

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Tessies Being Neglected? . . .

In a recent issue of the TSCW/daily, the Lass-O, a Tessie editor brought out a problem that is the most serious since the Russians latched on to the Berlin Grand Central Station.

The feminine journalist bemoaned the vanishing good relations between our own school on the Brazos and our theoretical sister institution in Denton. The young woman felt that the relation has cooled from a blood kinship to something nearer a state of in-law animosity.

And the heck of it is that she is so right. The great flow of traffic that once ran from college to college has slowed to a trickle.

As Tessie editorialist pointed out, the recession of individual inter-school corps trips began during the big war. During those difficult days of little travel and lots of study the Aggie freshmen, who are now for a great part the Aggie seniors, lost contact

with the pleasantries that Denton can afford.

Transportation has picked up however. With the balmy days of summer almost upon us and with next fall's football and social season almost visible, now is none too early to cement shaky school relations.

It would be most pleasant to see a return to pre-war conditions, when the schools extended mutual invitations to their various dances, picnics and proms.

So we are in complete agreement with the Lass-O lamenter. As classes, groups, and individuals, it is time to provide for the coming offensive and promote the general welfare.

(If anyone has an empty glove compartment going to Denton this week-end, let me know. I'm off for Denton to discuss this mutual maladjustment matter with the most beautiful blonde in Brackenridge.)

Roosevelt and Truman . . .

Three years ago Monday, a shocked America learned that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was dead, and that the almost unknown vice-president, Harry S. Truman, had hurriedly taken oath of office as Chief Magistrate of the U. S. A.

During the intervening years, Roosevelt's stature has grown to greater-than-life size, despite constant attacks on his memory—perhaps in part because of them.

As for President Truman, we have seen his reputation go up and down, growing from nothing to substantial and then back down again, at least so far as many people are concerned. No true evaluation can be given at this time of heated political controversy, with some Democrats considering Truman as the man-who-wouldn't-touch with a ten foot pole, and Republicans hoping Truman will be renominated, because "we're sure we can beat HIM." In another ten years, we can assess Truman's worth more honestly.

As for Roosevelt, his statue was unveiled by his widow and King George VI in London this week.

While thousands watched, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt pulled a silver cord to disclose a 10-foot bronze statue of the late president, standing bareheaded, his cloak thrown back. Onlookers fell silent.

Then the king stepped forward past honor guards of American and Royal Marines to lay a wreath at the foot of the statue, under the simple inscription, "Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

The sculpture is the central figure of Memorial Gardens in front of the United States Embassy in swank Grosvenor Square.

Truman himself said that "with every passing year we see in clearer perspective the impact which Franklin D. Roosevelt made on the life of the time in which he was called to national and to world leadership."

A message from the president was read by former Postmaster General Frank C. Walker at memorial services in Hyde Park, N. Y.

Mr. Truman said of his predecessor "he aroused a nation from lethargy and indifference to the need of national defense and projected the plans which brought victory in the greatest war in history."

"The troubled world today yearns for the four freedoms which he enunciated at the beginning of the fateful year which closed with Pearl Harbor."

"In those four freedoms: Freedom of speech, freedom of conscience; freedom from want; and freedom from fear—if the world will accept them—still are to be found the way to national happiness and enduring peace."

Secretary of State George C. Marshall, who eulogized the late president as his commander-in-chief during the war, said that "his outstanding quality of leadership was possibly the decisive influence in the conduct of the war."

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., secretary of the

Sardines, which failed to appear in Southern California waters last year, are now as thick as sardines.

Rains Break Long Drouth in California. Isn't that what usually does it?

treasury under the late president, said that "if ever the four freedoms required affirmation, they certainly do today."

Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the United Nations, called on the great powers to return to the path of peace envisioned by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Meanwhile in Atlanta, Dixie Democratic chieftains met to chart their fight against President Truman's Civil Rights Program.

They quickly denounced a resolution by the Midwest Democratic Conference calling on them to jump aboard the "Truman-for-President" bandwagon.

