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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Help For The Working Student . . .

The man who puts up a fight for his education is not common at A&M. There have been many who held down two or three jobs at the same time, wore once-a-month haircuts, and even skipped a few meals in order to stay in school. He is one of the finest traditions of the school that these men are respected by their classmates, rather than pitted as is the case in some schools.

Working your way through school has long been recognized here as a real achievement. . . and this year that recognition will take a very tangible form.

This year the man who has done the most outstanding job of winning his education in spite of financial handicaps during his first three years at A&M will be selected by the scholarship committee of the college to receive the new "Jesse H. Jones Reward for Achievement," a cash reward of \$333.33, to be used in his senior year here.

The winner of this reward is expected to have a respectable scholastic record, but the greatest emphasis will be placed on the struggle he has made to make his way in school. Full consideration will be given the effect his working hours may have had upon his grades.

If you know a man worthy of consideration for this award, a member of the present Junior Class who has put up a real fight to

secure his education so far, and who is deservingly a financial boost in his senior year submit his name and the story of his struggle to R. G. Perryman, office of the registrar. Perryman, as secretary of the scholarships committee, will submit all such information to the committee. Both students and faculty members are invited to submit such nominations.

Two other major awards are also available to members of the present junior class who have earned a major portion of their expenses during their first three years, and who will be classified seniors in the next regular session.

The Krueger Award, established by C. C. and Walter Krueger of San Antonio, is now in its third year. It pays \$500 to the man with the highest grade-point average and best personal record in school from among this working group.

Awarded on the same basis is the Banta Senior Award, \$300, which goes to the second selection under the Krueger plan.

Present holder of the Krueger Award is Loren H. Stiles, veteran senior in Civil Engineering. The Banta Award is held by Billy M. Vaughn, executive officer of the corps.

Who will receive the first Jesse Jones award? You can help name him.

Kibitzers In Race Problems . . .

The South has a Negro problem. A major portion of the people in the South are aware of the problem and are working toward its solution. Many newspapers, civic bodies, political groups, and individuals are working as best they know how to provide the basic freedoms for everyone, regardless of race or creed. A great deal of genuine progress has been and is being made.

In any trepidulous task the most irritating thing to those performing the job is the thoughtless criticism of bystanders. In the job facing the South many more workers are needed, but there is no shortage of critical observers.

Particularly as this is election year, the Jim Crow question is frequently aired in Washington. Many members of Congress, which is the governing body of the District of Columbia, have been particularly scathing in their criticism of the South's handling of the Negro problem.

James Marlow, in his Capitol column, has given some interesting information, as reported by a presidential committee set up to observe conditions there, on the results Congress has achieved in Washington. "The District of Columbia," the committee says, "is a graphic illustration of a failure of democracy. As the seat of our Federal government under the authority of Congress, the failure of the District is the failure of the people."

"If he stops in Washington a Negro may dine like other men in the Union Station, but as soon as he steps out into the capital he leaves such democratic practices behind.

"With very few exceptions, he is refused

service at downtown restaurants. He may not attend a downtown movie or play and he has to go into the poorer section of the city to find a night's lodging.

"The Negro who decides to settle in the District must often find a home in an overcrowded, substandard area. He must often take a job below the level of his ability.

"He must send his children to the inferior public schools set aside for Negroes and entrust his family's health to medical agencies which give inferior service.

"In addition, he must endure the countless daily humiliations that the system of segregation imposes upon the one-third of Washington that is Negro. . . .

Marlow concludes, "In Washington Negroes can ride side-by-side with white people on the street cars and busses. This is something they can't do south of Washington, for in the Southern States Negroes must ride behind white people.

"Otherwise, there doesn't seem much difference between the Jim Crow treatment of Negroes in the capital and the southern states which are usually spoken of as the Jim Crow section of America."

These are the conditions observed in our nation's capital. They do not in any way lessen our own responsibilities. The South's problem is still before us. Its solution will be more rapid and enduring however if the non-constructive criticism is cut down to a minimum.

