

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Time for a Big Haw-Haw . . .

The first week of April has been proclaimed as "National Laugh Week." It's about time. If we ever needed a good laugh, we need one now.

In this issue of The Battalion are some strange and unbelievable stories. Some are true and some aren't. There was a time when reading an April 1 issue, it was easy to tell the difference between truth and April fool fiction. Today, both types of story sound equally fantastic. The only difference is, the truth isn't funny. Like the story that we have enough radioactive material to wipe out all the earth's population, if we use it a certain way.

There is one thing, at least, that we can be thankful for: If we put out such an issue as this in Moscow, we would soon be sitting in a cell of the Kremlin, chewing our nails, awaiting our sentence to Siberia. Some screwy things have happened in the United States lately, but we haven't come to that.

## Shuddering Pieces of News . . .

Two shuddering pieces of information have been made known to the public in the past few days:

1. That we have an "adequate" supply of atomic bombs.

2. That we have enough radioactive material—if used "effectively"—to wipe human life off the earth.

It was a Congressman, Rep. Keefe, Wisconsin Republican, who let it be known that we have an "adequate" supply of bombs.

It was Senator McMahon, Connecticut Democrat, who told of the radioactive material in an article this week in Collier's Magazine.

Keefe made his statement after listening to David E. Lilienthal, head of the government's atomic energy program, talk to a house committee.

As pointed out by James Marlowe of Associated Press, what Keefe said raises blood-chilling questions:

—An "adequate" supply of bombs for what? War with one country? Russia, for instance? War against a number of countries? Kill how many people? Destroy how many cities?

—How many bombs do we have? How many do our military men think are "adequate"? That's a top government secret.

In his Collier's article McMahon said: "The United States of America now has above ground sufficient radio-active material so that, were it effectively applied, all human life on the planet would be annihilated. We have on order various means for such application."

## But A-Bomb Still Bites . . .

Scientists have announced that one feared phase of the atom bomb—persistent after-effects—has been over dramatized. No damage has been done in Hiroshima since the split second in which the bomb burst, they say.

We still don't look forward to having an A-bomb explode over College Station.

Dr. Philip S. Owen, scientist who has been studying Hiroshima, says the long study by the Atomic Bomb Casualty Survey Commission "disclosed no residual radio-activity." He termed false speculation that the area would be deadly for possibly 80 years.

The scientists are studying residents of Hiroshima and those of nearby Kure, for comparison.

He told the Associated Press it "is eight years too soon" to say whether the bomb caused hereditary changes. But he emphasized that, if there are any, they would result from the split second of the blast—not from subsequent atomic action.

He shrugged away previously published reports of luxuriant plant growth, curiously twisted vegetables and twin onions.

"We haven't found any such startling results," he commented. "They could happen anywhere, but in Hiroshima people seize on radio-activity as an explanation. It's probably just potash in the soil, ashes of burned buildings and human bones."

Official casualty figures on the bombing, August 6, 1945, are 78,150 killed. Radiation killed 21.2 percent; the others died from concussion, injuries, infections or perished in burning buildings. Another 19,699 were injured seriously and 44,979 slightly.

Dr. Owen stressed that the casualties resulted from the blast—none from anything that developed later.

Boston's Mayor Curley, recently pardoned by President Truman has endorsed Gen. MacArthur for the White House.

That's biting the hand that freed you. Of course, one can understand Curley's enthusiasm for MacArthur, the Mayor not having been out of uniform so long himself.

Jack Tarver in The Atlanta Constitution

A fellow who follows the races is usually behind. —Arkansas Gazette.

Two can live as cheaply as one can play the horses. —Arkansas Gazette.

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APRIL FOOL!



## A&M Ag Engineering Group Featured in Farming Magazine

A story on A&M's agricultural engineering department appears in the March 11 issue of "The Farm Implement News," one of the most widely read farm magazines in the nation.

Frequent quotes from Fred R. Jones, head of the A&M department, appear in the article. The associate editor of the publication is an A&M graduate of 1942, Edgar W. Wilborn, of Alvord, Texas.

"Though called a college, it's bigger than most universities," the author, George F. Massey, writes. "At Texas A&M they tell you that, in number of students who bear down on agricultural engineering, it ranks among the three top American schools. In 1946-47 it had right at 150 majoring in the mechanics of farming."

The article continues, "Texas courtesy pervades the place. Any student on the trot to class, will drop everything to see that you get where you want to go, unless he's a freshman and hasn't learned his own way around, in which case he'll see that you meet an upper classman skilled in campus craft."

Jones is quoted as follows: "What we have been trying to do for years in all our farm engineering activities is to show the farmer how he can produce, store and market his products more economically with the least possible human effort and drudgery through the use of modern mechanical equipment."

Further, the article says, "they (the farmers) have high respect for the new knowledge that stems from such research and teaching as is carried on every day at their A&M. Their sons—yes, and their daughters—are smartly conditioned to the new and changing way of life that mechanization has brought to the Texas farm."

## Vet Wives Plan Saturday Social

The Veterans' Wives' Club is planning a bridge and "42" party for members and their husbands to be held Saturday, April 10, at 7:30 p. m. in the YMCA Cabinet Room.

Invitation cards have been mailed to members who have paid dues for the current semester. Those who desire to attend the party and have not paid their dues should contact Loraine Ward, Trailer S-1, Area 5; or Bobby Bonar, 604 Restwood, Bryan, before Thursday April 8.

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## ASHVE Group To See Movie, Hear Duchess Selection

The American Society of Heating and Ventilation Engineers will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Mechanical Engineering lecture Room.

Staron Ammons, president of the chapter, has announced that a motion picture entitled "There Is An Engineering Reason" will be shown. This film will consist of the basic design of engineering and the reason for conception of some of our present day machines. "An Engineering Reason" should be of interest to all engineering students and to those who plan to do basic design, Ammons said.

A short business meeting will follow the film.

Julius Blum, publicity chairman, said that Miss Nancy Wilkins of Dallas has been chosen to represent the ASHVE at the Cotton Ball. She is a graduate of Sophie Newcomb in New Orleans. Her escort will be Barton Wallace, a graduating senior in Mechanical Engineering and vice-president of the Scholarship Honor Society.

## Chaplain Moves To Hart Hall

Rev. Sam Hill, A&M chaplain has moved his office from Kiest Lounge to Ramp A, Hart Hall. He may be contacted there between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. daily. His new telephone numbers are 4-9314 and 4-1210.

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**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
— Friday Features Begin —  
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## What's Cooking?

HENDERSON COUNTY CLUB, 7 p. m., Thursday, Room 226, Academic.  
JOHNSON COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 302, Academic. Plans for spring social.  
NAVARRO COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 224, Academic.  
VETERANS' WIVES BRIDGE CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, YMCA.

Church Women to Present Home Missions Speaker  
The College Station Council of Church Women will present the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Elkamp, workers among migrants for the Home Missions Council at an open meeting to be held Friday at 8 p. m. in the YMCA.

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