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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Jim Crow Up North, Too...

Texas is still experiencing quiet satisfaction over the outcome of the SMU-Penn State football game. Not entirely because SMU was a moral victor but for the smoothness which Penn State players, both white and colored, were treated during their stay in Dallas.

Though there was a complaint from the players after their return home, it was aimed at their quarters at the Naval Air Station rather than at their hosts. The first invasion of the South by a football team with Negro players became nothing more than one sportsmanlike football team entertaining another.

But discrimination is a poser for Penn State even at home. According to The Daily Collegian, Penn State newspaper, Jim Crowism has not been stamped out there either as is evidenced from the following quotation from their editorial column:

"The fight to eliminate discrimination in the barber shops of State College has been seriously injured by All State Cabinet.

"By a vote of 13 to 8 Cabinet decided to instruct its CORE representatives to oppose

Rather a Living Memorial...

This week, in theatres across the state, collections are being taken up in order to set up the battleship Texas as a monument to the war heroes of the state.

Two Texas-born movie stars, Linda Darnell and Dana Andrews, agreed to contribute their services and make an impassioned plea on the screen for money with which to convert the battleship into a Texas shrine.

To those who like to see the glory of Texas idolized and paraded before the public, this movement seems fine. But is it?

Certainly the people of Texas are proud of the men who fought in the two world wars. They have a right to be. But wouldn't it be more in keeping with the tradition in which these men fought if the money collected were used for a better purpose?

A monument of steel such as the battleship Texas will be stirring, inspiring perhaps

any short-range program which asks patrons to voluntarily not get their hair cut at shops that discriminate against other Americans.

"The Committee on Racial Equality program to end Jim Crowism will be impaired by Cabinet's action. For over a year this committee has been carrying on a plan of education and publicity in an effort to convince the barbers that public sentiment was in favor of eliminating discrimination. Last year a petition which was signed by 2000 students, faculty, and townspeople definitely proved that at least a large segment of the local population was willing to patronize shops that cut the hair of all races.

"Now the barbers will get the impression that by Cabinet's action the student leaders, and consequently the students themselves, are apathetic towards the ending of discrimination in their shops. Instead, it seems, the students are willing to open a shop to accommodate the Negroes and let it go at that."

All this, not in the Deep South, but far in the North! Discrimination is not a problem; unique to the South, but shows itself wherever there are minority groups.

but it nevertheless is quite inanimate and incapable of returning any real value for the money invested.

Why not a living memorial? Why not honor these soldiers of Texas by using the money for a purpose from which these men themselves, or their relatives and friends can benefit? Cancer research, a truly worthy project, is in need of funds. It is only one example of many living monuments that Texas could establish in honor of her war heroes.

We are not condemning a project which, quite evidently, has a sincere goal in mind. But it just seems a waste in this day of need to spend money for the purpose of glorifying a past war when more important wars are going on today in fields of medicine and science.

Memories of One F. D. R. . . .

Fifteen years ago this month—when most of us were just little nuisances running around the house—Franklin Delano Roosevelt took the oath of office for the first time. He smashed a tradition by memorizing the oath in its entirety, repeating the 35 words altogether instead of in broken phrases. As we grew up, we heard of Roosevelt continuing to smash precedents. Then—while many of us were in uniform—came the news of his death.

Today more mud is being slung at the memory of F. D. R. than was slung even during his life-time—which was plenty. But he still towers above our time.

On that March morning in 1933, in an effort to bolster the spirit of a nation with a bad case of the hard-time jitters, he launched into a confidence-studded inaugural speech.

"So, first of all," he said, "let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Next day he closed the nation's banks until they could be reopened on a sounder footing. Then he called Congress into special session for emergency action.

Eight days after his inauguration Mr. Roosevelt began the series of fireside radio talks which delighted his friends, exasperated his enemies and impressed multitudes of voters.

The large size magazine has finally made its mark. An outfit on Fifth Ave., R. E. Andrews, is now offering "full-size" mail boxes big enough to accommodate Life, the Saturday Evening Post and Collier's at once.

Something called Tieswap, in Wilmington, Del., advertised a new deal in the Saturday Review of Literature. You send them from one-to-six neckties you're tired of. They return you the same number, all cleaned, and you pay the mailman one buck plus postage. Their hook? "Far-away store labels wow demiselles."

"My friends" sonorously rolled out of loud speakers all over the country. His political showmanship was focusing attention on him as the leader, not of a party so much, as of a nation.

In 10 months he made 20 radio talks, a record-setting performance for a chief executive.

During his famous "100 days," Congress swiftly ground out legislation, tailored almost completely to his order. He bombarded Congress with messages. Revolutionary economic measures sometimes swept through both houses in a single day.

The president was authorized to manage the national currency with wide inflationary powers. He took the country off the gold standard.

Congress created the Civilian Conservation Corps, restored 2-cent postage, passed a securities regulation bill to protect investors and modified the Volstead act to allow the sale of 3 1/2 percent beer.

At the height of the Roosevelt Presidential "honeymoon," in the summer of 1933, the press reported that a New York family had named a new baby Franklin Delano Blue Eagle. A Chicago couple named their infant son Franklin Garner in honor of both the president and vice-president. All this was a long time ago. But we still remember F.D.R.

Bar Mart, in Manhattan, came up with a devilish New Year's innovation: bottom's-up tumblers that are rounded on the bottom and cannot be set down till the drink is all gone.