South Carolina Democratic Chairman William P. Baskin, who called the parley, wanted to know: "Where did they find that bandwagon?"

Those three years have been rough since Truman became president.

Mr. Roosevelt had snapped a stinging whip over Congress which his Democrats had run for 12 years. Mr. Truman tried to be different.

He went into the White House like a lamb, anxious to get along with Congress, dashing up to the Capitol for lunch with his old Senate chums.

And, in turn, everyone seemed friendly toward him, with a sort of "give him a chance" air—Democrats and Republicans alike.

Then the egg broke. (As James Marlow of AP puts it.)

In September, 1945, Mr. Truman made a batch of suggestions, some for immediate use, some long-range.

They wrapped up his ideas on how this country could walk down the road to peace and prosperity.

He got the ice water treatment from Congress where his own Democrats were in control. Congress did almost nothing he suggested.

The Republicans, controlling Congress since January, 1947 have handled home problems pretty much their own way, trampling on Mr. Truman's motions.

It's been different on Foreign Affairs. Just as in wartime, the Democrats and Republicans have more or less closed ranks to stop Communism.

When he proposed his Civil Rights Program for bettering the treatment of Negroes in the South, the Southern Democrats turned against him.

And when Mr. Truman fired his Secretary of Commerce, Henry Wallace, in 1946 he started something no one then thought would happen.

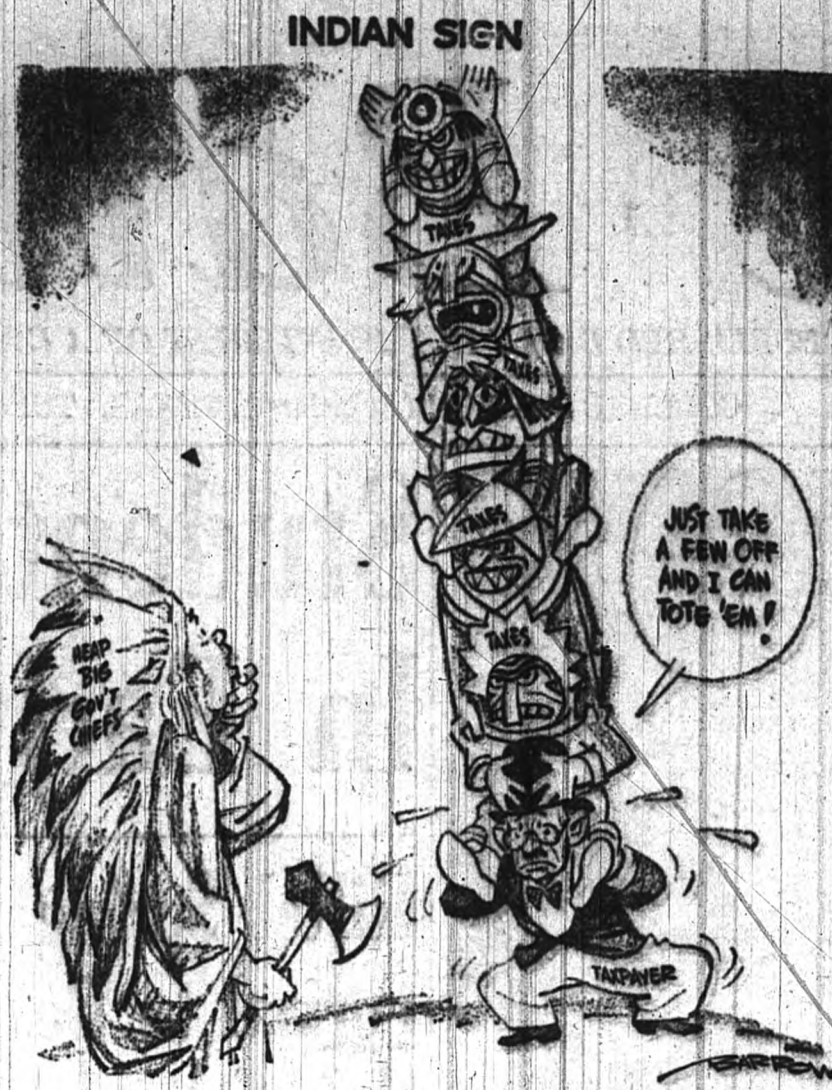
Wallace has set up a third party, is running himself for President, and is bound to bite into Democratic votes if he stays around till election time.

