

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

**'Gathright, Lady' . . .**

Whenever dormitory speculation wanders from the date of the next World War or roast beef price increase, it unfailingly gets back to an old query: When and which way will Pfeuffer Hall fall?

Although it is nice to have permanent grist for the conversation mill, some of the lads are wondering if the risk is worth it. There have even been whispered rumors that Physics acceleration experiments were discontinued in Pfeuffer because of the strain they placed on the foundation.

Seriously speaking, have such old buildings as Foster, Ross, Austin, and Pfeuffer served past their useful age? Constructed in the late eighteen hundreds they are A&M's most prominent landmarks and are even now serving useful purposes. But in many ways their general ragged appearance, questionable condition, and poor location nullify their usefulness.

Foster and Ross are probably in the best state of repair and house more work spaces. Nonetheless it seems certain that many a new Lieutenant has pondered thoughts of transfer when he first approached his new

office under Ross's medieval appearing eyes. It is also a bit ironical that one of our newest and more progressive departments is forced to post its "Management Engineering" sign over the rear entrance of Austin.

If the old buildings were razed there would be the problem of relocating their occupants. With the new building program coming up and the small size of the units to be redistributed, college facilities should be able to absorb the groups shortly.

At any length, now is the time to give the matter thought and decide if it is wise to leave the buildings odd-angled about the campus with sagging floors and walls exuding bricks until we can simply shovel them on trucks and haul the remains away to the refuse heap.

Other schools have old buildings and are duly proud of them, but we can't help noticing that even they hide the walls with ivy.

At times we are inclined to agree with the reply given by a Houston ex when a matron of that city asked him which of A&M's fine old buildings he thought the most attractive. His reply was "Gathright, Lady".



**BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS . . .**

**Story of Country's Growth Told in Morrow's 'Liberia'**

By MRS. WILNORA ARNOLD  
Readers' Adviser

**LIBERIA** By Charles Morrow Wilson.

One hundred years ago there was founded on the west coast of Africa the small Negro republic that is today one of the least known and most important countries on the face of the earth. Liberia is little known because it is small and remote, because it is poor, and because, its story has never been completely told until now.

Liberia's form of government is an audacious experiment, and her forests now produce about 17 per cent of the world's supply of natural rubber. The account of how there happens to be a Liberia and why Liberia happens to cultivate rubber is told here by a man who has spent his life learning and writing about the tropics and their problems. Charles Morrow Wilson, author of "Ambassadors in White," is no small achievement on Liberia's part that she has survived as a nation for one hundred years. Her precarious history has been a succession of crises brought on by epidemics, slave traders, outright territorial imperialism by the great powers, and, more recently, economic imperialism which has been equally dangerous.

That Liberia exists at all today is due more to her own courage and determination than to any help she has received officially from the United States, the nation in which the idea of Liberia was conceived.

Early in the nineteenth century Liberia began as a series of tiny colonies of freed American slaves on the west coast of equatorial Africa. With practically nothing at their disposal but courage, began to work out friendly relations with the great tribes of the interior, and finally, in 1847, combined the small coastal settlements under one government as the Commonwealth of Liberia.

Ninety percent of its people are tribe members, but all, women as well as men, are citizens of the republic and cast their votes in free and regular elections.

This book is the story of Liberia to the present, both an inspiring and a tragic story, but the greatest and most decisive chapters are still in the future. Whether they will record triumph or disaster de-

pends in part upon Liberia herself, but also upon the outside world. Her form of government is an experiment certain to be studied by new countries formed during the dissolution of empires. Here is a story of living democracy in severe trial.

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**THE REACH OF THE MIND.** By J. B. Rhine.

Man broke the atom and he travels with the speed of sound. He has turned his science upon the physical world and ripped out its secrets, releasing forces that can and perhaps will destroy him. He has done all this, but he has only thought it worth-while to turn his science upon himself and to attempt to discover what it is that makes him know he is man.

It is frightening to consider that about man, the knower, man

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**Italian Election Critical . . .**

It's a strange turn of events that gets Americans as much worried over the elections in Italy as over our own Presidential elections. Yet in some ways the results in Italy may effect us as vitally as the results here. For the election there is a test between Communists and anti-Communist forces. As Italy goes, so may the rest of Europe go.

Here is how many top-ranking Italian leaders and foreign diplomats see the situation, according to Frank O'Brien of Associated Press:

Italy is the west's frontline bastion in Europe.

If the Communists fail to win a controlling position in Italy the spread of Soviet influence may be halted.

But should Italy fall into Communist hands, Soviet influence would receive a powerful forward thrust.

The result, these sources believe, probably would be the eventual inclusion of all continental Europe, except Spain and Portugal, within the Russian orbit.

Italy's voters number some 26,000,000. On election day, they will choose a chamber of deputies and a senate.

The campaign is shadowed by a widespread fear that before or after the election, the powerful extreme left may resort to strong measures to gain control.

These measures could be: (1) a strike wave; (2) an uprising by underground Communist forces, about 50,000 strong, (3) or both.

The popular front is submerging party identities. Suppose it elects the biggest delegation to the chamber and then presents its deputies not as parcels of Communists, Socialists and others but as a solid group of "Popular Front Deputies."

This would enable it to make the technical claim that it was the biggest party in the

chamber and therefore had the right to form the government.

Some Christian Democrats, Republicans and anti-Communist Socialists point out that anti-Communists together commanding an assembly majority could make a front government impossible by refusing it a vote of confidence.

But those who foresee trouble say the Communists would fight to back their claim.

On one side in the Italian campaign stand western democracy, capitalism and the Roman Catholic Church. On the other are Russia's so-called eastern democracy and Communism.

