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

Battalion--'Free Voice' or 'Stooge' ...

Should the Senior Class determine the editorial viewpoint of the Battalion corps editor? This question was raised Wednesday night at a meeting of the Senior Class, at which the corps editor and the class discussed their respective responsibilities.

Some of those present said that, since they are required to subscribe to the Batt, and one of the editors is elected by the corps, the Senior Class should have the right to set the editorial policy.

If these circumstances were to exist, The Battalion would not be a "free voice", but would be reduced to the status of a "stooge" or "mouthpiece" for the Senior Class. It would follow a policy based upon decisions reached in the turmoil of class meetings, an atmosphere that few will maintain is conducive to clear thinking. Under these conditions The Battalion would be censored in the fullest meaning of the term. Yet, most of these fifty-five seniors have at one time or another expressed their sentiments against censorship.

Considering the specific points discussed, however it is felt that the fundamental cause of the queries brought forth last night was a dissatisfattion with the position taken by The Battalion on the present Cadet Corps

In explanation of this position, a brief backward glimpse over the year's happening should prove beneficial. In September, Tyree Bell, former student of A&M and member of the present Board of Directors, visited the campus and addressed a meeting of some 150 or more senior cadet officers. At that time he stated that the Cadet Corps was

"on trial" due to the uprising that had occurred during the spring of 1947. He requested that these men do every thing within their power to see that the Cadet Corps functioned smoothly this year.

Only by a clean record could the A&M corps preserve its form of student life.

With that in mind, the general editorial policy of the Battalion on corps matters was set early last fall. A working relationship between school officials and the Cadet Corps, through the Senior Class, was urged by this paper. Numerous editorials were written, asking for higher standards of sportsmanship and improvement in the general conduct of Aggies during the football season, especially while in other colleges or cities. These goals were accomplished by the corps.

Shortly before the March 19 meeting of the board of directors, an editorial urged this year's seniors and juniors (next year's seniors) to meet and discuss the problems that will confront the corps in 1948-49. A mutual understanding has been built up between the present | Senior Class and the Board of Directors, and it was hoped to pass along this experience and understanding to the juniors. If such a meeting had been held, if such a group had gone before the board at Beaumont in March to tell of the corps' thoughts, it might have been in order to ask that the freshman be brought back to the nesday night lecture may have campus next fall.

This was not done. The Battalion could not fairly castigate the board or the college administration for not giving proper consideration to recommendations that were never made-but could have been made.

Test of Solidarity ...

The Armed Forces Unification program is now receiving its first real test of solidarity. The president and his air secretary are having a disagreement over the appropriations for the air force. Truman wants a small force while Symington is requesting a large standing fleet of modern planes.

There is a powerful anti-air power faction among the army generals, especially those in the Infantry, Battleship admirals have also belittled the role of air power in the last war, and the next, while trying to maintain an antiquated battle force. This group is evidently influencing President Truman in present policies. He is not a military man, and has never claimed to be. He follows the advice of those military leaders whom he chooses to have as advisors. And he does not have one close air force advisor to whom he listens!

This situation is evident from the present breach of policy which is receiving so much publicity. If there had been close cooperation between the President and his "Unified" services, this problem would have been ironed out satisfactorily in private.

The painful fact is that the army, navy, and air force are not unified in the matters of policy, harmony, and strategy. The very unification program was set up to take care of such matters. And it has evidently faltered in this case.

There is no doubt but that our country's "get tough" policy with Russia is increasing the possibility of an armed conflict with that nation. That is part of the "calculated risk" which we have to take in order to stop Russia from advancing further westward in Europe. But, if we run the hazard of war in the near future, we should be prepared in case of such an eventuality.

The fact that an economy-minded Congress has sided with the secretary of air in voting these funds would indicate that the president has been receiving poor advice and strategy from his present military advisors.

Busines Week had someone delve deep enough into a recent Census Bureau report to find this explanation of why the birthrate went up while men were away at war: "Allotments to dependents, the Emergency Maternity Care Program, and occasional furloughs."

The constitution of the Dominion of India is patterned on ours. If subsequent patterns are followed, the Hindus will be more than 100 years in finding what their constitution means and then a court will come along and say it doesn't mean that at all. -Arkansas Gazette

Suffering from transposed lines, an item in the Springfield (Mas.) Union read: "Miss Margaret Trainor, principal of Haydenville Center School, fell on ice her wrist, She received treatment at in her yard and fractured a bone in Dickinson Hospital and returned home."

Ten minutes after President Truman recommended the draft and UMT, a young man called the city desk of the Macon (Ga.) News and asked him how to spell "conscientious."

Americans who failed to file income tax returns will now discover that there is no such thing as the Forgotten Man.

-Arkansas Gazette

In Plymouth, Mas., Organist Edward Ward was arrested for playing "St. Louis Blues" on the bells of historic First Church Unitarian. We don't know whether the objection was to the song itself, or its reference to one of those villages west of the Mississippi. -Arkansas Gazette.

