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

Texas Needs Libraries...

"Texas is first in a lot of things, but when it comes to library service we have to take thirty-eight place among states. Of the 254 counties in Texas, 147 have no public library within their bounds."

These words from Wright Patman of Texarkana, representative in Congress, were spoken in the House of Representatives recently. They tell the story of one of Texas' problems. They also may explain why such indifferent use is made of A&M's Cushing library. Borrowing books from the library and reading them is a habit, easily acquired in childhood, hard to acquire at a later age.

It has long been noticed that Aggies shy when an instructor hands out a list of books to secure from the library and read Part of the dismay comes from a lack of time. (Something we are all short of.) But part of the distress is due to a lack of the "library habit." (Reading Dick Tracy in the news- know what free public library service is.

paper room doesn't qualify anyone as a bookworm).

Seriously, there are many fine books in the Cushing Library that have never been issued. We may not have as complete a collection of books as the New York Library or even the Texas University library (one of the ten top collegiate institutions) but we do have one of the better college libraries of the Southwest. It isn't used as well as it might be. Which brings us back to the "li-

brary habit." Awaiting action in the House is a bill authorizing appropriation of funds for mobile libraries over the country. Rep. Patman, supporting the bill, told his colleagues:

This bill would do a lot for my state of Texas, as well as for other states. There are more people in Texas without library service than in any other state. Over 3,000,000 Texans, or about half of our population, do not

Masaryk's Only Way Out ...

The death of Jan Masaryk, non-party tary aid to China would help stop "Russian foreign minister in Czechoslovakia's new Communist-controlled government, personalizes the "cold war."

The Czechoslovak government said Masaryk, son of Thomas Masaryk, founder and first president of the Czechoslovak Republic leaped to death from his third floor office in Prague. The government announcement said he had "suffered an illness, coupled with

Interior Minister Vaclav Nosek said Masaryk had spent the hight reading letters! and telegrams from Britain and the United States attacking him for continuing in the Communist government.

In Brussels, five Western European nations negotiating a military alliance agreed countries on the continent.

At the Vatican, Pope Pius XII said in his annual address to the Rome Clergy that Catholies in the Italian national elections April 18 must vote for candidates who safeguard the rights of God and of souls, for the true God of individuals, of families and of society, according to the law of God and Christian moral doctrine!

In Washington the U.S. Congress sought to transform the Marshall Plan for Euro-pean recovery into law by April 10. Maj. Gen Claire Chemault former commander of the "Flying Tigers" in China, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that mili-

aggression" in Europe.

Several members of Finland's delegation to negotiate a Finish-Russian pact requested by Prime Minister Stalin were reported in but I have fought down the im- only twice during the last 6 months Helsinki to have asked to be relieved of their assignment. Informants said Finnish Presi- have never believed in destructive meters being read. dent Juho K. Paasikivi cut them short with the remark: "There is no question of whether you have any desire to do this or that. This is a compulsory labor."

Danish Foreign Minister Gustav Rasmussen in Copenhagen expressed concern for Finland and said Denmark would defend her hell of a lot." And none of it has your gas off!"-and they would, own liberty "with all available force" if at- to do with the battleship Texas. too! tacked. He did not mention any possible source of attack on Denmark, but declared self, particularly the ones you borthat "the main eastern power, the U.S.S.R., row from the Austin dump. You in principle their union will be open to other is at present striving to attach Finland to have been an outstanding proponthe east European system."

At Lake Success, the much-publicized U. teasips ever since you have had S.-Russian agreement on Palestine partition appeared to be dissolving. Imminent dis- it. agreement appeared to center on American If you value opinion formed on insistence that the Arabs, bitter foes of partition, be brought into United Nations consultations.

Young Masaryk apparently saw only one way out of the dilemna of the world. He jumped. But the rest of us cannot take such take their word for it, whatever it a way out. Can we work our way out of this is. mess without getting into a third World War, and a worse mess? We must try.

Difference of Opinion

Earl Bunting, president of the National Assn. of Manufacturers, held a press conference during the recent convention to explain the NAM's 12-point program to fight inflation. During the question period afterward. one reporter asked a leading question about prices and Bunting answered at length largely around the point, and summed up: "After all, ho one wants price controls again." To drive the point home he put the problem straight to the reporters with a rhetorical question. "You wouldn't want price controls" he said, "would you?" At which point a goodly number of the assembled scribes vocifer-ously chorused: "Yes." — TIDE

Consternation beset the Detroit AP Buread when both phones went out of commission simultaneously during a busy night last week. The AP requested quick service from the telephone dompany because important outstate calls were expected, so an emergency repair crew as rushed to the newsroom. The repairmen checked and rechecked before one astute mechanic finally located the trouble, receivers of the phones had been switched.

Right above at ad for electric blankets, the Edinburg Valley (Text) Review ran a story headed: TOASTY TOES BRING BLAZE IN BEDROOM.' It was about a fire blamed on an electric blanket.

> Four-Months Old Bridegroom Held On Murder Charge Lynchbrerg (Va.) News

B&O Promotion

Public relations wise, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad doesn't miss a trick through some aspects of its passenger promotion are pretty subtle. We refer to a slick brochure, illustrated by Don Herold, that was just published and which tells, in part, about the road's fancy motor coach service from New York's 42nd Street to the terminal in Jersey City. A halfstone shot of the midtown waiting room starts an interesting sequence. It shows a number of passengers waiting around for the bus, including a goodlooking chap and a pretty girl. These two, however, are seated some distance apart from each other and are obviously supposed to be strangers. But the next picture, showing the loaded bus enroute to the station, has the two You Were Meant young folks sitting side by each and chatting cozily together. -TIDE

> \$100 Political Plate Sounds bGod in print

San Antonio (Tex.) News

Chattanooga + Fifteen thousand State Department of Conservation workers have distributed 27 pounds of grain throughout this area as emergency rations for birds.— Knoxville News-Sentinel.