In his campaign, premier De Gasperi has compared the present to the last days of the Roman Empire when the Barbarians swept down on Rome.

The church has warned that those voting for the Communist-dominated popular front risk loss of the sacraments.

The United States has said that if Italy goes Communist it can not expect aid under the Marshall Plan.

It also has said that any Italian who joins the Communist party never may emigrate to the United States.

The Marshall Plan has become a holy debated campaign issue. Simultaneously with Russia's opposition to ERP, Italian Communism made the plan its chief bogeyman.

The proposal of Western democracies to turn Trieste back to the Italians was a brilliant stroke, and might help in the elections, but the Communist-inspired strike of newspaper printers kept many Italians from reading about it. Clever people, these Reds.

The letters written by many American-Italians back to their families may have some effect, but the bad reaction might cancel out the good. For the most part, we have to hope that the hapless Italians will see more hope in our West than in the Russian East.

**Shame on Us Engineers . . .**

With the coming of spring, comes once again the old question, "What is to be done about the streets on the campus?"

There are too many instances of little or no upkeep, lack of proper drainage, ridiculously poor engineering and absence of surfacing to mention. They are already too well known to the students and residents of College Station.

A visitor driving up the fine double lane highway leading to the Administration Building receives a big letdown when he turns onto the streets that lead to various parts of the campus. At intersections, unless he slows to a mere crawl, there is a real danger of breaking one or more springs in his car. On streets passing through some of the newer sections of the campus, and the older ones too, there may or may not be surfacing, and in either case there are many large holes in the streets that are not only dangerous but

unsightly as well.

Aside from the obvious dangers caused by these conditions there is the poor impression given to visitors to the college. A&M is one of the outstanding engineering schools in the country, yet the condition of streets and roads on this campus probably rate as the poorest of any.

Many reasons have been given for this deplorable condition, but the fact remains that even a little attention given to our streets would go a long way toward improving their over-all condition and the appearance of the campus.

A thorough overhauling of the worst parts of the streets, a planned program of surfacing and resurfacing, and a regular plan of upkeep for all the streets would do much to help remedy this condition and give the campus an appearance that befits one of our nation's major engineering schools.

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knows nothing. He merely has beliefs.

Some seventeen years ago Dr. J. B. Rhine of Duke University, having gathered together all the meager evidence that existed from the past, set himself to apply careful, scientific method of the problem of consciousness and man's mind. He developed a technique susceptible of detailed analysis, and started a series of experiments on countless human subjects which has gone on from that day to this, and is still continuing.

Dr. Rhine got results. On the basis of controlled experiment it began to appear that there was a non-physical factor in man's mind when operated in accordance with laws of its own and not in accordance with the laws of the physical world. Dr. Rhine published his early findings in "New Frontiers of the Mind" in 1937, and a storm of controversy immediately shook the scientific world.

He was attacked by orthodox psychologists whose science was based on the premise that nothing happened in the mind that was not of a physical nature. They attacked his experiments and they attacked his statistics. But the first steps in Dr. Rhine's case stood proven.

Dr. Rhine has found out many things since those early days. This book is the story of what was found, and how each finding led to another, and how each one increased the evidence.

A few of the things that have been scientifically proved by Dr. Rhine's work can be briefly and startlingly named. Without sensory aid, the communication of thought from one mind to another is a common human capacity. So is clairvoyance, the ability to perceive external physical objects. Distance has no effect on either capacity. Both telepathy and clairvoyance can be shown to operate in the future as well as in the present and the past. Thus time has no effect on them and there is such a thing as precognition.

Most remarkable of all, it is shown in this book that a force of the mind of a non-physical order can produce a physical effect upon an object. Furthermore, the effectiveness of the force has no relation to the size of the object or the number of objects.

These proofs are revolutionary. They alter the basic scientific concepts of the world. Man has believed similar things from time immemorial, but he has never known them. And this is a book that none of us can afford to miss.

**San Antonio Scene Of Southwestern Poetry Conference**

The twenty-first Southwestern Intercollegiate Poetry Meet will be held Saturday, April 24, at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. Hilda Goddard, president of the Gamma Delta chapter of the Sigma Tau Delta, has announced.

Speaker for this session will be Amy Freeman Lee, former poet laureate of Texas.

The meet will have a high school division, an academy division, and a college division, each of which has its respective judges.

This annual affair was established in 1927 for the purpose of arousing the acuity of amateur poets in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico.

All amateur poets are invited to send their contributions, following the rules below.

All entries should be enclosed in triplicate, and addressed to Fred E. Crawford, Chairman of the Poetry Meet, Trinity University, San Antonio, 1, Texas.

Fictitious names should be signed to the poems and the name of the school omitted from the manuscript. An enclosed envelope should contain the correct name of this

**Letters**

THANKS!  
Editor, The Battalion:

While in Corpus Christi the entire squad was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mueller who provided most generous and delicious banquet which was served in their home following the track meet.

On behalf of the forty people who enjoyed this hospitality we wish to extend, through the columns of The Battalion, our sincere thanks for this expression of Aggie loyalty on the part of the parents of Joe Mueller Jr. who is now a member of the present Senior Class.

Sincerely,  
ARTHUR HARDEN  
Track Captain.  
FRANK G. ANDERSON  
Track Coach.

author and the school with the fictitious name on the outside.

Poems must be typed, double spaced, and not exceed more than two typed pages, and no more than three poems may be submitted by any student.

Decision of the judges will be final and the poems will become part of the file of the Poetry Meet.

**GUION**  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY . . . DOUBLE FEATURE

Betrayed by love, slayer defies world!

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