

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"
Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Pot Calls Kettle Black . . .

No subject in collegiate realms is more touchy, more inflammatory, than that of racial or religious discrimination in educational institutions. North and South, East and West, are all equally guilty. The North condemns the South for not admitting Negroes to state universities. The South condemns the North for barring Jewish students. North and South both look questioningly at California and criticize the exclusion of loyal Japanese-Americans.

Calling names does no good. We all have our faults. And we only die in and defend our prejudices when they are attacked from outside.

Therefore, The Battalion agrees with the committee of the Association of American Colleges which asks that these problems be solved by education and voluntary action, rather than by "coercive legislation" such as has been introduced in several northern states. These bills threaten the tax-exempt status of non-sectarian colleges found guilty of racial and religious discrimination in admitting students.

Race and religious baiting has reached alarming stages in American colleges. (Much as it did in German universities when Hitler took over.) A Jewish faculty member was beaten at the University of Illinois. A Nisei Japanese veteran and his family were denied the right to live in a housing unit operated by a California college. One own problem is somewhat different—we have no Negroes in our white colleges, but we are just now beginning to place our Negro colleges on the same educational plane as the white.

Tip On A Real Bargain . . .

The Bryan Jaycees are spreading some good advice: pay your state poll tax on or before January 31 or your participation in the presidential election will be purely as a spectator.

Although the tax is a regular annual prerequisite to voting, each year large numbers forfeit their voice in local and national government because of neglect or disinterest, failing to obtain their poll tax receipts. When the controversial issues come along they suddenly develop an interest but have no vote.

While the presidential election is the most heavily publicized and brings out the largest numbers of voters, it is by no means the only issue to which the poll tax offers a door.

Ghostly Advice Wanted . . .

Word has come from London that a certain rather questionable personality named Percy Allen claims that he has been in touch (through what medium he didn't say) with the late William Shakespeare, the late Sir Francis Bacon and the late Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford.

The events surrounding these rather remarkable events remain somewhat clouded, but Mr. Allen comes out of his reverie long enough to disclose that he has had several "rather lengthy conversations" with the aforementioned gentleman of the stage. The conversations, maintains Mr. Allen, have revealed that the Shakespeare classics were the joint products of William together with the Earl of Oxford.

Passing over this admittedly startling piece of information for the moment, let us analyze further the reproductions that Mr. Allen's bull sessions with 16th Century script writer may produce.

For one thing, with a mystery (the authorship of Shakespeare's works) that has caused untold loss of sleep for scholars of the past several generations being cleared up, some of the best minds of our time can now turn to the less distressing problem of instructing people how to live in the same

Taylor & Co. placed a classified ad in the Portland Oregon Journal for a proofreader and office manager who "must be able to read and supervise women."

But anti-discrimination laws are a doubtful cure. They might slay the discrimination dragon officially, only to create a worse monster which would hide in the shadows.

The AAC committee, (headed by Dr. William P. Tolley of Syracuse University, a Methodist school) says that they are in "hearty accord" with the motives of the groups supporting such legislation, but added: "It is our conviction that the problem of discrimination should be solved by education and voluntary action and not by coercive legislation."

"However well intentioned such legislation may be," the committee continues, "it would place in the hands of the state a threat to the freedom of colleges now independent of political control."

We don't blame any college not founded by a political unit for wanting to keep out of politics.

The AAC suggests as the most practicable approach to the problem the appointment of a national commission to which instances of discriminatory policies can be referred. They say further that this commission should have the authority to investigate, and "establish the facts as accurately as possible."

Whatever action the national group takes, the problem has definitely moved into the shadow of collegiate administration buildings. We agree with the committee that "there should be an active program among all colleges to broaden educational opportunity to qualified youth regardless of race, religion or national origin."

Each person must have a poll tax receipt to take part in any state and city issues as well. As seen last year, bond issues and constitutional amendments can be of vital importance to all citizens and property holders.

Poll taxes may be paid locally in the Tax Assessors Office, County Court House, at the corner of College and 26th streets in Bryan. The amount is the customary \$1.75.