All this has given the Republicans their best hope of capturing the White House since Mr. Roosevelt moved in there back in 1933.

To steal a phrase from a well-known magazine, "Time Marches On."

An ad in the Waterbury (Conn.) Republican listed "Men's Socks, Double and Single Breasted, Values up to \$24.95."

That strike in Wall Street is not the kind men sometimes make in Wall Street.



Colombia Breaks Relations With Soviet Russia Following Riots

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, April 13 —(AP)—The government announced yesterday that Colombia has broken relations with Soviet Russia in the wake of revolutionary riots which killed 300 persons, smashed at least 1,000 stores, set ablaze 40 major buildings and ruined many of the city's proudest churches.

Two Russians described as Communists are under arrest, a government broadcast declared, along with 13 other foreign agents seized here and in Cali. They are accused of conniving in setting off the fury which in three days devastated much of this 8,000-foot high capital and forced a revision in the government.

Women with baskets dared snipers' bullets to go marketing today in this food-short city. Hospitals sent out appeals for serum and penicillin.

The situation is still critical. The problem of getting food and other supplies is serious. The main

MARSHALL BLAMES REDS FOR BOGOTA
BOGOTA, Colombia, April 13 (P)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall blames international Communism for the abortive revolution which ravaged Bogota and disrupted the Pan American conference.

Marshall told newsmen and conference delegates last night that the revolt followed the same pattern as outbreaks which have provoked labor troubles in France and pre-election unrest in Italy.

bulk of food supplies must be brought in from outside this capital city, and transportation facilities are in a snarl. Some food and milk are coming in, but supplies are very limited.

The situation has improved slightly, however, from the virtual anarchy which prevailed for a time. Army troops are on patrol, with orders to shoot looters on sight. Rescue squads are picking up corpses amid heaps of rubble up to 10 feet high. Often there is a stench of human flesh in the air.

Probably never before in this hemisphere's history has there been a revolt which brought such fighting, looting and burning. The heart of Bogota was reduced to a smoking ruin. Hardly a public building escaped damage, and stores everywhere were sacked by monsters wielding knives and machetes.

No reports have been received of injury to United States citizens. Secretary of State Marshall and his staff, here for the disrupted conference of the western hemisphere nations, are safe. They are in the residential district known as El Nogal. The Colombian government wants the conference delegates to remain in session, to show that "Communism cannot triumph

Father of English Instructor Dies

Lorenz Hauer, father of Louis E. Hauer of the English department, passed away early Saturday morning in Bryan following a short illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauer had been living in Bryan with their son and his family for the past four years. A retired bookkeeper, Mr. Hauer was 80 years old.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Bruce Funeral Home, Rev. A. T. Dyal, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

Survivors included his widow, Mrs. Lorenz Hauer; one son, Louis F. Hauer; one granddaughter, Linda Hauer, and one sister, Mrs. Charles B. Wilverding of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Spiritual Discoveries Needed, Chaplain Tells ASME Group

"We have come to the place in the history of the mechanical engineering profession where we must do some practical thinking," Rev. Sam Hill, principal speaker at the ASME banquet, told his audience last night.

Speaking of our times, Hill said that what happens here now can be known the world over in 10 minutes. In reference to the last war he stated that the mechanical know-how of the American people enabled us to win the war.

In the conclusion of his address Hill stated that the next great discovery must be in spiritual things if we are to control the material things which we now have.

The banquet was attended by approximately 160 persons. J. G. H. Thompson, chairman-elect of the south Texas section of the ASME; Carl Files, honorary chairman of the student ASME branch at Texas A&M; H. R. Pierson, personnel manager of The Dallas Power and Light Company and an official representative of the ASME and Prof. V. M. Faives, head of the management engineering department at A&M, were guests at the banquet.

