

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Who's the Pitcher? . . .

Everyone likes a baseball game. Those games played on Kyle Field—baseball diamonds draw the biggest crowds of any of the spring sporting events, and yet there is one thing that has been neglected that could be done to improve the ball games from the standpoint of the spectator—making available a public address system.

As things are now the spectator has to rely on his neighbor or pot luck to learn the names of the visiting team. Even the catcher's and pitcher's names may not be learned until the game has progressed well beyond the initial inning. For visitors to the campus, this holds true for the Aggie team as well as their opponents.

If a pinch hitter enters the batting order there is no way for the man in the stands

Battle of Barbecues . . .

Determined not to let other Southern states hog all the publicity about the Truman-anti-Truman fight, Texas Democrats are staging a "battle of the barbecues" that may—but probably won't—decide whether or not Texas will go for Truman this year.

The regular Democratic meeting will be a barbecue at Fort Worth April 20. Though it is hailed by many as an anti-Truman picnic, its backers say otherwise. (This barbecue cost \$5 a plate.)

Another group of Democrats will barbecue their own steer at Waco, raise voices in praise of President Truman, and welcome all comers. (It's free.)

We don't quite grasp the significance of it all. But a meeting of the State Executive Committee has been called in Fort Worth for the day after the barbecue to thrash out questions that have split the party in Texas.

R. W. Calvert, committee chairman, said the committee is being called together for the "sole purpose" of learning its attitude on three questions. They are:

Easy Road to Success? . . .

At last a down-to-earth guide to business success has been outlined by men who should know. . . the personnel managers of twenty companies throughout the nation. In a recent issue the Kent Stater quoted ten attributes listed by Future, the magazine of the United States Chamber of Commerce, as necessary to future success of a young man or woman.

1. Ability to shoot golf under 90. The Stater pointed out that most personnel managers could recall instances within their own experiences where an important deal was concluded during a "friendly foursome." (It appears that the Bryan Country Club has received its share of Aggies interested in eagles, birdies, and the like. . . evidently these men are getting the jump on lazier students.)

2. Ability to operate a typewriter. (A&M has no typing course. But we do have dimeslot typewriters in the library.)

3. Knowledge of how to preside over a meeting. (With all the clubs on the campus an effort should be made to acquaint one's self with the elementary rules of parliamentary procedure.)

4. Ability to play the card game most popular in his business set. (Here Aggies have made a strong foothold on future business success. . . if the game should be poker. However, we need more experience in the intricacies of bridge.)

5. Knowledge of how to write an intelli-

(unless he is close enough to home plate to hear the umpire) to learn the batter's name until the next day's papers are out. The same holds true for questionable plays where an error is called. The spectator is often uncertain of the final decision of the umpire.

All this could be remedied if the athletic department would make arrangements for the use of a public address system during the baseball season. Either installing such a system temporarily, or renting a sound truck for the home games would serve the purpose.

Such a plan would do much to make the ball games on Kyle Field more interesting and enjoyable for the many people who attend them regularly.

1. Whether an uninstructed delegation shall be sent to the national convention.

2. Whether the committee opposes the inclusion of President Truman's civil rights program in the national democratic platform.

3. Whether the committee favors support of Democratic Party nominees, whoever they may be.

Woodville Rogers, former state senator and state chairman of the Truman supporters in the Democratic Party has come up with the new-old word "Republietrats."

His definition: "A Republietrat is a man who expects to run for public office on the Democratic ticket, but he expects to get campaign contributions from wealthy Republicans in Texas, so he seeks to keep his clients satisfied by making continual war on his own party."

At the same time Rogers said he expected a crowd of 2500 at Waco April 20 where the barbecue is free but the supporters of the President will be asked for campaign contributions.

gent business letter. (That statement should clarify any doubts students might have about the value of English courses.)

6. Ability to keep abreast of the latest fiction and non-fiction, by reading at least one good book a month or by reading book reviews. (This is a good way to establish a common ground between yourself and your employer.)

7. Good manners. (An interesting note on this point—the magazine suggests that young men should wear formal evening clothing as often as possible to avoid that "stuffed shirt" look at critical times.)

