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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Yeah, Confectioneries

The "New Look" of the College confectioneries is the result of much more labor and headaches than can be realized by those of us who were taking it easy during Christmas vacation. The group of approximately twenty men who converted the shops during the holidays worked many hours at a stretch in order to get the job done. And it wasn't just to make the places look different, but to clean them so thoroughly that it is much like starting from scratch in brand new buildings.

Some Aggies have been a little startled

'The Eagle Forgotten'...

Even America sometimes forgets its great men. Thomas Paine died in disgrace and ostracism, and was "rediscovered" only in our own time. Another great man, only now coming into his own was Governor John Peter Altgeld of Illinois, called the "Forgotten Eagle" by poet Vachel Lindsay.

A few weeks ago, the centennial of Altgeld's birth was celebrated in Chicago, with Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, Cardinal Stritch and present Gov. Dwight H. Green of Illinois among those who paid tribute.

What shadow lay over Altgeld's memory these many years?

Believing that three men imprisoned after the Haymarket Riots in Chicago were innocent and had been framed, Gov. Altgeld pardoned them. That one act set loose such a torrent of abuse that historians use the word "unparalleled" to describe it. The national denunciation of Altgeld was so bitter, so unrestricted that a Justice of the Supreme

by the garish colors used in the former Casey's. But the colors certainly do brighten the old place up, even if they do make one think of a nightclub on Hollywood's Sunset Strip. The crisp white coats and black leather ties add to the movieland impression.

It will probably be months before the two stores are operating in top form. There is a limit to how many changes can be made at once, without risk of a breakdown. But solely on the strength of improvements already made and in effect, we say "Fifteen" for the college confectioneries.

Court condemned him as a traitor. In 1902, when Altgeld lay in his coffin, clergymen declined to conduct the funeral. The farewell words for John "Pardon" Altgeld were spoken by two personal friends, Clarence Darrow and Jane Adams.

But time, as the Springfield poet Vachel Lindsay wrote in "The Eagle That Is Forgotten," has its way. The German-born, Ohio raised Democrat is now recognized as an honest man who could not be turned from a righteous course.

Sleep softly, . . . eagle forgotten,

Under the stone,

Time has its way with you there,

And the clay has its own.

Sleep on, O brave-hearted, O wise

Man, that kindled the flame—

To live in mankind is for more

Than to live in a name,

To live by mankind, far, far

More . . . than to live in a name.

—VACHEL LINDSAY

Wallace Party Fizzling?

Now that Henry Wallace's third party venture has changed from possibility to probability, the people who have been talking it up are talking it down.

Two months ago the Republican party regarded Wallace as a potential political second front. Early this week however a Taft strategist remarked grimly, "We think that having Wallace in the race can't hurt Taft and can't hurt the Republicans, but we don't think it makes much difference in the final outcome."

Democratic leaders report from their latest New York canvass that the "situation is more hopeful than had been expected" and that the Wallace announcement may bring back into the party some of the religious elements lost in the 1946 congressional elections.

If the Wallace bid has any serious effect on the election outcome, it will be felt first and strongest in the New York district. With 47 electoral votes, the Manhattan area carries a great deal of weight in the November running. It is also the seat of the American Labor Party which has given an automatic nomination to the Democratic candidate in the past, but is now known to favor Wallace. By polling 200,000 votes in New York and taking them mostly from the Democrats,

Wallace might cost President Truman the state in a close race. In Texas, Wallace is no factor at all.

The greatest liability to the third party bid is not from opposition by the two major parties, but from help being offered by communist organizations. Association with anything Red is political poison, and although Wallace stoutly asserts that the people who are backing his independent race are not communists, the unwanted publicity continues. After his Milwaukee speech, Pravda carried a flattering two-column account of his plan for United Nations control of aid to any European country "regardless of its politics."

Whatever the effect on the two leading parties, Wallace's bid for election seems doomed. Some quarters suggest that it would not be too difficult for Wallace to change his mind and drop out of the race later on.

This is probably more wishful than logical thinking, since Wallace is maneuvering to get his name on as many state ballots as possible. There is plenty of time between now and November for the Wallace affair to grow strong or fizzle out. One thing seems certain however; whether the principals like it or not, Moscow has far more power to help or hinder than has Washington.

Fish and Fishing . . .

