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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Now We Have Mesons . . .

Now we have man-made Mesons. What are we going to do with them?

We don't quite understand what a Meson is, but we do understand that production of them at the University of California has been hailed as the biggest advance in atomic physics since uranium fission was perfected. That made the atom-bomb possible. Remembering what fears the atom bomb has led to, we don't know what to think about the Mesons.

The achievement ends a notable race among scientists in America, Europe and perhaps elsewhere.

Production of Mesons in the laboratory for the first time was announced Monday by Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, famed atom-smasher, and James B. Fisk, research director of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The potent particles, which eventually may point the way to atomic energy far greater than that produced by the atom bomb were produced in the University of California's 4,000 ton cyclotron.

Dr. Lawrence said laboratory Mesons will give scientists their best tool for finding out just what particles there are in the nuclei of atoms. However, there will be no immedi-

Klan Profits by Split . . .

One organization at least has profited by the row over President Truman's Civil Rights Bill. The Ku Klux Klan, long dormant, is experiencing an increase in membership, according to its leaders. The Klan's profit is the South's loss.

The Ku Klux Klan may have been necessary in Reconstruction days. But when they suggest, as they do today, that federal troops will soon invade the South to force white women and Negroes together at bayonet point, it is quite evident that they are talking nonsense.

A strong Klan movement could force just what the members claim they fear—federal intervention by force.

The hooded and robed order has stepped up its activities. A new pamphlet says it is ready for a period of "constructive planning and activity."

Spokesmen deny any Klan connection with some activities charged against the group. But they advertised widely in advance a recent parade in Swainsboro, Ga., and another in Wrightsville, Ga., on the eve of a county primary election.

In both instances crosses were burned on the courthouse lawns after from 200 to 300 hooded and robed klansmen paraded around the square. Leaders said the KKK had gathered to rededicate itself to maintenance of Southern traditions, including segregation of races.

At Wrightsville, Dr. Samuel Green, Atlanta physician and Grand Dragon of the Georgia Klan, told the crowd "we want to

Spring and Our Roads . . .

In the Spring a young Aggie's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of travel. Unfortunately travel involves roads, and there enters the joker.

To reach the outside world, or even to go from gate to dorm, the student must travel college streets that are hardly flattering to a school that turns out top-notch civil engineers.

Most of our major thoroughfares are crowded, but in good repair. It is the minor roadways that are suffering. Some of them have been topped with asphalt in years past, but are now little less than a series of jarring

What Price Prestige?

John Guedel, the big-shot Hollywood packager of radio shows, has conferred vice-presidents' titles on all his 16 employees, along with all the trimmings. They have the titles printed on their business cards, placarded on their desks and posted in the building directory. Comes in handy, too, both for Guedel and the staff. Helps the boss get out from under very easy when some disgruntled performer on an audience participation show wants to lodge a gripe within someone in authority. And one of

ate practical application, he added. Despite the atom bomb, little is known about the insides of atoms.

Dr. Lawrence termed the accomplishment "one of the great milestones of all time in fundamental atomic research."

Mesons are important because they are the most powerful particles known to science and because they have something to do with nuclei which researchers must learn about before they can solve any remaining atomic mysteries.

In nature they come from the upper air. Presumably they are born when the nucleus of a speeding hydrogen atom hits an atom of oxygen or some other matter in the air and explodes it. Mesons are products of these explosions. Some have been rated as having energies of hundreds of billions of volts. The energy produced in uranium atom explosions is only 200 million volts.

The cyclotron mesons are feeble ones—only about 4 million volts. Bigger atom smashers will be needed to produce the more powerful ones, Dr. Lawrence said.

We hope the Mesons will behave themselves.

see the Negro treated fairly. But whenever the Negro takes his place at the side of white men through the force of federal bayonets, blood will flow in the streets of the South."

There have been other cross burnings and public Klan assemblies, but Green disclaims Klan connection with the suspension of a high school athletic coach at Lakeview, Ga. Walter Bowland, the coach, said the Klan warned him to get out of town, after a fight with a former student.

On politics, the pamphlet says the difference between the national parties now is "Tweedledum and Tweedledee. . . as the matter now stands we must cast our ballots for the right as it is most nearly represented and championed by men regardless of party."

The pamphlet lists Klan ideals as: A white man's organization; an American, Protestant, Gentile organization.

It says the order stands for development of the "highest standards" of citizenship; "Rightful" use of the ballot, enforcement of law by regularly constituted authorities and teaching citizens "that their first allegiance is to the United States."

On racial ideals, it states founders of the republic "never intended that it should fall into the hands of an inferior race."

Governor Thompson of Georgia (where the Klan is strongest) told the truth the other day when he said, "While our senators and representatives in Washington are saying that we can take care of our problems ourselves, the Klan is cutting the very ground from under their feet."

the secretaries reports that her new title enabled her to cash a check.