8. Ability to dance well. (Where Tessies can help.)

9. Experience as WORKERS on committees. (From watching the number of clubs on the campus which bog down and die from lack of a cohesive organization one might conclude that Aggies have quite a way to go before they can be considered good risks for this type of work.)

10. A hobby or talent. Any type of avocation or special gift put to good use will aid in clearing the mind of nagging details at the end of a hard day.

Now—how many of the above attributes do you possess at the present time? How many can you develop in the future? Some of the desirable talents or qualifications may seem irrelevant to you, but after all, those twenty personnel men probably know their business. They're the ones you may be applying to at the end of your college career.

Maurice M. Milligan, who sent Tom Pennington to prison nine years ago, says in a new book that the old Democratic machine is reaching for power again—this time "under countenance" from a president of the United States. Wonder who he's talking about?

Gen Lucius D. Clay says the army is like a fire department and must be kept ready to put-out fires. And play checkers?

A writer says it takes approximately two months for a housewife to notice any change in the price of groceries. Unless, that is, they go up.

Uncle Sam and John Bull are going to stay in their Berlin zone and Russia can't give them the ozone.

We can afford to lose the huge amount of money expended in Europe but we can't afford to lose interest.

The Madison (N. C.) Messenger headline "MAYOR MASHBURN IS NAMED MAN OF YEAR FOR 1498."

Unusual mixture of headline type in the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution: "Fiftieth Anniversary To Observe Baptist Tabernary Tomorrow."

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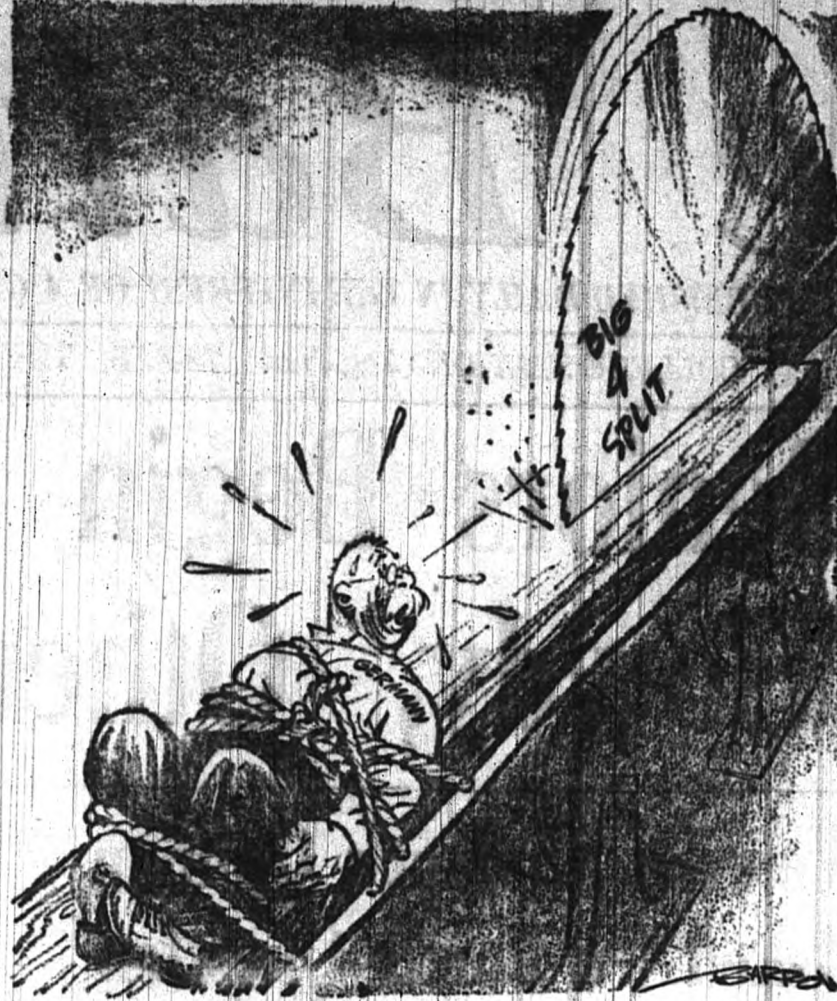
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Thought Control Gaining . . .