Worthy work, and light work.

Adjoining heads in the Detroit (Mich.) Free Press read: Groups of Donors Urged for Test-Tube Babies—Husbands Won't Like This, Judge! (P. S.—There was a quick makeover.)

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VERBAL RETCHING

My dear Mr. Murray: of what used to be the Aggies we'll pay only for the gas WE of serving the student body. newspaper, I have writhed and use!" But the bills continue to suffered in silence while reading double! I realize this has been a the asinine folderol you have seen particularly cold winter but this for labor cost, two cents for utilifit to print. I have suffered, I re- doesn't account for the fact that ties such as heat, light, power, watpeat, in silence.

pulse to retch verbally because I has anyone in this vicinity seen the tions, is included in this latter criticism and I have neither the part in getting out the Batt.

editorial (?), "What more can be Gas Co. is met with the reply, "If said?", my answer is "A whole you don't like it-we'll just cut If you haven't any original ideas, ent of everything advocated by the

the forty acres so highly I suggest FRIDAY - SATURDAY you pack up and change schools. I have never learned anything admirable about that bunch, either individually or collectively, and I know a few. Editorialize all you please about battleships and so forth, but please don't ask us to

your name in the Batt. I, for one

am getting pretty damned sick of

H. V. KING, '44 NOT-SO-FLAT RATE

Editor, The Battalion:

I realize this probably should be addressed to the city fathers of Bryan. However before writing them I'd like to find out if any other people of College Station are in similar circumstances. From September 1946 to about

August of 1947 we were on a "flatrate" for our gas. During that winter the bills doubled every month and any griping was met with the argument-"Some guy over in Col-



LAST DAY

for Me"

lege Hills leaves his windows open and burns gas day and night and the cost of the gas must be distrib- for food in order to replace the EISENHOWER, FARLEY uted over those persons on a flatrate." This sounded logical, tho' exasperating, and so the bills were

In September 1947 a meter was Ever since you have been editor installed and we thought - "Now during the month which included I have disagreed with the stand the Christmas holidays when I was you have taken on almost every gone for 2 weeks, the bill continued subject you have taken a stand on, its upward trend, or the fact that

Now, Mr. Anthony, my question time nor the inclination to take is this-Is there anything that can be done to remedy this-other than However, I can't swallow every- installing Butane Atwood burners, thing. Monday's issue is too much, or talking to the chaplain? Any Quoting your top-of-the-column complaint made to the Lone Star

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mess hall. This program has saided,

(This is the fifth in a series ness hall situation at A&M. The sixth article, concerning a poll of Cadet Corps opinion on Family and Cafeteria style, will ap-pear in the Friday issue of the

By LARRY GOODWYN The creamery charges four cents for each milk bottle that is not returned. Students who take milk Students who eat in A&M's mess hall are not getting their full dol-lar's value for each \$1 spent—and they themselves are responsible in part for the "hidden cost" that is responsible for this situation.

The "hidden cost" is all of the making it possible to serve confee with cream in their rooms, but they are paying to the cost of the making it possible to serve confee with cream in their rooms, but they are paying to the cost of the making it possible to serve confee with cream in their rooms, but

The "hidden cost" is the money the mess hall must take away from food allotments every year in order to pay for losses in mess hall this loss, the mess hall has begun equipment, a loss which students a program of serving free meals

This loss takes the form of missing coffee cups, knives, forks, glasses, plates and other assorted eating utensils which the mess half must replace.

Commenting on this situation, J. G. Peniston, chief of A&M Sublements of the students of th

sistence, said, "The students don't to have their nightly coffee with seem to realize they are paying for cream") the problem probably the equipment that they take out could be licked. of the mess hall. That is exactly the case, for we just have to spend the money that should be going YOUNG TEXANS APPROVE never-ending loss of equipment."

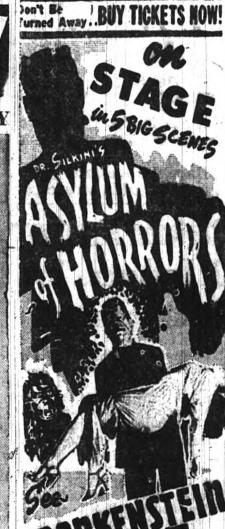
The extent of the price loss to students is reflected in these figures from the subsistence depart, terday that General Eisenhower ment, showing how the mess hall and Jim Farley would be kiven spends each dollar in the process favorable mention as a presiden-

Sixty cents out of each dollar day of the Texas Young Democrats goes for food; twenty-eight cents executive committee. er, fuel and gas and the remaining 10 cents for "dining hall expenses." The price of replacing mess hall

equipment, along with cleaning and laundry, insurance, garbage collecfigure. The exact percentage of each dollar that is spent on replacing equipment couldn't be obtained



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three days a week instead of the morning and afternoon arrangement previously in practice.

He can be contacted in Ramp B, they are paying for that conven-ience in the form of increased mess Hart Hall every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday all day to handle veterans problems other than edu-

J. R. Varnell, Bryan contact representative for the Veterans Administration, will be in Hart Hall

equipment, a loss which students a program of serving free meals to dormitory janitors for every 20 ree.

This loss takes the form of miss. from the second to the third floor of the Howell Building, in a small way, to overcome the unnecessary "hidden cost."

Until now, Varnell visited the campus every Monday morning and

Select Duchess

The Navarro County A&M Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Academic Building to select duchess to represent the club at the annual Cotton Ball, according to President L. M. Harris. Plans for an Easter party also

will be discussed. Harris requests all old and new nembers to attend.



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