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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Time Clocks In Class Rooms...

There is a whistle on the power house which starts our eight o'clock classes on time with a mournful wail, and which cuts off tardy classes at noon. It marks the beginning of our one o'clock schedules, and keeps labs from running past five. But what times our other classes? Rusty watches. And the result is not good.

A. & M. class rooms are now spread from the Music Hall on the south to the quad Army barracks at the North Gate. It is practically impossible to make consecutive classes so far apart even when all classes end on time. If class sessions run over, it is often impossible to make "the barn" from the Academic Building, or vice-versa. Most students realize that; some teachers apparently don't. The result is a mounting tension between instructors who lock their doors when their watches say "straight up," and students who are released in some far corner of the campus by somebody else's watch—and who knows which watch is correct? Some teachers don't quit until the next class starts to break down the door.

For the good of the school, we suggest that the power house whistle or some such loud noise-maker be used to mark the beginning and ending of all class hours.

Does this sound too much like a factory?

The Problem of UMT...

Universal Military Training, an issue tossed around like a live wire since the first world war, has hopped right back into the news as a result of its endorsement by President Truman in his State of the Union speech to Congress January 7.

With the issue clouded with religious, political and military interests, the Eightieth Congress will have on its hands a form of legislation that most Congresses settle by a neat side-step. The fact that 1948 is an election year throws even more importance to the political repercussions implicit in the bill. The important question being asked on Capitol Hill today is: Will the Eightieth Congress do what so many other Congresses in the past have decided not to do—settle UMT once and for all? Have the nation's representatives yet reached the stage of "service to the people" that they will be willing to subordinate—for once—their own political futures to the welfare of the nation as a whole?

The answer to both questions, unfortunately, will apparently be "no."

The increasing rift in international relations with Russia has added to the measure's support in many quarters, but UMT is still a political football that is being kicked around with abandon.

Yet the very fact that the international situation is getting more critical should cause Congress to wake up to its responsibilities and act on UMT, election year or no election year.

Compulsory Military Training has been pushed by the American Legion for the past 25 years but has met with determined resistance by penny-pinching congressmen and midwestern isolationism.

The last attempt to get a UMT Bill through congress occurred in 1946 as a result of a report by a commission of civilians appointed by Truman.

The commission worked five months, heard more than 200 witnesses, and turned in a 450 page report asking for UMT right now. Spurred on by this report, the House Armed Service Committee okayed a bill for UMT but Congress adjourned last summer before taking action.

Now President Truman's call for UMT has dumped the matter squarely into the hands of Congress.

If the behind-the-scenes whispering on Capitol Hill is indicative of things to come, Congress is going to respond to the President by dumping UMT into the ash can.

This move will probably appease a lot of church groups who insist that military training will "indoctrinate our fine American youth with militaristic tendencies" and pacify objecting parents who don't want to see junior leave home for a year—but will it prepare America for possible future developments on the international front?

John Palmer have appeared unsuccessfully on ballots. Palmer's bid gave an indication of the opinion held of the military and his Gold Democrat party at the time as he received no electoral votes.

After the magnetic Teddy Roosevelt was defeated the first time, he was offered the Progressive nomination again in 1916. He had learned his lesson however, and returned to the Republican fold.

Until Wallace's candidacy this year, the most recent Third Party Movement was by William Lemke of the Union Party in 1936. But he was caught in the great wave of Rooseveltian popularity and went unnoticed at the polls.

Through all this maze of historical fact, Mr. Wallace can find very few trends to guide him. From the "Know Nothings" he can see that the voters do like to hear a platform although they may ignore it for a personality. The same group demonstrated that there is political danger in associating with unpopular secret associations or foreign political groups.

He can hardly help noticing one striking fact however. Of the several third party bids, only one has affected an elections outcome, and not one has been in itself successful.

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Dream Comes True as Lutherans Hold Ground-Breaking Service

By W. H. KIEL, JR.

Members and friends of the American Lutheran congregation at College Station saw the beginning of a dream come true Sunday when the first spadeful of earth was lifted at a ground-breaking ceremony for the church's three-unit combination parsonage, student center, and chapel to be located on a site at College Main and Cross Streets, three blocks north of the campus.

The impressive ground-breaking ceremony was held Sunday morning at 11:15 a. m. with Rev. Fred Mgebroff, pastor of the church, officiating. A large congregation of members and friends were present. Charles Rohloff, oldest charter member of the church, loosened the first spadeful of earth.

Chartered in 1939

The American Lutheran congregation at College Station was organized and chartered in 1939 to serve members of the eight Lutheran synods affiliated with the National Lutheran Council and all other persons preferring this church in the College Station-Bryan area. Regular Lutheran preaching services had been held for this group many years prior to the date of organization.