Twiggins Finds Senior Class Meeting Echoing His Opinions

By CONRAD TWIGGINS

April 14, 1948—Dear Diary: I found several prospective members for my thought control commission last night at a meeting of "The Fifty-five." They need no training—thought control is their aim already.

I opened the door to the balcony above the Y Chapel last night to hear what went on below. J. Parnell Thomas and Martin Dies would have been proud of the scene I saw.

One man, whom I would want to be my vice-chairman of the commission, advocated changing the rings for veterans (students of A&M) and corps members (Aggies). He recommended that military decorations of removed from the side of veterans' rings. Of course this doesn't go far enough; I advocated merely a belt buckle for non-corps members, but his heart was in the right place.

After all, it's just as he said—veterans are not Aggies, they are only students of A&M. And while we are at it, I think we should look into this matter of grades. I say no Aggie can ever make above a "C" and remain an Aggie. There's something communistic about people who make good grades while corps members don't. I'll bet those red scoundrels study!

"The Fifty-Five" asked why the Batt doesn't present the editorial opinion of the senior class exclusively, and that's something I want to know too. After all, what other group of any value is there at A&M?

The Batt's "cultural editorials" got lambasted last night. Well, all that will be behind us when I am thought control chairman. There will be none of it then, I assure you. Who cares anything about culture anyway? Just those same communists who make grades.

On this same count, I must express my opposition to the student senate. It provokes thought and cannot be controlled. The Fifty-Five are on my side when they fight this instrument of the devil.

My platform is anti-culture, anti-student senate. A vote for Conrad Twiggins is a vote for good old-fashioned medieval government. My political appointees will echo these views.

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I drilled with C Composite last semester but didn't live in that outfit. Not that I have anything against C Composite or the author of the article, I just wanted to get it straight.

I was boxing for Dorm 14! Yours truly, B. G. DERRYBERRY (Ed. Note: It just goes to show you—don't place too much faith in the Student Directory.)

Student Ships To Make Summer Run

The United States Maritime Commission has made available to students wishing to travel in Europe this summer two ships which will make four round trips each from East coast ports to English and French ports. The ships, the Marine Jumper and the Marine Tiger, will also make two sailings to Scandinavian ports.

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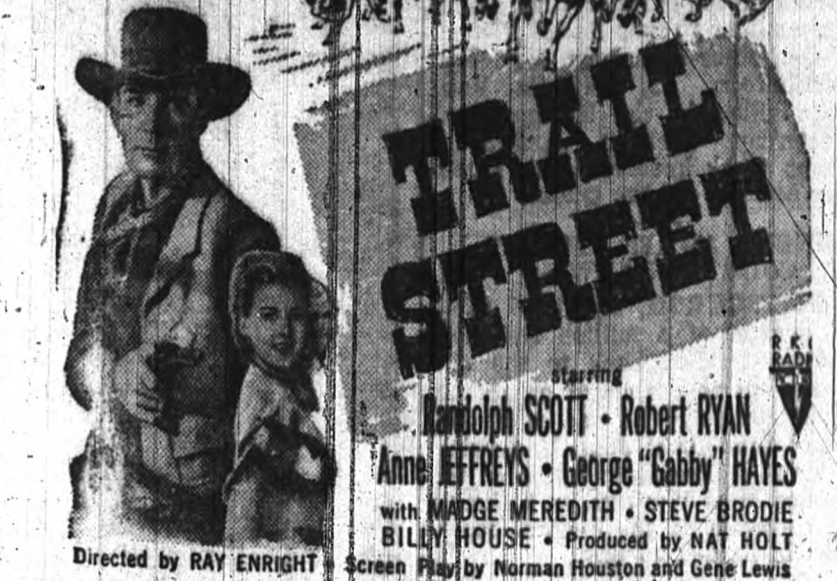
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