The cost is small and the attendant publicity slight. Don't delay your payment. No other investment assures you so large a return from an equal payment. Even with the devaluation of the ruble, you can't buy a slice of democracy in Russia for a buck seventy-five.

word without throwing knives and atomic bombs at one another's throats.

And—concerning things even nearer the hearts of Aggies—Mr. Allen might be persuaded to (1) Get Knute Rockne on the line and utilize that venerable gentleman's talents in helping Harry Stiteler produce a winning football team at A. & M. next year. (2) Dial Lawrence Sullivan Ross's number and get an interview with the A&M's one-time prey concerning his opinion of the developments in his school during the last 50 years; (3) contact Mr. Jordan and a Guy Named Joe.

And, the talented Mr. Allen might find the range of Messrs. Shakespeare, Bacon, etc., again and get their opinions, now ripened by relations with the spirit world, on current world problems.

Although Shakespeare is probably so engrossed in his numerous stage roles in the nether lands that he hasn't time for such nonsense, surely Sir Francis could inform us as to Russia's intentions, what's wrong with the United Nations, how to beat rising prices, who is going to win the SWC basketball race and—just for curiosity's sake, exactly where Shakespeare and Bacon are hibernating and how they find things there.

Who knows? Maybe Mr. Allen may catapult himself into the Man of The Year.

To advertiser Dora Gottlieb, Inc. (Manhattan), we are indebted for the following: "Take to bed in the Enie-Menie-My-Knee Gown—and take the rest for granted."



"Honest, Miss Klop, I can't tip you off when we make our next food inspection at the Gate."

: Letters to the Editor :

W's LAST

Editor, The Battalion:
I don't see why the W's have to be the last one to register everytime. I know it probably doesn't make much difference to whoever arranges the registration schedule, but after getting a full-up Saturday and 8 o'clock classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday this fall semester, it does seem that I (and all the other W's and end of the alphabet) should deserve at least a little better break than being last again.

I know this will not do me any good this time, but I do sincerely hope that whoever does arrange the registration schedule will see this and use a little common sense on this thing. Aggies are always willing to play fair about things like this. (witness the Aggie lines) and even those who got the break don't feel that they deserve it and would not be resentful of a correction in the usually Aggie (fair play) rotational manner.

Sincerely,
ARTHUR WRIGHT

40 DAYS FASTING

Editor, The Batt.
"Still it was not until the year 1967 that people really grasped what was going on. In that year, at Madison Square Garden, the Mississippi Women's College baseball team, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, beat the Texas Aggies (an all-male team) by the astounding score of 48-12." R. M. Coates in February Esquire.
For eight long years now T.U. has been taking home the turkey every Thanksgiving and the "spirit" has stood up under it. If this clipping is to be the future then something must be done. I recommend 40 days of fasting and yell practice every night so as to be prepared for the blow when it falls.
S. D. Hughes, '47.

Pioneer Airlines Add New Service

Pioneer Air Lines' passengers can now make hotel reservations at their destination when purchasing a ticket. President Robert J. Smith announced today.

"This system eliminates the worry of trying to find a room in a crowded city and amounts to an actual saving to Pioneer passengers," Smith said. "The reservation can be made by notifying the agent or reservationist at the departure point," he added.

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Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

They May Be Called 'Dumb Animals' But Montana Deer Throw Kinks into Air Field

The old slogan, "Be kind to dumb animals" has undergone a slight change in Billings, Montana, of late. Now it's, "Be kind to animals, especially the smart ones."

It seems that deer, stalked by hunters in nearby hills, decided to come down to civilization where life would be safer, if less sane.

So, deer began appearing in, around, and on the Billings airport recently. The airport, for obvious reasons, is closed to hunting.

Officials here were praising the animal's ingenuity, but were scratching their heads over a new airport problem: The deer in the runways, although admittedly adding to the picturesque of the scene, were hindering landings and takeoffs and, in general, throwing the entire schedule system off time.

Only last week, Airport Manager Dick Logan chased four of the fleet-footed animals around the long north-south runway for half an hour in order to enable a big transcontinental liner to make a scheduled stop.