Wendell L. Horsley, head of the placement office, presided as master of ceremonies. Results of the day's contests were announced at the banquet by Prof. C. W. Crawford, head of the mechanical engineering department. The first prize of \$50 went to Edwin Locke from Texas Tech, who spoke on the "Effects of water injection on power and economy of a stationary engine." The second prize of \$40 went to Tom Hassell, also from Texas Tech. Hassell's speech centered on the topic of "What will you be burning?"

B. Silberman of Rice Institute received the third prize of \$20 for a speech which he gave on "Ultrasonics" and Robert A. Walker of SMU took the fourth prize of \$10 for his talk on "Ice

accumulators for air conditioning." The fifth prize which consisted of a slide rule was awarded to G. D. McKay of A&M who spoke on "Wear and surface finishing."

The other 10 contestants each received a 6 inch pocket size slide rule.

The following number of students represented the various colleges: 22 from Texas Tech, 12 from Rice Institute, 11 from Tulane, 3 from SMU and 3 from Texas University. Approximately 70 Aggies participated in the student conference.

The Prize money was furnished by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The student conference of the ASME is held at a different college each year. A&M was chosen as host for the conference this year.

Students of the ME department who worked on the reception, registration, decoration and program committees are C. Y. Hendricks, R. W. Moore, Earl Harris, R. F. Winckel, M. Morris, Ed Albee, Ed Pella, Max Levy, Bee Stewart, C. F. Ziola and J. A. Dunsenior. These men worked in close coordination with Tom Lambert, ASME president.

Class of '08 Plans Reunion June 5-6

Dr. Hubert Schmidt, E. A. Miller, Fred L. Cavitt, C. Edgar Jones and N. M. McGinnis, members of the class of '08, have made plans at 1 p. m., April 7, to make plans for the coming reunion of the class of '08.

N. M. McGinnis, chairman of the group and professor of landscape arts, announced the reunion will be held June 5 and 6.

A letter announcing the reunion has been formulated and will be sent to the various members of the class. The group decided to hold another meeting April 30 at which time final plans for the two day affair will be made. Robert E. Scheffer from Schulenburg and A. J. Smith from Cameron, '08 class members, are expected to attend the April 30 meeting.

At their last reunion in 1939 the 38 members present decided to meet every 5 years thereafter. The scheduled 1943 reunion was cancelled because of the war.

McGinnis estimates there were one hundred and seventy freshmen in the class of '08. All members of the class, whose addresses are known, about one hundred, are being invited, although only 52 were graduated with the class of '08.

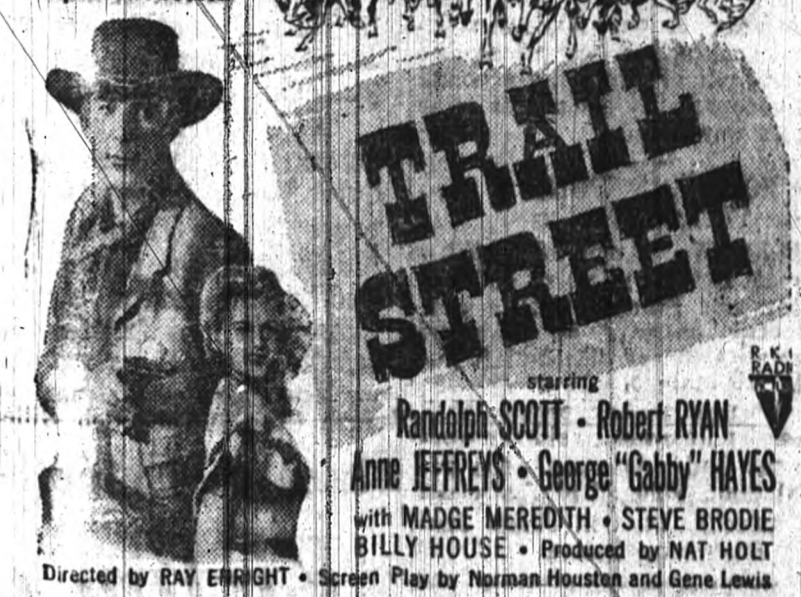
The main attraction for the returning Aggies will be the Final Review Saturday morning, June 6.