William and Mary pulled thru' and gave a name to each day of the week. (Of course President Truman aided a wee bit.) The new version of a week: Sexless Monday; Meatless Tuesday; Dateless Wednesday; Eggless Thursday; and Whoopee Friday, Saturday, and Sunday!

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Got a Million of 'Em . . .

When Grades Are Mailed Home, Can Excuses Be Far Behind?

By HARVEY J. CHELF

When mid-term grade reports were mailed out by the college, a lot of other mail went out too. Students hastily devised excuses and alibis to tell their correspondents.

This is a fairly complete file of one student's fabrications.

Dear Mother,

Well, I guess my grades have gotten home by now, and you've found out that I failed chemistry. I want you to know that it was as much a shock to me as it was to you to find it out. Since you must be wondering why I failed, especially since I had an A in it just before Christmas like I told you, I'll explain what happened.

My professor was most uneducated, and his lectures were full of profanity. I remembered what you told me when I came here, about listening to that sort of thing, so I tried hard not to listen to the cussing and still hear the lecture, but I guess I didn't get enough under such a handicap.

However, I know you won't be too angry when you know the true story. Please don't tell anyone the real reason why I failed, because they might not understand like you do. About the Ford you got me for Christmas for having such good grades then. . . .

Dear Father,

I reckon my grades are there by now, and you've found out I failed chemistry. Well, sir, there's nothing I can say without your thinking I'm just making excuses, but it's kinda your fault that I failed.

You remember that long man-to-man talk we had before I came up here last September? Remember how you told me to always give the other fellow a break? Well, I was doing like you said and it caused me to fail.

You see, the professor assigned me to a desk that was right over a broken gas-jet, which kept me in a semi-stupor all the time. I told him about it but he wouldn't move me. I didn't press it because if I moved, one of my buddies would have to take my place, and I knew you wouldn't want me to do anything like that. So I stuck it out, all the time expecting to pass and you can see I wasn't really fibbing about my grades when I was home Christmas. When I discovered he had failed me I thought about reporting it to the dean, but I really hated to get my prof in trouble. Besides I knew you'd be prouder of me if I just took it like a man.

Please don't tell mother the real reason; she might insist I do something to get that prof in trouble, maybe get him fired. You know how mother is. . . .

Dear Jimmy,

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guess the folks told you about my flunking chemistry. Well, son, it's really rough up here. If you think you have it tough in high school, just wait until you come to college! I study six or seven hours a night, lots of times to three-thirty or four in the morning. I was doing pretty good up to my last quizzes, and I would have probably made good grades on them, but I was up all night trying to help my roommate pass a couple of courses (boy, is he dumb!), and as a result I didn't have a chance to get ready for those last quizzes. That just proves how tough it is here; if you miss one night you bust a course. Don't tell the folks about this because they might think I'm working too hard. You know how the folks are.

My Darling Janie,
If you've seen Jimmy since I last wrote, I guess you know about my flunking chemistry. Now you can understand how much I miss you. At night I sit at my desk, trying to study, and everytime I look up I see your picture, and my mind slips a hundred miles and I just can't study.

Don't tell anybody else, but I want you to know the real reason I failed. You're on my mind day and night when we're apart.

In answer to your last letter, I'm really sorry I couldn't be there for our date, but honey, like I told you I was on the bull ring week end before last. You know how tough it is on that d--- bull ring, especially when I'm constantly thinking of you. . . .

Dear Johnny,

How in hell are you, and how are things going at SMU? How did your grades come out? I hope you did better than I did. I busted chemistry, and just squeaked through in English and trig, but boy have I been having a wild, drunken ole time! I haven't cracked a book since mid-term and I was damn lucky to pass that much. After I got my new car the folks gave me for Christmas I've aet all the cute girls in Bryan. I had a date with a sweet little thing, weekend before last, and did I even have a swell time! By the way, don't spread it around at home because I don't want Janie to find out. . . .

16 GOVERNORS WANT OWN TIDELANDS
CORSIANA, Tex., March 5 (AP) Governor Beauford H. Jester said here yesterday that 46 of the 48 governors of the nation are backing the stand he has taken on the tidelands question now before Congress.

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US Should Give Aid to Europe, Gibson Tells 'Issues' Class

The US should give the nations of western Europe as much aid as possible without impairing its own resources, A. E. Gibson, president of the Wellman Engineering Company of Cleveland, Ohio, told the Great Issues class Wednesday night.

In his address on "Can Britain and France Regain Their Former World Position?" Gibson advocated giving aid as the most desirable of three possible alternatives for the US to follow in combating Communism in Europe. The other two would be for the US to withdraw from western Europe and arm to the teeth or else to give Russia an ultimatum now to get out.

Gibson spent about two months last fall on a personal inspection trip in England, France, Switzerland, and Italy.

"He described conditions in western Europe as quite grave, but said that the people were working as hard as they could with the facilities they had. Their greatest need is for modern tools and new methods of mass production.

By giving the western European nations aid, Gibson said, we will give them hope, and when they see that their efforts are worthwhile, they will work harder.

One reason that France and England are so far behind us, according to Gibson, is that it takes them 3 times as long to do a job and their workers get only one third as much pay. In addition, labor unions there restrict the application of the techniques of mass production by not permitting labor-saving devices to be installed in industry.

In pointing out that the US is much farther ahead in mass production, Gibson cited the case of the Englishwoman who was so excited over her new washing machine that she spent hours talking about it at a dinner party. In the United States a new washing machine would occasion only a casual mention over a back yard fence.

Gibson attended the regular meeting of the Great Issues class Thursday morning to answer questions.

When asked to what extent Communists control French industry, he replied that they did not control it.

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