"They may be called dumb animals," Logan was quoted as saying, "but they've outsmarted this airport long enough."

ROBBERY—AND THEN SOME

The biggest theft in his career is puzzling Deputy Sheriff Dorse M. Teagarden of Longmont, Colorado.

Missing: a six-foot marble monument. Its absence first was noted by a man making his annual visit to a family plot in Burlington cemetery near Longmont.

Teagarden said he suspected a rebuilt army bulldozer or similar equipment to have been employed by the ambitious bandit.

STONE WALLS DO NOT

A Butte, Mont. city jail prisoner was given permission to use a telephone and walked out while the jailer's back was turned. Picked up a short time later as he strolled near the jail, he explained "I just wanted to get a little exercise before dinner."

GOOD NEWS?

Good news for the harassed American, alarmed by the soaring price of bread, meat and beer, comes from the 24th National Motor Boat Show at Grand Central Palace in New York. Now, Mr. Average Citizen can buy a brand new 42-foot three-cabin cruiser for only \$15,985. Last year it cost \$17,850.

THEY CALL IT STATESMANSHIP

The men who are threshing over the Marshall plan for European recovery are having trouble keeping their billions and millions straight. For instance: Lewis Douglas, ambassador to Britain, testified to the House of Foreign Affairs Committee that the

National Research Council estimates a semi-starvation diet is "a million six hundred and fifty thousand calories a day. No, sixteen hundred and fifty thousand." He finally settled for 1,650.

A few minutes later, Rep. Vorys (R-Ohio) talked about the 16 countries that would receive American aid:

HUMAN INTEREST

When a small voice said, clearly and firmly, "I bid a whole dollar, the crowd at a police auction of unclaimed bicycles in Bozeman, Montana grew silent.

And a few minutes later, eight-year-old Margaret Stevens walked away with the bicycle on which she had been the only bidder.

THAT'S A HOT ONE!

R. S. Dome, a farmer living 12 miles southeast of Joliet, Ill., has a water well that's on fire.

Sleeping gas, which he believes is marsh gas that leaked into the casing of his 139 foot well, has been burning about six weeks, and the farmer has been using the well surface as a stove to heat water for his livestock.

The pump is still connected to the well but he has discontinued drawing water from it while trying to figure out how to pipe the gas into his home.

IT FINALLY HAPPENED

Authorities in Kansas City have reported the ultimate in thievery.

Someone finally stole the kitchen sink. Officers said they were holding a 20-year old negro for questioning in the theft of 12 French windows, lead pipe, \$65 in cash, a steam radiator, lavatory—and the kitchen sink—from the property of Sam Pitella and Joe Saitta.

A BRIEF PAUSE FOR

Religion and broadcasting just don't mix, brethren, and any doubters can receive confirmation from a certain rather charismatic young minister in Missouri.

It seems the liberal thinking pastor took a part time job at a radio station in a town near his parish and because of personal reasons, he used a name other than his own while on the air.

Everything was fine until one Sunday morning after the choir had finished a hymn, he opened his prayer book and remarked "we'll continue with the singing in just a moment but first here is a word from our sponsor."

The congregation appeared startled but soon regained composure apparently considering the remark only a part of this era of progress.

The young minister quit his job with the radio station.

Consolidated High School Students To Enter Contest

All junior and senior students in the A. & M. Consolidated High School have been invited to enter the essay contest currently being sponsored by The National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Texas. Superintendent A. M. Whittis stated yesterday.

Each contestant is free to pick his subject so long as it pertains to the colonial period of history up

to 1873, Whittis said. The essay must be at least 1,000 but not more than 5,000 words in length.

Essays should be submitted to school officials in sufficient time for selection of the three top manuscripts, which will be turned over to the local chairman of the Colonial Dames Society, Mrs. G. S. Fraps, on or before March 28.

Three judges will then make the final selection. The winning essay will get a prize of \$10 and an opportunity to compete in the state contest for a prize of \$20, Whittis concluded.

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