

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Ol' Mac For President? . . .

Why shilly-shally in this business about electing some General as President this fall? Why not go all the way?

Despite the howls from veterans which are arising all over the country, and the formation among ex-soldiers and GI students of "Anti-MacArthur Clubs," we will back MacArthur to the extent of suggesting a completely military administration and cabinet. No doubt it would work as well in the United States as in Tokio. (Did we hear a question?)

For President of the United States we want General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. We believe that "Dug-out Dougie" (as he was affectionately called by the men under him) will be able to get the vote of the men who served in the Pacific. Since several million men served in this theatre, he ought to be able to get these votes as well as those of these men's families and friends.

Many people are worried whether the General will come back and run for the Presidency. But, in the General's own words, "I shall return."

For Vice-President we suggest Major General Howland D. "Howlin' Mad" Smith of the Marines. This selection is only natural since it will consolidate the ex-Leathernecks and therefore prevent a split vote in the party.

For Secretary of State we will approve Lieut. Gen. John C. H. "Courthouse" Lee. His deft diplomacy will enable him to handle our diplomatic problems tactfully.

For Secretary of Treasury our choice is naturally Brig. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers. We have selected Meyers for this key position because we feel that he has done such a good job with finances in the past.

For Secretary of Defense we select Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel of Pearl Harbor fame. We feel that his record shows that he has always been on the alert and will be an ideal man for this spot.

We will fill the Attorney General slot with Col. James Killian. He is one candidate who needs no boosting. His record at the Litchfield Detention Camp speaks for itself. What couldn't he do with the F.B.I.?

For Postmaster General we hesitate in naming our man. However, we have finally decided to give this job to Brigadier General (ret.) Elliot Roosevelt. His ability to get his dog shipped via air express during the war proves that he will be a most capable man.

For Secretary of Agriculture we are advocating Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay. His experience in the dairy business in Frankfurt, Germany, will stand him in good stead for this task.

For Secretary of the Interior, we nominate the President's physician, Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham. Many people will think that a doctor would not be able to fill this position. However, we believe that General Graham's experience in the grain market will enable him to handle the job superbly.

For Secretary of Labor we are backing Maj. Gen. Ben "Yoo Hob" Lear. His ability to inspire his men will undoubtedly enable

Apparently the printers at the *Portland (Ore.) Journal* were feeling the tension the day of the union meeting called to vote on whether the publishers' offer would be accepted or a strike would be called. The final edition that day, under the "On the Public Record" heading, carried a whole string of funeral notices under the classification: "Business Directory."

The Diamond Match Company got pretty tired of Lieutenant Dan Britt, hero of Mutual's official detective crime series. For many weeks, it seems, Britt would ask his assistant two or three times on each program: "Got a match, Al?" So Diamond Match wrote him a short not saying, "We can't stand it any longer," and sent along a case of 50,000 book matches.

Stolen from the paper of the College of the City of New York:

The moon is slung beneath the stars
With face of agate clear.
The moon was high on the milky-way
But I got high on beer.

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SECOND THE MOTION

Dear Editor:
I saw in your letters column yesterday where a mister King wrote a letter to you condemning your stand on editorials. I want to tell you that I agree with mister King.

I don't like none of the things that has appeared in your editorial column, none of em.
How on earth you could come out against people who throw mud on teapipers is beyond me. I wood do it agin, too.

I have a sneaking suspicion that you all on the Bat ain't aggies. I think you all are trying to make a college out of A&M.
I also think mister King and I should try and meet one night a week and retch together.

HOWARD BRADNER, '40

MR. GOODWYN—YOU JEST!

Editor, The Battalion:
After having read the latest of Larry Goodwyn's enlightening articles concerning the mess hall situation at A&M, we find it impossible to refrain from commenting on the subject.

We have no knowledge of the contents of the future articles, but we feel that the four writers so far have not lived up to their proposed subject matter which is "The Current Mess Hall Situation at A&M". Does the west wing of Duncan Hall comprise the whole mess hall situation at A&M?

In Wednesday's article, it was stated that the corps members could save from 5 to 25 cents a day by eating cafeteria style. At the present family style rate of \$1.20 a day this would mean that it is possible to eat (and we suppose live) on 95 cents to \$1.15 per day. Mr. Goodwyn—you jest!