The Washington politico critics might accomplish more by coming down off their soap boxes and placing the shoulder to the wheel.

A New Kind of Film 'Epic' . . .

Samuel Goldwyn, the outspoken head of the Goldwyn Studios, is famous for his murder of the English language and his startling statements, both of which make for wonderful publicity. Mr. Goldwyn has just lashed out with a startling statement which is most excellent publicity, but which this time is in very lucid language.

Two days ago he announced that his top executives were receiving a fifty percent salary cut. He has since refused to tell the number of salaries of his bosses. Columnist Bob Thomas quotes "inside sources" as saying that the executives number only four or six and the pre-cut salaries ranged roughly from \$600 to \$1500 per week.

The salary-slicing announcement may have little effect on the small Goldwyn lot, but it has caused aggravation of ulcers at major studios, each of which has scores of executives. Long accustomed to labeling all their movements as "pioneering" or "sensationally original," the major producers seem to be a little confused by Goldwyn's action.

Hollywood publicity has never been called

reticent. There have ever been muted charges that some of the multi-million dollar deals weren't really quite that large at all, even though they made good reading for the fans at the Bijou. If the other studios are to stay on the same publicity level as the Goldwyn Studios, they must make at least an equal move in the same direction. Magnified by their comparative sizes, this may be painful. We are anxious to see both their official reaction and its effect on the Hollywood salary scene.

We aren't quite certain just what Goldwyn's motives were. We are sure that this is the best press release to come out of the film capital since the last "epic" was previewed.

Newspaper ads are now saying that Barry Harris (a tously headed moppel) has switched to Spear Prune Juice.

Use a piece of garden hose, burlap or a roll of currency to protect the tender bark of the trees from the sharp wire.

—New Yorker



Their Bonnets in the Ring . . .

All Seven Women in Congress Are Again Candidates in '48

WASHINGTON—The seven women members of Congress are tossing their bonnets into the ring again this election year.

Margaret Chase Smith, Republican of Maine, elected to the House to complete her husband's un-expired term in June 1940, and re-elected to succeeding Congresses, is out to capture a seat in the Senate.

She is competing against Horace A. Hildreth, the incumbent governor of Maine; Sumner Sewell, a former governor, and the Rev. Albion F. Beverage, in the Republican primaries June 21.

Mary Norton of New Jersey, dean of women members of Congress and the first to be elected to Congress by the Democratic Party, says she had wanted to withdraw from politics and get back into social welfare work.

But her supporters back home wouldn't hear of it, says Rep. Norton, who has been in Congress since 1925 and is now the ranking minority member of the House Committee on Labor. She says she guesses she'll stick it out for another term if elected.

Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell, Mass., veteran woman member on the Republican side of the House, says she's also running for re-election and doesn't think she'll ever give up.

She was elected to Congress June 30, 1925, to fill the vacancy caused by her husband's death. Re-elected to all succeeding Congresses, she is chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

Francis P. Bolton, of Ohio, elected in February 1940 to fill the unexpired term of her husband, and three re-elected, is a candidate for re-nomination in the primaries May 4.

Handsome Helen Gathagan Douglas of Hollywood, now serving her second term in Congress, expects to enter the Democratic primaries June 1, former stage and concert star, she is the wife of screen actor Melynn Douglas.

Mrs. Georgia Lusk, Democrat, New Mexico, first woman elected to Congress from her state, will also seek re-election. She is serving her first term.

Composite Group Sees Bridge Film

An official army motion picture film showing the process of assembling the M-4 floating bridge was exhibited Thursday evening to the 479th Composite Group, Organized Reserve.

Lt. Col. Joe Davis, assistant to the commanding general, accompanied the film with explanatory remarks. He pointed out that the bridge was capable of carrying heavier vehicles than any other the army has ever possessed.