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Industrial Research Program Of Texas Businesses Begins

A&M research facilities were turned loose today in Texas in an effort to assemble the factual data looking to the industrialization of the state.

The program, the first of its scope to have been undertaken in Texas, is under the supervision of the management engineering department and the Engineering Experiment Station.

Holding that Texas produces approximately \$260 per capita per year in raw products—yet processes only \$51 worth of goods per capita—the agencies with Richard A. Downard and Donald K. Andrews, industrial engineers of the college, as representatives, will gather data on every phase of industry and agriculture in Texas.

Pioneer Air Lines Request Extension

Pioneer Air Lines has asked the Civil Aeronautics Board to reconsider granting an extension of service from Midland-Odessa to El Paso via Pecos, Gen. Robert J. Smith, president, has announced.

Pioneer requested this extension in its original petition in the Arizona-New Mexico case in addition to the routes from Amarillo to El Paso via Clovis, Roswell, Alamogordo and Las Cruces and from Lubbock to Albuquerque via Clovis, Tucumcari, Las Vegas and Santa Fe, New Mexico, which were granted.

When the ruling on the new application will be made is not definite, Gen. Smith said.

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Loss of Cadet Corps Traditions Could Result From Change in Mess Hall Serving

(This is the fourth in a series of nine articles on the current mess hall situation at A&M. The fifth article, entitled "The Hidden Cost" will appear in Thursday's Battalion.)

By LARRY GOODWYN

In many controversies, the real issues that decide public opinion are often hidden from view. Such is the case, in part at least, in the Cafeteria vs. Family style issue currently being discussed on the campus.

Family style feeding, despite many "unfortunate" aspects which have long been a source of bleeds on the part of the Cadet Corps, is still favored by a majority of cadets. To people not familiar with cadet life, the reasons why most cadets will stick by family style serving regardless of its handicaps, may not appear too clear.

But, it can all be summed up in one word—tradition.

Tradition has been a powerful influence on the A&M campus ever since the day Sully got his first bath. Its presence has shaped in a score of different forms, the standards of cadet life for years. Aggies have come to love by these standards and they like it. They don't want to see it change.

And thus does family style serving tie in with tradition. Eating "in outfits," marching to mess, student waiters, meal service—all are irrevocably tied in with tradition. Together, they form a feature that distinguishes A&M from other colleges.

To the A&M cadet who has ac-

cepted and come to regard their traditions as a matter of course, the fact that by changing the system he can save five or ten or even twenty-five cents a day becomes comparatively insignificant.

For a while it may prove more economical to eat cafeteria style, such a program would, by its very nature, cause the abolishment of virtually every traditional phase of eating in a cadet mess hall. Marching to mess would pass by the boards because the wide varieties in serving hours would make the forming of outfits impossible. For the same reason, it would not be possible to seat cadets according to outfits and this would bring the end to meal service, the time-honored duty of freshmen.

The "hidden reason"—tradition—has, indeed, proved to be one of the deciding factors in forming cadet corps opinion of the mess hall situation.

(A more detailed story on the status of cadet corps opinion, based on a type of "Gallup Poll" of the Cadet Corps, will appear in the sixth article of this series.)

US and Russia Will Not Fight For 20 Years—Knickerbocker

By VICK LINDLEY

The United States is not apt to go to war with Russia any time soon, H. R. Knickerbocker told a question class of the Great Issues Course yesterday, in his final appearance with Walter Duranty.

Asked the question "Are we going to fight Russia now, or wait 20 years?" Mr. Knickerbocker replied, "We'll wait 20 years. I do not think war with Russia is inevitable. But even if we knew positively that we would have to fight Russia in 20 years, and that by that time Russia would have the same advantage over us that we now have over them, you couldn't get Congress to declare war."

Knickerbocker and Duranty, newspaper correspondents and authors, during the morning session answered questions about the debate they staged Monday night in Guion Hall.

There is no chance of a new Russian revolution in the foreseeable future, Knickerbocker said in answer to another question. Russian control of police power is too great. "Hitler learned his secret police technique from Stalin," Knickerbocker reported. "The Gestapo, bad as it was, was never so bad as the Russian Cheka or NKVD."

Asked about American support for Franco Spain, Knickerbocker said, "We in America have a perfectionist complex. If a government

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Three Additions Made to Business, Accounting Staff

Three additions have been made to the department of business and accounting teaching staff, T. W. Leland, head of the department, has announced.

W. R. Allen, formerly assistant attorney general of Texas and attorney for Brazos County, is a law instructor, Leland said. He attended Vanderbilt University and the University of Texas.

Eugene Rush, a graduate of George Washington University with a bachelor of laws degree, has also joined the department as a law instructor. He is also a graduate of the University of Texas where he received a bachelor of arts degree in economics.

Joe Vincent, a graduate of the University of Missouri, joined the department as an instructor in general insurance. He has spent nine years as special and recording agent in the general insurance field.

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