The "Round About Town" column in the Jamestown (N. Y.) Post-Journal sought to straighten out an error of identification. Immediately after doing so, readers were told: "Some persons are hard to satisfy." That was the lead sentence for a new item in the column but the jim-dash got misplac-

Portugal's foreign minister, who wants Franco's country admitted to the European Recovery Conference, says Spain has made a great contribution to European culture. And to European totalitarianism.

-Arkansas Gazette

Neither the Secretary of the Treasury nor the Treasurer of the United States may own a seagoing vessel. An ounce of preven--Arkansas Gazette.

Quoting from Miami (Fla.) Herald: "They talked Jewish all the time. They didn't think I knew what they were saying, but I talk Jewish," she said. uq-J shrd etao shrdl etao eta shrd.

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'How to Recognize Propaganda' Will Be Great Issues Subject

By CHARLES WADE

"How to Think Straight and Recognize Propaganda" be the subject of an address which Dr. A. Caswell Ellis deliver Wednesday, April 21, at 8 p. m. in Room 301, Electrical Engineering Building. This is the fourth in a series of Great Issues lectures.

lecturer and consultant on adult

When Dr. Robert E. Vinson,

former president of the University

of Texas, was called to Western Reserve University as president, he took Dr. Ellis with him to serve

as director of the downtown Cleve-

land College, a division of Western

Reserve. When Dr. Ellis took over this work, it was an insignificant part of Western Reserve. Within a few years he had developed it into one of the largest divisions of

Dr. Ellis received his doctor's de-

gree at Clarke University. He

studied at the University of Berlin

in 1905-06. He was professor of

Texas from 1897 to 1903. At the

age of 77 he is still active in mind

and body, and travels and lectures

His best known writings are in

the field of textbooks on educa-

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Dr. S. R. Gammon, chairman of the discussion group, said that the public is invited to hear Dr. Ellis at his night lecture. field of education. He is a stimulating speaker." Thursday morning at 11, Dr. Ellis will meet with the students Dr. Ellis is now associated with the Extension Service of of the Great Issues Class and will the University of Texas. His answer questions which his Wedprimary work is serving as a

Dr. T. D. Brooks, in speaking of Dr. Ellis' visit to the campus, said: "He is one of the most forward looking men that we have in the

raised in their minds.

Alumni President Principal Speaker At Meeting Here

Kenney L. Ford will be the principal speaker at the district Conference of Alumni Secretaries on the campus, April 19 and 20. Ford is president of the Ameri-

secretary of Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. Miss Beatrice N. Field, alumni secretary of Tulane University. is district chairman and will preside over the conference. Local arrangements for the two-day session are being handled by Dick

Hervey, executive secretary of the

can Alumni Council and alumni

A&M Ex-Students Association. Three states, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas will send representatives to the conference. The following institutions from Texas will be represented: Texas Tech, East Texas State Teachers College, Sam Houston State College, Southwest Texas State Colege, Texas College of Arts and Industries, Hardin-Simmons University, and Abilene Christian Col-

In addition, several Southwest Conference schools will be represented, including Rice Institute, Texas University, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M, Baylor University, and the University of Arkansas. Texas State College for Women, John Tarleton, and Texas Luther-

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Regional Director of NLRB To Speak On Forum April 23

Dr. Edwin A. Elliott, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board for the Texas-Oklahoma-New Mexico area, will address the College Forum in the YMC. Chapel, April 23, according to Mrs. Roy Griffin.

Dr. Elliott, who makes his home in Fort Worth, received his A. B. degree from TCU in + 1923, and the following year was look," and the "Southwestern So awarded a B. B. A. degree. In 1925 he received his M. A. degree at the University of California. Five years later he was awarded a Ph.D. degree from the Univer-New Cotton Dust **Boosts Profits**

sity of Texas.

In 1938 Dr. Elliott was chosen for the Disciples' Roll of Honor as an outstanding layman. Another year he was selected as one of the Men of the Year in nation-wide church brotherhood. In 1937 he was listed in "Texian Who's Who."

Shortly after receiving his doctor's degree, he was appointed supervisor of men at TCU, later becoming head of the economics department at that school.

Since 1935 Dr. Elliott has been director of the National Labor Relations Board for the Sixteenth Region.
In 1932 he served as editor of

the Economics Section of the Southwestern Social Science Asso-ciation, and was twice elected president of the Federal Busines Men's Association. Dr. Elliott was the first pres-

ident and one of the founders of the Fort Worth Open Forum. Most of his writings have been in the fields of economics and religion. He frequently contributes to "World Call," "The Texas Out-

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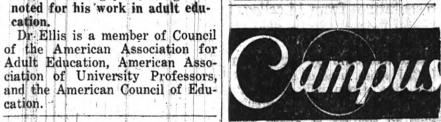
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