The next meeting of the group will be in the Chemistry Lecture Room, Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Sammy Kaye Booked for April 3

Sammy Kaye and his orchestra have been booked for a Town Hall performance and All-College dance on April 3. Assistant Director of Student Activities Grady Elms announced today.

Kaye's appearance on Town Hall replaces the Ambassadors of Song who cancelled their engagement last month.

ManE Juniors Will Make Trip Feb. 23

Management engineering juniors will make an inspection trip to Lufkin, Monday, February 23, V. M. Faires, head of the department, announced today.

All classified juniors are expected to make the trip, Faires said. Information may be obtained from the department secretary in Austin Hall.

Shuttle Army of the Atom

Corps of Experts Fights To Keep US Ahead in Research

CHICAGO — A "shuttle army" of hundreds of top-flight scientists, engineers and physicians is working to make sure this country comes up first with the latest in atomic research.

Providing the guiding light in the nationwide project is the U. S. government.

The main work centers are the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's regional national laboratories and plants scattered across the country. The key equipment at these facilities is the atomic ovens or reactors.

Working part in the experiments which cover all phases of atomic research and its application to industry—medicine, plant growth and related fields—are botanists, biologists, biochemists, chemists, engineers, physicists, physicists and students.

Some work at the centers full time. Some are on leave of absence from universities. Many are scientists carrying on research at their own institutions but using government facilities at intervals.

Two considerations dictated use of a "shuttle" method, where there is a steady stream of scientists back and forth from their own institutions to the government research laboratories.

With some atomic ovens and related equipment costing about \$10,000,000, numerous individual universities or research institutions can not afford such facilities. Also, many scientists can not work full time at atomic research, but are willing to devote part time to the project.

The program works this way: The various laboratories and plants conduct different kinds of atomic research.

The principal work with uranium chain reactors is planned at the Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago, which already has a uranium-graphite and a heavy water reactor in operation. A new high flux reactor several times more powerful than the existing one at Oak Ridge, Tenn., will be built.

Similar research and production of radioisotopes for medical and industrial research is being carried on at the Clinton National Laboratory at Oak Ridge.

The Brookhaven National Laboratory at Upton, N. Y., will emphasize research and production of atomic power.

Atomic power also will be the main purpose of the projected Knowledge Laboratory near Schenectady, N. Y.

Plutonium, the man-made element used both in the atomic bomb and in one atomic oven, is being produced at Hanford, Wash.

A new type chain reactor plant

Letters

THANKS TO THE HOSPITAL

Editor, The Battalion:

I am an Aggie who would like to express my appreciation to the A. & M. Hospital for the wonderful medical care which I received after being in a car wreck.

I wish to compliment the hospital on its nurses and wish to say that I believe there is no hospital anywhere that has nurses that can compare with those at A. & M.

I wish to thank those of the different organizations who sent sympathy. I wish to thank "Mom" (Catherine) for her excellent job of stitching my ear and setting my collar bone!

I think A&M College is downright lucky in having such excellent medical care. They have taken the best care of my buddy, Calvin Nix. They have also treated his parents and relatives, who came to his bedside, with the very most of kindness and friendliness.

I hope I can catch up with my studies which I know is not going to be too easily done. I'm not writing this letter to flatter the nurses and make them feel proud. I'm only trying to make other A. & M. students realize how lucky they are in having such wonderful medical care.

Sincerely yours,

NORMAN H. TARVER

Pioneer Airlines Revise Schedules

Revised schedules, which will allow passengers more time in which to conduct daily business, will be inaugurated by Pioneer Air Lines on February 15, Harding Lawrence general traffic and sales manager, has announced.

The new schedule will include an additional round-trip to both Plainview and Mineral Wells, Lawrence said. Plainview and Mineral Wells were formerly given two daily round trip flights, but the new schedules will provide three such flights.

"All cities will be affected by the new schedules but it is believed that faster and better service can be derived from the earlier departures and arrivals," Lawrence pointed out.

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