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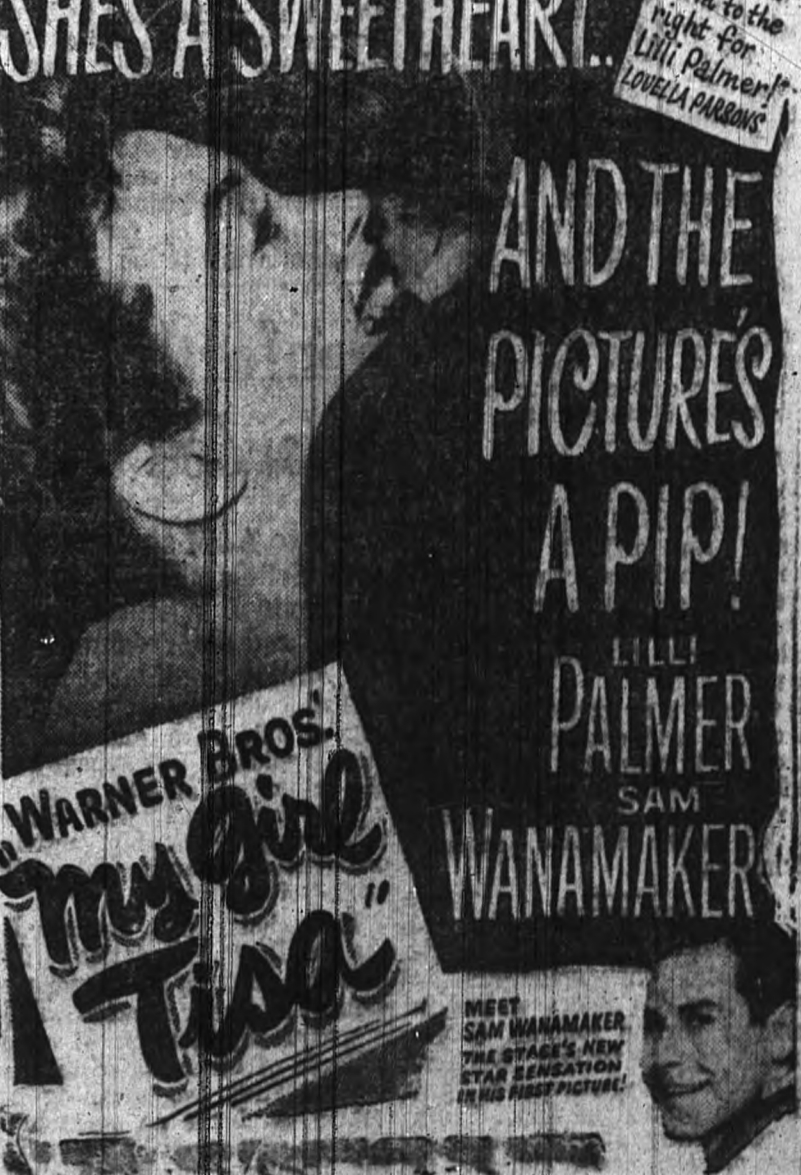
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Letters

Editor, THE BATTALION:

I wonder how many Aggies have had to strain to hear their instructor because of the noise made by an inconsiderate windbag across the hall who apparently thinks that the effectiveness of his teaching is proportional to the volume of his voice? I have this difficulty three times a week, in spite of the fact that our door is closed and our instructor has an average voice. No doubt the antics of this prof amuse his students, but they don't amuse those of us in adjoining rooms who are trying to hear what is going on in our own classes.

Of course I am referring to the character known as "Screaming Al." I hope that this letter will have some effect on the Screamer, but I doubt it. People like him are usually proud of their talent for annoying others.

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