(From a bulletin of Extension Courses, University of Michigan)

Fish and Fishing. An eight-week course on how to catch fish throughout the year and how to identify them. Included are discussions of basic facts of the life ways of fishes, what is being done to shorten the time between bites and the selection, care, and use of tackle. Instruction in bait and fly casting will be given. All may practice with the new Shakespeare equipment provided. Noncredit course, eight weeks, \$5.00.

CHICAGO Daily News reported: "Dean Haskey says a girl's chances of getting married are 'great' if she becomes a school teacher. But private secretaries have a better chance. (dash) If You Want the Fastest Results, Use Want Ads in the Chicago Daily News."

Catch . . .

Poking about in an uptown branch of the Public Library last Tuesday, a young lady ran across a book that aroused her immediate interest when, on the title page, she encountered this encouraging assurance:

How: To Reach Men
To Hold Men
To Teach Men
To Win Men
It Has Been Done

Unfortunately, she was considerably let down by a clump of type at the bottom of the page: "Tells How to Run Your Bible Class. Published by the Sunday School Times, 1907."

New Yorker

Both the Gold Star Mothers and the pine tree will be lit as last year . . .
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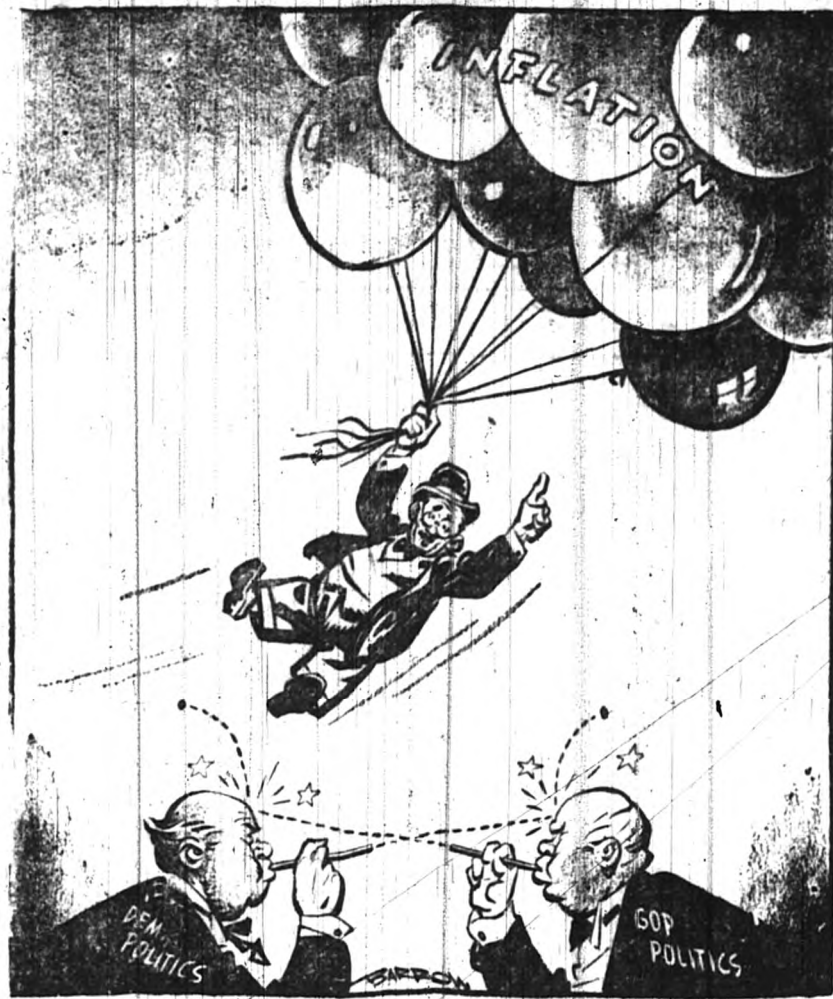
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"HEY! BLOW SOME MY WAY!"



On The Screen . . .

Silent Tracy, Fiery Hepburn Whistling Wind-Dreary Show

By DAVE SELIGMAN

SEA OF GRASS (Guion-FS). Although the talents of two outstanding actors are loosed in this picture, it remains a dreary episode. Starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, the film is based on a duel between the homesteaders and the cattlemen on the prairies at the turn of the century.