From our own experience (our combined weight is less than three hundred pounds) and from asking numerous other veterans, we find that the average cost for three, poor, single serving meals is no less than \$1.50. We envy those who get as much as they want of the same poor food for \$1.20. While considering cafeteria style for these men, why not consider, at the same time, family style, at \$1.20 a day, for us?

It appears to us that the present cafeteria profit should offset the family style loss, but if this is not the case, we should like to remind Mr. Peniston and the subsistence department that in the near future all veterans will receive a \$10 raise. It is our sincere hope that this new, potential source of

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Poll Shows Cadet Corps Solidly Behind Family Style Serving; Offer Suggestions

(This is the sixth in a series of nine articles dealing with the current mess hall situation on the A&M campus. The seventh article, entitled "Pay As You Go" will appear in the Monday issue of the Battalion.)

By LARRY GOODWYN
Members of the Cadet Corps may offer many "bleeds" from time to time concerning food in the college mess halls, but they're almost solidly against changing the present system of serving food family style.

Results of the Battalion's sample poll of members of the cadet

4 Faculty Members Attend East Texas Forestry Meeting

Dr. Vernon A. Young, Robert F. Rhodes, and New A. Smith of the range and forestry department, accompanied by David A. Anderson of the Texas Forest Service, met with the Nacogdoches-Lufkin Sub-section of the Society of American Foresters at Nacogdoches on March 8.

Dr. Young presented an illustrated lecture on "Range Management Applied to the Piney Woods Region of East Texas."

In his talk Dr. Young emphasized that the control of tick fever and the abandonment of worn-out cotton fields in the South have resulted in an influx of livestock into the area. The number of cattle in the piney woods region of the south has increased 165 percent in the last five years, he said, and 8 million cattle currently graze in the area.

As Dr. Young stated, timber management and grazing could be carried on profitably in the same area if certain practices were followed.

Among the practices he mentioned were uniting small units into an economic unit; the enforcement of fencing laws to protect the timber areas from over-grazing; the introduction of desirable pastures for livestock grazing during periods when the nutritional value of the native grasses is low; and the feeding of concentrates during critical periods.

Dr. Young also suggested the improvement of livestock breeds; better distribution of livestock by proper salting and watering practices; feeding mineral supplements during periods of deficiency in the native forage; and better forest management correlated with the range management practices.

TRUMAN ASKS MORE EUROPEAN AID
WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—President Truman yesterday asked Congress for an additional \$55,000,000 to help tide western Europe over until the European Recovery Program is enacted.

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corps show that some 82% favor maintaining the present system. The remaining 18% voiced approval of a system of cafeteria style feeding.

Tradition was advanced as one of the principal reasons why the present system should be continued. Corps members cited the age-old practices of night retreat, eating in outfits, meal service and other Aggie traditions as being sufficient reason why family style should be continued. Under a cafeteria plan, these traditions would, of course, have to be discontinued.

Others, with an eye on their waistslines, pointed out that Cadets got more to eat under the present system.

"If I ate as much in a cafeteria as I do in the mess hall, I'd cost me over \$2.00 a day to live," Robert Neilson, Junior from Honey Grove said.

However, while strongly in favor of continuing family style feeding, cadets were quick to point out that they were not entirely satisfied with the food being served in the mess hall.

"We want a better balanced diet"

was heard over and over again by the poll-takers. Lack of green vegetables and too much starch in every meal were cited as principal defects in the diet. Other suggestions included a plea for more fruit and hot bread.

In order to allow corps members to learn what will be served at the next meal, one student advanced the suggestion that a sign containing the planned menu be put up over the inside of the mess hall door so that it may be seen by all students leaving the mess hall.

Also advocated was a change in the old practice of letting dates of students eat free in the mess hall on weekends.

A rather significant suggestion concerned a new method of paying for food on a five day a week plan. Under this plan, food eaten on week-ends would be paid for through the introduction of coupon books, thus allowing members of the corps to leave on week-ends without forfeiting the money already paid for food. This suggestion will be discussed thoroughly in Monday's article, "Family Style, Pay As You Go."

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