In the spring of last year the Student Service Commission of the

Series Published On Ag Economics

A series of books concerning agricultural economics written by Dr. Henry White of John Brown University has just been published, according to information received by J. Wheeler Barger, head of the A. & M. agricultural economics and rural sociology department.

The four books comprising the series are entitled "Marketing Problems and Policies," "Agricultural Problems and Policies," "The Farmer and Economic Progress," and "A Syllabus to Accompany the Farmer and Economic Progress." Their prices range from \$2 to \$5.

"The Farmer and Economic Progress" is a combination of the two books, "Marketing Problems and Policies" and "Agricultural Problems and Policies."

"A Syllabus to Accompany the Farmer and Economic Progress" is a companion book for general readers and for students and teachers who wish a guide for study and interpretation of the other three books in the series.

Persons interested in purchasing any of these books should write The John Brown University Press, Siloam Springs, Arkansas for information and prices, Barger stated.

Entomology Club To Hear Head Of Fumigation Firm

H. T. McGill will speak on "Grain Fumigation" before a combined meeting of the Entomology Club and the 421 seminar class Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. Scheduled to be held in Room 10 of the Science Building, the meeting is open to all students in agriculture and related fields, it was announced.

The speaker is the head of the H. T. McGill Company of Houston which specializes in industrial fumigation of rice warehouses, elevators, boxcars, and ships. J. A. Deer, president of the Entomology Club stated that McGill has had many years of experience in the field of fumigation, being regarded as one of the ablest men in the profession. He added that McGill has conducted schools for training fumigators throughout the rice producing areas of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas.

Geology Meeting Cancelled

The Geology Club meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled, Bill Davis, president of the club, announced yesterday.

Trampling Out the Vintage...

'Born and Raised to Be Drunk' is Latest Theory Concerning Chronic Alcoholism

Regardless of worries and stresses, you won't become a chronic drunk unless you're physically made that way, Dr. Roger J. Williams of the University of Texas hypothesized recently.

He suggested that alcoholic addiction might be due to a particular set-up of enzymes and hormones and other substances taking part in the body's metabolism (the process of tissue change).

In plain language, this means that the barfly has his own individual metabolic makeup which pre-disposed him to addiction; whereas the sober-as-a-judge individual has a different type.

"According to this hypothesis," Williams told the 114th meet of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "... environmental factors are potent and indispensable for bringing about alcoholic addiction, but they do not do so unless the person involved possesses the type of metabolic individuality which pre-disposes toward addiction.

"If our hypothesis is correct..." he said, "in order for addiction to take place, the individual must be in an environment which is favorable to addiction; otherwise, the tendency toward alcoholism never becomes known nor could it be registered in any statistic.

LIQUOR CONTROL

One more "ingenious" attempt to make drinking more convenient to the alcoholically inclined public has run up against a state Liquor Control Board; but although disapproved, the idea still goes down in the books as a good one—if you happen to like your beer on a subscription plan.

The idea, conceived by a New Jersey tavern owner, involved having the customers post a weekly fee of \$1.50 and thereby entitled to buy as many glasses of beer as they wanted at five cents each. Erwin B. Hock, Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner, disapproved the scheme as not conducive to wise liquor control, saying that patrons would have to consume thirty brews each "to break even."

NO UNION NEEDED

If your regular eight-hour working day is getting you down—get wise, pal, throw your hat in the ring and run for public office. If you make Congress, you're in.

A sample of the working conditions for congressmen can be found in a January 7 news release listing the activities in congress for that day.

Senate: Met at 1 p. m.; met with House at 1:30 p. m. in joint session to hear President Truman deliver State of the Union message. Recessed at 2:40 p. m. until noon Friday.

House: Met at noon; joined by Senate at 1:30

Construction Prof Appointed Member Of CE Committee

R. L. Peurifoy, professor of construction engineering, has been invited to serve on the construction committee of the Civil Engineering Division of the American Society of Engineering Education. The appointment is for a two-year period.

A&M is one of seven colleges in the United States now offering an option in construction engineering. Professor E. W. Stubbs, Jr., head of the School of Engineering at Purdue University, is chairman of the committee. S. T. Carpenter of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, is chairman of the Civil Engineering Division of the society.

In appointing Professor Peurifoy to the committee, Chairman Stubbs said: "Professor Peurifoy has been active in developing the work in the construction option at his institution (A&M). He has been working closely with the Associated General Contractors of America and with both national and local units. He states that he feels the need for better subject matter materials as textbooks, manuals, and visual aids."

The construction committee, newly organized, was created to assist colleges and universities in establishing better and stronger programs in that field of engineering, Professor Stubbs said.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—Babe Ruth is in the hospital again for checkup on the throat ailment that has been bothering him for several months.

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