Melvyn Douglas as champion of the settlers has Progress and the Federal Government on his side and wins out despite the fight and arguments of Tracy. Phyllis Thaxter as Tracy's daughter makes her appearance late in the story—too late, however, for her freshness to brighten the show.

WHERE THERE'S LIFE (Campus, ThFS). Bob Hope cavorts through this light comedy which isn't by any means perfect. With William Bendix to add some laughs and slinky Signe Hasso, WILL comes out as fair entertainment. (Complete review was made previously.)

ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND (Queen, ThFS). Here's one from the Smithsonian Institute that might do justice to the picture industry. With Don Ameche and Alice Faye paired in the leads this story of old ragtime was enjoyed by many when it first made its debut and I predict it will do a repeat.

No More Modern Capones on '48 Screen . . .

Big Election Year Forecast With So Many Hats In Ring

By LARRY GOODWIN

1948 may witness the election of a new president to the White House, the success of the sonic barrier by new high speed airplanes, and new changeovers in the movie industry.

A presidential election year as in every leap year, 1948 will see first the national conventions of the Republicans and Democrats—slated to take place this summer—and then the election itself in November. Although generally agreed that President Truman will carry his party's banner in the '48 presidential joust, the battle for the Republican nomination is wide open. Many observers predict a fight such as hasn't been seen in intra-party politics, since the Democrats staged their powerful fight in 1912 between Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clark which took 146 ballots to settle.

The Republicans will have to decide between such conservatives as Robert Taft and Arthur Vandenberg, pseudo-liberals like Tom Dewey and progressive young campaigners such as Minnesota's Harold Stassen. In addition, there's the unknown quantity of Dwight Eisenhower just to add a little more spice to the battle.

And to thoroughly juggle the picture the third party headed by Henry Wallace adds more fuel to the flames.

Whatever the results of the conventions, one safe bet exists. Politicians will be watching with eager eyes the political trends in the key states of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Ohio.

Sailors will be watching other developments in '48, too—developments in the field of jet propulsion. New assaults on the sonic barrier of 780 miles per hour are slated for the coming year, which may well mark some of aviation's greatest advances since the Wright brothers first took off from Kitty Hawk.

If and when supersonic speeds are attained, the answer will at long last be found to questions raised by medical authorities as to the affects of the terrific speeds on the human brain, reflexes, and nervous systems.

Incubation Eggs Need Cold Storage

Eggs intended for hatching should be kept in cold storage before incubation with the temperature between 45 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit. R. H. Sherwood, research poultry husbandman for A. & M., announced.

The department of poultry husbandry recently completed an experiment in which two lots of hatching eggs were handled to test the importance of pre-incubation temperature.

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

How's Your Horse-O? Newspaperwoman Uses "Horse-Analysis" To Determine Personality

A horse "doodled" on a cocktail party napkin about a year ago has started a unique pastime and sped a soft-spoken young lady on a new career.

The pastime is reading personalities and the young lady with the mild vocal cords is Miss Gladys Solomon, a New Haven, Conn., newspaper woman. Miss Solomon, who came to Washington to work for government information services, analyzed the doodler's personality to a "T". Soon she was besieged with tables-full of little horse drawings from people who wanted to know about themselves. Now she asks them to send \$1 with their sketches.

Miss Solomon, who seems to have almost more fun than anybody at the game (and who wouldn't at a buck a throw) grew more and more fascinated with its possibilities. She did extensive research on drawing as a test of personality. She also studied other related personality and intelligence tests, made many test analyses, checking back the results with friends and acquaintances.

After going over nearly 1,000 horses she determined some basic principals by which the drawings could be interpreted.

Horse-analysis is a psychological game similar to handwriting analysis, she says, but perhaps more revealing. It is based on the principles that whatever one does expresses his personality in some manner if the observers happens to be astute enough to notice the signs.

"It doesn't matter if your drawing doesn't look like a horse," says Miss Solomon. "Over 50 per cent bear little resemblance to horses. Such personality traits may be seen in a drawing as friendliness, hostility, rigidity, relaxation, happiness, carelessness and creativeness.

Miss Solomon bases her analysis on recognized art procedures. She says it has long been known that a horizontally drawn line indicates mental calm; zig-zag crossed lines, confusion. A smooth curve from up to down to up again, like a "U" indicates buoyancy. An upside-down "U" indicates depression. A line sloping up indicates a sense of motion, a jagged line that looks like lightning indicates excitement.

