AND ROBBERY

A reliable gift of gab is sometimes a more potent weapon than a gun, an unknown Chicago bandit showed recently.

The quick splash of oratory plus a \$3 refund to

Dunlap to Study Texas Crop Losses

A. A. Dunlap, plant pathologist of the Agricultural Experiment Station, will handle the Texas study of crop diseases, an experiment set up by the USDA under the Research and Marketing Act.

Three field headquarters will be established. Texas disease forecasts will be handled through the Raleigh, North Carolina headquarters.

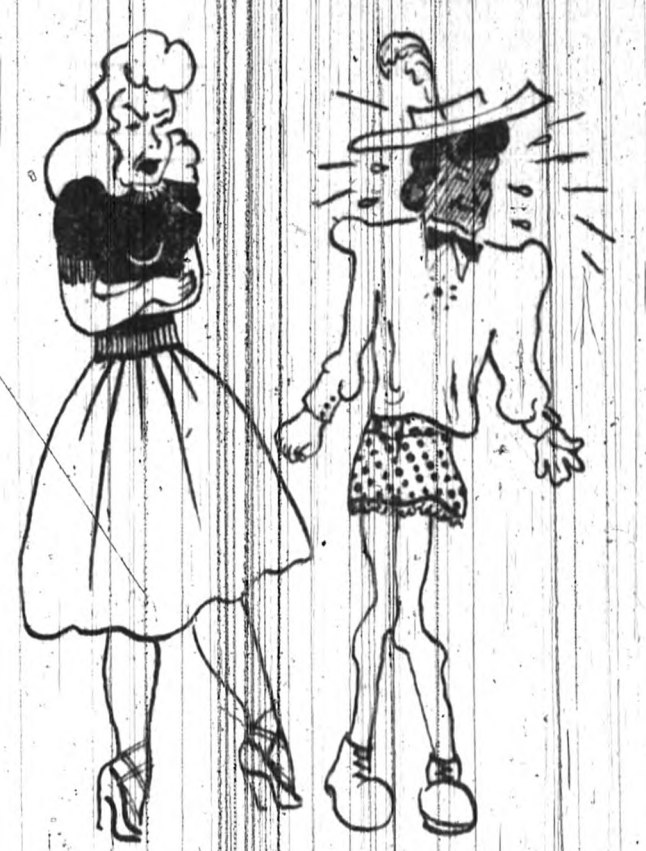
Diseases to be covered of interest to Texas include late blight of potatoes and tomatoes and downy mildew of cucurbits, such as melons, cucumbers, squash, and pumpkins.

At a meeting held recently in Chicago, it was decided to include internal cork of sweet potatoes which, according to Dunlap, is spread through slips and bedding potatoes from infected stock.

Kiwanis to Install Officers Jan. 14

Dr. Ernest Wright, lieutenant governor of the third division of District, Kiwanis International of Houston, will install officers for 1948 of the College Station Kiwanis Club, January 14 at 7 p. m. in Shiba Hall.

Bob Halpin is in charge of ticket sales. Gene Brock is program chairman, and Joe H. Sorrels, retiring president, will act as master of ceremonies.



A Chicago newspaperman who was held up by two gunmen when he emerged from a tavern with nearly a full week's pay last night won the holiday men their freedom from arrest.

The armed men ordered the newspaper man to "Give us your dough."

Greatly respecting their pistols, the victim surrendered his cash, remarking meekly: "Follows, this is all I have for a whole week. Have a heart."

The gunmen did. They gave back \$3.

Just as the victim was returning the \$3 to his wallet and the gunman had put away their weapons a policeman walked by.

"Officer," shouted the newspaperman, "These guys have just robbed me."

"He's just drunk," one of the thieves quickly explained. "Look in his wallet."

The officer looked. He saw the \$3. He told the victim to "move on," and went on about his own business.

The gunmen quickly hurried away.

WHY SERGEANTS GET GRAY

The Army's argument on the necessity for basic training seems to be getting stronger ever day.

Marine Sgt. Charles C. Allen, a drill instructor who has been accustomed to giving his platoon smoking periods at regular intervals, will back up any War Department statement concerning the need for the eight week's session.

After the break for the third such period one day, one of Allen's recruits came into the drill instructor's room.

"Sir, I smoked two cigarettes, but I can't smoke this third one."

"Don't you smoke, lad?" the drill instructor asked.

"No, sir, but I thought I had to, so I tried a couple of times."

They call it basic training.

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