Miss Solomon says 86 per cent of the horses face left; 12 percent right; two per cent head-on or tail-on. Half look happy, half look sad. Sixty-two percent are standing still, the rest in motion. Some are clumsy, some feminine.

"Your horse may be of a different color," says Miss Solomon, "but it won't change until you change your personality."

WE AIN'T SO BAD OFF APPARENTLY

If the actions of a forty-eight year old mid-western manufacturing executive mean anything, college students don't have such a bad life, nowadays profs or no profs.

But there is some definite suspicion whether or not four years of higher learning, with or without Ivy, is worth \$30,000.

But it is to Arthur L. Sexton, of Cincinnati. Nostalgia for warbling the old college songs over a stein of suds proved too much for the middle-aged executive, who checked over his \$100,000 a year job to attend Columbia University.

And what degree is worth "that grand?" Sexton thinks Political Science is, and he's going to spend the next four years proving it.



HORSE ANALYSIS—Sketch A indicates a "pleasant, optimistic, rather self-satisfied" personality, says Gladys Solomon. B shows a "tendency to approach problems backwards." The creator of C "tends to avoid problems," she says.

I'M SORRY, HONEST!

The path of crime is sometimes a screwy one. Mrs. B. L. Chittes of Carmel, Cal., was dismayed recently when someone burglarized her home of a camera, light meter, a jeweled elk's tooth, a fountain pen and a few items of jewelry.

She was even more amazed a week later when all loot was returned in a parcel post package mailed from Los Angeles! Also enclosed was an unsigned note which said:

"I am returning your things that I picked up one night while intoxicated. This is everything I found on my person when my mind began to function properly. Please forgive me for this awful thing I have done. I swear I'll never drink again."

HOWSE ABOUT A HOUSE?

You can't beat the housing shortage, no matter how hard you try. At least that's the opinion of William I. Wilson, a B-26 pilot at Rapid City Army Air Field in South Dakota.

Wilson spent six months hunting a house, meanwhile, living with his wife in tourist cabins. At last, they found and bought a house. In triumph, they had their friends in for a housewarming.

Next day, Wilson was transferred to Seattle.

WEIGHTY DECISION

The Colorado Highway Advisory Board decided to act, but they didn't act soon enough. The Board had just agreed to comply with a request from a rural delegation to replace a bridge in its community when the meeting was interrupted with this message:

"The bridge has just collapsed under the weight of a heavy truck."

The Board immediately appropriated the money.

NO SHORTAGE HERE

When you say "you're nuts" to one in every 16 persons, you're hitting it right on the head. "There are well over 8,000,000 psychotics on the prowl," Dr. Vladimir Ellsberg declared recently in New York.

Your streetcar conductor might be batty, but the chances are he'll never be locked up. "Eighty hundred thousand people are in institutions," the psychiatrist went on, "but nearly 8,000,000 more are on the loose wandering the streets."

"That's because unless a psychoneurotic becomes violent, his family and friends just consider him a harmless eccentric and let it go at that," he said.

Moral: Many's best friend is still his dog.

Four Fields Open Ex-Student Heads In Civil Service Meet Here Jan. 24

Chemists, physicists, engineers, and mathematicians are needed by the Southern Regional Research Laboratory to fill positions ranging in salary from \$3,397 to \$5,905 per annum, the Civil Service Regional Office has announced.

Since insufficient applications have been received to fill all vacancies in the laboratory, the US Civil Service Commission has set an indefinite deadline for competitive exams.

No written test is required, it was announced. Ratings will be based on training and experience.

Necessary applications may be obtained from H. N. Yardley, whose office is at the College Station Post Office. Completed forms should be filed with the Regional Director, 104th US Civil Service Region, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The annual meeting of club officers representing the organizations of former students will be held on the campus January 24-25, according to Dick Eversley, acting secretary of the Former Students' Association.

Attending the meeting will be the present club officers and immediate past president of such clubs. The officers will exchange ideas and discuss problems confronting their clubs. Sample by-laws of different clubs will be examined. During the business session, one vote will be allowed each club.

\$6 BILLION TO VETS

More than \$6 billion had been loaned to veterans under terms of the GI Bill for homes, farms, and businesses, according to a Veterans Administration report for the end of October.

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